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# Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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**Tom Cook is ready to go for a ride!**

## The Mud Wagon

### *The Museum's Newest Acquisition*

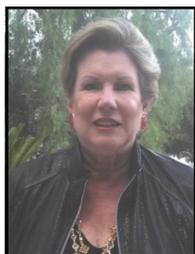
The Mud Wagon is a valuable piece of local history for its key role as a primary means of transportation for early settlers who rode this scaled down stage coach from Valley Center, through Escondido and our Bernardo community, to downtown San Diego from the late 1870's through about 1910.

These Mud Wagons were first used as ambulances in the Civil War. Later, because their narrowness allowed them to navigate mountain roads, they became a popular commercial vehicle. The wagons were pulled by mules and it cost \$1.50 for a round trip ticket. Along with 8 passengers, the wagons carried supplies.

Our recently purchased Mud Wagon was first discovered in Valley Center by Dan Winne in 1998 who renovated it and rented it out for parades and Hollywood movies. Pending verification, our wagon was most likely built in 1860 in either Concord, New Hampshire or South Bend. Presently, it needs some repairs to return it to a more authentic condition. A Restoration Committee, which has been formed to oversee this project, is in the process of researching the history of our vintage wagon and developing a restoration plan.

## Speakers Series Features 4S Ranch

**Wednesday, November 20 at 10am**



**Linda Kaeser** House surrounded by 1,200 acres and in 1981 formed a development enterprise which created 4S Ranch as the complete planned community we see today.

The Ralphs family assumed the role of developers with the philosophy 'by families, for families, with families'. As developers, they designed the community, put the infrastructure in place and they still own much of the land. Linda still sits as an elected representative on both the HOA Board of 4S Ranch and the 4S Ranch Business Park Corporation. She says her job now is to protect the vision they so carefully cultivated.

Her extended family continues to vacation here in essentially the same way their grandparents began in 1938, totally off the grid with dirt roads, no public services and no utilities - - just cool breezes whispering through the eucalyptus trees. They say they like to stay put.

***Please join us for this free program!***



### **Holiday Nights At the Winery**

Thurs., Dec. 12-  
Sunday, Dec. 15  
4-8pm

Carolers, Santa,  
Carriage Rides,  
Arts & Crafts,  
Village Shopping,  
Twinkle Lights,  
& our Museum  
Open House



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## **President's Corner** *By Nancy Canfield*



Greetings Society Members -

I'm excited to start my administration as President of the RB Historical Society. It coincides with plans that were laid 6-7 years ago to build a museum, and raise the money to do so. Now that we've had the grand opening of the museum, the next phase begins: Keeping it running, and growing it.

On Monday, November 4, the RBHS Board of Directors held a Retreat, a brainstorming session to decide where we are going, and how we are going to get there. Our mission to collect and preserve the history of the local area has not changed. After hearing everyone's visions, we divided into subcommittees such as Development, Education, Membership, Community Outreach, and each group will report back in a week as to what it feels is paramount to work to achieve those goals.

We are all very excited about this new chapter in the history and future of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society. If you have not toured the new museum, please do. The building is beautiful and the extra exhibit space has allowed us to expand our displays.

Thanks to the increasing numbers of docents, our museum is open longer hours. You can check our website to see them. During Holiday Nights at the Bernardo Winery we will be open evenings too.

We look forward to expanding our collections, exhibits, resources and programs. Rancho Bernardo is a wonderful community and the RB Historical Society is proud to be the caretakers of its legacy.

Our motto is: *Moving History Forward!* Sincerely, Nancy

## **Annual Meeting By-Law Amendment** ***Announcement of New Board Members***

At the annual Meeting on October 14, the membership voted to approve an amendment which would eliminate the term limit for members of the Board of Directors, thus allowing directors to serve on the board for as long as they are re-elected. Fortunately we have many dedicated directors who wish to remain on the board beyond the present three term limit.

The newly elected board members are Angie Stanley and Richard Thorpe. The returning board members are Nancy Canfield, Jane Harmon, Karen Rott and Valerie Schmitt.

The new officers for 2013-2015 are President Nancy Canfield, 1st Vice President Frank Auwarter, 2nd Vice President Fred Gahm, Secretary Raenell Hooten and Treasurer Faye Schell.

# News From the Historical Society

## The Collections Box

This museum showcase is a place where community residents can display their personal collections. For the past few months, silk embroidery artist Anne Davies has loaned the museum some spectacular examples of her art created to replicate the ribbon embroidery of Victorian England and France. The upcoming display will feature the hand painted tiles created at several museum fund-raising events.

## Coyote Tales

Board member Lorraine Kaa has presented this popular educational Native American Folk Lore program to nine elementary classrooms this fall.

## Youth Activity Sheet

A new four page activity booklet is available for children visiting the museum. It challenges them to find information about four periods of our history—the Native Americans, Early Settlers, the Rancheros and Modern RB. It can double as a coloring book. Artwork is by Joyce Gage.

## History of Our Museum Doors

Our museum's beautiful beveled glass entrance doors with the reverse RB logo originally graced the RB Information Center at the corner of Rancho Bernardo Road and Bernardo Center Drive which was the home of the Chamber of Commerce and RB Realty. Long time community activist and owner of RB Realty Bert Ball contracted for the doors to be designed and constructed in 1985 in New Jersey.

Eventually Prudential California Real Estate took over the building and in 2006 they demolished the structure and replaced it with a new facility. At that time the doors were saved and stored.

The Rancho Bernardo Historical Society wishes to thank Dean Stalter and Joan Ellam of Prudential for their role in making arrangements for the doors to move to their new home. It was always the dream of the Society to include those doors in our permanent new museum!

## New Museum Hours

Tues. 9am-12pm— Wed. 1:30pm-3:30pm  
Thurs. 11am-3pm—Fri. 10am-3pm  
Sat. & Sun. 12noon-3pm  
Call Jane Harmon (858-485-0387) to be a docent.

## Docent Guide Book

Our new museum is filled with interesting exhibits and over 20 members have volunteered to serve as docents—so a committee is working on updating the docent guide book and planning a training session. It is very important for docents to read the information placards by the displays to better explain our history to museum visitors.

## Save the Date

Our Annual Pancake Festival held every May to commemorate the Military in our community and raise funds for the museum is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014. Please plan to attend this wonderful breakfast event with your family!



**Outgoing President Karen Rott with her engraved vase given to honor her service to RBHS**



**Peggy Rossi**  
Collections Manager

# News From The Archives

*By Peggy Rossi*

RBHS welcomes two new Collections volunteers: Kimberly Truong who is working on our clippings files and John Boaz who is preparing finding aids for our larger collections. John is currently working on the Ed Brown Collection, received from Craig and Bridget Brown. Included are original technical, architectural and landscape drawings prepared for the construction of the RB Community Park.

From the family of the late Jack Templeton we received numerous aerial photos, maps and documents. The RB Lady Lions donated all their records including minutes, financial reports, program materials and correspondence. We thank the Lady Lions for their generous financial gift to be used for archival boxes to safeguard their records for the future.

Additional items received this past year include:

- ❖ Patricia and Norman Gillespie – Bernardo Winery gift box
- ❖ Terry Vogel – framed Avco ad and large framed aerial photo, Avco documents, master plans, aerial photos and Saddle Club documents
- ❖ Howard & Lottie Marcus – History of the Rancho Bernardo Emergency Plan and Committee Activation 1980-1985
- ❖ Greg Erickson – CD containing his paper titled “New Insight into Rancho Bernardo Rock Art...”
- ❖ Carol Eckley – RB jigsaw puzzle
- ❖ Seymour Glick – Community Council brochure, digest of CC&Rs, map and street index 1981-1982

**Materials in our collection are available for research.**

**Please call the museum to discuss your interests or schedule an appointment.**

## North County News

### San Pasqual Battle Day

The Annual Re-Enactment of the 1846 Battle of San Pasqual is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 from 10am-3:30pm at the San Pasqual State Historic Park located just East of the Safari Park on Route 78. The event is free. The two battle re-enactments will be at 11:30am and 2:30pm. Other activities include cannon firings, Mountain Men demonstrations, music and food.

### Sikes Adobe Farmstead

The Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead will hold a holiday event on Sunday, December 8 from 11am-2pm. The 4th Annual Festive Farm House will include tree trimming, refreshments and a workshop to make ornaments with materials available in the 1880's. A \$3 donation per person or \$5 for a family is appreciated. Sikes is located east of the I-15 off Via Rancho Parkway/Escondido.

### CINCH Meets at RBHS

On October 30 the Quarterly Meeting of the Congress of North County Historical Societies (CINCH) met at our new Rancho Bernardo History Museum. Over 10 local history organizations attended. After a rousing ‘cross sharing’, a short RB history talk by Vincent Rossi, and refreshments, the group was given a tour of the winery by Rossi Rizzo, owner of the Bernardo Winery.

### RBHS Outreach

The RBHS actively seeks opportunities to promote our organization in the community. October 15 Tom Cook participated in the Escondido Library's History Expo and he regularly serves as our representative at CINCH. Displays are in Vons, Denny's, 4S Ranch Union Bank and The Radisson. RBHS had a booth at the RB Alive Street Fair and at Hats Off to Volunteers.

## Three Ways to Support Your Museum

### BUY A BRICK

At the threshold of the new museum, over 120 engraved pavers welcome our visitors. You can be part of RB history by purchasing a brick. Prices are \$250 & \$500.

### BE A MEMBER

Our Historical Society has 350 active members. Please renew your membership annually to help fund new exhibits and acquisitions.

### THE WAGON FUND

The new Mud Wagon is in need of repairs. A special fund has been established to help pay for the materials to return it to its original condition.

## Tastings Festival A Great Success



This year 650 party-goers enjoyed our wonderful festival. Over 80 loyal volunteers helped make this event possible. Sponsors donated \$7,350. The amazing raffle prizes generated \$3,640. There were 17 wineries, 2 breweries, 14 food vendors and 16 artists.

RBHS made \$5,000 more than last year. The grand total profit was \$16,000!! Great job — thanks to all involved!



## Its Time To Review Your Tax Situation

As we near the end of 2013, many of us consider charitable giving as a strategy to reduce our Federal tax liability. We thank you for your past support and hope that you will include the Historical Society as one of the beneficiaries of your year-end giving this holiday season. Contributions must be made before Dec. 31, 2013.

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## Welcome New Members

John & Millie Boaz ♦ Aaron Knopp  
Don & Janice Heather  
Marianne Adams ♦ Michelle Mason

## Thank you

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