

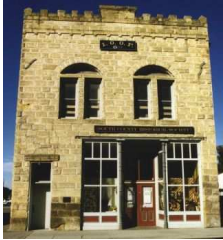


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HISTORIC IOOF HALL



SANTA MANUELA SCHOOLHOUSE



PAULDING HISTORY HOUSE



HERITAGE HOUSE



RUBY'S HOUSE



THE BARN

FROM THE DESK AT RUBY'S:

We are in the process of improving our computers and software, with the purchase of five new computers and upgrading the older ones to Windows- 7. Thanks to smart shopping by our Treasurer, Norman Baxter, we obtained the desktops at a great price. The switchover was a daunting task, but thanks to Carbonite, data transfer was simple. The latest version of Microsoft Office will be on all computers, and thanks to TechSoup, we were able to get a nice discount for non-profits. Our volunteers, **Berneda Cochran**, her crew of **Joan Coplin**, **Frances Rice**, **Dawn Rocha**—fellow archivists—now can work at top speed.

This will be our 38th year as South County Historical Society. The Society was born in the living room of **Karen Talley Miller** in June 1976. "We've come a long way, baby", since the days when, with typewriter in hand, devoted volunteers started recording the collection, with brief descriptions and provenance when available. Starting in 2000, we transcribed those hundreds of pages, plus collections received since then to digital format using museum software *Past Perfect*, and we now have:

- 1,765 Accessions (collections) including:
 - 14,950 archives (documents including images)
 - 6,852 objects (including images)
 - 4,511 library materials (books & such)
 - 3,552 photographs

All of the above relating to more than 25,000 individuals mentioned therein. Each item in our collections has been photographed or scanned, described and indexed as to location into digital format. All this was accomplished by volunteers who have recorded more than 20,000 hours. There are still hundreds of pages of documents, letters and newspaper articles yet to be scanned and digitized to searchable text. We also have the morgue of the local newspapers since the early 1900's, which contain myriads of historical data to be gleaned and recorded.

Volunteers are welcome, and training is not complicated and hours are flexible.

Call 805.489.8282

if you are interested in continuing our task of preserving and recording local history.

Traditionally, we have celebrated our anniversary in June each year; however this year we will combine our Annual Membership Meeting with our Anniversary celebration in November. So put November 8 (or 15) on your calendar and plan to celebrate with us. Final arrangements will be announced in the September issue.

Summer hiatus for our newsletter—the next issue will be in mid August. Meanwhile, we would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please call 805.489.8282 or email us at info@southcountyhistory.org. Remember we are looking forward to reducing our mailing costs by using email and the website to publish our newsletter.

Wishing you a joyful and healthy summertime.

Prez Ross K

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Readers Theater

In IOOF HALL 2:00 pm

"Do You Believe in Fairies?"

June 21, 28

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Members Only Preview

June 20 6:00 pm

"Gold Rush in Oceano?"

August 2, 9, 16, 23

Members Only Preview

August 1, 6:00 pm

SUMMER CONCERTS

IN HERITAGE SQUARE 1:00 pm,

June 8, 22

July 4, 13, 27

August 10, 24

September 7, 21

Celebration of Life

August 17 1:00 pm

Heritage Garden

Visit our website

www.southcountyhistory.org

!!!! EMERGENCY REQUEST for our Summer Concert Concessions !!!!

Rich and Kersti need more volunteers, male and female, for the summer concerts!

Try it once and you'll find out it's fun. The first concert is Sunday, June 8 and they especially need people for set up, beginning around 10:30. It's about putting tables up, tablecloths on, getting our literature out, getting drinks organized. There are people to tell you what needs doing. You won't be lost. During the concert we need cashiers, servers, people to keep our condiments filled. And breakdown, around 3pm involves putting things away. Nobody expects you stay the whole time, but a lot of people do, just because it turns out to be a good time.

It's a great way to get involved and meet people. It truly is one of the fun things of the summer. You can call the office at 489-8282 to leave your name. You can call Rich at 904-3173.

We deeply regret that a typo in our last edition misspelled one of our county's most devoted preservation groups, a group that has provided assistance to so many of our projects. We once again thank and apologize to:

MUSEUMS SCHEDULE

The Barn
Heritage House
Santa Manuela Schoolhouse
are open

Saturdays
from 12 to 3 pm
Sundays
from 1 to 4 pm

Paulding History House
is open
1st Saturday of the month
From 12 to 3 pm

Ruby's House
(Pat Loomis History Library)
is open
Monday thru Friday
1 to 5 pm

Historical Research
by appointment

Group tours of any or all of the museums
may be scheduled by calling
805.489.8282
or email
info@southcountyhistory.org

*Healing Prayers for
& wishes for a speedy recovery*

**Barbara LeSage
Doug LeSage**

Board of Directors
Meet on the 3rd Wednesday each month

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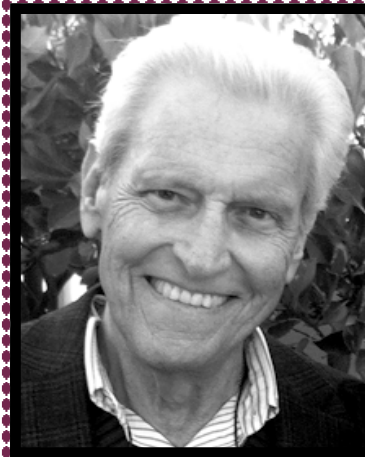


Docent Appreciation Tea

On May 9th we had our Docent Appreciation Tea. It was well-attended with 28 docents, SCHS Board Members and other guests. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all who brought wonderful homemade treats. A special note of thanks to Joe Swigert, our Property Manager and decorator extraordinaire for all his hard work. I have had many nice comments and requests to have it again next year. I hope to make this an annual tradition. For those of you who could not make it this time we hope to see you at the next one.

Included as a separate document, the "*Forgotten Hero*" by David Middlecamp of The Tribune, is a timely story around Memorial Day. So many of our veterans are forgotten, their stories of bravery lost or ignored through the years. Otis W. Smith, a Civil War veteran, awarded the Medal of Honor, now residing eternally in our Arroyo Grande Cemetery is remembered and his story told, thanks to the diligent search by David.

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Kirk Scott

There was a lot that Kirk couldn't do last summer, but he tried never to miss the summer concerts in the park.

He wanted his hot dog.

Come join us for memories (and some hot dogs)

in Heritage House Gardens (Don't forget your hats)

Sunday, August 17 at 1pm.

**A Celebration of Life
for an amazing guy.**

Curator of Collections

Jan Scott



It's hard to believe we're at June. Our **SUMMER HISTORIC THEATRE** begins June 21. We are **BACK!** I had promised a summer of Dunite stories, but it wasn't possible to get all the research done this year. Instead, we have two shows,

***Do You Believe in Fairies?*
*Gold Rush in Oceano?***

At the end of last summer, I rewrote 'Gold Rush' because new information had come to me and I wanted it reflected in the script. So even if you've already seen it, you actually haven't seen this version. My cast from last year is returning and it should be fun. Again.

I received so many comments last year because so many people had never heard of the Elg and her story of lumber dumped, and the 'gold rush' of people trying to salvage it. The year was 1938 and the Elg's lumber is still part of buildings all over our area.

If you missed it last year, you have another chance.

Our first show is on the Irish poet and mystic, and 'god-mother of the Dunites,' Ella Young. Her story is compelling; her life, fascinating. She did believe in fairies. No. She *knew* they were there. I had heard stories about her, but fell in love while reading her autobiography, ***Flowering Dusk***. I think you will find her worth your time.

And, as always, we are hosting our **Members Only Previews** for both shows on the Friday before they open.

Annual Membership Dues

Individual	\$ 20.00
Couple	\$ 35.00
Family w/children under 18	\$ 40.00
Sustaining (Individual)	\$100.00
Patron:	\$200.00
Business, Organization, Individual	
<u>Life (Individual or Couple)</u>	\$500.00
May be paid in 12 monthly installments.	

The Society is structured as a non-profit organization 501(c)3 (Federal Tax ID 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:

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www.SouthCountyHistory.org



Museum Phone Numbers:

Ruby's House 'Pat Loomis History Library' 805.489.8282

IOOF History Hall 805.489.8114

Santa Manuela Schoolhouse/the Barn 805.489.8745

Heritage House 805.481.4126

Paulding History House 805.473.3231

SOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
**-Historic-
THEATRE**
- Saturday - All Summer - 2pm -

LOCAL STORIES COME TO LIFE IN
**FREE
ONE-HOUR
READERS
THEATRE
PROGRAMS**

at the IOOF HALL
(across from McListock on
Bridge Street in Arroyo Grande)
all summer long

**DOORS OPEN
AT 1 PM**
Come early for best
seating and enjoy,
"SLO PANO,"
Panoramic Photography
by Brian Lawler,
Cal Poly Associate
Professor of Graphic
Communication.

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