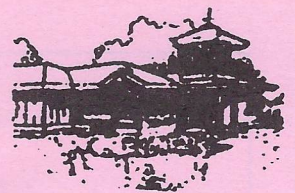


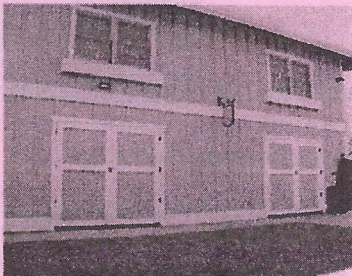
The Historian



Winter 2003 P.O. Box 1375 Fallbrook, CA 92088 Volume 26 Issue 1

PROGRESS REPORT

There have been some very exciting things happening at our museum. We welcome you to come see the progress. Inside the museum we have added four new cabinets, thanks to the help of the County's Tourist Occupants Tax (T.O.T). Alan Miller did a wonderful job constructing them just as he and his company have done before. We have rearranged the displays and have been working to arrange the artifacts for viewing. We have purchased a new printer for the office computer. The data project volunteers have been working on entering all the accession records into our computer. They have had some problems with the extensive museum program but are working it out. We certainly thank them for the time and efforts.



Before



New window and door

Downstairs, with the generous donation from the St. John's Episcopal Thrift Shop, we have

replaced the old barn doors with a beautiful window (donated by Bev and Earl McDougal) and Rocky Dixon has generously donated a fabulous set of double glass doors. We have Tom Lowe & crew to thank for the installation of both units. He was helped by Al Russell and John Russell. Thank you to all. Our plans are to



complete the upgrading of the downstairs room. Steven Shaeffer and his dad, Lee, (shown at left) have done a

beautiful job on laying tile in the entry way and in front of the sink area. Steven also donated the ceramic tile and his labor. Tri City Carpet Co. of Vista, has offered to give us carpet to cover the remainder of the floor in the "Ford Room." This will be done within the next few weeks. When completed we will have a delightful place for a meeting room that can be used for our meetings and by small community organizations.

The museum is growing by leaps and bounds we have had so many wonderful additions and more and more people are visiting our society.

We are hoping that you come see the progress and perhaps find it in your heart to donate some monies to help continue. We are very proud of the museum and you are part of this society that is maintaining the preservation of the artifacts of our wonderful community. Please help support us with your time and money. Thank you

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 4, 2003, \$14.50 per person.

11:00 a.m.

Make plans to attend our annual meeting this year. Meet your friends and enjoy a wonderful meal together. After a short business meeting, which will be the reelection of officers and any other items such as the dues increase, etc, we will be entertained by a lovely program. We need reservations to reach the committee on or before March 31. Please complete the reservation slip on back of this issue of the Historian and mail it to P.O. Box 1375.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to our new members since the Fall newsletter. Chris Conklin, Robert and Judith Gillespie; and Laura McNeal, all of Fallbrook; Jean Bristow, Oak Brook, Illinois; George and Reba Parkinson of Hope, Idaho; and Gordon and June Rhodes of La Mirada.

Special recognition goes to two families here in Fallbrook. Spencer and Rosalie Lehmann joined the Society in January 1980; Robert and Ailsa Benjamin joined in May 1980. Both families recently have become Life Members. It is especially gratifying to have such long lasting support. Thank you!

Note: Due to the increases of expenses the Board of Directors finds it time to make a change in our membership dues. The current amounts were established more than 10 years ago. Our only source of income is from our dues and donations. Please bear with us in this change. The new rates will be decided and voted upon at our annual meeting Friday, April 4, 2003 at the Grand Tradition.



DONATION

A recent donation given to the museum is a wonderful collection of barb wire. This collection is given by local resident and recent Board of Director member appointee, Darwin East.

There are eight panels of different types of barb wire mounted along with many more pieces of the collection of nearly 600 pieces. It is a very extensive collection and will be on display in our remodeled downstairs room.

Darwin is shown here with Society president, Don Rivers.

Volunteers needed:

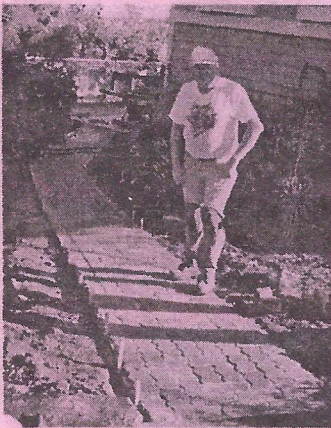
The museum is growing by leaps and bounds and we have had so many wonderful additions and more and more people are visiting our museum. With all the new cabinets and storage space we will now start inventorying items and then adding the items to the computer - listing their location, making it much easier to locate and do displays. Thanks to all the present docents we have made great strides and if you would like to help with the many tasks, we could use your assistance. We would love to add your name to the present list. We need both men and women! Please give us a call.

Elections of Officers:

In accordance with our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee, appointed in January, reported last month the names of Board members whose terms are up. They have agreed to serve another three years and are as follows: Peggy Johnson, Therese McDonnell, Thea Moore, Margaret Ray and Mary Rivers. Election of board of directors takes place at the annual meeting.

We are sorry that we had to accept the resignation of our board member, Jack Tanner,

who had to resign due to illness. Darwin East has been appointed to fill the position. Darwin is a long time resident of Fallbrook and very interested in the history of the area. We believe he will be a great asset to our board of directors. His position will be confirmed at the annual meeting April 4.



NEW WALKWAY

Lee Shaeffer, our vice president, shown at left, has been working this past month on a terrific walkway on the north side of the museum from the upper level to the downstairs. He donated all the colorful paving brick and has laid them to make the walk a pleasant, safe path to join the museum sections. He also extended a path in the park area to the Russ Elam Memorial bench that was donated by the Elam family and installed by Marion Clemmens.

TIME CAPSULE TO MARK SOCIETY'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

We plan to bury a small time capsule at the museum in May. We have selected this time so that we can include a copy of our annual meeting report for our 25th year, which ends April 30.

Because we included histories of all local entities in the large capsule buried in Live Oak Park to celebrate Fallbrook's centennial in 1985, we will include, this time, only a brief update of the Historical Society's activities, community highlights of 2002-3, and current member lists of local groups who wish to participate.

Lists will be copied onto archival papers with originals maintained in a binder for

research in the museum, as has been done with the '85 record. Lists will not be shared with others.

If you belong to an organization that you would like to have represented, please have them mail the material directly to me at 3371 Red Mountain Heights Drive, 92028-9755 or call me at 728-3271. Don and Mary Rivers also can give you information at 728-7964. Or E-mail for information to CandCNjust@msn.com
We'll need input no later than mid-April....thank you, Cecelia Njust

POST CARD FOR SALE

We will soon have a beautiful post card featuring points of interest of our beautiful community. This card will be available for gift giving and souvenir