



A message from the President

26 October 2011

Board of Directors

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The change of season brought us Harvest Festival, a touch of rain followed by more warm weather. Our changing of seasons on the Central Coast is very subtle unlike the New England States.

We are also entering a new season, of sorts, for the South County Historical Society as we hold our Board of Directors election on November 8. As many may already know, I will be stepping off of the board to pursue a new business venture. But, I am confident that the change in directors and presidency will be as subtle as our change in seasons.

It has been an honor serving as the president for the past two years. As an organization, we have continued to make improvements to our programs and facilities overcoming many of the obstacles placed before us through such a difficult financial climate. But, your board of directors met the challenge in a stellar fashion.

The list of people that I would like to thank would consume the entire newsletter, which is unfortunately not practical. The first thank you is extended to my wife, **Crystal Hoving**, for her understanding and support during the many hours of service to the society.

Our Board of Directors has earned my admiration and praise through sound decision making and a total team approach. Board meetings were efficient, productive and actually a joy to attend. For each board member, I offer my thanks. We are very fortunate to have most of the board members continuing to serve during the 2012 term.

Bee Hodges was a wonderful office partner and talented writer who created a beautiful and entertaining newsletter. **Debra Mason** has stepped in and professionally organized the administrative files in Ruby's house which was sorely needed. **Joe Swigert** has done a remarkable job of organizing the Patricia Loomis library and, in all honesty, was the coordinator and contact for most of our daily operations. **Shelly Cochran** has enhanced and expanded our wedding programs which made a major impact to our budget and positive perception by the community. **Larry Turner** and **Doug LeSage** who actually take on the lion's share of work during the annual Antique Show and mentored me in the coordination of the event, which was critical. **Norma** and **Sam Burton** who were <u>always</u> there for me to help in any capacity, and I really mean in <u>any</u> capacity. Thanks to **Tony Ferrara** and **Doug Perrin** for their unconditional support and participation which was crucial in making many of our programs a reality. Finally, the members of the South County Historical Society are to be applauded for their continued support through participation and financial support.

My passion for history and love of our community should be apparent and I have enjoyed my tenure in a leadership role. We still have plenty of work to do so I urge your continued support so that we may continue to improve and thrive.



God Bless.

Gary Hoving





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HISTORIC IOOF HALL



SANTA MANUELA SCHOOLHOUSE



PAULDING HISTORY HOUSE



HERITAGE HOUSE





REVISION OF THE SOCIETY'S BYLAWS

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the proposed new Bylaws of the South County Historical Society. The Board of Directors appointed Lynn Titus, Kirk Scott, Ross Kongable and Gary Hoving as a committee to review and recommend revisions with the purpose of reducing the number of Directors as well as refining portions of the Officer descriptions.

Proposed is a reduction in the number of Board Directors to 11:

- Eliminating the 2nd Vice-President position, and renaming the position 'Membership Chair'.
- Removing the board position of the Corresponding Secretary and leaving the position under the direction of the Recording Secretary.
- Renaming the position 'Curator of Heritage House, Santa Manuela School and the IOOF Building Museum' to 'Curator of Collections', with appropriate changes to the areas of responsibility.
- Eliminating the board position of Curator of Paulding History House, and incorporating those activities into the Curator of Collections' duties.
- Renaming the position 'Publicity Director' to 'Public Information Officer'.

Other areas of the bylaws were accordingly revised to reflect those changes and to reduce unnecessary details. A 'markup' copy of the proposed revisions is available at Ruby's House if you are interested in seeing the detailed revisions. A 'markup' copy of the proposed revisions will be available at the Annual Membership Meeting November 8, 2011, 6:00 pm at the IOOF Hall on Bridge Street.

2011 SCHS NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATION

Nomination Committee: Mike Drees, Joe Swigert, Lynn Titus, Larry Turner, appointed by the 2011 Board of Directors, will submit the following nominations to the 2012 Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting

President - Kirk Scott	
Vice-President - Larry Turner	
Treasurer - Mike Drees	
Recording Secretary - Ross Kongable	
Curator of Collections - Jan Scott	
Membership Chair - Ross Kongable	
Public Information Officer - Vivian Krug	
Docent Leader - Linda Kime	
Property Manager - Joe Swigert	
Information Systems -	
Parliamentarian - Lynn Titus	

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Heritage House			
Open Saturday	12-3 PM		
Open Sunday	1-4 PM		
Santa Manuela Schoolhouse			
Open Saturday	12-3 PM		
Open Sunday	1-4 PM		
The Barn			
Open Saturday	12-3 PM		
Open Sunday	1-4 PM		
Historic IOOF Hall Pat Loomis Library Open M-F, 1-5 PM			
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Paulding History House

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Nov 5-6 IOOF Hall
Annual Yard Sale
Nov 8 6:00 pm IOOF Hall
Annual Membership Meeting
Election of 2012 Board
Revision of Bylaws
Nov 13 & 20
Docent Training at the
Santa Manuela Schoolhouse
Nov 16 6.00 nm IOOF Hall

o:uu pm 1 **Board of Directors Meeting**

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Docent Training Meeting

Have you ever been curious about the history of the Santa Manuela Schoolhouse?

Where was it's original location?

Who was it named after?

What was it like to be a schoolteacher at the turn of the century?

If you would like to know more, please come to an informational meeting on Sunday 10/30/11 or Sunday 11/13/11 at 3:30 at the Schoolhouse.

ß ß I will be sharing my presentation that I gave at t ð the Arroyo Grande Centennial. This is also a good opportunity for those who are interested in becoming a docent or docents who would **i** A like more training. Please contact Linda Kime **i** at 489-1837 or lindakime1@yahoo.com.



Curator of Collections Jan Scott



appy Fall to us All! Heading toward Halloween, remember to bring your Yard Sale donations on Sunday Oct 30th from 12-3 to the IOOF Hall (128 Bridge, across from McLintock's), and come to the sale <u>Nov 5 & 6th, 8-2</u>.

Bring your friends and neighbors.

We have a major problem this year because the city has passed an ordinance that doesn't allow temporary signs on posts or public property (a mainstay of our advertising on sale days), so we're relying on you to help make sure we have a good turnout. We're worried about this.

The remaining unsold bonnets have been packed away until next summer, but a final thank you to the Bonnet Brigade, who sewed them (which turned out to be far more complicated than I had imagined). We sold them for \$20 apiece and did very well, and we'll sell them again next year. A thank you to the brave women who conquered them: **Fran Zinsley, Barbara Vasquez, Cheryl Dougan, Joan Coplin** and **Berneda Cochran.**

Dick Jackson has become a skilled video editor! He has just completed an oral history DVD on **Don Gullickson** with **Barbara Main** as the interviewer. They have more planned. But that's not all of it. He is editing interviews and audience reaction shots into the videos of our summer theatre pieces. And he's never done such things before! We should all be so adventurous and computer savvy. We're deeply grateful for Dick's willingness to face this challenge.

We have two new volunteers: **Tami Henriksen** and **Kent Unsworth**, working in Collections and the Library, respectively. Inventory and cataloguing of the Library continues under **Joe Swigert**'s direction, with a little guidance from our professional librarian, member **Janet Baxter**. The goal has been to make the library easier to work in when researching local history. We are taking our cues from other "space-challenged" libraries and moving some of our collection to storage in the "stacks" where they are accessible when needed, but not overpowering day-to-day workings at Ruby's House. We have a wonderful library due to our many generous donors, and especially because of the **Jean Hubbard** and late **Pat Loomis** collections.

We'll see you in November at the **Yard Sale on the 5th & 6th**, and two days later, **Tuesday November 8th** for our pizza party General Membership Meeting and elections at the **IOOF Hall at 6:PM.** Please join us...and meet your new Board of Directors for 2012

It's that time of year. Clean it out before the holidays are upon us.



Saturday - Sunday

November 5 - 6

Sam - 2pm

at the

IOOF Hall on Bridge Street

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! (Clean out the garage) LEND A HAND

We will *gratefully* accept donations on: Sunday, October 30 — 12—3pm

or (please, please) EARLY in the next week

It takes a FULL week to get everything organized and marked. We can't handle last minute donations. *Please* come early.

If you need assistance or a special time, call Norma Burton 489-4450 or Jan Scott 710-1560

We also need help marking ALL WEEK, whenever you can manage. we're there from 10 - 1 or longer.

Donations of HANGERS and BAGS ARE <u>NEEDED</u> AND APPRECIATED ***

WHAT WE WANT:

VINTAGE ITEMS QUALITY GOODS COLLECTIBLES ✓ <u>BOOKS</u> !! (no magazines or encyclopedias) FURNITURE in GOOD condition ✓ Anything to do with KIDS & INFANTS, EXCEPT car seats ✓ TOYS/GAMES/PUZZLES/ DVD's ✓ SPORTING GOODS ✓ CAMPING GEAR ✓ DÉCOR ✓ LINEN ✓ TABLEWEAR HOUSEWARES ✓ CHINA ✓ <u>CAMPING GEAR</u> ✓ POTS/GARDEN SUPPLIES ✓ <u>JEWELRY</u> ✓ CRAFT SUPPLIES ✓ USABLE TOOLS ✓ UNIQUE ITEMS

Please limit CLOTHING donations to pieces that are CLEAN, without RIPS or STAINS, something special, not old Tshirts

WHAT WE DON'T WANT:

UNDERWEAR, SHOES, BOOTS, GLOVES No COFFEE MAKERS COMPUTERS, MONITORS, PRINTERS or any peripherals, *unless virtually new*. COMPUTER BOOKS No SINKS, TOILETS, PLUMBING PARTS in general... CEILING FANS LIGHTING FIXTURES unless they look brand new or vintage. MINI-BLINDS, VENETIAN BLINDS Propane tanks, tires, old paint, mattresses, bed pillows VHS TAPES NOTHING THAT IS BROKEN OR LOOKS LIKE IT IS. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE (including anything controlled by a microchip)

In the "iffy" category:

Toaster Ovens – very iffy. Is it stained? Why are *you* tossing it? Toasters – even *more* iffy. Irons, unless perfect Small appliances must be MARKED WITH A NOTE THAT SAYS THEY ARE IN WORKING CONDITION. We can't accept anything that isn't so marked.

Don't forget those HANGERS & paper or plastic BAGS













Harvest Festival Costume Entrants











On November 11th we honor our military veterans. During World War II women also served their country by filling many of the jobs left vacant by the men fighting in the war. The following is an excerpt from the July 1943 issue of Transportation Magazine. This was written for male supervisors of women in the work force during World War II.

"Eleven Tips on Getting More Efficiency Out of Women Employees:

There's no longer any question whether transit companies should hire women for jobs formerly held by men. The draft and manpower shortage has settled that point. The important things now are to select the most efficient women available and how to use them to the best advantage.

Here are eleven helpful tips on the subject from Western Properties:

- 1. Pick young married women. They usually have more of a sense of responsibility than their unmarried sisters; they're less likely to be flirtatious; they need the work or they wouldn't be doing it; they still have the pep and interest to work hard and to deal with the public efficiently.
- 2. When you have to use older women, try to get ones who have worked outside the home at some time in their lives. Older women who have never contacted the public have a hard time adapting themselves and are inclined to be cantankerous and fussy. It's always well to impress upon older women the importance of friendliness and courtesy.
- 3. General experience indicates that "husky" girls—those who are just a little on the heavy side—are more even tempered and efficient than their underweight sisters.
- 4. Retain a physician to give each woman you hire a special physical examination—one covering female conditions. This step not only protects the property against the possibilities of lawsuit, but reveals whether the employee-to-be has any female weaknesses which would make her mentally or physically unfit for the job.
- 5. Stress at the outset the importance of time, the fact that a minute or two lost here and there makes serious inroads on schedules. Until this point is gotten across, service is likely to be slowed up.
- 6. Give the female employee a definite day-long schedule of duties so that she'll keep busy without bothering the management for instructions every few minutes. Numerous properties say that women make excellent workers when they have their jobs cut out for them, but that they lack initiative in finding work themselves.
- 7. Whenever possible, let the inside employee change from one job to another at some time during the day. Women are inclined to be less nervous and happier with change.
- 8. Give every girl an adequate number of rest periods during the day. You have to make some allowances for feminine psychology. A girl has more confidence and is more efficient if she can keep her hair tidied, apply fresh lipstick and wash her hands several times a day.
- 9. Be tactful when issuing instructions or in making criticisms. Women are often sensitive; they can't shrug off harsh words the way men do. Never ridicule a woman—it breaks her spirit and cuts off her efficiency.
- 10. Be reasonably considerate about using strong language around women. Even though a girl's husband or father may swear vociferously, she'll grow to dislike a place of business where she hears too much of this.
- 11. Get enough size variety in operator's uniforms so that each girl can have a proper fit. This point can't be stressed too much in keeping women happy.

YOUR PLANNED GIFT could be of great importance to the future of the South County Historical Society. You are welcome to contact Gary Hoving at the Society at (805) 489-8282 to discuss your gifts to support the Society in its dedication to research, preservation, restoration and dissemination of information to enhance and preserve our local historical heritage.

Our Society is supported and maintained solely through the efforts of our member

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer Hours for

July: **846** (includes 181 Docent hrs.)

August: **533** (includes 93 Docent hrs.)

September: **580** (includes 98 Docent hrs.)

Total Volunteer Hours to date

5,506

The Society is structured as a non-profit organization (Federal Tax ID number is 95-3539454) and depends solely on donations to continue its work.

You can help!

Write a (tax-deductible) check to the South County Historical Society, and mail it to: South County Historical Society PO Box 633 Arroyo Grande, CA 93421-0633		WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOHN & KARAN CLARK	
<u>Annual Membership Dues</u> Individual Couple Family w/children under 18	\$ 20.00 \$ 35.00 \$ 40.00	KENT UNSWORTH	
Sustaining (Individual) \$100.00 Patron: \$200.00 Business, Organization, Individual Life (Individual or Couple) \$500.00 May be paid in 12 monthly installments. <u>MEMBERSHIP — SOUTH COUNT</u>		SCOTT NORWOOD Y HISTORICAL SOCIETY RENEWAL	
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Type of Membership Please mail check or money order payable to		Check No L SOCIETY, PO Box 633, Arroyo Grande Ca 93421.	

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