Open House Draws Visitors From Near and Far

Thanks to event organizers Pat Saunders and Leo Romero, this year’s Open House was a big success with something for everyone.

Tours of every museum, a silent auction, entertainment by Fallbrook’s own Slacker Hill Band, and delicious offerings provided by Chef Pete
Coleman and his wife, April, were just a few of the highlights.

Members of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club - who happen to be members of the Fallbrook Historical Society (FHS) - also attended, bringing with them an impressive collection of mint condition vehicles.

Lorena Harris, founding member of the FHS and second-generation Fallbrook native, offered card decorating crafting to the young and young at heart. And, FHS members Mary Belton and Clay Kreul, staffed an outdoor gift booth, selling T-shirts, photos, postcards and an assortment of other Fallbrook memorabilia.

“It was a great event, thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this successful,” said FHS President Roy Moosa. “Everyone seemed to enjoy our displays, and the Slack Hill Band was a wonderful addition.”
The Fords have left the building. That’s the three classic Fords which, until recently were housed in The Ford Room on the lower level of the Main Museum.

On June 17, Vintage Car Club and Historical Society members - led by Mike McGuire - carefully maneuvered the vehicles out of the room and into The Barn.

“We aired up the tires, removed the jack stands under two of them, and checked the brakes,” explained Mike. “When confident we could safely move them, we pushed them by hand through the French doors.”

Each car was then connected to a tow strap from a member’s Jeep. Then the cars were pushed down to the Barn with the Jeep acting as a safety stop.

“Once at the Barn, the vehicles were turned around and pushed into place under the direction of Tom Sullivan,” added Mike.

Others assisting in the big move were Fred Ragland, Steve Shapiro, Dana Meadows, Jim Andrews and Ron Mintle. Historical Society Historian Tom Frew captured the evolution in photos, as shown on this page.
Local 3rd Graders Tour Museum, Reche Schoolhouse

There’s nothing like the excitement of children to bring life into a room, or museum for that matter. Case in point: The May 26 visit by Kim Bruno’s third-grade class from St. Peter to Apostle Catholic School.

“It was a capstone tour for the students’ California History Study Program,” said Docent Rebecca Tindall. “The students and their adult chaperones were engaged and inquisitive throughout each segment of the tour. It was a wonderful opportunity to share Fallbrook’s history.”

Mary Belton, docent at the historic Reche Schoolhouse agreed.

“I really enjoyed showing the students what it was like in school during the late 1890s,” she said. “They also enjoyed touring the schoolhouse grounds and learning about how metate (grinding stones) were used by native Americans to grind their corn and nuts.”

Docents for the day, in addition to Rebecca and Mary, were Tom Sullivan, Pauline Lattimer, Linda Tindall and Clay Kreul.

Calendar of Events

July

• July 5 - Board Meeting at 5 p.m. (Zoom)

• July 20 - Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce SunDowner at 5:30 p.m., Reche Schoolhouse

• Mondays - Toastmasters Meeting at 7 p.m. in Ford Room*

• Thursdays - Administrative Meeting at 3 p.m. (Zoom)

• Saturdays and Sundays - Heritage Center open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m.

• Third Saturday of the month - Fallbrook Reche Schoolhouse, 1319 S. Live Oak Park Road, open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Schedule*

(in the Ford Room at the Heritage Center)

• Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.

• Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.

• Saturdays - 4:30 p.m.

• Sundays - 4:30 p.m.

* Events not sponsored by the Fallbrook Historical Society

Happy 4th of July