The Museum committee is working on installing shelving in the storage container. Many of the items that have been put in the Ford Room “for now” have been moved to the storage container, in preparation for installing pegboard on which many of the hand tools will finally be displayed. As money becomes available we hope to install additional kitchen cabinets and storage cabinets in the Ford Room.

New signs have been installed around the museum complex directing visitors to the Gem & Mineral Society’s Museum, the 1895 Pittenger House and the entrance to the Historical Museum etc.

The painters have finished painting the museum building, and it has made a big improvement in the appearance of the museum. Repairs have been made to the Pittenger House, in preparation for painting it. The overall appearance of the museum complex is improving. I invite all of you to come and have a look at the Pittenger house and the museum to see what is being done to improve your museums and join in its operation and development.

Don Rivers

Tree celebration:
Jackie Heyneman reported that the results of the dedication and labors by the Save Our Forest group of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy has exceeded their expectations of planting 2000 trees in the Fallbrook area by the year 2000. They are planning a celebration of their endeavors in November.

The Fallbrook Historical Society has been chosen as the site of planting a beautiful symbolic tree to be enjoyed by the community. We have graciously accepted the honor. The chosen tree is a rare African Tulip tree and will be planted in a conspicuous location at the entrance to our grounds. We hope you will attend this event to help our society accept this honor and give our support to the Land Conservancy. The time of the gathering will be during the middle of November at the Fallbrook Historical Society. Watch the local newspapers for details.

Bob Lowe

Veterans/ Remembrance Day and Open House
Sunday, Nov. 14 – 1 p.m.

The Sgt. William Pittenger Camp and Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is sponsoring the observances honoring all of our great nation’s veterans with focus on Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. William Pittenger, 1840-1904 who was a member of Andrews’ Raiders and the “Great Locomotive Chase.” Pittenger was a resident of Fallbrook in 1894. He was the Methodist Church minister and had a home across the street from the church. His family had their ranch home located on the property, which is now the Historical Society on Rocky Crest Road. The old home is recently restored and renovated and is now “The
House Museum."
The public is invited to attend services at Odd Fellows Cemetery, 1 p.m. Sunday, November 14.
Veterans Day addresses will be delivered by San Diego County Supervisor Bill Horn and other dignitaries. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is located on the 1300 block of Alturas Road in Fallbrook.
The Historical Society Museums, 260 Rocky Crest Road will be holding an open house with refreshments around 2 p.m. following the services at the Cemetery. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit all the museums. The old house is a fine example of the homes of the era and is of special interest.
Other supporting organizations: Fallbrook Historical Society, San Diego Civil War Round Table, North County Odd Fellows Lodge, Fallbrook American Legion Post 776, El Cajon Elks Lodge 1812, North County Times, Fallbrook Village News and the Boy Scouts of America.
For information call (760) 723-4125 or (619) 588-9148.

Obituaries
The following are some members, contributors and friends of the Fallbrook Historical Association who have passed away during the recent six months period.

Harry Field, 84, died March 18, 1999. He was born in Fallbrook July 3, 1914 and had lived in Fallbrook all his life. Was named "Fallbrook Historical Society Vintage Person of the Year in 1997.

Walter Driver, 81, died April 2, 1999. Born Dec. 10, 1917 in Mt. Orab, Ohio he lived in Fallbrook for 21 years. Had been very active in many organizations especially The Fallbrook Historical Society.

J. Oscar Brooks, 101, died May 2, 1999. Born Nov. 8, 1897 in Paso Robles he had lived in Fallbrook for 50 years before retiring to Hemet.

Gertrude MacDonald, 91, died July 6, 1999. Born May 4, 1908 in Braunschweig, Germany she lived in Fallbrook for 31 years.

Frank Spillman, 84, died July 6, 1999. He was born Feb. 18, 1915 in Fountain Run, KY. And had lived in Fallbrook for 21 years.

Dorothea Engel, 78 died July 20, 1999. Born July 6, 1921 in Crookston, Minnesota she was a resident of Fallbrook for 20 years.

Florine Harrison, died Aug. 13, 1999. She had been a familiar figure in downtown Fallbrook from 1945 until 1996. She was born Sept. 20, 1921 in McLoud, Oklahoma and had lived in Fallbrook for 54 years.

Donald Edward Bartlett, 66, died August 20, 1999. Born April 18, 1933 in Pomona he had lived in Fallbrook and Valley Center.

Everett O. Hills, 86, of Fallbrook died September 6, 1999. He was born October 2, 1912 in Duxbury, Vermont and had been a resident of Fallbrook for 32 years.

Graydon L. "Don" Taylor, 81, died September 9, 1999. He was born May 1, 1918 in Monterey Park and had lived in Fallbrook for 43 years. He spent many years with the Fallbrook Enterprise newspaper.

Cemetery Record
With the cooperation of the Fallbrook Masonic Lodge and Berry-Bell & Hall Fallbrook Mortuary a complete list of burials at the Fallbrook Masonic cemetery has been prepared. A copy has been sent to the DAR for their records and the new Carlsbad Library has received a copy. During the coming weeks a presentation of the records will be made to the local Fallbrook Library for viewing by the public. Work is in progress to compile a complete list of the occupants of the local Oddfellows Cemetery also. A copy of that is available on these two cemeteries and a few private burial grounds in the area are on display at the Fallbrook Historical Society museum.

Collection Committee Report
By Margaret Ray
We have recently had installed a lovely fire-safe file for all of our valuable photographs. They are protected so much better now. Also in the file is our precious collection of microfilm of Fallbrook Newspapers and collection of Maie Ellis items.

We moved the files closer together and added another file that had been in the display area. Now we have room for all collection files and records and the office supplies that had been stored in boxes under the work area.

Our accessions list this month has some interesting items. A marble bust of General Grant, hand carved by Joseph F. Bierand, a former resident of Fallbrook. (grandfather of Joe H. Hayes who lived here a long time). Also in a marvelous collection of news clippings of Fallbrook that had been clipped, dated and saved for many years by Janie (Hugh Peters. And, a movie film taken by Maie Ellis of a Pioneer Day Parade of years ago and an FUHS football game with the cheerleaders.
We are learning more each week about our new computer. As we enter the information from our records into the computer, we are very excited about the capabilities and the possibilities ahead.

**Board of Directors - with duties**

**Don Rivers**, president - member of all committees  
**Jack Story**, vice-president, oldtimers picnic, farm machinery, annual meeting, nominating  
**Liz Yamaguchi**, recording secretary, research, parades and street fairs, newspaper articles  
**Peggy Johnson**, corresponding secretary/publicity, house museum  
**Marjorie Yackey**, Treasurer, museum, tours, annual meeting, library and fun raising  
**Cecelia Njost**, Membership, fund raising, nominating and awards  
**Marion Clemmens**, grounds and maintenance, awards, oldtimers picnic, nominating  
**Garth Bricker**, gem and mineral  
**Connie Knutson**, office, collections, parades and street fairs  
**Margaret Ray**, office and acquisitions  
**Bev McDougal**, museum, docents, tours-programs, annual meeting  
**Francis Gillan**  
**Dick Griset**, parliamentarian, museum lower floor and awards  
**Marnie Mifflin**, museum chair and docents  
**Mary Rivers**, Newsletter, docents, tours, regularly scheduled news articles

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors is held the first Tuesday of each month at the museum at 9 a.m. All members of the Fallbrook Historical Society are cordially invited to attend.

**Vintage Awards 1999**

*By Cecelia Njost*

It was with great pleasure that I wrote letters to our 1999 awardees who were voted on at the board of directors meeting. All are well known and regarded in the Village for their many years of service to the community in both professional and civic activities. Each year the Historical Society selects one or more of our outstanding citizens for this honor. They ride in vintage cars in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade to be held this year on December 4. Their histories are written by our researcher Liz Yamaguchi and picture displays are made by her and displayed at the museum during the year. Memberships in the Society are given or extended and they are special guests at the Society’s annual meeting in April.

This year the honorees are William and Lois Frazier, Dr. Richard Fiala and Harold and Margaret Burchett. Also riding in the parade will be our Pioneer of the Year Rus Hillier. Plan to come to honor them all.

**Thanks and Appreciation**

We are very proud of our new sink in the downstairs Ford Museum and conference room. Our thanks and appreciation go to Tom Lowe for donating his time in installing the much-needed sink. We also have a hot water heater installed under the new sink by Clearwater Plumbing. These will be put to very good use by the members of both our group and the Gem and Mineral Society who now use the area for meetings. Also thanks to Don and Marion much cleaning and rearrangements are being done. Come see the results of their work. Improvements are being made, as we are able to obtain funding, to make the room available for other groups to be used for meetings, etc. For more information about the availability and use of the room call 723-4125 or 728-7964.

There are others who we want to thank for the “above and beyond the call of duty”. Thursdays, Liz Yamaguchi, Margaret Ray, Connie Knutson and Lois Cunningham can be found working in the office. The wonderful work at the Old House museum by Betty Gilby and Anita Jewell has been outstanding! Steve Raley has continued to repair and patch at the museum in preparation for the painting of the Old House. Barbara Thurston has volunteered to do the calling for the Docent Committee in getting hostesses to serve during our open hours on Sundays and Thursdays. We know that time is valuable to everyone of us but there has been some reluctance in committing to serve. The duties are not difficult - mainly to welcome the public for the 3 to 4 hours, possibly once a month. When you are called please give a few hours of your time. The only way we are to make the running of our museums successful is teamwork from everyone!

**North County Historical Committee**

*By Cecelia Njost*

The North County Historical Committee is a group of representatives from the 19 historical societies now organized in our area. It meets quarterly to exchange information and assistance; in September Fallbrook resident Faye Jonason, who is the historical officer at Camp Pendleton, hosted the meeting at the Landing Vehicle-Track (LVT) Operations School in the Del Mar part of the camp. We toured the LVT Museum after the meeting – a good example of preserving and displaying historic objects without a great deal of fund-
picnic. It was put to very good use this year and the response from those who attendees very welcome.

**Museum Painting and New Signs**

Painting has been completed of our Fallbrook Historical Society Museum building. We are very proud of the results by led by Dan Woods and his crew from Woods Painting Contractors. Plans are underway to paint the old house in the very near future.

Recently the new signs have been installed by Rainbow Sign Co. around our grounds. They look very nice and have added a great deal to the presentation of our grounds and buildings.

**Old House Improvements**

*By Peggy Johnson*

We are so very proud and pleased with the outcome of the many hard working hours that our friends and fellow members, Rita Rieck, Betty Gilby and Anita Jewel have shared with us in the Old House Museum. The renovation and beautiful restoration of the interior and furnishings are fabulous. Their invaluable experiences have been utilized to make house look and feel like the home it was when the three families, the Pittengers, the Davies and the Griffins, lived there between 1895 and 1980. These ladies have worked very hard and even donated many items of their own to make this house a showplace we are so proud of. There is a need for donations of money to redo the floor in the living room and bedroom. The old shag carpet presently on the floors is not appropriate of the era. They hope to replace it with wood flooring and braided rugs. We encourage everyone to come during our visiting hours Sundays from 1 to 4 and Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m. to enjoy the results. For more information about the old house museum, call 723-4467.

**Plea for Year Books**

The museum collection is in dire need of copies of yearbooks from Fallbrook Union High School, especially the 70s, 80s and 90s. If you have a copy you would be willing to donate to the collection or know of someone who does, please contact Don or one of the board members. You can also reach Don at the museum email: historic@tfb.com or rivertfb.com. Thank you for your support.

A complete list of all Fallbrook High graduates from EVERY yearbook has been completed. There have been nearly 15,000 graduates listed in the FUHS yearbooks from 1895 through the 1999 school year. During your visits to the museum we welcome you to inspect the Record of Graduates and please make corrections and additions because these names have been copied from the yearbooks and not official records from the high school.

**An Old Woman’s Musing**

*By Margaret Ray*

Now the day is over,
Night is coming nigh.
I see the moon is rising,
Lighting up the sky.

I wonder how it got there
Sailing across the sky
With stars shining brightly,
The sun has set, that’s why.

My eye lids slowly closing.
Must be I’m getting tired.
I’ll go to bed and dream now
Of the bicycles I must ride.

Oh, what a happy person,
To write such tripe as this.
Must be I’m getting loony,
That’s a fine kettle of fish.

**Remembering the Past**

We are hopeful that you are all aware of the weekly historic article on the front page of *The Village News*. We appreciate the cooperation that Julie Reeder, publisher/editor of our local newspaper has extended to us. This column has been running continually for over a year now and there has been quite a bit of feedback from the public that it is appreciated. We welcome your contributions.

We also appreciate the coverage that the North County Times has given to the history of Fallbrook. Thank you to Betty Johnston and Karen Colterman.
Helpers and Docents Needed
Our docent committee is working very hard to obtain a working list of members and friends who will help welcome and direct our visitors during the open hours. In addition to Thursday after hours we are now open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and the response has been very encouraging. We hope that the new hours will give the public an opportunity to visit us and enjoy all the records and memorabilia that has been preserved for Fallbrook. The docent job is not difficult but very important so please give it a try.
Some of our friends are volunteering to work at least once a month. If you have not signed up to help please call Barbara Thurston at 728-2283 and share your time.

Many thanks to those of you who are serving now!!

Potpourri
Why did early homesteaders and settlers always build or settle where there were oak and/or sycamore trees? Because they knew that water was in that location.

We need your donations...
With all the costly improvements and renovations in progress at the museum at the present time there is a need for money. As you know our Society relies strictly on donations and membership. We invite you to come see the work in progress. The museum has been freshly painted, with bids being let for painting the old house. New signs have been installed around the museums, and major improvements have been done in the house museum with need for new flooring. Major improvements are being planned for the main museum. If you are able to donate for any of these projects please send what you can with the attached form or contact our financial director, Marjorie Yacker. All donations are tax deductible.

Membership
By Cecelia Njust

Please use the attached membership application to join or renew your subscription. You will note the date at the right of your address to reveal the status of your subscription. Also if you have friends who would like to join us please welcome them. If there are any questions call me at 728-3271. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Please complete the following information and return this form with your pledge check payable to “Fallbrook Historical Society” P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92028-1375.

Names(s) ____________________________________________
Address_____________________________________________
Zip_________Phone_____________________________

Junior $1   Adult $10    Family $15    Contributing $25
Life $250  Patron $500  Business & Professional $35

GIFTS: Membership_________Memorial_________Other_________Amount $________

Check if you would like a pledge reminder

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