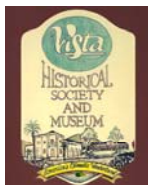


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I mentioned a few times in my president's messages over the last few months that we have a display case for use for our membership to display small or large collectable items. A picture of it was in our last newsletter.

It has three shelves, glass doors on the bottom two shelves. The shelves can be changed in height to accommodate the items displayed. I am taking my collectables out soon, so it will be empty for others to use. Come by to see the display soon before it's gone.

Please take advantage of this for our members to show their collectables for all of us to enjoy. It was fun to fill those shelves. I hope most of you enjoyed looking at them. Come out to 1315 Hot Spring Way off Sycamore any Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to see it before it's gone.

Don't forget to send in your reservation early for our Dinner Downtown, September 20. This year it will be a Western theme. Table decorations will be the same as usual.

Diane

DINNER DOWNTOWN

Y'all come!

The eighth annual Dinner Downtown, hosted by the Vista Historical Society from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, will have a Western theme this year, complete with catered barbecue dinner.

Dining tables will again be set up at Citrus Avenue and Broadway near the community flagpole. A social hour, catered dinner and live music will be followed by the presentation of awards for table decorations.

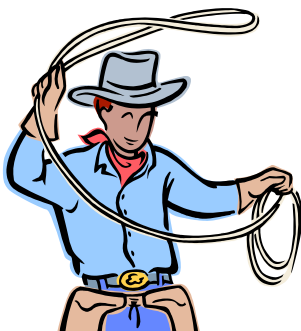
Participants are invited to wear Western garb for the occasion

The annual event began eight years ago as an opportunity to bring together Vista Historical Society members, local organizations and interested residents for an afternoon of community spirit and awareness of local history.

Groups and individuals are invited to decorate tables in the following categories: best in service clubs; most beautiful; most historic; most patriotic; most whimsical; and people's choice. Eating utensils, plates, cups, white plastic tablecloths and canopies will be provided.

Single ticket price is \$30.00. Round tables and long tables seating eight are \$240, and long tables of six are \$180. Cost for children ages 6 to 10 is \$20, and children 5 and under are free.

DINNER (Continued on page 6)



MEMORIALS

As of August 27, 2008

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE HAYDEN

Mary S.M. Glenane

IN MEMORY OF LLOYD TRACY

Richard and Jean Vought

IN MEMORY OF LUZ DURAN AND FAMILY

Lorraine Gerz

IN MEMORY OF KARLA MUELLER

BLANCHARD

Don and Eve Cole

DONATION

City of Vista Staff

Eric Dennis

Spencer Smith

Ray and Harriet Ebersold

LIFE MEMBER DONATION

Francine Tushak

THIS MONTH IN VISTA’S HISTORY

September, for most of the town’s history, meant the beginning of a new school year.

Seventy-eight years ago, on September 15, 1930, Vista Union School District opened its second elementary school. The new Lincoln School was located on what is now City Hall. It was operated in conjunction with Jefferson school, the only other school in the district.

The current address of what was Jefferson school is 644 Vista Village Drive.

First through third grade was at Jefferson, with the rest of the students at the new school. Both schools had the same principal, Miss Zell Bell, who had a reputation as a tough teacher and disciplinarian. Associate principal at Jefferson was Mrs. Carmetta Young.

The district assumed that additional buildings at Lincoln would be necessary by 1932, thus completing the site. In reality, additions were made for the next 31 years, ending about 1961. The main building was torn down in 1979 when the site became Vista City Hall. The remainder of the buildings will be removed as part of the new city hall construction, to be completed in 2010.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

Our newsletter is available by e-mail as well as by regular mail. Sending the newsletter by e-mail reduces our cost and it arrives sooner.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail and do not do so now, please e-mail us at vhm67@1882.sdcoxmail.com

MAIL, PHONE AND E-MAIL

Please address any mail for the Vista Historical Society to our post office box:

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VISTA, CA 92085-1032

We will not receive mail addressed to our new location. We cannot guarantee that we will get any mail not addressed to our post office box. Our phone and fax number remains (760) 630-0444.

Our new e-mail is vhm67@1882.sdcoxmail.com.

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Lincoln Elementary School sometime in the early 1930’s



LINDEN R. BURZELL

Linden R. Burzell, who was inducted into the Vista Hall of Fame in June of this year, passed away on Friday, August 22. He was 83.

Burzell attended the Hall of Fame ceremony at the annual meeting of the Vista Historical Society on June 21, where he was honored for his many accomplishments during six decades of service to Vista and San Diego County.

Burzell joined the Vista Irrigation District as district engineer in 1946 and by 1951 was general manager and chief engineer. In 1964, he left the local district to assume new duties as general manager and chief engineer of the San Diego County Water Authority.

In 1992, he returned to the Vista Irrigation District as a member of the board of directors, where he served as president in 1996, 2001 and 2006, the year he retired from the board.

Burzell and his family have been residents of Vista for more than 60 years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bette; son Linden A. Burzell; daughter Judith Burzell; granddaughter Katy Cook; and grandsons Douglas A., Robert J. and Christopher M. Burzell.

A memorial services was held on Saturday, August 30, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Vista.

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

The Society has recently released an updated Downtown Walking Tour. It is free so please get your copy, if you don't have one. They are available at the Society office, events, and City Hall

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEONS RETURN

The monthly luncheons of the Historical Society Volunteers returned this month with the luncheon at Denny's, 540 West Vista Way, on Wednesday September 3. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday October 1, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. Be sure to come. Call the office 760-630-0444 or Mary Lou Hayward 760-724-4586 to let us know your coming.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you change your mailing address, please notify the Historical Society. Because our newsletter is mailed at the bulk-mail rate, the post office charges the first-class letter rate to return undelivered mail to us.

Also, you will not get the newsletter,



THEO CLEMENT WEDDING PHOTO 1929. FROM THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The summer general meeting on August 23 was an Ice Cream Social held at the Gloria McClellan Senior Center. Aside from the excellent ice cream provided by the Eckerts and the great cookies provided by volunteers, Author and Society member Lois Cavalier signed copies of her new history book "Vista." The social was attended by about 65 society members and guests, who had a great time.

When the books were signed and the ice cream eaten, the meeting traveled to Rancho Minerva, the society's future home. Society members toured the house and grounds and were updated on the site and our future move by Vice President Paul Eckert, who is ramroding, our efforts. Also attending the event and answering questions were Ted and Irene Huntalas and their daughter Maria, former owners and residents of the house.

Currently the City of Vista has obtained ownership of Rancho Minerva from the Vista Unified School District. The City will now do the necessary improvements to make the house accessible for the disabled. The Society is also negotiating a lease for the site and proceeding with the permitting process to get City of Vista zoning clearance for a museum at the site. Some improvements have been made to the house and grounds by volunteers and mostly at the Eckerts' expense. It is hoped that we can move in by the end of the year. Check future newsletters for updates.



WILLIAM STORY AND HARRY TRUDEAU.



IRENE, TED, AND MARIA HUNTALAS AT RANCHO MINERVA.



ABOVE: PAUL ECKERT TALKS ABOUT RANCHO MINERVA. RIGHT: FUTURE HISTORIAN, RICHARD SEPULVEDA, LOIS CAVALIER, RICHARD VOUGHT.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



CAROL GRAHAM, JULIE ROSS, ANN WANCZUK



CLAIRE WARD, ROSEMARY CONWAY, MARITA ALLEN, ARTIE LARSEN.



FRANK LOPEZ, MR. AND MRS. JACK WEST



MICHELE MOXLEY, CAROLYN CHIRIBOGA, MARGE COSH.



ABOVE: WILLIAM STORY SERVES ICE CREAM. RIGHT: VIRGINIA PURCELL, ANNEMARIE COX, GEORGE PURCELL, TED HUNTALAS, IRENE HUNTALAS, JACK LARIMER.



VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2009 CALENDAR

The calendar this year will again be in the “then and now” format used in the last two years. This time, however, there is a twist. Several major downtown projects, both public and private, have been approved, are under construction or have been built. Some of these are featured along with some older buildings. We are now finalizing the calendar for release soon.

Below is one of the buildings in the calendar as a preview.



1950's view



current view

224 Main Street was built in 1940 for Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheffield. They had opened a successful dry goods store on Santa Fe Avenue about four years earlier. They moved to this larger and more centrally located building on November 18, 1940. It was built during the second commercial expansion in Vista since ample water arrived in 1926. This expansion began in 1936 and continued up to World War II in 1941. The Sheffields remained in business until their retirement in 1957. The building continued as a dry good store named Breen's. Later, it had other uses, including Jazzercise, and the current Hennessey's Restaurant.

(Continued from page 1) DINNER

The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. with the decoration of tables. Judging and socializing follows at 4:30 p.m., with dinner to be served at 5:30 p.m. Awards will be presented following the dinner.

The menu includes country style barbecued pork ribs and chicken, beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, corn muffins, fruit platters, iced tea, lemonade, coffee and dessert.

See the reservation form on Page 7 of this newsletter. Reservations are required by September 15 and can be made by mailing the reservation form to the museum at P.O. Box 1032, Vista, CA 92085-1032. Further information and phone reservations may be obtained by calling Vista Historical Society Museum Curator Janice Klafehn at (760) 724-4460 or Museum Director Jack Larimer at (760) 630-0444.



THE PARLOR OF THE HISTORIC VISTA INN ABOUT 1920
FROM THE BOOK “VISTA” BY LOIS CAVALIER

Dinner Downtown

Western Style

*Put on your cowboy boots
and hats and come on down*

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2008
Time: 3:30-7:00
Location: Citrus and Broadway at the Flagpole

BBQ Country Style Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Western Style Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Corn Muffins, Fruit Platter, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Desserts

Eating utensils, plates, cups, white plastic tablecloths will be provided as well as umbrellas and canopies.



- 3:30. Table decorating
- 4:30. Judging tables/socializing
- 5:30. Dinner and entertainment

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Best in Service Clubs | Most beautiful |
| Historical | Patriotic |
| Whimsical | People's Choice |

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
Any questions call Janice Klafehn 724-4460 or Jack Larimer 630-0444

VHS Downtown Dinner. Please make checks payable to The Vista Historical Society and send them To P.O. Box 1032, Vista, Calif 92085-1032.

Host's name / organization _____

Telephone # _____

Number of Reservations _____ Amount of Checks(s) _____

Plan to Decorate? YES NO

Select your table:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Round table for 6...\$180.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Long table 6ft for 6-8...\$180.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Round table for 8...\$240.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Long table 8ft for 8-10..\$240.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Round table for 10..\$300.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Long table for 10.....\$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single ticket...\$30.00 | |

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The next newsletter will be published in OCTOBER 2008. Please submit articles by SEPTEMBER 15th.

**DON'T FORGET DINNER DOWNTOWN 8
SEPTEMBER 20, 2008**