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President's Message

By Lee Shaeffer

Time goes by fast when you are having fun and that has been the case here at the Historical Society. There are some fun times ahead also as we look forward to our annual meeting, the dance to benefit the Barn fund and of course our annual Old Timers' Picnic get together.

The annual meeting will be at the Grand Tradition on May 7 and you are encouraged to attend. Please invite a friend and potential new member.

Our own Jack Story and the newly formed "Tenor Tones" will entertain us at the "Barn Dance" at the Grand Tradition May 8.

The last Sunday in June is the Old Timers' Pot Luck get together. Come and spend time with people you don't get to see that often and meet new people. Enjoy a great day of food, talking about old times, see the museum, and just being neighborly. I hope to see you at these events.

A special Thank You to St. John's Episcopal Thrift Shop and Fallbrook Angel Society for their recent contributions to the maintaining of our work at the museum.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Fallbrook Historical Society will be held Friday, May 7, 2004 at the Grand Tradition beginning at 11 a.m. The fee is \$15.00 per person.

Be sure to send reservations to reach us by April 30. Please clip the notice and send as soon as possible.

Our program will include guest speaker David C. Johnson of New York Life Insurance Company who will bring vital information on how endowments and charitable gifting can bring value to the Fallbrook Historical Society and your taxes. David will be available after the luncheon for questions.

This year's Pioneers of the Year will be honored at the meeting. We are pleased to announce that the honorees are Jack and Edith Cornell. We have all been touched at one time or another by this wonderful couple. Edith has been under the weather lately and we are sure she would appreciate a word of cheer. Send to 502 E. Mission Rd. along with a prayer that she will be able to join us at the luncheon.

New board members will be elected as part the brief business portion of the program.

Remember, everyone is welcome.

An update on the progress of the "Barn" will be presented at the meeting and your questions will be welcomed.

I/We _____ will be attending the luncheon May 7 at 11 a.m.
at the Grand Tradition.

Enclose please find \$15 per person.

Send reservations to P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088.

DANCE & CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Fallbrook Historical Society invites you to the "Chocolate Tea Time Extravaganza" featuring sweet swing music by the new *TENOR TONES* Saturday, May 8 from 1 to 3 at the Grand Tradition. There is limited seating – R.S.V.P. by April 30 – 728-6466.

The members of the band are: three tenor sax players, director Jack Story, Carl Cabanas and Cal Rush; piano player Jack Hoffman; drummer Bill Harper; trumpet Dick Bushard; and bass player Jack Cook.

This is being presented as an afternoon tea dance with all proceeds going to the building of our new barn. Come dance to rare old fashion music and enjoy the new chocolate fountain at the Grand Tradition. Everyone is invited.

Barn Building Committee Meets:

By Therese McDonnell

Chairman Darwin East and guest Wil Gower of the Chamber, met with the committee members Bev McDougal, Therese McDonnell, Dorothy Francis, Don Rivers and President Lee Shaeffer at the Historical Society to discuss our options on the building of the new barn. It was decided we would start out with a very basic structure with the idea that things could be added later. Last November we entered a contest with a three minute video of Fallbrook hoping to win a \$25,000 prize to help our building fund, we were not successful however the video is to be used at the Historical Society to further promote

Fallbrook so our endeavors were not in vain. A copy will be shown at the May annual meeting. Donations have been coming in but much more is needed and each honoree's name will be recognized in a prominent location in the new barn when it is completed. Please send your donations to Fallbrook Historical Society's Barn Project: P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088. Thank you. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

Reche Craft / Art Fair

Reche Club is planning their outdoor fair to be held at the clubhouse, May 1 from 9 – 4. This is a juried fair and reservations for space should be made now. Contact 723-3162 or 728-3607. Space is only \$30 tax deductible donation for a 10'x10' and tables are available at \$5 each. Plan to attend or participate.

Tours

We have been welcoming many guests to the museum on our regular visiting days along with the groups of school children, scout groups, disadvantaged persons. It is wonderful to see the pleasure in their eyes when they partake in the many new displays and artifacts that have been added to our collections. We welcome all of you to come enjoy the museum. We also thank the docents who have been helping with these tours.

OLD TIMER'S PICNIC

It is not too soon to start making plans for our Old Timer's Picnic to be held at the Museum Grounds, June 27 beginning at around 11 a.m. Hoping this will be our all-time best gathering we are planning, along with our "award winning" picnic, a day of reminiscing and visiting in conjunction with our wonderful raffle. Contact all your friends and neighbors from today to the past..... and plan to attend.

Jack and Edith Cornell

Pioneers of the year



Jack Cornell was born on Catalina Island March 11, 1917 to George and Josephine Cornell. George ran an excursion boat out of Avalon for many years.

In 1926, due to poor health, George brought his family to Fallbrook to raise avocados. Jack is one of five children who all attended the Fallbrook schools. He graduated in 1936, became a "Ham Radio Operator" and joined Naval Communication Reserve. He was called to active duty in 1940. After three years overseas, and duty in Bainbridge Island, Washington he returned to Fallbrook and started up his own radio service business and worked as movie operator at the local movie theatre. Jack helped to establish a National Smooth Dancers Club in Fallbrook and served as their first president. The club's first secretary was Edith Gracey Hanson, who later became his wife, and her three boys became his ready-made family. When Jack and Edith married, they began a partnership in both business and life. The couple

was always giving their help to the community. He helped the Fallbrook United Methodist Church with his electrical and electronic skills along with his vast photographic knowledge. A few of the other organizations were the Exploradores RV group, North County Genealogical Society, Fallbrook Fire Department, Fallbrook Camera Club and they both are life time members of the Fallbrook Historical Society.

We are proud and honored to recognize this delightful couple as our Pioneers of the Year 2004.

AT THE MUSEUM

By Bev McDougal

If you haven't visited the Historical Society Museum recently, you will be pleasantly surprised to see how things are progressing, many changes are under way.

The Church Section has been presented with two lovely stained glass windows from the original Episcopal Church built back in 1891. Henry and Adrienne Vogt donated them. The Miller family have donated the Baptismal Font, also from the old church, which was in honor of their young sister who had died. The model village, built by Geno Somacal and donated to the museum by widow wife Babs and daughter JoAnne will have a facelift with a railroad traveling through the buildings. If you have any Lionel train parts stashed away in a closet that we could use to complete the exhibit, please give us a call and we will add them to our wonderful exhibit. Everyone loves trains!! The Pittenger house has had the bathroom ceiling painted and an old light fixtures donated by Betty Gilby and installed by the Sleeping Indian Questers of Fallbrook.

The computer group has just about completed the inventory of items on display making it much easier to locate items and to find places to store them. The downstairs portion of the museum is receiving additional cabinets and is becoming ready to host groups for meetings and entertaining.

What a great group of volunteers we have who are assisting in the enhancement of the museum. If you could help us please give us a call, 723-4125.