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ANNUAL MEETING

When: Friday, May 5, 2006 **Time:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: The Grand Tradition

Cost: \$22.50 per person (Reservations due by April 25th)

Please plan on joining us for this annual luncheon meeting. We will be honoring Don and Mary Rivers as our Citizens of the Year and Mary Rivers as our Pioneer of the Year. A special video presentation will celebrate the lives of our two honorees.

Our program will also include the election of Board Members and a progress report on the barn project. Upon completion the barn will be dedicated in Don's memory and known as the Donald Jack Rivers Interpretive Center.

Following the meeting there will be a tour of the new gardens at the Grand Tradition and plenty of time for socializing.

Election of Board Members

The Nominating Committee has announced the list of candidates due for re-election plus two members who were appointed during the past year to serve in vacancies to the board. The members who are up for re-election are: **Thea Moore, Margaret Ray, Mary Rivers and Charlotte Wright.** Those who have been serving on the board by appointment to be confirmed at the meeting are **Bruce Dennett and Dode Martin.** Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

We are very proud of the members of our Board of Directors and appreciate the time and dedication they provide to the Fallbrook Historical Society.

DOCENTS.....

Peggy Johnson

We are pleased to welcome seven new docents to our roster! They are **Tracy Boline, Ronnie Branson, Allyn Fili, Barbara Gordon, Gordon Heath, Kathy McGoldrick** and **Polly Scrape**. They have been trained and are willing and extremely able to help. We also have an alternate list consisting of these "regulars" willing to double-up in an emergency and those who wish to be permanently assigned as substitutes. Many thanks to our neighbors, **Shirley** and **Bob Fender** for having volunteered to open and close the Museum gates and doors as needed.

Maintaining the schedule of Museum open hours each week is a challenge and we are most grateful to ALL the volunteers who make this possible – all year long! Anyone willing to donate 3 hours, 1 day per month, to this worthy community service will be appreciated. To volunteer your services, please call me at **723-4467**.

Soon we will all have to be "trained" to include the exhibits in our new, soon to be erected, BARN. A delightful prospect!!



Charlotte Wright and Thea Moore welcomed visitors to our booth at the Art of the Flower Festival on Sunday, April 2nd

MEMBERSHIP NEWS....

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Not only have renewals been coming in early but we have four new **Life** members to honor.

- ◆ New members **Marisa** and **Greg Dehm** are planning to prepare taped histories as gifts to local schools.
- ◆ **Elizabeth Anthony**, who now resides in San Jacinto, grew up in Fallbrook. Her grandfather was a leader in ag experimentation and her grandmother started the first university women's group. Elizabeth's father owned the propane gas store on south Main and was instrumental in Fallbrook development.
- ◆ **(Eugene) Bud** and **Barbara Swearingen** have long supported the Society. Bud retired from his insurance company to their home on the Swearingen family property located on Willow Glen Road.
- ◆ **Wallace** and **Karen Tucker** are known for their many hours of volunteer service to the community and their stewardship of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and its many affiliates.

We are sending a second friendly nudge to renew, hoping to jog your memory if you have not yet sent in your membership dues for this coming year. Through the years we have sent **HISTORIAN** copies to some delinquent members hoping to re-ignite their original spark of interest in the Society but with printing and postage costs continuing to rise, regretfully, we must trim our mailing list. Please renew now or consider upgrading your membership category. And please add a donation for our new barn building that will give us much needed space for more displays and storage. Groundbreaking is in the very near future. We want your name on our current membership list and on the donor list that will be displayed in the new building.

Please stay with us....we need your support!

Some of our Volunteers

by Margaret Ray

The Fallbrook Historical Society is most fortunate to have a number of fairly new members who have taken great interest in our museum and we need to recognize them. If you don't know these people, meet them and you will find them very friendly and very interested in OLD FALLBROOK.

Jane McKee is the leader of our data input team and is very knowledgeable about computers. She is doing a fantastic job supervising the inventory to get all of our accessions into the computer files. She has directed the others in the proper entry methods and is carefully monitoring all of this. Jane is a member of our Board of Directors and takes an active part in all of our activities.

Sandy Baxter is a member of the data input team who was also elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. She has been our recording secretary for the past two years. Sandy and her husband **Bob** created our Somacal Village Display, even obtaining a railroad train for the setting which they have embellished with all sorts of appointments and landscaping which change seasonally. The display has become a great attraction for our visitors. Sandy is also co-editor of **THE HISTORIAN**, our Society newsletter.

Judy Gillespie is another person who works on the data input team. Judy, along with **Alice Wheaton**, has organized our PEOPLE and TOPICS files that are available for research by anyone looking for information about Fallbrook. She is also a member of our Board of Directors, co-editor of **THE HISTORIAN**, co-chairman, along with **Peggy Johnson**, of the Docent Committee, and a museum docent. She is currently helping Mary Rivers with the Treasurer's responsibilities.

Bob Gillespie, Judy's husband, is a Jack-of-all-trades (along with **Bruce Dennett**) and is always available to help with museum projects when asked. He has worked on several

projects to keep our displays up and running. Bob is also a member of the Barn Committee.

Charlotte Wright and her mother, **Betty King**, were data input team members from the start. Charlotte is now serving on our Board of Directors and is a museum docent. She has taken part in several recent projects and remains interested in learning more about our society and FALLBROOK.

Bruce Dennett was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. He joined the Historical Society and immediately offered his services as a Jack-of-all-trades, helping to keep our museum in operating order by working on electrical and plumbing problems, painting, and other needed repairs. He became interested in the Pittenger House and is helping Betty Gilby (one of our members) and her Questers group in their project to create an authentic 1890 setting in the old house's bathroom. Bruce is also a member of the Barn Committee.

Incidentally, the Questers are searching for an authentic old-fashioned toilet with the tank on the wall about the toilet. If anyone has such a fixture or knows where they could obtain one, please let Betty Gilby know.

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Bruce Dennett, Bob Gillespie, Sandy Baxter, Judy Gillespie, Bev McDougal and Thea Moore setting up the Society's display at the Art of the Flower Festival. Mac McDougal (in hat) supervising!