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## ANNUAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 2009      **TIME:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Donald J. Rivers Interpretive Center (The Barn)  
**COST:** \$5.00 per person (at the door)  
**RSVP:** to Bev McDougal (760) 728-2546

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING

**JACK STORY – PIONEER OF THE YEAR**  
and  
**JACKIE HEYNEMAN – VINTAGE AWARDEE**

Once again this year we will have a pot-luck meeting in our new Interpretive Center (The Barn). The \$5.00 cost will cover special luncheon expenses.

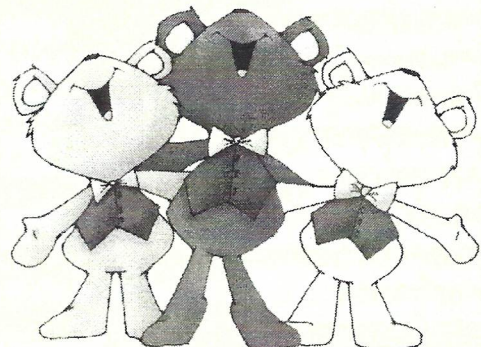
Photo albums and memorabilia from the Emily Johnson Duffy Ranch School will be on display. The Duffy Ranch was located on Reche Road, current site of Valley Oaks Mobilehome Park. These items, recently donated to the Historical Society by Jack and Doris Duffy, are a welcome and important addition to our Society library.

The meeting will include election of five Board Members who will serve for the next three years. The following members have agreed to serve, if elected: Dode Martin, Thea Moore, Margaret Ray, Mary Rivers and Charlotte Wright. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Entertainment will be provided by  
Chicken Charlie's California Minstrels  
with a presentation of antique folk  
instruments and music !

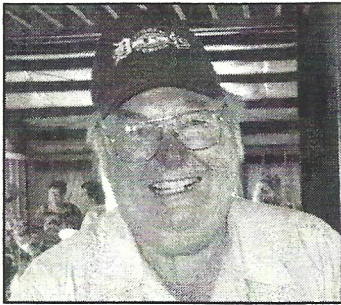
Everyone is welcome to attend.  
Bring a friend!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



## **President's Message**

### **Topic: School Days**



During the era of World War II, from 1941 until 1948, I attended **Fallbrook Elementary School**, then went on to graduate

from **Fallbrook High** in 1952.

As I reflect back, I realize that those were times of great anxiety and sacrifice in our country. Material things were hard to come by: like pencils, paper, erasers and school books. Some of my teachers were working with special temporary teaching credentials because of teacher shortages.

In the second grade my class met in the school cafeteria. My third grade was in the social hall of the Methodist church on Hill Street. Because of activity at NAD and Camp Pendleton, temporary buildings were brought in to accommodate children of the military. At my age I accepted all of this as normal. I enjoyed school life.

On any given day now, when I pick up the newspaper, I read about school problems of all kinds, mostly shortages of funds for teachers and materials. Some things don't seem to change. I bet I had more in those days than the Depression kids that came before me and quite a bit less than what today's students enjoy.

Our museum has a lot of information about school history in the Fallbrook area. As a docent, I find it fun to talk about schools in the old days to the school kids who come through on excursions with their class. It is one of the most popular topics of interest with former Fallbrook residents who are back visiting. Our library collection of Fallbrook High School yearbooks provide a great deal of entertainment for former students.

Drop by on **Thursday** or **Sunday** afternoon between **1 and 4 p.m.** and say hello.....we look forward to seeing you ! **We are here for you when you need us.**

HiSTORYcally yours,           **JACK**

As we prepare for our **Annual Meeting** and **Awards** presentations, we thought it would be interesting to look back on past recipients of the **Pioneer of the Year** and **Vintage Award**. So we present them here:

### **PIONEER OF THE YEAR**

**1977 Maie Ellis**  
**1978 George Kelsey**  
**1979 David & Fred White**  
**1980 Ruth Sanderson**  
**1981 Felix Garnsey**  
**1982 Babs Reader Somacal**  
**1983 Helen Green**  
**1984 Raymond (Jim) Wayman**  
**1985 Josephine Kelsey**  
**1986 Elmer Allen**  
**1987 Bob Aaberg**  
**1988 Steve & Opal Myers**  
**1989 Joe Strittmatter**  
**Bob Armstrong**

**1990 Mildred Geyer**  
**1991 William Thurber**  
**George Yackey**  
**1992 Helda Hroch**  
**Lettie Cook**  
**1993 Marion Clemmens**  
**Annie Hindorff**  
**1994 Robert Morse, Sr.**  
**1995 Laura Faye White**  
**Mary Miller Rice**  
**1996 Pat Donath**  
**Robert Woodbury**  
**1997 Opal Lincoln**  
**Mariella Busenburg**

**1998 Marjorie Yackey**  
**1999 Rus Hillier**  
**2000 Barbara Thurston**  
**Helen Burr**  
**2001 Sherrill Grossman**  
**2002 Laura Hindorff**  
**Margaret Ray**  
**Velma Sierras**  
**2003 Russ Vatnsdal**  
**2004 Jack & Edith Cornell**  
**2005 Barney Patten**  
**2006 Mary Martin Rivers**  
**2007 Dorin (Dode) Martin**  
**2008 Ila Callaway Driver**

# OLD TIMERS PICNIC

**Sunday – June 28, 2009**

**11:00 a.m. to ?  
at the Museum**

It's not too soon to mark your calendars for this very important event!

As always, it will be an old-fashioned pot-luck get together so bring your favorite recipe to share. The Society will furnish plates, napkins, cups, eating utensils, coffee and drinks.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the raffle, please call the museum office and leave a message - 723-4125.

This is a community event – everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Avocado Festival.** Parking and shuttle will be available at the museum between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Museum will be open for visitors.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)-Friends of the Library Author's Reception** from 5 to 7 p.m. Donald J. Rivers Interpretive Center (The Barn) (by reservation).

**April 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Annual Meeting** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Donald J. Rivers Interpretive Center (The Barn)

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual membership renewals due.**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Fallbrook Garden Club Garden Tour.** 9 a.m.-3p.m. Tickets and maps will be available from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Historical Society on the day of the tour - \$20 for one or two for \$35. Refreshments, plants and garden related items will be available for sale. Vintage cars will be on display at the Historical Society and at the gardens.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Old Timers Picnic** at the Museum. 11 a.m. ?

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual memberships are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete the following information and return this form with your check payable to Fallbrook Historical Society, P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088-1375.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Memberships

Junior \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Contributing \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Business & Professional \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (General Fund \_\_\_\_\_) (Barn Fund \_\_\_\_\_)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement to be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent Memberships

Life \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Patron \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

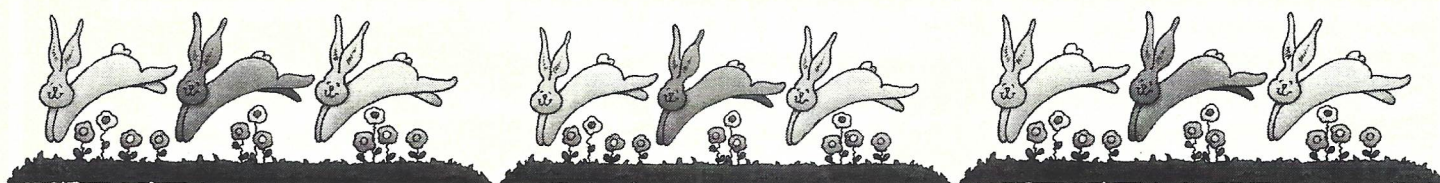
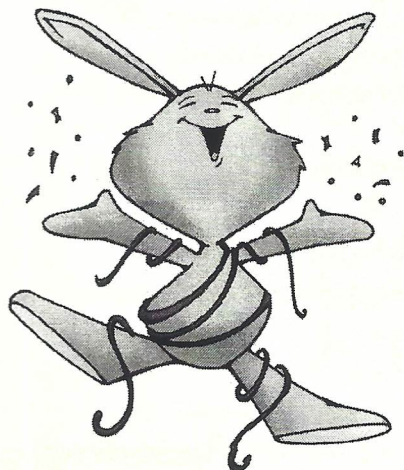
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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 25, 2009**



**HAPPY EASTER ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009**

**Board of Directors 2008-2009**

**Jack Story, President**  
**Dode Martin, Vice President/  
Barn Const. Chairman**  
**Judy Gillespie, Treasurer/  
Corresponding Secretary/  
Docent Chairperson**  
**Sandra Baxter, Recording  
Secretary/Newsletter Editor**

**Marion Clemmens**  
**Bruce Dennett**  
**Bob Fender**  
**Virginia Grossman**  
**Bev McDougal**  
**Don McLean**

**Thea Moore, Parliamentarian**  
**Cecelia Njust, Membership**  
**Margaret Ray, Historian**  
**Mary Rivers**  
**Charlotte Wright,  
Office Manager**

## VINTAGE AWARDEES

- |      |  |      |   |
|------|--|------|---|
| 1994 | Marcella Barkow<br>John & Dorothy Tanner<br>Juanita Walden                                   | 1998 | Dr. Richard Fiala<br>William Frazier<br>Frances Gillan<br>Ralph Enander |
| 1995 | Florine Harrison<br>Marian Mackey<br>Ray & Alpha Schekel                                     | 1999 | Harold & Margaret Burchett  |
| 1996 | Jack & Edith Cornell<br>Don & Joan Mitterling<br>Wallace (Tiny) Bonds<br>Dennis (Copy) Magee | 2001 | George Borst<br>Robert Murphy<br>Dorin (Dode) Martin                    |
| 1997 | Ronald Allison<br>Harry O. Field<br>Robert L. Miller<br>Barney Patten                        | 2002 | Robert (Gene) Mapes<br>Robert (Bud) Roberds                             |
|      |  | 2003 | Leo & Bobbie McGuire  |
|      |  | 2005 | Bill Karn   |
|      |  | 2006 | Donald J. Rivers  |
|      |  | 2007 | Earl & Bev McDougal   |
|      |  | 2008 | Arlyne Ingold<br>Roy & Linda Costello                                   |



### **SPRING'S IN THE AIR**

by Margaret Ray

Now that this winter is over,  
Spring will be coming nigh,  
What if I can't say it's over,  
I'll just say oh darn, and oh my.

Every spring it is so balmy  
With weeds growing everywhere.  
Don't know if you feel "calmy"  
But I do, with Spring in the air.

All the weeds have been waiting  
So spring time can approach.  
Now that it's just 'round the corner  
They all want to be the coach.

Birds have been flitting 'round here,  
With twigs of palm and pine tree  
Must be those yellow birds, Orioles  
That camped here with such glee.

Everyone seems in a hurry.  
Spring cleaning or just temperature?  
Beautiful pictures are promised.  
Better check camera aperture.

Spring makes you want to grow things.  
But don't plant too early, my dear.  
Remember last year when we planted.  
We lost it when frost came in here.

I will sit here and write poetry,  
And wish I could a garden plant.  
But this old lass can't do that trick  
So I better not quibble or rant.

Most of my friends watch the  
ball games,  
And munch on peanuts or chips.  
I play my great old computer  
Writing stories and poems: real pips.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS  
RETHA HANDA  
and  
THOMAS JOHNSON**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our members for their continued support in these tough times. We hope that you will consider donating your time, too. We always need volunteers, especially as greeters.**

**A reminder that Membership Renewals are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

**Volunteers: If you are able to help us at the museum by welcoming visitors, it would be very much appreciated. The schedule asks that you volunteer just one day per month for three hours on either Thursday or Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m.. Two or three docents are scheduled each of these days. You will become part of a very worthwhile project!**

**Judy Gillespie (760) 451-1572**

**Another new project!**

**In December, 2008 this carriage was donated to the Historical Society by Fallbrook resident Terry Hamilton. It is an original horse drawn Brougham, circa 1850, from London, England, with tuck and roll upholstery in the enclosed passenger compartment.**

**Dode Martin has volunteered to begin the restoration by rebuilding the wheels. There is a lot to do but it will be a beautiful carriage when the work is completed.**

**MEMORIALS**

The following members and/or past recipients of special recognition by the **Fallbrook Historical Society** have passed away during the past year. Our sincere sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

Ross Dailey	August 7, 2008
Douglas Dimmitt	August 12, 2008
Elizabeth Yamaguchi	August 18, 2008
Harold Burchett	September 18, 2008
Dr. Rodger Engel	November 10, 2008
Barney Patten	December. 27, 2008
Dorothy Tanner	February 18, 2009
Rosemary Pankey	February 21, 2009
Bud Swearingen	February 27, 2009
Gene Mapes	March 16, 2009

**Memorial Donations**

May, 2008	Edmund P. Howell Babs Somacal
June, 2008	Anna Martin Mathwig
October, 2008	Rus and Elsie Hillier
January, 2009	Barney Patten Shogo & Elizabeth Yamaguchi

