



# Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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## The Mud Wagon Will Soon Be Available for More Events

By Rich Thorpe

We received a \$5,000 grant from SD County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program to facilitate using our 19th century "Mud Wagon" stagecoach in more "living history" events around the community, including Escondido. The Escondido History Center (EHC) partnered with us building the historic replica stagecoach in 2016 at the Bandy Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shop in Grape Day Park.

We thank County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar for her support for this grant. It allows us to hire driver and horse team for two major parades this year. The Spirit of the Fourth Parade took place this July 4th, and our Mud Wagon was once again a crowd favorite. The Escondido Christmas Parade, to be held December 8, 2018, showcases the Mud Wagon as one of EHC's many contributions to the community: accurately restoring historic horse-drawn vehicles.

Our goal with these events is to preserve history and educate the community, while attracting future funding for the horse team. (Draft horses are expensive to hire, as many of you know.) Thanks to the Grant, we already have commitments of participation from the RB Noon Rotary and RB Kiwanis Clubs for future Spirit of the Fourth Parades!

A key challenge for using the Mud Wagon in outdoor events is moving it into and out of the RB History Museum at the Bernardo Winery. It involves removing the wheels and lowering the canopy, then reassembling outside which now takes about four hours. The solution is a larger opening with new doors. The Grant enables us to build the doors, and the Winery has generously offered to install them. It also provides funds to restore and display the existing historic doors from RB's first real estate office. Expect a new look at the Museum next year!



*Wheels removed being moved outside*



*Canopy lowered ready for reassembly*



*Loaded on trailer for transport to event*



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# President's Message - Native American Exhibits Coming Next Year

By Nancy Canfield



For the last two years, much of our focus was on building and exhibiting our authentic replica mud wagon. Besides the in-house display which was such a hit, we began the outreach portion of that dream.

We entered it in the July 4th parade pulled by a pair of snow white draft horses. It was quite the crowd pleaser. We exhibited it at Bates Nut Farm, and the RB Alive Street Fair Cultural Center. Because of its rugged construction, we encourage community members to climb aboard, have their photos taken, see what it might feel like to ride in a relatively open carriage, no seat belts, up high, drawn by horses.



At this time, we are expanding our Native American exhibits. Besides small items in a display case, a rock painting photo on the wall, and a prominent position on our Timeline, we have an education program, whereby two of our volunteers go to the local public school, for a hands-on Kumeyaay exhibit. Third grade is when school children study Indigenous Natives of the surrounding area. The Kumeyaay are believed to have lived from the southern border of Oceanside, down to the Mexican border.

We are awaiting a proposal from a history consultant who we hope will lead us in this effort. One of the complications is that there are many tribes, each with their own customs and beliefs, and we want to genuinely represent them as they want to be represented. To this end, our consultant will interview many of the people she has interacted with in the past, and be directed to others, for their help in proper representation. For example, most of the tribes have History Centers where we can learn about the culture and traditions of the people.

It is our plan to build a portable exhibit that displays representative dress, music, tools, food, and lifestyles, etc. Some items, such as baskets, can be sacred, or only used for certain purposes, and we want to communicate those accurately. Not only will we have these artifacts, we will have photographic displays, and books by experts in the study of Native Americans of this region. We hope to have an audio feature, where people press a button and hear the stories of Native Americans. Most of all, we are striving for authenticity, to make a true endeavor to know who they are, how they live(d), customs, and so much more.

I hope you will come along with us on this journey of discovery as it unfolds.



*Traditional Kumeyaay Huts or "Ewaas"*



*Native American Basketry*

# Report from the Archives

By Peggy Rossi

We had a very busy summer in the archives. We now have seven volunteers working on Tuesday mornings to catalog, preserve and protect the history of Rancho Bernardo.

We have begun a new scanning project, working on early advertising and floor plan brochures for the various neighborhoods. I am also training a new volunteer to use our PastPerfect program where we catalog all our collection. In addition, we are reviewing, reorganizing and expanding our clippings and obituary collections. This includes a major project of preserving newspaper clippings from 1970s newspapers which were becoming brittle and discolored.

We said goodbye to our 13-year archives veteran, Marge LaGrone who moved to Arizona. We will miss her greatly. We've welcomed three new volunteers over the past few months: Liz Adams, Karla Polowski and Kathleen Slevin.

## New items in our collection

We received a large collection of photographs and records from the Bernardo Gardeners. This is the second donation of their records, and we are pleased to be able to preserve them. They have been catalogued and a list of the items will soon be placed on our Rancho Bernardo Online Collection.

We also took in six boxes of historic records from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) including programs, minutes, agendas, scrapbooks, and photographs. We are in the process of cataloguing these.

Our speaker from last month, Donald Harrison, donated two of his books to our library. One is on Louis Rose and the second on a roadtrip he took with his son and tells about Jewish stories found along the way. Anyone is welcome to come in and look at any of our books although we do not lend out books.



## Researchers

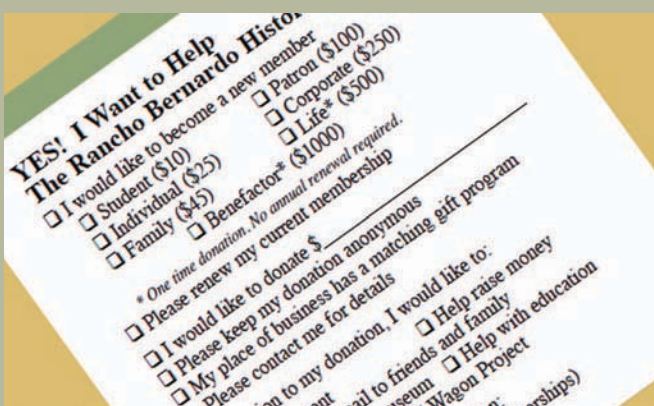
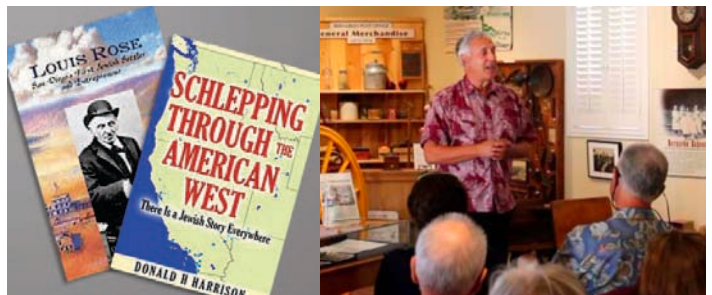
We were able to help the Friends of the Library do research to expand their website presence and provided a photograph to a UCSD medical research group. We've also been assisting someone to put together an extensive slide show of historic Rancho Bernardo photos.

## Other projects

On September 21, we received back a collection of about 100 drawings, plans, sales maps and sales promotion materials from DVDYourMemories who scanned all these large documents for us. We will be adding them to our digital files and hope to have them online in the near future.

We also had bound copies created of years worth of Rancho Magazines, donated by Raenell Hooten. This will preserve them for future researchers.

Both of these projects were funded by the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation grant program and we are extremely grateful for their support in these endeavors.



## YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET

Please join the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society to "Move History Forward" Your membership helps us to provide a significant history overview to visitors with our exhibits, website, educational outreach, speaker series and professional archival management. Your membership allows us to make history available to all. To sign up get our membership form on our website.

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### SPEAKERS SERIES UPDATE

#### October 13, 2018 – Preserving Your Family Photographs and Documents

Peggy Rossi, Rancho Bernardo History Museum Collections Manager and professional genealogist will tell us how to safely preserve our family photographs and documents. Please consider bringing one example of a family treasure to share with others before or after the meeting.

#### November 10, 2018 – The First People

Archaeologist Dennis Gallegos describes the findings of past researches and his own work on San Diego County's original residents.

### RB HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS

For more Information about our Speakers Series contact Vincent Rossi, Speaker Series Coordinator via the Society email at: [rbhistory1@gmail.com](mailto:rbhistory1@gmail.com)

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- Jewel & Vine  
- Kiwanis Club of Rancho Bernardo  
- Mt.Carmel Key Club  
- Rancho Bernardo Inn  
- The Original Pancake House



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### We Need Help with Our Collections

We received a large donation of records (20 boxes). Before we can preserve them we need help scanning these documents.

Contact Peggy Rossi at 858-592-9360.