

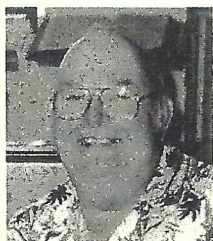
# THE HISTORIAN

FALLBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## President's Message



Are you used to writing 2007 yet? I'm not. Thank goodness for erasures. In fact, I wrote 19something for so many years that I still catch myself doing that now and then.

I felt that 2006 was a good year for us and 2007 has the makings of exciting things. From the position that I am in now I have the opportunity to witness lots of things that I wasn't aware of before. Our Board members and docents, and some general members, are hardworking, concerned folks of the community who care about our heritage. I hope that our efforts to interest young people will be successful. The same goes with marketing plans that will make sure that we can sustain all things related to our history here in Fallbrook.

I have an idea. How about making an effort this year to talk up the Fallbrook Historical Society to people with whom you are associated. Help them to become members. Our membership roster can stand it!

HiSTORYcally yours, JACK

Welcome to **Greg Dehm** who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the **Board of Directors**. Greg will be, at his request, our new **Youth Chairman**.

**Margaret Ray** is now our **Historian**

## HAPPENINGS AT THE SOCIETY

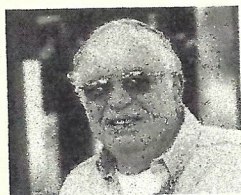
New Board member **Greg Dehm** is creating a **Junior Docent** volunteer program whose mission will be to encourage in Fallbrook's young people an interest in local history. **Junior Docents** would be of high school age and should be willing to commit a minimum of four hours of volunteer service per month at the museum. They will work with our Senior Docents, developing hospitality skills and assisting in such things as museum tours and exhibit design and maintenance. Each Junior Docent completing his or her service commitment will receive a certificate from the **Fallbrook Historical Society** and will be eligible for the "**Junior Historian**" commendation awarded at the end of the school year. Greg is excited about his new program and has many plans for its expansion!

Greg's wife, **Marisa**, will be working alongside him by planning special events at the museum that profile our community. Her first event, scheduled for **May**, is "**Come Into Our Kitchen**," a look at Fallbrook's culinary efforts in times past. **Marisa** is also developing a marketing plan to bring more recognition and increased membership to the Historical Society and its museums.

The electric gate on **Hill Street** will be the **Visitors Entrance** to the museums. The chainlink gate on **Rocky Crest Road** is now the **construction entrance** and will be used by workmen building our new barn.



## **CONGRATULATIONS:**



**Bruce Dennett** was awarded the **Fallbrook Volunteer of the Year Award** by the **Legacy Endowment Foundation**

at a ceremony held at the Escondido Center for the Arts on November 2, 2006. This award ceremony, sponsored by the North County Philanthropy Council, recognized individuals for contributions to their communities. **Bruce** was credited with being active in the Live Oak Park Coalition, Chamber of Commerce, the Fallbrook Historical Society, and the Legacy Endowment Foundation. Bruce is also a very active member of the Fallbrook Garden Club and Friends of the Fallbrook Library.



**Darwin East** was selected **Grand Marshal of the 2006 Fallbrook Christmas Parade** based on his many years of community service.

Over the years, **Darwin** has been a member of almost every organization in town, including the Fallbrook Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Village Association, Fallbrook Planning Group, Fallbrook Hospital Foundation, Farm Bureau, Business Advisory Council and most booster organizations for youth, sports, music, 4H and FFA. He was named Fallbrook's **Citizen of the Year in 1987**. Whew!!



**Bev McDougal** was awarded the **Chamber Foundation Award** given by the **Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce** at their annual

**Recognition and Installation dinner** on Saturday, January 20, 2007. This award is based on time, resources and energy contributed by the awardee toward the betterment of Fallbrook on a special project. Bev's special project has been her on-going commitment to the building of our new barn.

## **A GIFT OF A LIFETIME**

Our Historical Society Library is fortunate to have family histories of many of our members and we'd like to have even more! We want to encourage you to begin your story now.

Start with family background, jot down stories that are told when your family gets together, look through your photo albums and write down whatever the photos bring to mind. Are those photos labeled with names and/or places and dates? Think about your special possessions - those you want your family to have and enjoy. What makes them special? What is their story?

Keep a pad handy and make notes when you remember something you'd like to share. It doesn't have to be in any special order - just thoughts and remembrances written down. It can all be sorted out later.

Share your history and your philosophy of life. We will be happy to help you put it all together - just ask - but begin it now. What a wonderful legacy to leave for your family. It will truly be a **gift of a lifetime**.

## **PITTENGER HOUSE INVENTORY**

There are so many wonderful treasures in our Pittenger House that need to be inventoried. We are just beginning that inventory and hoped some of our members would like to help.

Here's how it works: Each item should have a number which was assigned when the item was accepted by the Board of Directors. We compare that number to our printed list to make sure the item and number agree, place a red dot on the tag, and indicate in our inventory book where the item is located. Occasionally the item is not numbered so it receives a yellow dot and is passed along for "research."

The inventory is not difficult but it is time consuming. Give us a call if you have some free time - 723-4125. The more red dots we have, the happier we are!

**Sandra Baxter, Recording Secretary**



## **Barn Up-date**

The underground plumbing is done and has passed inspection. Final work is being done on the foundation excavation, including re-bar placement. Electrical work is in progress. We anticipate the cement slab being finished by the end of February followed by a month of curing before steel can go up. Hopefully the building can be erected in April, with May and June being finishing touches

We can anticipate some kind of an Open House party and an Old Timers' Picnic under a roof this year. Won't that be nice!

## **Dode Martin, Barn Construction Chairman**

## **Images of America: Fallbrook**

It has been my honor and privilege to work with **Rebecca Farnbach** for several months to help create a picture-story of some of the history of Fallbrook and the region we all know and love.

The pictures came from the archives of the Fallbrook Historical Society, from **Steven and Rosalie Garnsey** in DeLuz, and the **Ludy** family in Rainbow. Many of the 213 images in this book are photographs of Fallbrook in the early 1900s. Some of them were taken by my grandfather, **D.O. Lamb**, and by my mother, **Annie Lamb Hindorff** and her sister, **Edna Lamb Graffin**. Some of the images were scanned from glass negatives and some from large heavy negatives, postcard size. All of the pictures are in sharp detail in black and white, and are printed on very fine white paper to show every detail.

We had hoped that it would be available to purchase at the **Avocado Festival** this year. Unfortunately, it will not be ready by then but you will be able to reserve a copy of the book at the Festival. We know you all will enjoy this volume, **Images of America: Fallbrook**.

**Margaret Hindorff Ray, Historian**

## **Membership News**

At the last Board meeting I asked each member to enlist a new member, either as a gift or as a recruitment. My new members are **DuMonte (Monty)** and **Joan Voigt**. Monty is the immediate past president of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club. He and **Joan** drove two of their cars in the Christmas Parade, leading the way with our **Pioneer of the Year**, **Mary Rivers**, and her children and grandchildren. Having worked with the Voigts in the car club for several years I know they will be an asset to our society.

Docent **Sherri Lenfers** has added to her membership to become a Life member. Her parents, **Art and Shirley Lenfers**, joined in 1976 to help us get the Society started. Thank you, **Sherri**, for upgrading your membership.

We have two new business members: **Margie and Frank Hopkins**. **Margie** is the owner of "**All Things Fallbrook**," a custom embroidery company. **Frank** has his advertising business, **Hopkins Associates**, here in Fallbrook.

Another new member is **Ellen Pyeatt** who is also interested in being a docent and office volunteer!

Welcome and thank you to our new members and to our loyal folks who keep renewing!

**Cecelia Njust, Membership Chairman**  
**(760) 728-3271**

**We have a new web-site! Development and design of our site has been donated by Mike Flanders, Fallbrook Web Design. Check it out!**

**[www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com)**