



Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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Our Wall of Honor Recognizes our Veterans

By Fred Gahn

San Diego has long been a military town from the early days and the number of military personnel and families who currently reside in Rancho Bernardo and surrounding communities is large.

The Wall of Honor was started in 2006 by Jack Wellington, his wife Sharon and daughter Allison. Together they encouraged military related families to submit their information. Allison handled the graphics.

The RB History Museum wants to pay tribute to individuals who have served their country throughout the years.

Arthur Hastings Jones

One such person is Arthur Hastings Jones, who currently resides at Casa de las Campanas.

Pat, the nickname his Grandmother gave him, was born November 8, 1917 in Escondido and spent his school years living on a ranch off Highland Valley Rd. He enlisted in the Navy in 1937 and retired in 1958. He rose to the rank of Lt CDR (a “mus-

tang”) rising from an enlisted man to officer rank.

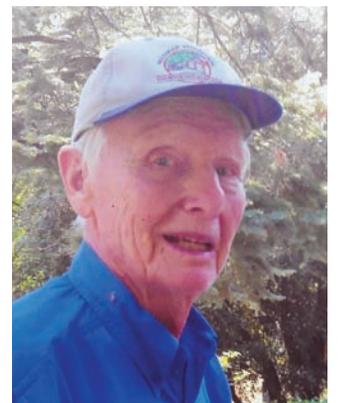
The ranch house where he was born burned to the ground in the Firestorm of 2007, leaving only the fireplace standing.

His picture is proudly posted on the Wall of Honor.

We look forward to helping him celebrate his 100th birthday.

If you or a family member are Veterans and would like to be included on the Wall of Honor please stop by the Museum, with photo, to complete a form or call 858 775-5788.

All photos can be returned.





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President's Message - The Waning Days of Summer

By Nancy Canfield



Remember the song, "Roll out those lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer? Those days of soda, and pretzels, and beer."

Well by now, I think many of us are feeling it is largely behind us. The Rancho Bernardo Historical Society starts planning at the beginning of each year for its gateway event to summer: The Pancake Festival, held on Memorial Day at Webb Park. We honor those for whom the day celebrates: Those who gave their lives for our country! We are privileged to remember our heroes, and to serve a delicious free pancake breakfast to veterans and troops who remind us what we are celebrating.

We no sooner pack up our picnic paraphernalia than we are setting up our Cultural Center at the RB Alive Street Fair! Alongside the extensive RB History Museum displays, we feature the San Pasqual Battlefield, Sikes Adobe, Escondido History Center, a dozen or so local area authors, the RB Friends of the Library, and the RB High Friends of the Library, sharing culture in all its forms.

Then it's time to roll out the Historical Society museum's centerpiece: Our authentic, hand crafted replica Mudwagon! What a grand mode of transportation! Patriotically festooned for July 4th, and towed by the Bernardo Winery where the museum is located, sporting a display of grape vines, and a wine barrel!

The Winery shares its own festivities from June to September, 4-9 pm, The Sunset Artwalk, and the RB Museum stays open later to welcome visitors. Ah, balmy evenings, strolling among artists, sipping wine, and dining at Café Merlot, music welcomes, as do artists of various venues.

On the second Saturday of every month, enjoy our Free speaker series. This month, we presented something new - Marilyn McPhie told stories for children. Check YouTube for hers and past, captivating speakers at www.youtube.com and search RB Historical Society.

On Oct. 22, the Historical Society will be joining RB United to commemorate that fateful day ten years ago, when rogue fires swept through Rancho Bernardo, and carried away hundreds of homes. We are privileged to honor the heroic efforts and success of the rebuilding by families, first responders, and a legion of volunteers. I hope you will join us at Bernardo Winery from 11 am to 5 pm, after the RB Community Council's Fire Safety Fair in Uncle Vito's Field at Bernardo Winery, with a meet and greet following, for those who wish to reunite, and share their stories of how they put their lives back together! I hope you will come to museum and accept a small gift of our appreciation for sharing this important day with us!

Our New Website

Our new website has been online for a couple of months. It contains information about the RB Historical Society and our various programs and exhibits. This includes information about our various museum like the Mudwagon, the Wall of Honor and panels explaining the history and events of the area. There is also a section with videos of Oral Histories from notable area residents and recordings of our monthly Speaker Series.

Check it all out at

www.rbhistory.org



Preserving Historic Rancho Bernardo

By Peggy Rossi

Tips for Using Our Online Collection Catalog

Would you like to see some early pictures of Rancho Bernardo? Or, some pictures from last year? We have both. In fact, our photograph collection totals 2,475 images, and they are all scanned and available to look at in our online catalog. If you're curious about what books we have in our library, what unusual objects we might have stored or what documents or records we have, you can look those up, too.

Just go to the historical society website at <http://rbhistory.org/>. Scroll down and then click on "Rancho Bernardo Online Collections Catalog." This will take you to the catalogs of our holdings.

There are several ways to search. You can enter a keyword and search all four of our catalogs at once. Click on "keyword search" in the menu across the top. If you are only interested in images, select that box. You can also do an advanced search for different categories. Since our catalogs are fairly simple, keyword searches alone should work most of the time. If you are looking for a particular phrase, such as Spirit of the 4th, be sure to put it in quote marks. Otherwise it will pull up anything with those words in it.

Only want to look for photos or library entries? Pick a category from the menu across the top. If you just want to look at random photos, select that category from across the top and page after page of photos will come up for you. Note, sometimes, even though it's supposed to be random, the same photo will pop up a number of times. It's just a quirk of the program.

We are continuing to add items to this online collection so check back often.

Here's an example of a photo from the collection. It's from the Spirit of the 4th Parade from 1974. It was taken along Pomerado Rd. with Battle Mountain in the background.



Need to Cool Off?

We're in the heat of summer so here are some photos to cool you off. On December 13, 1967, Rancho Bernardo woke up to snow. In fact, quite a bit of San Diego woke up to snow. The San Diego Union dated December 14 said "A chilling air mass marked 'Made in Canada' yesterday sprayed snow on San Diego for the first time since 1949." Even places like La Jolla and Carlsbad saw some white stuff. Of course, it didn't last long. But it lasted long enough for some folks in RB to take pictures. Above are two—one of Rancho Bernardo Road and the welcome sign and the other of a home in Seven Oaks with the mountains in the background. Go to our online collection catalog and search for "snow" to find additional pictures. Are you feeling cooler now?

Recent Donations to Our Collection

Thank you to Raenell Hooten who donated copies of "Rancho Magazine" covering 1986 through 2010. This is a wonderful addition to our collection of periodicals for Rancho Bernardo. The magazine covered both Rancho Bernardo and Poway and includes articles about people, places and events plus lots of local advertising. We are hoping to have one set permanently bound to protect them and make them easier to look through.

Thank you also to Paul Taubman who donated a copy of the publication "Heritage of Our Territory." While published by the Rancho Santa Fe Hunt Club, it includes historic information about many North County towns including Rancho Bernardo. This book can be found on our library shelves in the corner of the museum.



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SPEAKERS SERIES UPDATE

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History of Water Development in San Diego County

Garry Butterfield is a former general manager of water districts for Ramona and Sweetwater and also served as Director of the San Diego County Water Authority. He will describe the role that water projects have played in the county's development, especially those projects (like Lake Hodges) which spurred the development of Rancho Bernardo.

Past Speakers Available on YouTube search RB HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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Contact: Jane Harmon at
858-775-5788

We Need Help with Our Collections

We received a large donation of records (20 boxes). Before we can preserve them we need to remove all the metal staples and paper clips which will damage the records. We need a few people to help Tuesday mornings with this project.

Contact Peggy Rossi at 858-592-9360.