

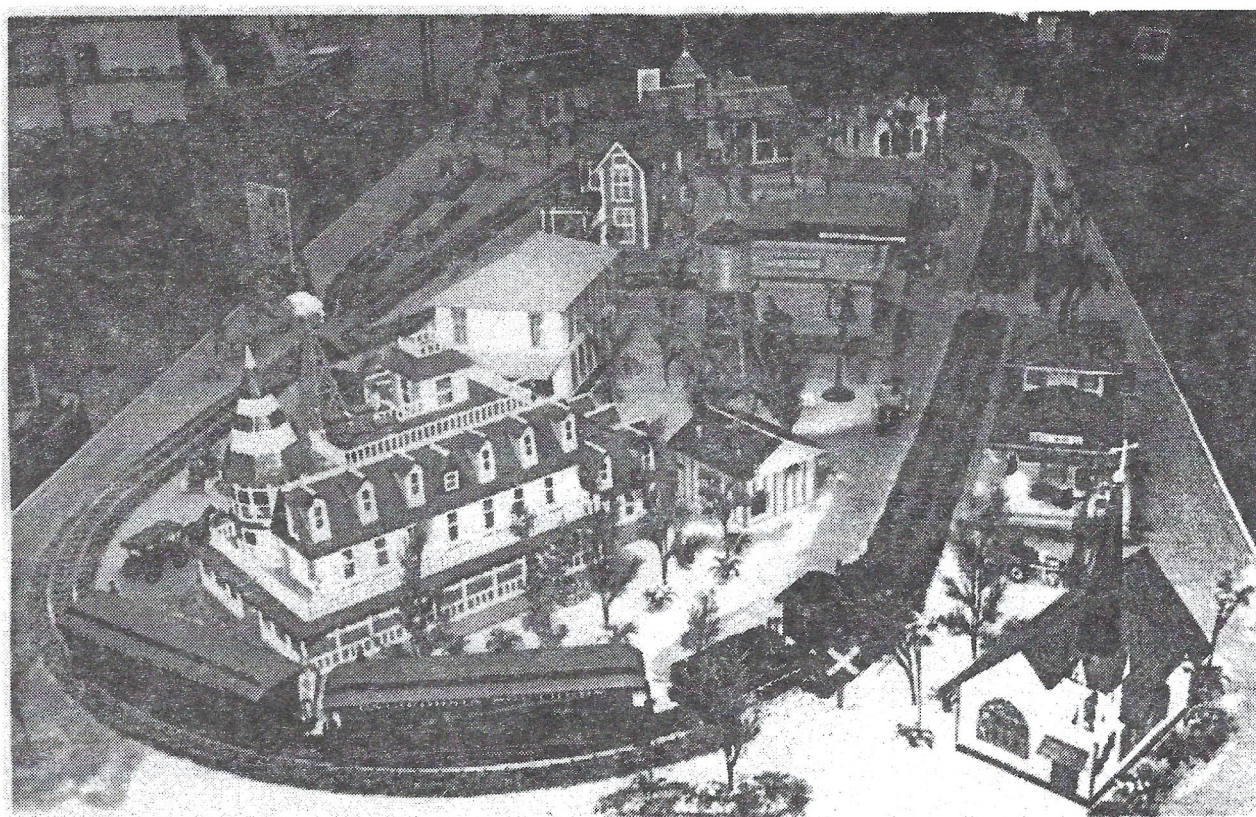
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INVITATION TO SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, February 27 - 2 p.m.



Members and friends of the Fallbrook Historical Society are urged to attend dedication ceremonies for an outstanding newly expanded exhibit. This display is a tribute to the late Gino Somocal who hand-crafted (during the span of 33 years) the miniature replicas of the historic Fallbrook buildings shown. Additionally there is a functioning model railroad setup like the original train which serviced the Fallbrook area at the turn of the 19th century.

Donated to the museum by his widow Babs Reader Somocal, this exhibit has quickly become a magnet attraction for all visitors. We have learned that Babs has broken her hip but we hope she and her family will be able to join us at the party to enjoy our treasured display. Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Father Don Kroeger, Rector, St. John's Church will give the dedication. Refreshments will be served. RSVP 723-4125, 723-4467 OR 451-1572.

COMING EVENTS

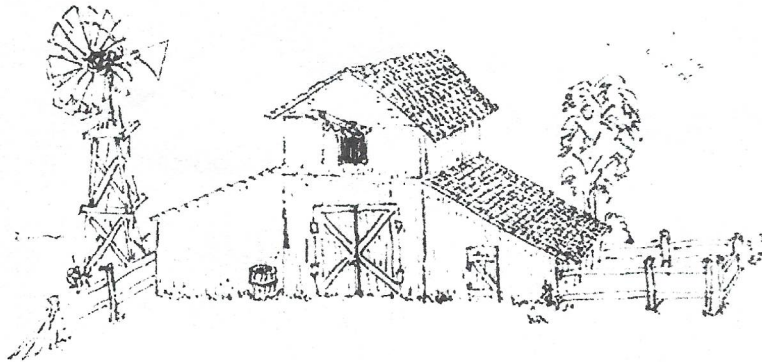
We will be participating in the up-coming Art of the Flower Festival, April 3 in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon and Board of Directors Election will be held at the Grand Tradition Friday, April 22, at 10 a.m. Our Pioneer of the Year and other Honorees will be announced at the meeting. See you there!!

Very important date to mark on our calendar is Sunday, June 26 – The Oldtimers Picnic - starts at 11:30 and goes until you go.....

The Board of Directors of the Society is planning to have a Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce "Sundowner" at our Museum grounds Wednesday, September 21, 2005. Please plan to attend.

BARN PROJECT



Surveying has been done, plans drawn and permits are being obtained to begin our barn building.

As soon as possible we will pour a foundation and concrete slab. It is hoped that there will be projects that our friends and members will be able to help with, just like the old fashioned "barn raising." If you have any questions please call the museum at 723-4125 our chairman, Darwin East at 909-301-6329.

We are still in dire need of donations for this project. If you have already donated we again tell you how much we appreciate your contribution and ask that any and all who would like help to send their money to:

Barn Project, P O Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088 as soon as possible. You can use the "membership" form on the back of this letter. THANK YOU

ESTATE SALE

We regret to report that recently our friend and fellow member, Ursula Huettner passed away after having lived in our community for over 30 years. She very generously stated in her will that some of her belongings be given to the Fallbrook Historical Society. Items with no historical value to be sold and the proceeds used in helping to preserve the history of Fallbrook.

An Estate Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19 at 625 Palomino Road, (behind the Grand Tradition). The hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Lee Shaeffer

What is gone by is history and is done and gone. It is the desire of the board that this be the case with the barn project. The barn gets built and becomes a new leaf in our Fallbrook History. It can only happen with the help of our whole community.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

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Special THANK YOU is extended to Sandy and Bob Baxter, our industrious volunteers who have been working so hard recently to improve our "Somocal Display." Their dedication and professional work has helped preserve one of our most cherished displays in the museum. With their expert ability and the help of their friends at Bachmann Industries who donated the replica of the train that was brought up from the Santa Margarita River, where the old

line and station had been washed out so many times, we are able to capture some of the memories of those days. The decals on the train reflect exactly what was on that original train: "California Southern" and the number "721" on the engine.

The many years that Geno Somocal spent building the wonderful structures and the memory of the many years that he and Babs gave to the community by opening their home to everyone during the holidays cannot be given enough recognition.

VOLUNTEERS:

We still have the need for more volunteers to give a little time at the museum. Why not join us as we preserve the past and plan for the future? Our hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. We would love to have you join us. The schedule asks that you work just once a month or to fill in as needed. This is a great group of people. We welcome your assistance, you will become part of a very worthwhile project!

Please call our chairpersons: Judy Gillespie, 451-1572 or Peggy Johnson, 723-4467

COME VISIT THE MUSEUMS AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS