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WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

by Bev McDougal

Get out your hammers and saws!! We are so pleased to announce that San Diego County has informed us that our Building Permit application has been approved and construction plans have been ordered. We anticipate that the barn will be completed by the end of 2006.

The Barn, which will be located a little north-east of the museum, will be California style (40 x 70 ft.) with a cupola on top to match the museum and the Pittenger House.



Our extensive collection of farm implements and equipment will be housed in the barn, as well as an antique 1930 Model A Ford donated by Bob and Arlyne Ingold and a 1924 Model T Ford donated by Paul and Kathleen Stiles. The building will also have a public meeting room, a workshop display area and restrooms.

The addition of the barn will be a wonderful feature of the Historical Society, as well as for the town of Fallbrook. Friends, family and visitors will be able to enjoy the collections and research information that depict our local history. The public meeting rooms can be used for family reunions and other community activities.

Now that the barn is in the building planning stage and on the way to becoming a reality we ask for your continued financial support. Please help us make Fallbrook an even greater place to learn, display and present our unique history. Contributions to the building fund will be cheerfully and gratefully accepted!

SEPTEMBER SUNDOWNER

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Sundowner held in September was a great success! Our thanks to the volunteers who helped serve the delicious food provided by El Jardin, the Grand Tradition, Hometown Buffet, Major Market, Regency Fallbrook and Silvergate Retirement Residences, as well as to those who were on hand to greet the attendees and act as hosts in the museum and Pittenger House.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LEE SHAEFFER

Many thanks to all the people who supported the barn building project which, when built, will give us a way to honor the contributions made by the American farmer. We must remember that this nation was built on the wealth produced by the American farmers and ranchers. It was this wealth that provided the capital to then fund the American Industrial Revolution.

Since the contributions made by our ancestors were such a great part of our past, we need to keep this history alive. The Fallbrook Historical Society will be doing this with the barn project by displaying some of the implements, equipment and tools used by our forefathers in this endeavor.

In the very near future the flow of paperwork will come to an end and the actual work of building the barn started. We hope you will become a part of this exciting new addition to our museum complex.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By CECELIA NJUST

We welcome our newest members Patricia and Michael Casey, Douglas C. Dimmitt, Robert J. Hamilton, and Marguerite Lorenz and Family, all Fallbrook residents. A new Life Member is R.M. (Rick) Harmon of Brea.

Adelyn Hamilton, nee Anderson, also is a new member. With her application she wrote that her grandfather, Grant Kingsbury, who came to Fallbrook in 1924, owned Red Mountain Ranch and remembered when Main Avenue was first paved. Adelyn lives in Valley Center.

We are so grateful for the support and interest of these new members and for our many loyal "old timers" who continue to renew their memberships and help out at the museum.

INVENTORY PROGRESS REPORT

By JANE MCKEE

The inventory team is working diligently on recording the museum's collection of artifacts, memorabilia, library and reference books. The main floor of the museum building is almost completed, then on to the Ford Room and the Pittenger House. Each and every item in the museum's collection must be cataloged by number and entered into the computer – no small task!! If you would like to help with this project, please call the museum office (723-4125). The more hands we have working, the sooner the job will be completed.

VOLUNTEERS

By PEGGY JOHNSON

All persons interested in helping to preserve Fallbrook's unique historical past may find contributing a few hours of their time assisting our all-volunteer staff personally rewarding. The need for help in maintaining our museums and facilities is ongoing. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated! Our hours are from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday. We ask that you work only once a month on either day or substitute as needed. Please contact the Fallbrook Historical Society at 723-4125. Thank you!!

FROM THE OFFICE

By MARGARET RAY

Accessions recently accepted at the Fallbrook Historical Society include:

- ◆ From the estate of Catherine Dicey: Album of photographs and notes of First Play Day held at Bonsall Union School, April, 1949, for North County elementary schools. Anyone who attended Bonsall School at that time would be interested in these pictures. There were students there from Bonsall, Maie Ellis and Rainbow Schools.
- ◆ From Charles Martin: Collection of various sizes of brass shell casings from WWII.
- ◆ From Ralph Lash: Scrapbook – History of Fallbrook Fire Department. Nice addition to our Fire Department display.
- ◆ From Rebekah Holkesvig: A wide angle photo of Gird Ranch, ca. 1951. How different that ranch looks today.
- ◆ From Bill and Bev Garrigues: Toy truck, red cab with silver “semi” trailer, ca. 1950’s. What a wonderful addition to our children’s section.
- ◆ From Margaret Ray: Three scrapbooks of 25 years of Fallbrook Lions Club Women’s group, the Lionesses of Fallbrook. Anyone who once belonged to this group will enjoy looking through these books.



DECEMBER FESTIVITIES

During the month of December, wassail and cookies will be served at the Museum while it is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Sunday and Thursday (except December 25th). Please stop by, bring your family and friends for hospitality and enjoy our Christmas decorations. The Somacal Village Train exhibit will be decked out in the holiday spirit as will the Historic Pittenger House.

Mark your calendars for the annual FALLBROOK CHRISTMAS PARADE on DECEMBER 3rd at 5 p.m. - Stop by the Historical Society's Hospitality Booth and say hello and welcome to all our visitors.

*OUR WARMEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON*