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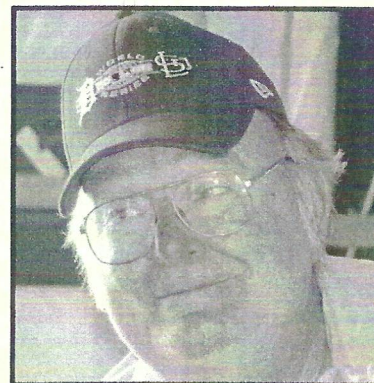
FALLBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message - Galloway's Shell Station

When I first saw the poster produced for this year's Vintage Car Show I was immediately transported back to my youth in Fallbrook. John Galloway's Shell Station was one of several service stations in town during the forties and, at that time, it was the first one you came to heading north into town. It was located across the street from what is now Rocky Peak Market on Main Avenue. John was always dressed in a white uniform and hat and wore a black bow tie. When you stopped there for fuel you got your windshield cleaned, tires checked for air, and oil and water level checked. If you were from out of town you got directions on how to get to where you were going.



In the summertime when I hitchhiked into town I would pick up pop bottles along the roadside that could be exchanged for money. Then I would go to Galloway's station and dig down in the big Coca-Cola ice box till I found a Delaware Punch to drink before I started home.

I spoke with retired veterinarian Bob Miller on the phone recently because I heard that he got poster #1 this year. He said when he was looking for a place to hang up his shingle he drove into Fallbrook and stopped for gas at Galloway's. Based on his conversation with John and some other folks he decided to set up shop in Fallbrook and he is still here.

I haven't given much thought to all the different gas stations that operated in our Village over the years. That would be an interesting research project. If you have a project you would like to research, drop by the museum on Thursday or Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. and we'll try to help you.

HiSTORYcally yours, JACK

Thank you to Fallbrook Rotary for the great job they did at the museum on their community work day April 30th. They trimmed trees and bushes and installed the six granite markers supplied for the special trees on our property by Roger Borst, owner of Borst Designs and Monuments of Fallbrook. Two of the trees, the Camellia by the north porch of the Pittenger House and the Eugenia at the south side, were already tree height when folks visited Dr. B.C. Davies in his medical office on the enclosed porch of the house. The other four trees were planted to mark significant events:

The Palm just east of the Rocky Crest gate was transplanted as a pup from one of the palms planted in 1917 at the Santa Fe Railroad Station on East Alvarado. The Pine in the northeast corner near Rocky Crest is from Hansen Christmas Tree Farm which was located on Stage Coach Lane just south of the Palomares House. The Dwarf Strawberry between the house and the museum was donated in memory of Robert J. Morse, our 1994 Pioneer of the Year, by his family. The African Tulip, northwest of the Rocky Crest gate, was a gift planted by Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Save our Forest, to commemorate their goal to plant "2000 Trees by 2000".

Recent Donations - Among the donations on display at the museum is a Drum Major uniform from Fallbrook High School that was worn from 1961 until 1970. It was donated by Jerry Sayre, the last person to wear the uniform. It is in the school area. A Lt. Commander Dress Naval uniform, ca. 1930, was donated by Harry "Buck" and Joyce Miller. The uniform is on display in our military area. Anne Burdick donated an extensive collection of records, data and charts compiled over a 36 year period by her father, Dunbar Burdick, covering the operation of his avocado grove. The Burdick collection is on display in the Barn. These are all valuable additions to the museum's collection.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE FALLBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting was held in the Community Room of the new Fallbrook Library on **Saturday, May 14, 2011** with 47 attendees. The meeting was called to order by President Jack Story at 10:25 a.m., followed by the flag salute and invocation.

President Story reviewed the activities of the past year:

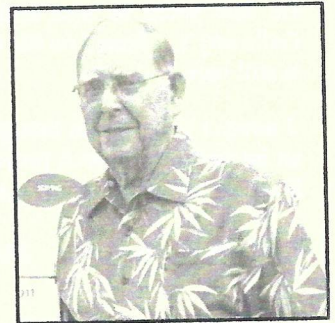
- The regular Thursday work crew is just about finished with furnishing the Barn and we will be having a community-wide Open House shortly.
- Sandy Baxter and Evelyn Fisher have made great strides in cataloging the Museum's donations.
- Sherri Lenfers has started to record histories of Society members and is also maintaining an email account for the Museum.
- The interior and exterior of the Museum have been painted.
- The retro remodel of the Pittenger House by the Live Oak Questers is almost finished.
- Restoration of the brougham carriage under the direction of Dode Martin is in need of volunteer help.

President Story introduced those Board Members in attendance. He then announced the names of the following five Board members who were up for re-election for the next three year period: **Sandra Baxter, Marion Clemmens, Judy Gillespie, Virginia Grossman and Jack Story**. As there were no nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and passed to accept this slate of directors.

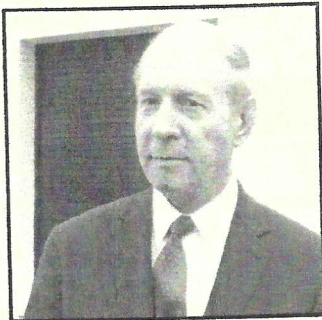
President Story announced that Board Minutes and Financial Reports for the past fiscal year were available for review on the sign-in table.

Awards coordinator **Cecelia Njust** was introduced. A special presentation of gratitude for immeasurable service to the Society was announced for former president, **Marjorie Yackey**. As she was unable to attend for health reasons, a lovely bouquet of flowers will be personally delivered to her home after the meeting.

Cecelia then presented the **Pioneer of the Year Award** to Board Member **Don McLean**, noting his life long tenure in Fallbrook from a farm boyhood in a rock hound family to his Naval Service and retirement as Deputy Chief from the Camp Pendleton Fire Department. Always a community participant, Don is currently active in the Masonic Lodge and is helping the Camp Pendleton Historical Society set up a fire department exhibit, as well as presiding with Ginny Grossman over the Francis/McLean Rock and Mineral exhibition on our premises. Don introduced his devoted family and guests and expressed appreciation for the recognition.



Cecelia then presented **Philip Arnold**, Fallbrook attorney and Civil War historian, with the **Vintage Person of the Year** award citing his thirty-two year service in the Marine Corps and his dedication to the proper burial marking, maintenance and preservation of grave sites of Civil War veterans and especially all Medal of Honor recipients, as well as noting his involvement in the community.



Mr. Arnold, also our guest speaker, was then introduced by **Carroll Njust**. He spoke about the Civil War and its effect on the Fallbrook area and discussed the history of Fallbrook's own and one of the first Medal of Honor winners, **William Pittenger**. Of note, Mr. Arnold stated that he would be willing to donate the personal effects of William Pittenger, items he acquired from the Wayman family, to the Museum so long as he has access to them as needed for his speaking engagements.

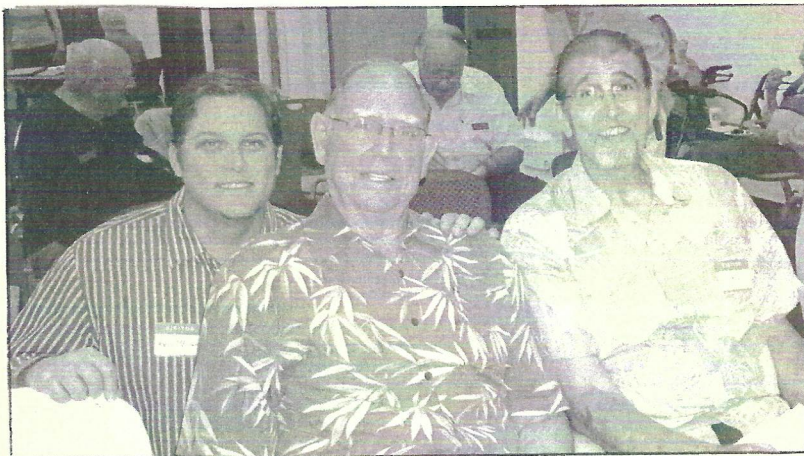
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Light refreshments were provided by members of the Society.

(Photos by Sandra Baxter)

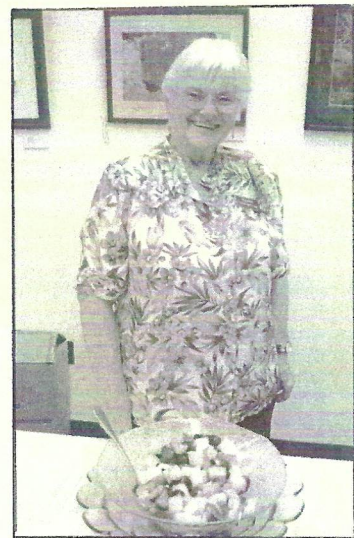
New Board Member

We would like to welcome **Anne Burdick** to our Board of Directors. Anne is a long time Fallbrook resident and is active in many organizations in our Village. She replaces **Charlotte Wright**, who resigned due to family obligations. We are going to miss Charlotte, who was our Office Manager for several years and an outstanding member of the Board of Directors.

PIONEER OF THE YEAR 2011
DONALD MCLEAN



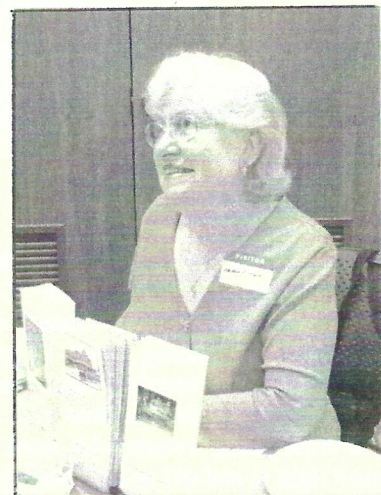
Pioneer of the Year Don McLean with sons Bill and Don, Jr.



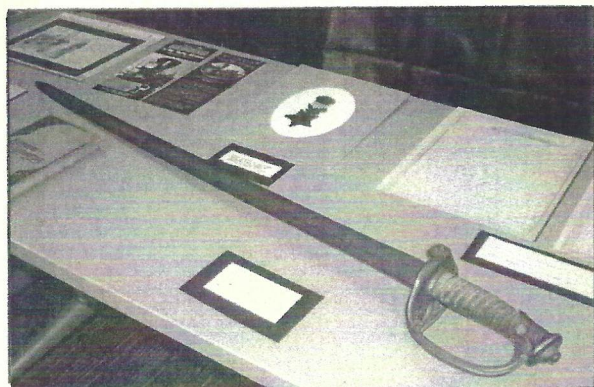
Board Member Thea Moore



Earl and Beverly McDougal



Shirley Story at the sign-in desk



U.S. Army sword presented to Sergeant William Pittenger by President Abraham Lincoln on March 25, 1863 at the same time he was given the Medal of Honor.



Judy Gillespie and Bev McDougal enjoying refreshments

(Photos by Sandra Baxter)

Holy Guacamole Book Signing

On Sunday, April 3rd, local authors Dan and Denise Harmer held a very successful book signing at the Historical Society's Barn to promote their newest book, "Holy Guacamole - Culinary Boot Camp with the Queen of Southwestern Cuisine."

The Harmers gave a short reading and guests enjoyed a guacamole tasting competition and pinata celebration. The book is available for order from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Judy Gillespie, Board Member



(Photo by Bob Gillespie)

Community Picnic

We can't thank the Rainbow Girls enough for the wonderful job they did at our Community Picnic (formerly the Old Timers Picnic) on Sunday, June 26th. What an amazing group of girls - a delight to work with and they certainly made our day much easier. The picnic was a great success and much of that was due to these young women who, from start to finish, just jumped right in and did an outstanding job.

We look forward to working with them again!

Bev McDougal, Board Member



Sarilyn Stine (Mother Advisor), Julia Lyle, Elizabeth Jones, Cynthia Jones, Emily Stine and Jessica Lyle

(Photo by Bev McDougal)

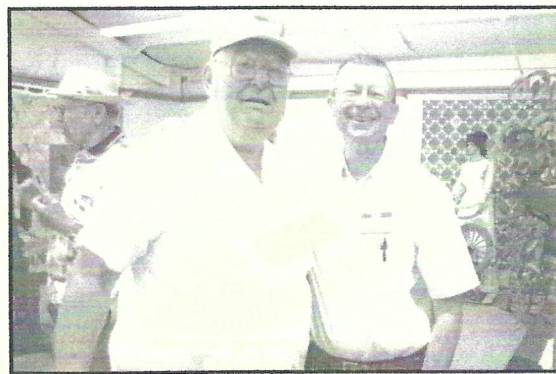
Community Picnic - June 26, 2011



Muggins Martin and Marion Clemmens



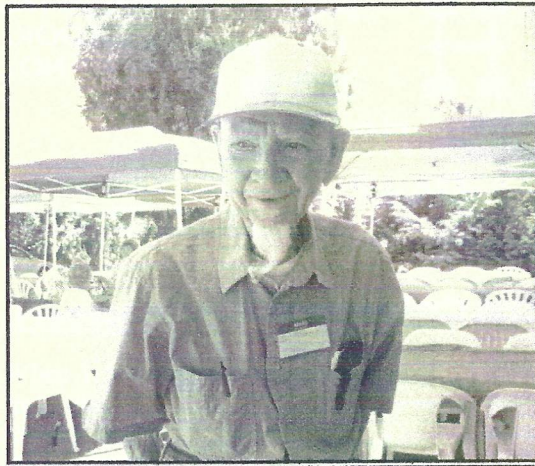
Ivona George, Jody and Joan Williams



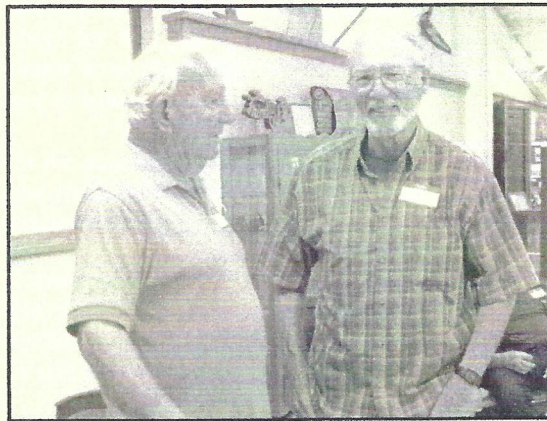
Jack Story and John Walker

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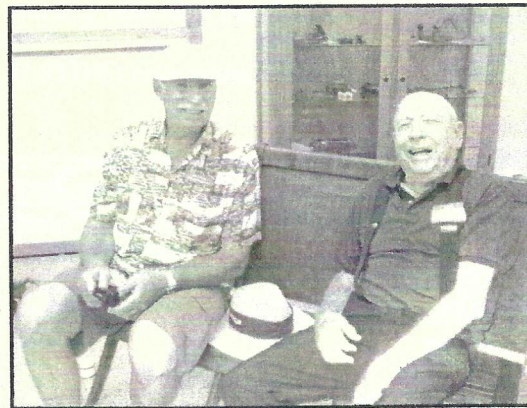
More Community Picnic pictures.....



Neil Rhodes - Fallbrook resident for 70 years



Dode Martin and Larry Cook



Bob Fender and Earl McDougal

(Photos by Sherri Lenfers)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Evelyn Fisher of Fallbrook who, with Board Member Sandy Baxter, is working diligently to inventory the many donated historic items the society has received. Also joining us is Florence Zelasko of Fallbrook and Mary Walters of Elko, Nevada.

Cecelia Njust, Membership

Pioneer Gird Family Member

Always sad for me to report is the news of a member's passing. Eunice Gird VanDyke Day was part of the pioneer family noted by the Gird Road name and the large cement home built in 1913 by her father Will. It still stands on the ranch site where Eunice grew up, now surrounded by large homes. She died June 29 at age 89. In 1977 she was a supporter of our young society and became a Patron with a large donation to our museum building fund in 1980. She lived in Long Beach for many years where a service was held on Saturday, July 9th. The following day there was a graveside service at the Fallbrook Oddfellows Pioneer Cemetery, followed by a large gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church. Our condolences to daughter Kitty and other family members and friends.

Cecelia Njust, Membership

MEMORIALS

Our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the following supporters of the Fallbrook Historical Society

Edward Andrew Stika	March 27, 2011
Harry "Buck" Miller	June 5, 2011
Eunice Gird VanDyke Day	June 29, 2011



DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following for their special contributions and support:

Jean Dixon Eastridge Estates

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for Board Member Bob Fender's
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Evelyn Fetzner Estate Trust

Fallbrook Garden Club Fallbrook Masonic Lodge

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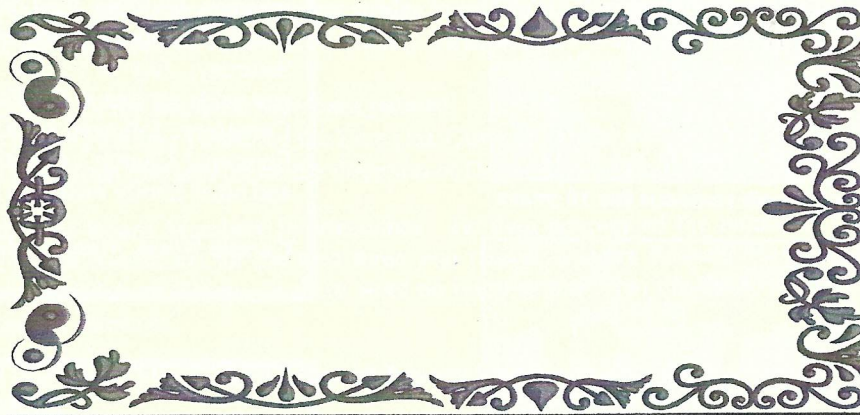
Carroll & Cecelia Njust

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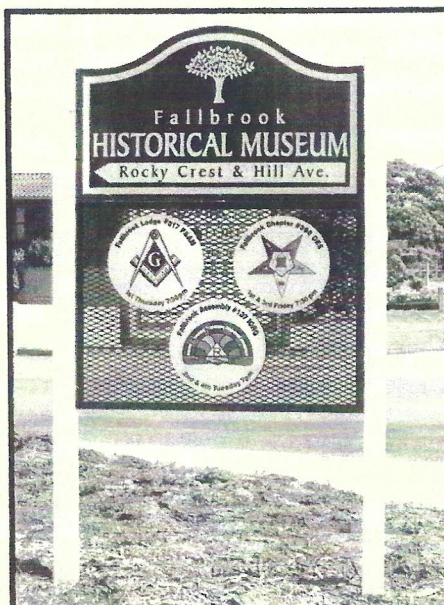
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Our new directional sign has been installed at the corner of Mission and Rocky Crest by Rainbow Signs. As before, we share the sign with the Fallbrook Masonic Lodge.

The new sign is bright with white supports and a blue banner at the top that can be read from both sides. The Masonic emblems are also attached to both sides of a black metal grid.