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President's Message

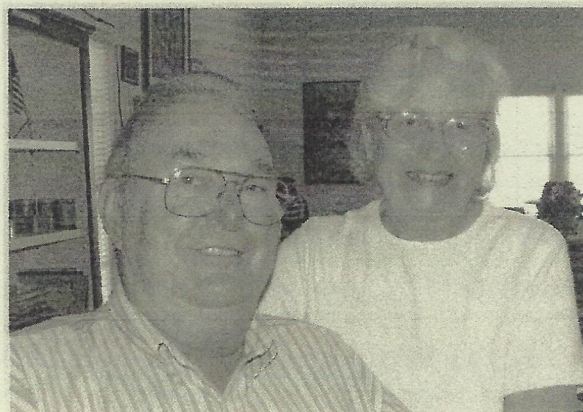
Sometimes when I am out in the community, with not too much pressing on my mind, my thoughts go back to a time in the past, and as I pass through certain areas my mind's eye sees things as they once were. Someone's farm or orchard, a store, or a family home with their automobile sitting in the front yard...it might be a black 1937 Ford sedan. The road is not paved and there are no sidewalks. Other than the fact that these mental visions are from my youth in this village, I can't pinpoint the time, only that it had to be sometime shortly before, during or after WWII because that was when I was a youth. Images of Fallbrook for the next fifty years are not quite as sharp to me. So, for Jack Story, the real nostalgic stuff is that particular time in history. I find myself referring to that period the most. What is your vision of Fallbrook's past?

I heard a disc jockey on the radio say that he was going to play Golden Oldies for the next hour. I was expecting Glenn Miller, Harry James, Bing Crosby, and the Mills Brothers but instead I got the Beatles, Elvis, and the Beach Boys. Obviously he was much younger than I am.

When I was a boy I enjoyed listening to the men who worked for my father talk about being in the Army during WWI. I didn't realize it at the time but I was really getting my first firsthand account of world history. I think that it was great for our first group of Fallbrook citizens to get the ball rolling on preserving the history of our town through

artifacts, literature, tools, farm implements and documents. The more donations of local history our museum receives the more interest there will be for everyone. Our new interpretive center and expanded room downstairs next to the Ford Room will be a large improvement. Hundreds of school children have passed through our facilities over the years. Lots of information can be found for school projects with information going back to those early settlers who lived here a long, long time ago.

This is my first letter to you as president although I have been on the Board of Directors about as long as anybody. I follow at least three presidents during my tenure - Marjorie Yackey, Don Rivers and Lee Shaeffer. All very capable and hardworking people. I will do my best to continue in the traditions they began.



Jack and Shirley Story

Annual Meeting Honors Don and Mary Rivers

Our Annual Meeting, held at the Grand Tradition on May 5, 2006, was a special celebration of the lives of **Don and Mary Rivers**. We honored Mary as **Pioneer of the Year** and both Mary and Don as **Citizens of the Year**. **Josh Rivers**, their grandson, presented the Historical Society with a framed photograph of Don to be hung in the new barn which will be named the **Donald Rivers Interpretive Center** in his memory. **Jack and Shirley Story** and **Mac McDougal** serenaded Mary, barbershop fashion. **Cecelia Njust** and **Therese McDonald** thanked the Rivers, honoring them for their work and dedication to Fallbrook and the Historical Museum. **Don McLean** spoke about his 60-year friendship with Mary and the many good times he and his wife enjoyed as friends of the Rivers. **President Shaeffer** presented Mary with engraved paperweights, one for each award. The award presentation was followed by a video prepared by grandson Josh that highlighted the lives of Don and Mary.



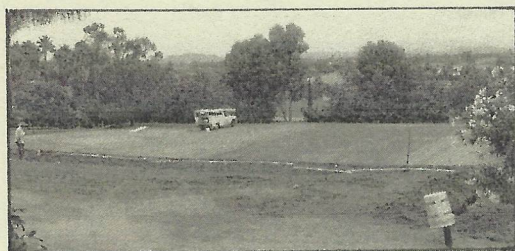
Mary and Marge Yackey

Barn Groundbreaking

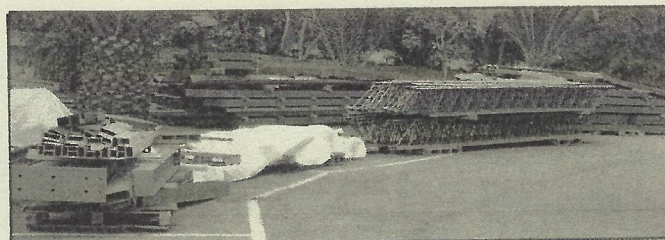


June 3rd was a very special day for the Historical Society and the Fallbrook community – it was the day of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new **Donald Rivers Interpretive Center** (also known as the Barn), and was very well attended in spite of it being an extremely warm day. The ceremony included a flag presentation by **Boy Scout Troop 731** from **St. Peter's Catholic Church**, an invocation by **Rev. Donald Kroeger** from **St. John's Church**, and special introductions by **Bev McDougal**. The ribbon cutting by **Amber Briggs**, **Miss Fallbrook**,

followed the introductions. **Supervisor Bill Horn**, **Arlyne Ingold**, **Marge Yackey**, **Miss Fallbrook**, and her **Princesses**, and **members of our barn committee** performed soil turning. **Rev. Dennis Ginoza**, **United Methodist Church of Fallbrook**, gave the benediction, followed by concluding remarks from **President Lee Shaeffer** and **Darwin East**, Barn Chairman. It was a very special day for our Village and we thank all those who were able to attend and share the event.



Barn site has been graded



Barn has been delivered and is awaiting construction

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Pittenger House Improvements

Work has been going on inside our museum, as well as outside. The bathroom in our historic **Pittenger House** is undergoing a transformation thanks to **Betty Gilby** and the **Sleeping Indian Questers**. The room was gutted and the wallpaper stripped. A new tile floor and vintage corner sink were installed and the room was painted, all

through the efforts of volunteers **Bruce Dennett** and **Bob Gillespie**. There is still work to be done – beaded board paneling will be added to the lower half of the room and the Questers will be adding a decorative stencil design around the upper portion of the wall. Stop by and see the work in progress and then return to enjoy the finished product!

Annual Docent and Volunteer Tea

On August 23rd, the Annual Docent and Volunteer Tea was held at the beautiful new Arbor Terrace of the Grand Tradition. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of tea, scones and fresh fruit as they were thanked on behalf of the Board of Directors by **President Jack Story** and **Bev McDougal** for their enthusiasm and commitment to the Museum as well as to the community.

The Museum is in real need of additional docents and volunteers and we extend an invitation to any resident of Fallbrook, Rainbow or Bonsall to contact **Judy Gillespie** at (760) 451-1572 for further information. If you are able to spend just three hours a month on either Sunday or Thursday, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., greeting visitors to our Museum we'd love to hear from you.



Alice Wheaton,
Volunteer



Judy Gillespie, Board Member
and husband, Bob, Volunteer



Thea Moore
Board Member



Sheri Lenfers
Docent

Membership

We have welcomed four new Fallbrook members since our Annual Meeting in May. They are **Michael Flanders**, **Bob Fuerstein**, **Dorothy Lewisy**, and **Marcy Pesceone**. Marcy also volunteers as a docent. Fallbrook residents **Loren** and **Barbara Rugg**, members since 1982, and **Jody** and **Joan Williams**, members since 2002, have increased their membership donations to become Life Members. Temecula resident **Rebecca Farnbach** is another new member.

We want to thank all of you who join and continue to renew your memberships as you know just how important you are - the Fallbrook Historical Society would not exist without membership support which allows us to maintain our museums and continue to preserve the history of our Village. We need you and we appreciate you! Kudos to all.

Cecelia Njust, Membership Chairman
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