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Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



Summer 2014



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RB Tastings Festival

Saturday, August 2, 2014 — 1-4pm

The 4th Annual Tastings Festival promises to be another wonderful day of food, drink and merriment. The beautiful grounds of the Bernardo Winery will be filled with music and party goers having a good time. Small-sample tastings will be provided by some of the best local restaurants such as Café Merlot, Bernardo's, Athens Market Café, O'Harleys, Rubios and Coldstone Creamery. Dozens of artists will have booths showcasing their creations for sale. Beer and wine will flow freely from vendors like Stone Brewing, Aztec, Abnormal and Chuparosa wineries. Musicians Joel Reese, Chini and Chambaros, and Mojo Sessions will provide a lively atmosphere. Each guest will receive a souvenir wine glass as a memento of a lovely event. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. They are for sale at the History Museum or at rbtastings.com. For more info go to www.RBHistoricalSociety.org.



Classic Car Show

New at the Tastings Event!

Love vintage cars? The main lawn of the winery will be filled with dozens of pre-1972 makes and models. The Classic Car Show is limited to the first 35 entrants and there is no fee to participate. Trophies will be awarded at 3pm for Best In Show, Second and Third place. Car owners are asked to register by July 15. Cars should arrive by noon on the event day. Each car owner will receive one complimentary ticket to the Tastings Festival. Registration forms are at www.RBHistoricalSociety.org.



Have Fun— Be A Volunteer!

More than 80 volunteers are needed

The Historical Society is fortunate to have so many loyal volunteers who make our fundraising events possible. People are needed to serve food, wine and beer, work at the entrance tables and help set-up at 9am and break down at 4pm. Shifts are from 12noon - 2:30pm and 2:30pm - 5pm. Volunteer tickets are only \$15— one-half the gate price of \$30. To volunteer, please contact Jane Harmon at JaneHarmonSD@aol.com or call 858-485-0387. It's fun to be part of the action!

Win Free tickets to the Tastings Festival

There will be opportunity drawings to win free tickets to the Tastings event. Just visit the museum and fill out an entry form for a chance to win. Drawings will be held at the end of June and July. At RB Alive the drawing for free tickets was won by Beverly Doung.



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President's Corner *By Nancy Canfield*



Greetings Society Members -

The Rancho Bernardo Historical Society is a buzz this spring in preparation of the fourth annual RB Tastings event, August 2, from 1-4. Held at the historic Bernardo Winery, where our wonderful new Museum is located, each year it grows bigger and better, as we become more proficient. This year we have a host of wineries, breweries, restaurants, arts and crafts exhibitors, all accompanied by lively music in two locations.

The proceeds for this fantastic event are used to operate the Museum, and to grow our programs, such as our Speakers program, Coyote Tales, our education outreach to schools, and the building of our new Mud Wagon from the authentic undercarriage, to its roll down shades. This last will be accompanied by an exhaustive study of Historic Roads of the regions, such as Old Highway 395, the Stagecoach Route, and the cattle trails that crisscrossed our region. Now that is going to be a wonderful centerpiece for the RB History Museum, and we look forward to loaning it out to other Historic Centers, and even driving it in next year's 4th of July Parade! What a great vehicle to educate the public, especially school children, about the history of this pioneer region in and around Rancho Bernardo.

Again this year, we have a display and heard a speaker from the Maritime Museum bringing us up to date on Juan Cabrillo's ship the San Salvador, which will soon grace the San Diego harbor. If you haven't seen this masterpiece of construction at the Spanish Landing downtown, you can see a replica in our History Museum, and so much more at the RB Tastings display.

If that's not enough, for the first time, we have a car show for you. Check out our website for all the details! www.RBHistoricalSociety.org

San Salvador Exhibit

The Maritime Museum of San Diego has loaned our museum an exhibit of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's discovery of San Diego in 1542 and the decade long project to construct a full-scale, seagoing replica of his galleon *San Salvador*. MMSD President and CEO Dr. Ray Ashley opened the exhibit on May 21 with a fascinating lecture on Cabrillo's life and voyages, along with plans to launch the new *San Salvador* this coming October.

The exhibit features a table-top scale model of the ship and depictions of 16th century ship construction and exploration of the Pacific Coast. Large-format photos from the build site by local photographer Jerry Soto are also on display. Commemorative shipwright mallets made by the *San Salvador* build crew using actual cutoffs from the ship are on sale for \$20, with proceeds going to the construction project.

The San Salvador build site is located in Spanish Landing Park on North Harbor Drive and open to the public everyday from 11:00 to 4:00. Don't miss this exclusive exhibit in the North County, which runs through mid-August.



News From the Historical Society

Auction Items Needed — Last year the auction fundraiser at the Tastings Festival brought in several thousand dollars so once again donations are being solicited. Call Carol Gahm at 858-207-8828 if you have an auction item to donate.

Mud Wagon Update — The Board has authorized the sale of our old wagon to the Valley Center Museum as we are planning to obtain a more authentic wagon which can be renovated and showcased in beautiful, pristine condition.

Museum Coordinators — Carol and Fred Gahm, Board members, have volunteered for a new Board committee which will oversee coordinating the museum's upkeep (cleaning & small repairs) and scheduling of meetings.

Cornerstones — Plans are being made to organize a special event to recognize the cornerstone and brick donors after the Tastings Festival in August.

Webb Park on the Fourth of July — The Historical Society will have a booth at Webb Park on July 4 as part of the community Spirit of the Fourth Celebration. Come over and visit us in the morning before the afternoon parade.

Welcome New Members

Mervin Adams
Carl DeMaio
Carol Massard
Willa Olivias
Selena Parker
Vivan Zedelmayer

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Save the Date

Saturday, August 2

1-4pm At the Winery

Fine Wines & Craft Beers

Food Tastings & Live Music

Art for Sale & Silent Auction

Classic Car Show

The Legacy Tile Wall

Commemorative tiles have been painted by the community over the past several years as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Now these 4" x 4" tiles are to be mounted in a display showcase on the front exterior of the new museum. Over 200 tiles will be included in this permanent mosaic exhibit.

Many of the tiles were painted by children and they are delightful pictorials of animals, beaches, flowers and hearts. Other tiles, painted by adults depict historical scenes and local landmarks. There is a complete record of each tile and the artist on file in the museum.

Tile painting will continue to be offered at future RBHS events. The artists are asked to make a \$20 donation. Tiles will be glazed and fired afterwards by Clay Artists at the Vineyard. These tiles are a wonderful legacy for Rancho Bernardo!





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Historic Rancho Bernardo

A ROUND-UP OF STORIES AND NEWS FROM THE RB HISTORY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

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News From The Archives

We would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the museum collection:

- Pat and Norman Gillespie—two early RB postcards;
- Ralph Parris—RB news clippings and technical items and stories from the Burroughs Corporation;
- Joyce Hunt—Four large framed photographs of Lake Hodges taken from before the area was developed.
- Harry Summers—RB promotional items—lighter, brand, bookends.

Thank you also to Selena Roberts for the Kumayaay beaded medicine bag and Kumayaay children's beaded shoes which are on long-term loan to the museum. Come see them in the large glass display case in the museum.

Our photo collection catalog continues to grow. Jo Berkman is nearing completion of a very large Chamber of Commerce collection. When done, we will have about 930 photographs in that collection.

Do you have Rancho Bernardo memorabilia, photographs, or documents? We welcome donations of RB-related items for our collections. Please call the museum at 858-775-5788 before bringing items to the museum.

We ask that you please do not leave donated items in front of the museum door. Items can be damaged or stolen, and we need to know who the donor is in order to add an item to our collection. Thanks!



Above: choir of the Community Church, rehearsing in the Seven Oaks Community Center. Below: members of the non-denominational group pose at Seven Oaks. Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh is second from left.



RBHS Museum collection photographs

Rancho Bernardo Community Church

The developed community of Rancho Bernardo has been celebrating a lot of 50-year anniversaries lately. An upcoming 50th is for the start of what we now know as the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church. In September 1963, a group of women headed by Mrs. Walter Carson asked about holding religious services at Seven Oaks. A non-denominational service was held on October 20, 1963 for about 50 people and the Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh of St. Bartholemew's offered to conduct the service.

According to the dedication program for the church building in 1966, the summer of 1964 brought about the formation of the Rancho Bernardo Community Church, Presbyterian with 88 charter members. Building plans began and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 5, 1965. Our museum archives has a copy of the dedication program for the opening of the church building at RB and Pomerado Rds. in 1966 but 1964 marked the establishment of RB's first church.

Digging in the Dirt — In Style



It was June 1964 and sales in the new Seven Oaks were booming. Time to landscape that new home. The photo above, Spring 1964, is Mr. Fred W. and Mrs. Agnes B. Walters of 12048 Callado Road, planting roses in the front yard. They were members of the newly formed Bernardo Beautiful & Garden Club.

For those of us who now garden in blue jeans or shorts, it's hard to imagine digging in the dirt in a suit with heels, nylons and pearls, although one suspects that was just for the camera.

In the October 1963 Bernardo Brandings, a notice said that plans were forming to create an RB Garden Club.

By January 1964, a set of bylaws was

in place and the organization became known as the Bernardo Beautiful & Garden Club. Our archives collection has the typewritten two-page onion-skin document. (Other garden clubs have since formed.)

Membership was open to anyone in RB and the membership fee was one dollar. Anyone who joined before March 1964 would be considered a charter member. Meetings were held in the Seven Oaks Community Center Auditorium.

RBHS has a binder with more photos like the one above. Incidentally, the Walters won a number of awards over the years for their gardening efforts, particularly for their beautiful roses.

Do you know?

- The first residents of Rancho Bernardo had to drive to Miramar to get their mail;
- A double room at the RB Inn cost \$6-\$12 when it first opened;
- When the Rancho Bernardo community was formed, a Rancho Bernardo Barracks Veterans of World War I was set up. In September 1967, RB Barracks No. 1089 had 90 members. Gone but not forgotten.
- The first town of Bernardo (1872-c.1921) used to be a stage stop.