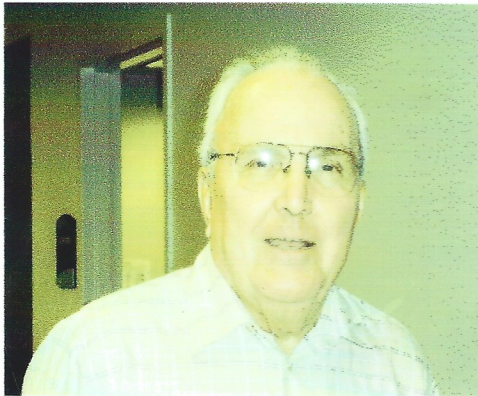


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SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

By Tom Cook, President

Wow, the year is almost over. Just think of all you, our members have to be thankful for as we close out the year. We have a fully functional but uncomfortable Museum with a developing staff of experienced museum docents under our Director, Susan Floyd. We have an expanded Board of 17 Directors. We have settled on a single Museum design and construction approach with every hope of 'moving in' by summer of 07.

Out in front of all this is our Capital Fund Drive Team lead by Nancy Canfield. They are exploding with activity and plans and results are showing. We recently received a Grant from County thru Pam Slate Price for \$50,000 and \$1000 from the RB Community Foundation and we sold our first cornerstone for \$25,000. Only one left in the front.

Best of all I see an ever-increasing occurrence of requests for assistance, information, old photos, etc coming into our Museum. It's easy to forget we are in the 'History' and not the 'Fund Gathering' or 'Building Design' business. Finally my thanks go out to all those who have worked so very hard and who have given financial and gift contributions. They will be put to good use.....*To All A Happy Holiday!!!!*

RB Explodes: Historic Moments of the 60s

By Susan Floyd

Rancho Bernardo Museum's New Exhibit Opens mid November 2006

Do you remember where you were when Rancho Bernardo was just forming as a Community? The people, places, and events in this exhibit may bring back those memories. Reprinted from the *Bernardo News*, the images reflect the nostalgia of our past. Did you know a famous President visited here, a fish monger used to drive through our streets, an unusual structure was designed for one of the early parks? These and others are on display. See sample photos page 8.

If you have artifacts or photos relating to that era and would like to share them with the public, please contact the museum. We'd like to fill up the museum's artifact case! The Rancho Bernardo Historical Museum is located at the Bernardo Winery on Paseo del Verano.

Fall hours are:
Tuesday 10-12
Friday 9-12
Saturday 10-12

For further information or special tours, call Susan at 487-4599 or see the website at

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MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT

By Nancy Canfield



We started making solid plans for the tile program. George Cooke Don Scheffler are contacting schools and community centers, as well as enlisting sponsors for their own groups, such as the service organizations, to paint tiles as a lasting contribution to the Museum.

Beverly Merrill's got the spring Symphony on the Green firmly in hand, with tentative dates, she is awaiting final word on our headliner - stay tuned.

By the way, did you see last the RB Journal Rancho Magazine insert featuring the Historical Society? Wow! The paper has been so good to us and will be a huge part of our success going forward. Be sure to see this week's ad for our brick sale program. We are urging people to buy a brick before year's end, as a firm hold into the future, a gift to a loved one, and a tax deduction!

I've been working with Gail Sorrell and Ross Rizzo to get a day when he, his mom and sister, and the Daly brothers can gather at the old homestead and do some historical remembering. From that, and historical records culled by our devoted Peggy Rossi, we will create a handout for our benefit gathering at the Ranch House in the new year for donors of \$1,000 or more.

Don't forget about the trip to the Reagan Library coming up Feb. 13, led by Barbara Deahl! Lunch included. Susan has flyers at the museum, or you can learn more about it at our website.

We are planning a return of the Antiques Road Show next year and we'll even have a collectibles program with the help of Pomerado Press columnist on Collectibles, Jeff Figler. This is going to be a great opportunity to bring in as many of your valuables as you'd like, and, for a nominal charge, get an experts opinion on its value.

A small band of writers, mostly published authors, has begun to put together our RB history book. It will contain documented facts, photos, and anecdotes from individuals, and it will be part of YOUR story. Contact Susan Floyd if you'd like to contribute.

Many of you have heard of Al Deahl's fabulous historic video depicting and narrating Rancho Bernardo's history from the beginning, through the Avco development period. We are reproducing these for sale, and they are available at a nominal charge of \$10 from the museum. Contact Susan Floyd.

The Information Building is still standing, and Tom Cook, with the help of Bernardo Winery's Ross Rizzo's crew, got in there and stripped as much as possible for use in the new museum. What heroes!!!!!!! They are truly moving history forward.

Please help us with any of these projects that are of interest to you, so that we can get our building constructed in 2007. As the song goes, "We are family:" Rancho Bernardo family; the family of man, past, present, and future.

Thanks again for your passion and your sweat equity.

Please pass this newsletter on to your friends and urge them to become members of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, and help us Move History Forward.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Oscar D. Teel

Veteran's Day, November 11, found the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society hosting its first annual Pancake Breakfast. Those who came to eat arrived early—just as the sausage begin to sizzle at 7 am; and some stayed until the musical entertainment stopped at 11 am. The pancake breakfast raised approximately \$3,500 for the Society.

(Thanks to Eileen Haag for that paragraph)

A highlight of the event was provided by the veterans who brought a photo of themselves in uniform. They got to eat free. As we looked at each other and compared our photos, we could hardly believe we were once so young and handsome. Uniforms made all of us handsome in those days. After all, that's how some of us got our spouses. Thank you veterans for your photos. They will be displayed on a *Wall of Honor* in 2007.

FIRST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

