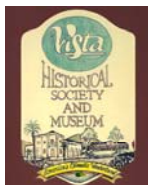


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Spring begins this month, as well as the time change, **Hurrah**

Our Board has decided to meet at 1:P.M instead of 1:30 P.M. for our board meetings for a few months. Lots to do now that we will be moving out of our museum by the end of the year.

Don't forget, we have our first General Meeting of 2007 on the 24th of this month. Brooks Cavanaugh will be presenting a program on the Vista Conservancy and its plans for the future. Please make sure to come to this most informative meeting. We will be serving light refreshments. The time will be at 1:30 P.M. at the Wild-wood Community Center.

There will be an update on the "Rancho Minerva" property at this meeting.

Three Board members, Janice Klafehn, Richard Sepulveda, and Melinda Andersen have really taken hold when it comes to putting our museum together. All the Board members are hard working people and we all appreciate what they do to make our Museum one of the best in our County.

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MEMORIALS

As of March 17, 2007

IN MEMORY OF PETE LUSARDI

Edith Johnson
Rosemary Conway
Wayne Conway
Susan and Ralph Medina
Danny and Paula Conway

IN MEMORY OF ORBEE MIHALEK

Luz and Margarita Duran

IN MEMORY OF ALICIA DURAN

Luz and Margarita Duran

IN MEMORY OF PEARL LAWRENCE

Luz and Margarita Duran

IN MEMORY OF ELLINOR SHINNER

Luz and Margarita Duran
Paul and Diane Eckert
Paul V. L. Campo
Jane Latimer
Don and Eve Cole
Emily Wight

IN MEMORY OF BETTY GERKEN

Luz and Margarita Duran
Jean Bice
Mary Lou Hayward
Don and Eve Cole

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD OLINGER

Linden and Bette Burzell

DONATIONS

Luz and Margarita Duran

WEBMASTER WANTED

The Society is still looking for a volunteer to be in charge of making modifications to our Website. We have a website, but have no one with the necessary knowledge to keep it up to date.

We also are planning to significantly update the Web Site, by an outside firm which will help increase our presence on the Web

When the Website is up to date at all times, we will use it to advertise events, publish our newsletter to the non-Society public, and at some future date accept new memberships online. We will also display new exhibits and products at the Museum.

The Webmaster will use museum files to create online displays. The Webmaster should have expertise with Website Design and Maintenance.

For more information, contact the Museum at 760-630-0444

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY E MAIL SOON

The Vista Historical Society Newsletter is available by e-mail in the Adobe Acrobat format. The e-mail version of the newsletter is the same as the one received by mail.

The advantages of the e-mail version to the Society are the reduced cost of mailing and an easy expansion of our list of newsletter recipients. This will bring the Society to more peoples notice.

The e-mail recipients receive the newsletter sooner than by bulk mail. For the first few of e-mail newsletters, we will also send a copy to make sure everyone is satisfied with the change.

If you are interested in getting the e-mail version of the Newsletter, call the Museum at 760-630-0444.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING
OF THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2007
1:30 P.M.

WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
651 EAST VISTA WAY
NEXT TO THE MUSEUM

PRESENTATION BY

BROOKS CAVANAUGH OF THE VISTA CONSERVANCY
PLUS
MUSEUM MOVE UPDATE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE MUSEUM
AT 760-630-0444

WEDNESDAY– SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.– 3:00 P.M.

NOTE FROM JANICE KLAFEHN

In one of our recent newsletters Diane told you about the activity I have undertaken to automatic the museum. We have purchased museum software called “PastPerfect. Some of the features are: Catalog up to one million catalog records, Catalog archives, art, archaeology, geology, historic objects, library materials, music collections, natural history, oral histories, and photographs, handles accessions, cataloging, loans in, loans out, exhibits, condition reporting, and repatriation, allows Research and Reports for all of our data and many many more. It allows us to store images of our collections as well as maintain a history of our donations, members, donors, etc.

I have just completed three days of training on this software and if I must say so for my self I am becoming one heck of an “Archivist”. I have learned an awful lot about museum processes and methods. One of the neat features is a way to maintain bios on all of our members, donors and local families. I would greatly appreciate it if you have the time to complete a bio on you and your family. The following is a screen shot of the kind of data we are looking for.

Biographical Information

Birthdate / / Marital status Sex

Maiden name

Nick names or Alias

Places and dates of birth and death

Places or areas of residence

Children & other relationships

Employer, occupation

Deceased Date

Interests

Affiliations

Titles and honors

Education

Publications

Edit Close

Automating our museum at this time is essential especially with our pending move.

DAYS OF '49

The Days of 49 was an annual Vista celebration held in April or May from 1932-1939. The event was started as a fundraiser for The American Legion and was sponsored by them. The celebration became more elaborate as time went on. Included were a parade, beard contest and other events. Everyone, even the parade audience, dressed in western garb. The event attained regional significance with an attendance of over 10,000 in some years, an amount of people greater than the local population. In 1937, Leo Carrillo, a local resident and well known film star was declared as Vista's Mayor as part of the Days. The Carrillo Ranch House, his home, is now a City Park in Carlsbad. The success of the Days of '49 was its undoing. In 1940, The American Legion dropped the event, because of the effort needed to put it on.

**FROM THE VISTA PRESS
THURSDAY APRIL 7, 1932**

DAYS OF '49 WILL BE VERY HOT

By GEORGE K. DALE
As the time draws near for the long heralded Days of '49 carnival and as finishing touches are being hastily applied to complete the historic setting, an air of expectancy prevails among the many who await with eagerness the first invasion of those adventurous spirits, the '49ers. For on Saturday, April 9, the ghosts of Grizzly Gulch will walk again. Echoing from the past come the rumblings of the covered wagons and the plodding of the pack trains as the shades of the sourdoughs from Whiskey Creek to Dead Man's Biggings depart for their first annual frolic in American Legion Hall, Vista. Once again they will live through those reckless days when the Gold Palace Dance Hall and the Nugget Bar were in their glory; once more the air will be vibrant with the music of the burdy gurdy and the laughter of the dancing girls. Now for a brief time, the atmosphere again will be charged with all the fever, excitement and

thrill of the days of the big bonanza. The rush is on. Claims have been hurriedly staked by the Woman's Club, the Junior Club, the Garden Club, the Parent-Teacher association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary, the American Legion and others. Already they have set up their cabins and rigged their riffles. Promptly at 7 o'clock on Saturday night the water will be turned into the sluices, and the big show will begin. There will be fun for all on Saturday afternoon preceding the main events. At 3:30 the pack outfits are scheduled to arrive and they will form a long parade down the thoroughfares of Vista. There will be covered wagons, bronchos, burros and pack mules guided by old-timers in the costumes of the gold rush era. Broncho busting and other attractions will be featured after the parade.

**FROM THE VISTA PRESS THURSDAY
MAY 13, 1937**

**VISTA TO ELECT A
MAYOR SATURDAY**

For Mayor



LEO CARRILLO

There are best of prospects that beginning Saturday the town of Vista will take its place among the great and near great cities of the world, for we are going to have a real, live mayor.

Approached by a committee of prominent citizens this week who urged that he give his valuable services to this place in the capacity of mayor, Leo Carrillo, world famous film actor, consented to accept this important responsibility.

An "official" election will be held in Grizzly Gulch Saturday afternoon and there is no doubt that Carrillo will be elected unannouncedly.

Carrillo is a large property owner in this vicinity and calls Vista his San Diego county home town.

**Full Time Orchestra
Instructor Employed**



DAYS OF 49 1932-1939



DAYS OF 49 PARADE 1932

DAYS OF 49 1932-1939



DAYS OF 49 1932-1939



MAYOR LEO CARRILLO

THELMA SPEED HUSTON EVENT

The Vista Art Foundation, 127 Main Street, is holding a fund raising Gala displaying the art of nationally known Vista artist Thelma Speed Huston (1914-2000). The event includes two watercolors that the Vista Historical Society received from the estate of Emily Sexsmith.

The following biography is from the "History of Vista printed in 1982

Here 35 years; a native of New York. Mrs. Houston is a graduate of the Pratt Institute of Fine and Applied Art, of New York, and an internationally prominent artist. Prominent in the textile field as a designer for A. Sullen & Company of New York and Paris; and also a designer for the St. Andrews Textile Company, Inc., also Importers of fine Scottish fabrics. As a fabric designer her creations found their way into the collections of Hattie Carnegie, Henri Bendel, and Davidow. This position led to becoming Canadian Sales Representative with Mrs. Houston finding herself one of the first "Traveling Salesladies" to cross the Canadian border. Winner of 55 major awards she exhibits extensively at Southern California Shows including the San Diego Exposition, National Orange Show and Los Angeles County Fair. Her paintings have been shown at the New York World's Fair Contemporary Exhibit, and in one man shows in San Juan, Puerto Rico as well as the Laguna Beach Art Gallery. Mrs. Houston was co-designer of the seal for the City of Vista. An enthusiastic traveler and painter, her search for material has taken her all over the United States, the Canadian North West, four journeys across the Atlantic and three to the Hawaiian Islands. While in the Islands she presented a water color demonstration for the Association of Honolulu Artists, and also had a rare opportunity of painting, in the throne room of Iolani Palace. Her European research found her painting on the continent and British Isles, also visiting Scottish mills she had designed for, in a further search of the romance of textiles. Her programs have been enthusiastically received with comments of: "Our group feels that Mrs. Houston's program was one of the finest we've experienced," "Audience completely engrossed in her unique water color technique," "We would have her again for the third time." Along with painting, traveling and lecturing, Mrs. Houston, a wife, mother and grandmother, has been an instructor of art in the Adult Education Department at Palomar College, San Marcos since 1954.

In addition to the above, Mrs. Houston has exhibited at Ipswich, England, and Gima Gallery in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Currently, she is represented in Stones Gallery, Lihue, Kauai, and Village Gallery, Lahaina, Maui. She is a member of the San Diego Water Color Society, and the San Diego Art Institute, and a past president in 1949 of the now defunct Vista Art Guild. The Houstons have a daughter, Cynthia A. Roberson and a grandson, Christopher M. Allen.



THELMA SPEED HUSTON

This portrait of Thelma Speed Huston is taken from the Vista Art Foundation Website For more information contact Dorothy Jaques at 760-724-2829
djaquesart@yahoo.com

SOCIETY 2007 EVENTS

The Vista Historical Society calendar of events for after the March meeting is as follows

Date to be determined Annual Meeting
7/28/07 General Meeting-Steak Fry
9/15/07 Downtown Dinner VII
12/9/07 Christmas Tea

The actual date of the Annual Meeting and Dinner Downtown is uncertain. Since the Wildwood Community Center will be out of service after June 2007, so the location of the Christmas Tea is uncertain.

The July General Meeting and Steak Fry will be held at David Larkin's home. The location of the Dinner Downtown will be on South Citrus Ave, the same as last year.

The Board of Directors meets the Third Wednesday of the month except for December when there is no meeting.

SAN DIEGO ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER EVENT

Annemarie Cox of The San Diego Archaeological Center recently announced that The San Diego Archaeological Center located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido will host a flintknapping workshop on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 10am to 2pm. Participants ages 12 and older can learn to make stone tools using methods thousands of years old.

Dr. Timothy Gross, Principal Archaeologist for Affinis will lead the workshop.

Dr. Gross will share his comparative collection of replicated lithic tools and discuss some of the actual ancient stone tools in the Center's vast collections.

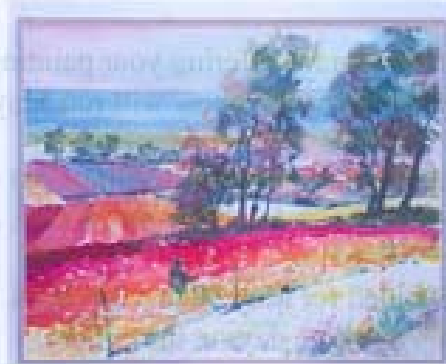
For more information, call 760-291-0370



The Vista Art Foundation



Cordially Invites You to
A Gala Benefit Featuring



Thelma Speed Houston

A retrospective of her art from 1933 to 1989

with

Jazz Trio

Peter Sprague, Holly Hofmann, and Bob Magnusson

Fine Wines and Gourmet Hors d'oeuvres
&

A silent auction of an original watercolor
by Thelma Speed Houston

Saturday, May 5, 2007

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Vista Village Art Gallery, 127 Main Street
Historic Main Street of Vista**

Proceeds benefit three organizations that support children and the arts:

- ❖ **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF VISTA** gives children an alternative to gang membership; it provides a safe environment and programs that fill this need, as well as education, sports, creativity, and fun.
- ❖ **CASA DE AMPARO** offers shelter, provision, and loving care for children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned.
- ❖ **VISTA ART FOUNDATION (501 (c) (3))**, provides the City of Vista with a Young Artists Gallery, where art from Casa de Amparo, the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, and public and private schools is exhibited.

The Vista Art Foundation and Ken Jenkins, art collector and actor, are presenting this event jointly. Ken is well known as "Dr. Kelso" in the NBC hit sitcom, "Scrubs." The fabulous watercolors and oils by Thelma Speed Houston (1914 - 2000) have been selected from more than 300 of Jenkins' paintings, as well as paintings loaned by private parties from California to New York.

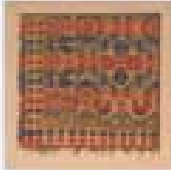
The San Diego-based musicians, Peter Sprague, Holly Hofmann, and Bob Magnusson, are nationally known.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation for an evening filled with wonderful food, art and music, but most importantly for three very special children's foundations.

Please make checks to the **VAF Retro** and send to:
Dorothy Jaques, Chairperson, VAF Retro, P. O. Box 2541, Vista, CA 92085-2541.
For questions, email: djaquesart@yahoo.com



"Quilts Past and Present"



presented by the

Rancho Buena Vista Adobe

651 East Vist Way, Vista, CA 92084



Sunday, April 15, 2007

10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Entrance Fee - \$5

(light refreshments available)

**Come See An Array Of Quilts,
Courtesy Of The "Friends Of The Rancho"
And Various Guests.**

**Stay For The Burial Of The
"Adobe Time Capsule"
In The Rose Garden At 2:00 pm**

***Tickets Will Be Sold For
"Opportunity Quilt"
Winner Need Not Be Present**



VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MARCH 2007

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				1 Marita Allen	2 Ann Wanczak 10-12:30	3 Diane Eckert
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25 Museum Closed	26 Museum Closed	27 Museum Closed	28 Richard Sepulveda	29	30	31 Lois Cavalier Patricia

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VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE APRIL 2007

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8 Museum Closed	9 Museum Closed	10 Museum Closed	11 Jean Bice Marylou Hayward	12 Al Beck	13 Frances Horak	14 Betty Baker 10-12:30 Patricia
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VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY 2007

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WANTED

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

- Serve one day (5 hours) a month (more if possible)
- Museum hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10 AM-3 PM
(1/2-day shifts are also needed)

- Shifts are scheduled each month by the Volunteer Chairperson (at present Mary Lou Hayward)
- Days can be flexible and vary from month to month, at the volunteers' convenience.
"Stand-by" subs are also needed.
- Museum volunteers:
 - Meet and greet visitors
 - Assist Museum Director (Jack Larimer) as needed;
 - Help with mailings, answer phone, cataloging, researching, etc.
 - Computer knowledge is helpful, but not necessary.
 - Offsite work is also available.

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**WEDNESDAY
TO
SATURDAY**

**MUSEUM AVAILABLE FOR TOURS
AND MEETINGS**

Tours of The Vista Historical Museum can be scheduled outside of normal Museum hours. In addition, the Museum is available for meetings for small groups. For more information, contact the Museum at 760-630-0444

**SPECIAL TOURS
CAN
BE ARRANGED
CALL**

760-630-0444

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

The Women in History program is available for presentation on request for schools clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call the Museum at 760-630-0444.

**The next newsletter will be published in May 2007. Please submit articles
by April 15, 2007**