



TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

GREETINGS from Eve Craig:

It has only been four months since we started the Historical Society. By the 16th of February, the Temecula valley Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit Public Benefit Corporation.

Thanks to the interest in the incredible history of Temecula and the kindness of the people of Temecula Valley we have grown in ranks from five members of the Board to eleven, with a total of seventy-seven members including the non-voting members.

You have helped us begin our research, restoration and preservation which has been exciting and fascinating. We've visited and photographed some of the historic sites. We have had amazing lectures by Historians and Archaeologists. Some of our restoration projects will take time but we are determined to succeed.

In the process of this, we have made some wonderful friends of very special Native Americans and soon, in this year, you will have the opportunity to meet them and hear stories of their lives and work.

Beginning in June our meetings will be held at noon on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room of the Temecula Library. Our Committee Chairs will tell you about their progress as well. You may call 699-9872 for information. We welcome you and hope those of you who are not yet members will join us.

A really big event is coming up this month and we hope you will be among the participants and attendees. Please see the next column for details on what it is all about and what you can expect in the way of fun, entertainment and good eatin' food!

---- THAT'S HOW IT WAS ---- BAR-B-QUE

Our President, Eve Craig, has been hard at work planning a really fun family happening for Sunday, June 24th at the MARGARITA PARK from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon when the Temecula Historical Society presents the *"That's How It Was" BAR-B-QUE*.

There will be plenty to see and do for everyone and every age. Demonstrations and visitor participation along with exciting entertainment will be the rule of the day. Activities will include, Panning for Gold by the Gold Prospectors Assoc., Spinning Wheels and Wool Making, Woodcarvers, Rope Making, Storytelling, Quilting, Soap and Candle Making and Live Entertainment with music from the Vintage Singers and Community Chorus, Indian Dancers and a Cowboy with a Lariat (that kids can try) and more.

To satisfy your hunger, European Deli will be providing HOT DOGS for \$1.00 and HAMBURGERS for \$2.00 with all the trimmings, and The Boys & Girls Club will be selling sodas.

For your comfort, bring blankets, beach chairs and sun blockers. From Rancho California Road and Ynez, go LEFT (north) on Moraga, then LEFT on Margarita Road at the signal. There is parking at **MARGARITA PARK**. It's right next to Temecula Elementary School on your LEFT. Make a reservation so we'll know how much food to provide. We promise you a GREAT DAY!!

For more information, please call 699-9872

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*Join the Temecula
 Valley Historical
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 begin enjoying and
 participating in our
 exciting activities while
 learning more of our
 local history.*

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If you would like to serve
 on one of the committees
 call 699-9872 and let us
 know your choice.

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 NEW DIRECTORS**

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*THE NEXT LISTING OF
 NEW MEMBERS WILL
 BE IN SEPTEMBER.*

IN FOND MEMORY

Temecula lost a piece of it's heart on Sunday, May 20, 2001 with the passing of our local historian, Tony Tobin. His knowledge and artifacts of days gone past were boundless and while he is now gone, in a physical sense, he will always be with us in the things he left behind. Others will no doubt pick up where Tony left off, but none will ever replace him.

We extend our sincerest sympathy and condolences to Millie and the Tobin family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

By Darell Farnbach

The Committee held its first meeting on April 20, 2001 at the Wolf Tomb. We discussed possibilities for restoring the tomb and planting natural vegetation and oak trees around it. We also discussed possible placement of wrought iron fences and decomposed granite pathways.

Since then we have contacted the heirs of Louis Wolf and have received written permission from them to enter the property. The heirs are interested in working with us to restore the tomb and surrounding property. We understand the restoration of this site will be a slow process, but feel that we have made a good start.

We have also started to map and inventory other historical sites and properties in the Temecula area.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30 at 12:00 noon in the Temecula Valley Museum Meeting Room. We welcome anyone to come who would like to help or join the committee.

You can call me at 699-5148

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

By Charlotte Fox

What a lot has been done- - and what a lot

there is to do! After an initial meeting of five people, the committee now consists of five pages of resource persons from a wide variety of academic, economic and professional fields.

The main task at hand is still the researching and writing of grants. As a newly organized society, the committee will be seeking funders who provide the most encouragement and help for grants in history and/or the humanities.

In that regard, our efforts are to stay alert to the activities of the Education and Research & Preservation Committees so that we can identify projects that have "grant appeal".... and move quickly to submit applications.-

The Committee hopes to develop flyers and other information that can be distributed at various events in the valley. Some of these events include: the Wednesday Farmer's Markets at the Mall, the fundraising picnic on June 24, the 4th of July Parade, and each Friday of Hot Summer Nights in Old Town starting July 6 [through September].

If you can volunteer some time to help in this outreach activity, please call me at 302-0180 or e-mail at <lottiefx@cs.com>

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By Wendell Ott

The Education Committee will introduce a special speaker for the June meeting.

Karl Kottman is an independent scholar residing in Temecula. He has held academic appointments at Iowa State University and Saint Martin's College in Washington State, and was the Principal of Mission San Antonio de Pala School on the Pala Reservation in San Diego County. His topic will be "Islands of Time Before: The miraculous Translation of Californian."

DON'T FORGET OUR FIRST BIG OPEN -TO - THE PUBLIC EVENT AT MARGARITA PARK ON THE 24TH OF THIS MONTH.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR A DAY OF FUN AND AND FROLIC!

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