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“A Walk in Tustin’s Shady Lanes” • Saturday, May 17



1887 Victorian Hewes House



Pankey Garden

This year on Saturday, May 17, the Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum will present their annual Promenade Home and Garden Tour featuring five historical houses in Old Town Tustin and three lovely gardens, one of which will be our Refreshment area. We will welcome you at the Tustin Presbyterian Church for the Tour from 9 am to 4 pm. Joe Sprekelmeyer and Jeanne Brown are co-chairing the event with the help of their committee chairmen: Joyce Miller, tour homes; Doreen Corwin, volunteers; Barbara Hannegan, pre-sale tickets; Jeanne Brown, invitations and tour ticket books; Don Ropele, vendors; Margaret Pottenger and Erma Zwirner, opportunity prizes and refreshments; Joe Sprekelmeyer, advertising; Barbara Bryant, artists; and Bill Finken, signs and posters. This year we will have the opportunity to tour the upstairs of the Knights of Pythias historical building, which is still in use, as well as enjoy the Architecture Walk at 9:30 am, led by Brent Ferdig; and the Tree Walk, again led by Guy Stivers at 10:30 am. If you would like to help in the areas needing volunteers, call Doreen Corwin (714) 838-1446. Pre-sale reservation tickets are now available for sale at the Museum. For more information, please call the Museum at (714) 731-5701, or check our website www.tustinhistory.com. This yearly event helps the Tustin Museum in its various projects and programs to preserve the history of Tustin. We look forward to a wonderful day and hope to see you and your friends.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Tustin Senior Center
LOUNGE

200 S. 'C' Street • Tustin

• PROGRAM •

Speaker

Phil Brigandi, Author
*Orange County Place
Names A to Z*

Everyone is Welcome!

Orange County Place Names A to Z

Phil Brigandi, our speaker on April 21, is a native of Orange, and has been involved with local history since he was a teenager. He is the author of more than a dozen books and hundreds of articles. Since 2003, he has been working for the Orange County Clerk Recorder's offices in the County Archives on the 1st floor of our Orange County Courthouse. Recently Brigandi stepped down as Archivist to become a Research Consultant for the County Archives. With more time available now, he already has several book projects planned. At our program meeting he will talk about his latest book, *Orange County Place Names A to Z*, and maybe his new job! Bring your friends and I know we will enjoy hearing our friend, Phil Brigandi's talk on Monday, April 21 at the Senior Center, 7:30 pm.



Phil Brigandi

JoAnn Bollesen Memorial Poster Contest

At our February Historical Society meeting we recognized four 3rd grade students who were winners of the Poster contest held each year for Tustin 3rd graders to participate in. This year, with the theme *Tustin History*, we had 100 entrants. The four winners were presented with blue ribbons, certificates and tickets to Disneyland. These 2007 winners, accompanied by their parents, were very excited. Pictured left to right were: Stephen Huang, Hicks Canyon Elementary (Mrs. Carlson, teacher); Grace Pan, Hicks Canyon Elementary (Mrs. Carlson, teacher); Nina Long, Peters Canyon Elementary (Mrs. Cameron, teacher), and Dacey Zimmerman, Barbara Benson Elementary (Mrs. DeBenedetto, teacher). We thank all the students who entered.



President's Message

At our February General Meeting, at the Senior Center, Dr. Robert Helm was our guest speaker. He had many treasured memories about growing up in Tustin and attending Tustin High School. Thanks, Dr. Helm, we enjoyed your talk.

Also at the meeting, prizes and ribbons were presented to the third-grade winners of this year's JoAnn Bollesen Poster Contest. We had 100 entries. Super job, kids!

Our office staff and committee members are busy with the Promenade and the date is May 17th. We are looking forward to taking "A Walk in Tustin's Shady Lanes". For information about tickets and times, you can call the Museum at (714) 731-5701.

We are also involved with the Chili Cook Off this year (Sunday, June 1st) and will be providing about 15 volunteers. However, volunteers are needed to help work in the Museum as well that day, as it will be open. Please call the Museum if you are interested. It will be a fun day!

Historical Note: Vivien Owen, TAHS founding member and docent, remembers her family taking trips to the local mountains. Her father had a 1920's touring car and they had to drive the car backwards up an old dirt road to Big Bear. Cars in those days did not have fuel pumps. Gas tanks were under the front seat and elevated above the motor so that gas could flow to the engine by gravity. Consequently, the reason for them driving up backwards so that the gas tank would remain elevated. It was an all day trip just to get there. Whew, I hope they had a good time.

Joe Sprekelmeyer, President

Museum Window Display Contest

The Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum would like to invite you to visit Old Town Tustin and play our History Game. Our window display contains over twenty numbered items of historical interest. If you can identify just seven of them, you'll receive a free year's membership to the Museum and Historical Society. Name just one more and receive a full-color replica of the Orange County citrus-crate label of your choice. It will cost you nothing, and if you have a feel for history, you might enjoy the guessing game. Come down and play with us!

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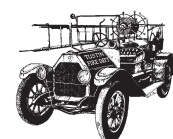
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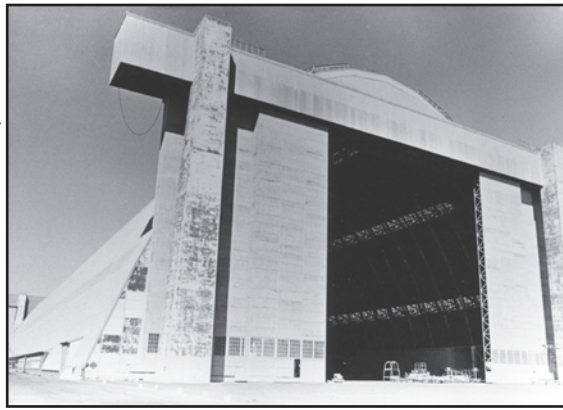
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Lighter Than Air

Check out our website www.tustinhistory.com! And take a tour of the Lighter Than Air Base (blimp hangers).

Local historian and Tustin Historical Society member, Guy Ball, has continually been working developing and improving a website dedicated to Tustin's historical past. The Historical Society was formed in 1974 as part of



the U.S. Bicentennial Foundation and has operated in the Tustin Area Museum since 1975. Membership in the group is open to anyone interested in historical Tustin. The Museum has collected a lot of information as well as many photos. Guy Ball has put on our website many pages of photo tours as well as historical information. He keeps us up to date as to what goes on in the Museum and monthly activities of the Historical Society. He has posted some new photos of that long forgotten era that will bring back many memories when the blimps used to fly over Tustin. Due to the generosity of the City of Tustin, the Museum will soon be in possession of the original blue prints of the hangers. We are very fortunate to be in possession of these wonderful documents. The community is always invited to visit the Museum at 395 El Camino Real, Old Town Tustin. New members are always welcome. For information, call the Museum at (714) 731-5701 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Also go to our website for information on the books we have for sale by our local authors. Historian Carol Jordan's new book on the history of Tustin with many photos and it brings Tustin up to date into the 2000's. It was just published in December 2007, and is now available in the Museum. Check our website and thanks to Guy Ball, the information is all there.

We Need Volunteer Docents!

The Museum needs volunteer help to conduct our School Tours and also we need volunteers to greet our visitors during the week. The Museum is open from 10 am until 2 pm, Tuesday and Thursday. The greeters are scheduled in 2 hour shifts only once a month. It is really nice to meet our Tustin visitors. The School tours are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the Tustin School year. The 3rd grade teachers bring their classes to tour the Museum as part of their curriculum following the History in a Box trunk having been at their school. The students seem to enjoy their field trip and we need to provide volunteer docents for each scheduled tour. It takes a little training, but most volunteers enjoy it. We really need more help for only 2 hours a month. Think about it and call Barbara at the Museum (714) 731-5701 and offer to come to the Museum and help out.

Accessions

Guy Ball	"The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana" and "Santa Ana's Logan Barrio"
Jill Leach	Framed color photo of Leslie Pontius, former Mayor of Tustin
Florence Winkler	Special "Police" badge, photo of Luther and Susie Winkler Miller, circa 1917, Seth Thomas school clock inscribed H.T. Hollingsworth Jeweler
Francy Lee (Jacobs) Saunders	Wedding dress worn by Helen Jeanne Jacobs Hawkins in 1947
Karen and Jim Reese	1938 Royal Portable typewriter; Crucible used for melting ores; Wooden spool holder and pin cushion
Marjorie Ann Chandler Eddy	Copy of photograph of Main Street, 1924; Montage of three Tustin Union High School photos, circa 1938

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Join the Tustin Area Historical Society and keep your newsletter coming. Please send your dues or an additional gift today. All dues and contributions are tax deductible. Ask a friend to join!

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\$500-\$999 Pioneer

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Welcome New Members

Wayne Tustin

Scott Siino (*winner of window contest*)

Hal Stanton

Hans and Barbaa Vogel

In Memoriam

Jack Balzer – TUHS 1941

Arlene Phelps Agajanian – TUHS 1942

Betty Householder Burke – TUHS 1945

Time to Renew your Membership Dues!!

If your Heritage mailing label reads 2007 instead of 2008, you had better send in your check or this will be your last newsletter. Reminder letters have been mailed and we hope to hear from you soon.

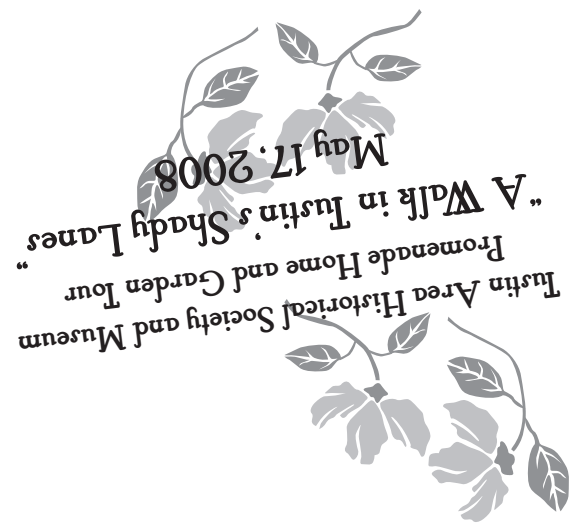
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at the Museum

Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm

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• Coming Events •

Floral Park Home and Garden Tour

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27, 2008 • 10 to 4 pm

Historical North Santa Ana

Information (714) 953-5659 or visit www.floral-park.com

Tustin Area Historical Society's Old Town Tustin Promenade Home and Garden Tour

Saturday, May 17, 2008 • 9 to 4 pm

"A Walk in Tustin's Shady Lanes"

Information Museum (714) 731-5701
 or visit website www.tustinhistory.com

Chili Cookoff and Street Fair

Sunday, June 1, 2008 • 11 to 5 pm

Old Town Tustin, El Camino Real & Main Streets

Visit Old Courthouse Museum –

Located in the landmark 100 year old

Orange County Courthouse

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Downtown Santa Ana

(714) 834-3703 (1st Floor Exhibit Gallery)

On View Now

Dairies of Orange County and The Old Orange County Jail



Pictured is 1956 Mildred Morrow Kindergarten class. Lillian Kugler, teacher. The class is gathered around the hen and her chicks that had hatched from eggs in an incubator. The young students were fascinated watching the chicks breaking out of the eggs.



Pictured are some of our volunteers at our recent Saturday morning Brunch. Hosts Barbara and Dave Bryant with Betty Bullcock, Vivien Owen, Erma Zwirner, Margaret Pottenger and Virginia Ameer. We like to honor our faithful volunteers at a get-together in the Fall. It is always nice to thank them.