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## BIG BARN SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH

We are planning an old-fashioned barn sale to raise funds to complete the interior of our new barn. If you have anything to donate we would greatly appreciate your participation. We are looking for tools, books, kitchenware, jewelry, patio furniture, gardening supplies, plants, flowers, household decorating items, furniture, etc. – anything that is usable and in good condition.

Items donated for the sale may be brought to the museum any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of July. If you need help in transporting these items, please call 723-4125 or 728-2546 for pick-up.



As I begin a second term as president, I would like to reflect on how much we, the Board, our docents and volunteers, have accomplished.

We have had tremendous financial support from not only the membership but the entire community of Fallbrook. The **Barn Raising Report** details that support. Of special note, the **Fallbrook Rotary Work Day**, held on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, was a windfall of manpower as Rotarians painted the exterior of the **Pittenger House** and did a super job of sprucing up the entire grounds. We are also grateful to the **Sleeping Indian Questers** for the bathroom remodel in the Pittenger House and to the **Live Oak Questers** for the new front door.

Exterior construction of the Barn is nearly completed. Have you been by to see it yet? The Barn will be used for the first time on **June 24<sup>th</sup>** for the **Old Timers' Picnic**. Bring a potluck dish and enjoy the day in the cool comfort of the Barn.

We welcome three **new Board Members**, all of whom have been involved with us for several years in volunteer positions: **Bob Fender, Virginia Grossman and Don McLean, Sr.**

We have an exciting year ahead of us as we continue with the construction of the Barn and planning for new exhibits and activities. As always, we need your input and appreciate all your support. We hope you will find time to help at the museum as a docent or a volunteer in the office or on the grounds.

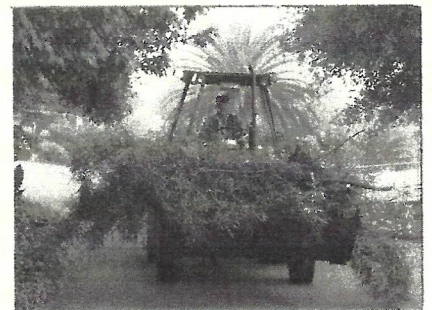
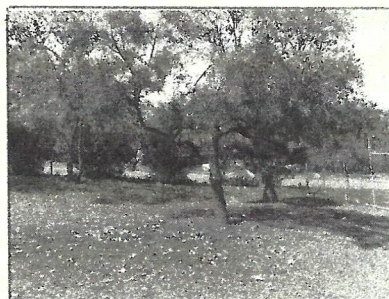
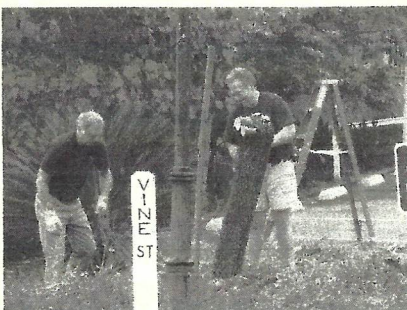
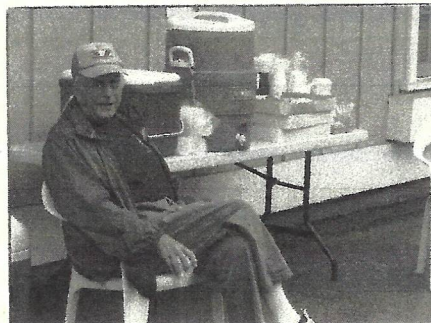
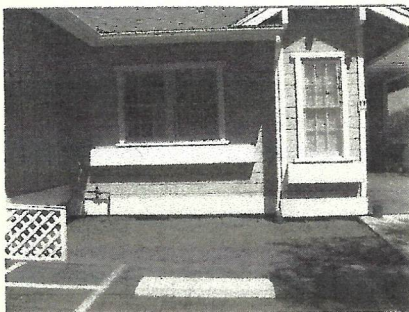
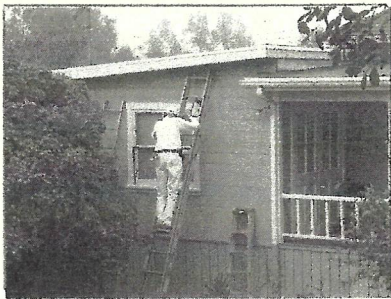
See you at the Picnic!

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## **Fallbrook Rotary Work Day**

Our Historical Society was fortunate to be included in the Rotary's annual community Work Day on April 28th this year. What an exciting and rewarding day it was for our society! The exterior of the Pittenger House and one of the large metal storage containers were painted. Major gardening and landscaping improvements were made to the museum grounds. This wonderful crew accomplished all of this in just 4-1/2 hours of intense work! Our sincere appreciation and special thanks go to team leaders Walter Parry, Joe Reavis, Forest Baker and Rick Visser, as well as to all of the volunteers in this huge undertaking. A big thank you, also, to Silvergate Retirement Residence for providing snacks, beverages and lunch for the hardworking crew.



**THANK YOU FALLBROOK ROTARY !**





## **ANNUAL MEETING**



The annual meeting of the **Fallbrook Historical Society** was held at the **Grand Tradition** on **May 11, 2007**, with approximately **72** attendees. **President Jack Story** called the meeting to order, welcoming those in attendance.

**Judy Gillespie** introduced honored guests **Joan Wonsley**, Supervisor **Bill Horn's** Chief of Staff; **Rhonda Reinke**, Fallbrook Honorary Mayor; **Claude Reinke**; **Carol Eastman**, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce; and

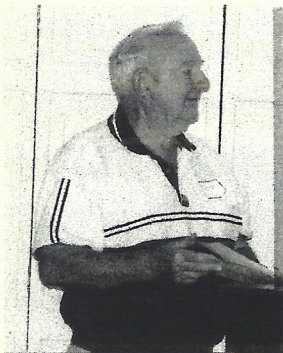
**Tom Casey**, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs and Chairman of the Historic Old 395 initiative.

The current **Board of Directors** was introduced and **Cecelia Njust** announced nominees for election to the Board of Directors for the next three-year period. As there were no additional nominees from the floor, by acclamation of those in attendance, **Bruce Dennett**, **Bob Fender**, **Virginia Grossman**, **Bev McDougal**, **Don McLean, Sr.**, and **Cecelia Njust** were elected.

**Darwin East** reported on the **Donald J. Rivers Interpretive Center** (aka **the Barn**) and thanked members for their support and financial contributions. A documentary of the barn construction to date, produced and edited by **Bob Gillespie**, was shown. The video is available on the Society website and copies are available from Bob, as well.

**Lee Shaeffer**, a Past President and outgoing Vice President, was called to the podium following lunch and given a special award recognizing his dedication to the Society and noting his relocation to LaMesa.

**Lee and Nancy Shaeffer,  
Garth Bricker**



**Dode Martin**

**President Story** then introduced **Dode Martin** as the **2007 Pioneer of the Year** in recognition of Dode's service to the Historical Society and the community. His long standing membership and **Life Member** status since **1993** was noted and he was commended for his ongoing contribution as **Barn Construction Chairman**. Sharing the occasion were his wife, **Muggins**, family members **Donna** and **Ken Niemeyer**, **Tammy Simpson**, **Tara** and **Mark Schilling**, and friends **Duane** and **Peggy Harding**



**Earl, Dianne, Bev, Sherri**

**Earl and Bev McDougal** were recipients of the **2007 Vintage Award** honoring their commitment to preserving the history of Fallbrook in multitudinous ways. Celebrating with the McDougals were daughters **Dianne Wartman** and **Sherri Alford**, grandsons **Scott** and **Mark McDougal**, and friend **Ross Daily**.

**Cecelia Njust** presented all honorees with engraved paperweights and read proclamations for each from **Supervisor Horn** lauding their accomplishments.

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**Greg Dehm** gave an overview of the new **Junior Docent** program and announced that his daughter, **Emily**, was the winner of the **2007 Junior Docent of the Year** award. Emily's project is to acquire mannequins for additional clothing displays in the museum.

**Margaret Ray** announced the publishing of **Images of America: Fallbrook** by **Rebecca Farnbach** and **Loretta Barnett**. This book features many photos from the museum's archives and from Margaret's family collection. Copies of the book may be ordered through the museum or from **Margaret** at **P.O. Box 225, Fallbrook, CA 92088**. The books are **\$20.00 each** ( plus \$3.20 postage if mailed).

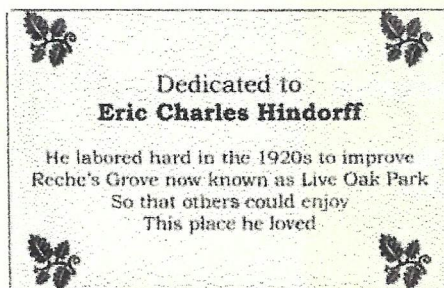


**Margaret Ray**



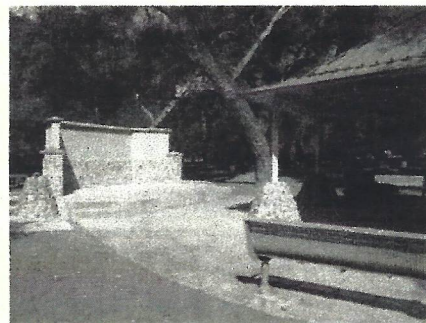
**Jane McKee, Thea Moore, Charlotte Wright**

## **ERIC CHARLES HINDORFF PLAQUE**



This beautiful plaque has been erected on a stone monument in **Live Oak Park** as a dedication to **Eric Charles Hindorff**, Margaret Ray's father.

In **1920**, the **Houke Estate** donated money to buy part of **Reche's Grove** for a community park. Northern San Diego County Chamber of Commerce appointed **D.O. Lamb**, Margaret's grandfather, to organize and supervise development of the park. He engaged **Eric Hindorff**, a master in concrete masonry, to do the work building concrete tables and a dance floor. Mr. Hindorff also put in wells with hand pumps for water for the picnickers and built a small log cabin where refreshments were sold, including campers needs such as bread, ice, coffee and milk. He was then designated as caretaker of the park – a job he held until **San Diego County** assumed the park about **1924**. In **2003**, the tables and other rock work done by **Eric Hindorff** were designated as **San Diego County Historic** property.



A formal dedication of the plaque and new dance floor and bandstand is being planned.

## **HELP – Missing Yearbooks !**

Our Historical Society library has collected yearbooks from Fallbrook High School for most years but a few are missing in our collection and we hope our members can help fill the gaps. We need **1940, 41, 42 and 45, 1964, 1988 and 89, 1990, 92 and 93, 2001 and 2006**.

Any assistance in completing our collection would be most appreciated. Yearbooks can be dropped off in the museum office on **Thursday or Sunday** between **1:00 and 4:00 p.m.**

**Thank you !!**



## **Barn Raising Report**

At the beginning of the fiscal year 2006-2007 your Board of Directors set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to help with the construction costs of the Barn. Thanks to the generosity of our membership and the entire community of Fallbrook, we are proud to announce that we were able to not only meet this goal but to surpass it. The following list indicates organizations who contributed and the results of our fundraising efforts.

<b>Fallbrook Lodge No. 317</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Fallbrook Woman's Club</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Questers-Sleeping Indian</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Reche Community Club</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Rotary Club of Fallbrook</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>St. John's Anglican Church</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Soroptimist of Fallbrook</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Groundbreaking Ceremony</b>	<b>505.00</b>
<b>Individual Donations</b>	<b>3,563.00</b>
<b>FPUD Insert</b>	<b>4,115.00</b>
<b>Memorial Donations</b>	<b>4,655.00</b>
<b>2007 Pledge Letter Drive</b>	<b>7,040.00</b>

**TOTAL \$27,078.00**

Our sincere **thank you** to each of these organizations and the wonderful Fallbrook community for helping us reach our goals!

**Judy Gillespie -Treasurer (451-1572)**

## **Pledge Drive**

As you can see above, response to the Barn pledge letter has been exceptional. Since March 21<sup>st</sup> the following members generously added their contributions to this fund.

<b>Merritt Bethig</b>	<b>Betty Johnston</b>
<b>Vera Calhoun</b>	<b>Don &amp; Marion McLean</b>
<b>Alice Charno</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Connie O'Connor</b>
<b>Coldwell Banker</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Anne Ottemann</b>
<b>Douglas Dimmitt</b>	<b>Hedy Roripaugh</b>
<b>David &amp; Jane Donath</b>	<b>Paul Stiles</b>
<b>Anita Jewell &amp; Tom Odendahl.</b>	

**THANK YOU EVERYONE !**

## **OLD TIMERS' PICNIC**

**Reminder: Date JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Time 11:00 a.m. to ?**

**Once again we invite everyone to gather at the museum for an old-fashioned pot-luck get-together. Visit with old friends and make some new ones. Bring a favorite dish to share.**

**We will have our raffle with lots of great items. If you would like to donate something for the raffle, please call the office and leave a message or bring it to the museum when we are open to the public on Thursday or Sunday. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**We will be using our new BARN for the first time!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME - SEE YOU THERE !!**

## **Membership**

Since our last newsletter I am pleased to announce the names of four families who have joined the Fallbrook Historical Society. They are Fallbrook residents **Jack and Marilyn Hampton, Charles and Luise Sill, Bruce and Mary Williams and Jack and Joyce Wood.**

Current members **Norma Kruse and Bill and Connie O'Connor** have renewed their memberships as **Life Members.**

**Welcome** to our new members and thank you for your continuing support.

**Cecelia Njust - Membership (728-3271)**