



Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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Annual Pancake Festival at Webb Park Memorial Day May 28, 2018 - Honoring Our Military

By Jane Harmon



Join us Memorial Day Monday, May 28, from 8 am – Noon, for our fun-filled Pancake Festival and the Annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Webb Lake Park. Musicians will entertain us while friends and families enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages prepared by the RB Kiwanis Club. Fruit, yogurt, juice and coffee will also be available. Children will enjoy creating patriotic paper hats with stickers and glitter, and having their faces painted.

There will be tables full of fabulous raffle prizes, and one lucky door prize winner will receive a \$250 gift certificate donated by Jewel & Vine.

Tickets are \$8 – FREE to veterans, active military, and children under age 3 – and may be purchased in advance at the Museum or at the event. Begin Memorial Day with us with a hearty breakfast, then take a short stroll to the Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 11 am. If you would like to become a sponsor for the event, please contact Nancy Canfield at (619) 871-9333 or nancycanfield.realtor@gmail.com.





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President's Message - Here Comes the Mud Wagon

By Nancy Canfield, President

Have you seen the authentic replica mud wagon at the Rancho Bernardo History Museum? Project leader Rich Thorpe gave life to a dream of long time board member and former President, Tom Cook, for this historic icon. He and Tom enlisted the skills of Phil Ewing at the Escondido History Center's Blacksmith and Wainwright Shop, to craft a vehicle that would be true to the design of the wagons of the era.

The mud wagon is an important part of our Education Program. The real value of the mud wagon, is to communicate to the community its importance to the early development of this and other rural pioneer communities. Mud wagons were designed to service more remote rural communities. In the latter part of the 19th century, before the advent of the railroad and the automobile, these stagecoaches were the principle means of transportation for supplying these communities with people, mail and other supplies.

Another important part of Education Program is the Kumeyaay Trunk Show. We have two retired school teachers who visit an increasing number of third grade classes to supplement the teaching of the history of the Kumeyaay Indians, indigenous peoples of this region. They bring artifacts that the children can handle, to reinforce what they have learned. They also provide such classes for Scout Troops who visit the museum. Groups of all ages are welcome.

As majestic as the mud wagon is in the museum, where people love to have their photo taken inside the wagon, it was positively regal when pulled by a pair of white draft horses in the July 4 parade, 2016. As we have to contract the horses and driver, we have recently submitted a county grant request to the District 3 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, to once again enable us to offer this impressive bit of history, to the thousands who attend RB Spirit of the Fourth parade, in 2018. We hope this grant will help us attract ongoing contributions from local businesses and donors to afford the horse and driver team on an annual basis.

Be sure to visit our website, www.rbhistory.org/mud-wagon, for photos of this splendid vehicle, and learn more about its role in the growth of the North County.



Member Communication Channels Updates

By George Leitner

There are improvements underway to our already comprehensive website, www.rbhistory.org. These changes will make membership applications and renewals easier to use.

Also, we are working on a digital version of our Wall of Honor to be added to our website. This should improve access to this recognition of our veterans.

Thanks to a generous grant from the San Diego/RB Foundation more documents, publications and photos from the archives are being added to the extensive online catalog, <http://rbhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/>

Another way to learn about current news and upcoming events is to go to www.facebook.com/RanchoBernardoHistoricalSociety.

We encourage you to check these resources frequently to stay connected to the many activities of your Rancho Bernardo Historical Society.



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

April 21, 2018

San Diego Trolleys - Douglas Mengers

Starting with the first horse-drawn trolleys introduced by the San Diego Streetcar Company in 1886, San Diego's history included the growth and decline of several trolley systems. Our speaker will be Douglas W. Mengers a San Diego-based historian and archaeologist specializing in historical archaeology, the history of infrastructure and population growth of Southern California, and the history of the San Diego trolley suburbs.

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

To view past speakers visit our YouTube channel . Go to YouTube and search Rancho Bernardo Historical Society

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- Mt. Carmel Key Club
- Rancho Bernardo Inn
- Starbucks 4S Ranch



Become a Museum Docent

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 help scanning these documents.

Contact Peggy Rossi at 858-592-9360.