



Poway Echoes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE POWAY HISTORICAL AND MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Preserving Poway's Past for the Future

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HISTORIC 395

On a recent Saturday two members of the Historic Route 395 Association spent several hours at the Museum looking through our files for photos and information on old Highway 395. Needless to say they found many photos and information on this subject from photos of the stagecoach on the Scripps Ranch Route to more recent times.

In June 2008, Route 395 was designated a historic highway and signage has been installed in several locations. You may have noticed some of these signs along the freeway. The ultimate plan of this group is to have signage from San Diego to the Cajon Pass.

They are also planning their first highway event in Fallbrook on June 25, 2011. So remember watch for the signs, whether you are driving north or south, slowdown and enjoy Historic Route 395.

~Cecilia Burr

GRANNY'S ATTIC

May 21st,
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Vintage items will be on sale. The Poway Historical Society found treasures in their attic. Many are duplicates but some are one of a kind.

Found items include a 1910-1930 electric coffee pot that will appeal to Arts & Crafts people. Members have researched a Thermador foot heater, circa 1910. Also found were three typewriters, one is a Calligrapher and some Haviland bone china dishes.

TRAVELING IN POWAY

Statistics show us that in 1900, most people never traveled more than a total of 1,200 miles during their entire lives. This is because they did most of that traveling on foot or on horseback. This transportation limited how much of a farmer's crop could be carried into town. In Poway, the farmer spent 8 hours by wagon taking their produce to San Diego.

The bicycle and automobile made their appearance, as evidenced by the following articles in the Poway Progress in 1895: Will Bowron arrived by wheel from Pasadena—Fred Gilbert and Frank Collier of San Diego came out by wheel last Saturday. - Ed Warren, L. E. Kent, and Perley Kent can now be seen whizzing through our valley on a bike."

1921 was the dedication of the first paved road, Poway Road to Escondido. An annual two-dollar county tax was required of every adult male citizen to provide the money for such work. This was called a poll tax.*

*As I Remember Poway by Mary van Dam

~Jan Rubacky

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian Bazzini,
Lorraine Bauman
Bob Meyers



What is history? An echo of the past in the future; a reflex from the future on the past.

Victor Hugo

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS VISIT SIKES HOUSE



Poway Historical Society Board members Brian Bazzeni, Cecilia Burr, Carol Crafts, Jan Rubacky and Jean Woodruff visited Sikes Adobe Farmhouse on February 2nd. They were welcomed by Anne Cooper, museum manager and given a brief outline of future events at Sikes. Since Anne had a prior commitment she turned the group over to Cecilia Burr, a long time volunteer at Sikes.

The farm house which dates back to 1870 was completely destroyed during the Witch Creek fire. It has been rebuilt and refurnished. Fortunately the San Dieguito River Park Association had access to the original building plans and proceeded from there. The Colonial Dames helped with the furnishings.

The farm was the home of Zenas and Eliza Sikes, who arrived in 1870 along with their six children from Santa Clara County. The main crop was winter wheat which had a good market in Europe at the time. Unfortunately Zenas Sikes succumbed to gangrene after being kicked by a horse in his leg.

Medical care was limited at the time and Zenas died leaving Eliza with a life insurance policy, which was rare at the time. Eliza lost the farm as she had spent her life insurance inheritance on furnishings for the house. She was unable to repay the loans on the property and was forced to live with her children. Another factor was that the market for California winter wheat dried up as wheat from Argentina and Brazil was less expensive due to the shorter travel time to Europe.

~Cecilia Burr



BIG DISPLAY WINDOWS

There are costumes of duster coats and a suit worn by the Porters in the 1900's when driving was unusual. One woman's duster is white linen with embroidered buttons. The suit is a taupe color with tiny darts embroidered on the jacket and pleats of the skirt. Below the model is a photograph of it worn by Mrs. Porter.

There's a model of a stagecoach and buggy that were the means of travel to Escondido and San Diego. There are more photographs of the early school bus and others scattered around the museum. It shows how Poway advanced rapidly through the years with the development of transportation 100 years ago.

~Jan Rubacky

SEE YOU IN OLD POWAY PARK

Poway Valley Standard Garden Show
April 16, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Community Band Festival
May 14, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Community Band Festival
May 15, Noon to 7:30 PM

Poway Arts and Crafts Guild
First Saturday of every month

Farmers' Market
Every Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all the members of The Poway Historical and Memorial Society. We are having a good winter here at Old Poway Park.

Christmas in the Park was a success this year. Thanks to Dorothea and Lydia playing the Kent piano, we had some nice entertainment for visitors at the museum. The railroad reported 2100 tickets sold for the event!

Come on out and see our current display at the museum, "Vintage Postcards. This collection of postcards was donated to our society in the 1990's by the Lawson family. Some of these cards have postmarks dating in the 1920's.

On Saturday May 21, our annual rummage sale will be held on the boardwalk at the museum's front doors. Our annual rummage sale is being re-tooled this spring. This year the event is "Granny's Attic." The inspiration for this new title is that we are sorting through our warehouse and selling some of our artifacts. If you would like to donate items for our sale please give me a call at 858-486-5104.

All of your donations and memberships help keep us afloat here at the society. The Poway Historical and Memorial Society belongs to all of us here in Poway and is a wonderful way to keep in touch with Poway's roots.

We always need more participation with our members. Feel free to contribute your ideas as well as information and articles.

Remember the first Saturday of the month members of Poway Arts and Crafts Guild are on the boardwalk. Every Saturday the Farmers Market is here in Old Poway Park.

Thanks again to our members, and enjoy the springtime.

~ Jeff Frye.

IN MEMORIAM

Peter P. Laboranti

June 24,1925 to January 25,2011

Pete was a long time Member of the Poway Historical Society and was a docent for many years on Saturday afternoons. Both he and his late wife Claretta were very faithful and hard working members of the Poway Historical Society.

Marie G Halbert

December 7,1929 to January 27, 2011

Marie was a short-time member of the Poway historical Society. She enjoyed meeting and talking to people during her Saturday morning shifts in the Museum. Her

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in Preserving Poway's Past for the Future? Volunteers are needed to staff the museum and Nelson House during weekends and special events.

If interested in helping, please contact Cecilia Burr at 858-486-0106. .

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The Board meets the first Monday of the month at 8:30 AM in the Museum. Members are welcome to attend.

POWAY HISTORICAL AND MEMORIAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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