



## South County Historical Society

Bulletin: September, 2007: This bulletin is in lieu of our regular monthly newsletter.

You and Yours are cordially invited to this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The Grand Opening Celebration of the South County Historical Society's IOOF Historical Hall, 128 Bridge Street, Arroyo Grande, 1-5 pm Sunday, September 30, 2007

A photo exhibition depicting San Miguelito Rancho, and its early environs, along with the rise and fall, and rise again of a town named Avila Beach.

Come toast your new regional Museum with an exhibit of  
*Historic Treasures of Avila Beach*  
The first in a series of exhibitions exclusively featuring the  
Communities and Ranchos of the South County.

Loren Nicholson, the exhibit's creator, is an expert on Avila's role as an early transportation hub for the county. The entire IOOF Hall will be set aside for this exhibit, which highlights the history of railroads, wharves, the lighthouse, oil contamination, the Buddhist Temple, Diablo Canyon, fishing, and other topics. The Sunday Opening will include a presentation as a special program at 2:00 pm. Champagne and refreshments will be served. (Cameras are welcome.)

## Hear ye, Hear ye, Come One Come All

The 70th Annual Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival  
September 28th and 29th.



Don't miss the most exciting Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival in years! This year marks the 70th Anniversary for the Harvest Festival which began in 1937 by the Woman's Club in Arroyo Grande as a fundraiser. It was also the founding year for the Woman's Club, and they raised \$500. their first year! Come celebrate our roots and pay tribute to our agricultural community. Come to the parade on September 29th and cheer for this year's Grand Marshals, the **Talley Family**. The Talley's are not only life members of our Society, but **Karen (Talley) Miller** is a founding member and past president of the Historical Society. You will also have a chance to cheer for Kyle Perez and Adam Sheets who will be driving their prize winning tractors in the parade that are now on display in the Barn. And don't forget, you still have time to enter what will be the best baking, canning and pie contest this side of the Pecos. Let's get some Society members to win! Contest information as well as festival activities, events, entertainment, etc., can be found at [www.AGHarvestFestival.com](http://www.AGHarvestFestival.com).



Brian, Rosemary, Karen, Todd and Ryan  
(in front of the El Rincon adobe, once used as the Talley Vineyard tasting room)

See you at the Festival! **Viv**

**General Meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Hiawatha Lodge, 3065 Temple, Halcyon.  
Bring your own table setting and a dish to share**

**Next General Meeting will be October 9**

**Speaker: Professor Howard (Dick) Miller**

**"Aunt Susan Meets The Rampant Suffragist of Crown Hill;  
How Outside Agitators and Uppity Locals Conspired to Give SLO Women the Vote in 1896."**

Dick is a retired history professor. Now he teaches short history courses for the Cal Poly Osher program which generates courses from the bottom up based on participants' own interests. "They're motivated or they wouldn't be there," he says. He thinks that history shouldn't be an authoritative presenter lecturing passively receptive audiences. Instead he thinks that history is a continuing conversation between the present and the past in which we all have a stake and a share. Ten years ago he and others founded Heritage Shared, a SLO-based history organization that has sponsored community-oriented interactive history forums that combined lectures by professional historians with field trips guided by local experts, and even theater and music. Heritage Shared has also sponsored self-guided tours to raise money for history education, and publishes community-oriented pamphlets and a newsletter. ( **Biography** courtesy SLO County Historical Society)

**Society Meetings:** The Board meets on the **3rd Wednesday** Members are Welcome

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