South County Historical Society

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Presents

5th Annual Christmas Walk
Sunday, December 5, 2004
1:30 – 5:00 pm

Come and enjoy
Four wonderful museums
~ all in Christmas finery ~

Good Cheer
Refreshments
Christmas Carols
Costumed Docents

The parlors of several Village homes

Begin Festivities at the Heritage House
126 Mason St., Arroyo Grande

A $15 donation per person will benefit the Society’s museums.
Please send your ticket stubs with your check payable to SCHS to
Clara Madsen—508 Cornwall St., Arroyo Grande, Ca. 93420

For additional tickets and information, please call:
Sandy Arnold — 489-2845  OR  MaryAnn Feller — 473-0498
Welcome New Members

Nina Bryan—473-4649
262 Sunrise Terrace, Arroyo Grande 93420

Paul and Kathie Matsuyama—929-4692
510 Calle Cielo, Nipomo 93444

Joy Terry—474-8516
1606 Old Oak Park Rd, Arroyo Grande 93420

Trish Wilson—474-8516
1606 Old Oak Park Rd, Arroyo Grande 93420

Get Well Wishes were sent to:
Gene & Vi Mastro
Sharon Moran
Pat Yager

Condolences were sent to
Donna Fisher—on the death of her Mother
Robert Brown—on the death of his Sister
Mario Tognazzini—on the death of his son
Historical Society Mission
Over the past several months I have been speaking with representatives from other Historical Societies around the Central Coast. Some have loaned us photographs for our website, while others have shared information for use on our site and yet others have requested assistance and information from us.

Our Society is dedicated to research, restoration and dissemination of information to preserve our historical heritage.

The South County Historical Society represents the areas of Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Oceano, Nipomo, Halcyon, Edna, Los Berros, Oso Flaco and Huasna in San Luis Obispo County, California.

In an effort to enhance and increase our Society’s visibility we would like to do an outreach to the membership of other local historical societies by inviting them to come see our museums, visit our general meetings, etc.

Edie Juck and I will be contacting groups over the next several months to begin making arrangements for visits to and from other societies, meetings and museums. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

While we will be working hard to set up visitations, I would encourage you to visit some of our other local Societies and Museums on your own. You can find links and information to several of these on our website under Links.

Help Wanted: Santa Claus
The Village Improvement Association is looking to hire a Santa Claus for the holiday season beginning November 28th where he will ride in the Historical Societies Vis-à-vis carriage transformed into Santa’s Sleigh. The position pays $10 an hour, will be approximately 52 hours. Santa is needed on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3 pm to 5:30 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon to 5:30 pm and possibly on Sundays. Costume is provided. If you or someone you know are interested in this position, please call Bob Lund at 710-4049.

PAX TV
PAX TV has completed the first ½ hour program focusing on Arroyo Grande, its Village merchants and the South County Historical Society museums. It is now being aired and can be seen on Channel 7, KPX A. The program will change on a quarterly basis reflecting the seasons and events being held in the area.

Web Statistics
Our website has been visited 3,772 times since February and by surfers from 17 different countries.

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Some of the search terms used to get to our site via Google, AOL, MSN and Yahoo have been:

- Arroyo Grande Historical Society
- Huasna
- South County Historical Society
- Arroyo Grande Mayor
- Arroyo Grande IOOF Hall
- Los Berros
- Loomis History
- Paulding Arroyo Grande Society
- Huasna Valley
- Oceano
- one room schoolhouse
- Arroyo Grande Veterans hanging
- Swinging Bridge
- Pacific Coast Rail
- Halcyon

Others have visited our site via links from other local sites in which we are listed such as:

- The Dana Adobe,
- the Village Improvement Association,
- Nipomo Chamber of Commerce,
- History in SLO County
- City of Arroyo Grande.

Until Next Month………Stay connected!
If you have any questions or comments, I’m easy to reach at either

Vivian@EmotionsCards.com

Or     458 . 3321
The true Heroes of our Historical Society are the docents staffing our museums month after month.

We applaud all of you!
Your unselfish giving of time and energy is what makes our Society so unique.

Thank you each and every one!
Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Gary Hoving, Society member and author of ‘Journey of Justice’ was a major exhibitor in the Barn at the last Harvest Festival, displaying his collection of law enforcement badges of the local area. Gary graciously donated the proceeds from sale of his books during the event to the Historical Society.
Thank you, Gary.

An Angel wrote:
Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head.

To handle others, use your heart.

God Gives every bird it’s food, but He does not throw it into its nest.

ATTACHED ARE TWO TICKETS FOR THE 2004 CHRISTMAS WALK.
YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO USE OR SELL THESE TICKETS—HOWEVER IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES, PLEASE SEND YOUR STUBS WITH YOUR CHECK AS INDICATED ON THE TICKETS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE TICKETS PLEASE CALL (SEE FRONT PAGE)
The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos recently hosted their spectacular fundraising event with an opening night premiere of PCPA TheaterFest's production of "Yankee Ciudadaño" (Yankee Citizen). The play was subtitled "Sea Captain William Dana seeks his dreams in Alta California", and was complete with full costumes and sets.

The one act play, aimed for school presentations, was written by Herb Kandel of Nipomo and performed by actors from the PCPA theater group at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. The venue for this wonderful evening of dinner and entertainment was the fabulous Edwards Barn on the Nipomo Mesa.

The evening's events provided an opportunity for the D.A.N.A. committee to raise funds to purchase 40 acres surrounding the Dana Adobe. In addition, the Adobe is under restoration, one-adobe-at-a-time!

Our society purchased a table under the South County Historical Society name in order to support this important project with over a dozen SCHS members attending. All were treated to an evening that included - in addition to the PCPA performance of "Yankee Ciudadaño" - a classical guitarist, a sea shanty singer, the Native American Fancy Dancers, and dinner!

The D.A.N.A. was formed in 1999 to complete restoration of the historic Dana Adobe and to preserve the surrounding cultural landscape in order to promote knowledge and an understanding of California's rancho era. "Yankee Cuidadaño" encourages an appreciation of that era's influence on our modern society, and through its performances, assist in raising the funds to restore the Adobe setting allowing the rancho lifestyle to be brought to life for today's visitors.

We wish them all success and thank them for an evening of wonderful memories.

This play produced by the PCPA outreach program and Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos has been designed to educate third through eighth graders and will be available to the schools of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties through 2005. If you know of any schools, youth groups or other programs that would enjoy this production, please contact the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos at 805.929.5679.
SOCIETY MEETINGS
The board meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Arroyo Grande Woman’s Club.

GENERAL MEETING
held on the 2nd Tuesday at the
Hiawatha Lodge, 3065 Temple, Halcyon at 6:30 p.m.
Bring your table settings and a dish to share.

NOVEMBER 9, 2004
BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS
“An Evening of Poetry”
4 Local Poets present their original works
  Mary Goldrick
  Margaret Lange
  Wanda Snow Porter
  Michael O’Brien

Visit our Society’s Website:
WWW.SouthCountyHistory.Org
Don’t forget—as a member, you can view the Heritage Press in full living color on the website.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

NOV 6-7—YARD SALE COLLECTION
NOV 9—BOARD MEMBER ELECTION
NOV 13—ANNUAL YARD SALE
NOV 28—A.G. CHRISTMAS PARADE
DEC 4—G.B. CHRISTMAS PARADE
DEC 5—CHRISTMAS WALK

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