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## Happy Valentine's Day



*Valentine cards, manufactured with Cupids and hearts, appeared near the end of the 18th century. A purchased Valentine became the most popular way to declare love during the early decades of the 19th century.*

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007**

(Change of date due to Holiday closing of Sr. Center)

**7:30 p.m.**

**TUSTIN SENIOR CENTER  
LOUNGE**

**200 SOUTH 'C' STREET • TUSTIN**

### • PROGRAM •

Guest Speaker

**Maralys Wills**

*(Tustin Author & Speaker)*

Everyone is Welcome!



### Maralys Wills Local Tustin Author and Teacher

Our TAHS program for February will be Tustin resident Maralys Wills. Her topic will be "Making Your Own Luck". Maralys and her husband, Bob, an attorney, have raised six children, one of whom is past Tustin Mayor, Tracey Wills Worley-Hagen. She has published nine books and has taught novel-writing at the college level. She has studied at Stanford University and UCLA earning a BA in Psychology and later a teaching credential. She once helped her sons run a hang gliding business but after a family tragedy, she stayed home to write books. Her latest book is "A Circus Without Elephants", a light-hearted memoir.

We look forward to hearing her talk and meeting this talented lady. The program will be on Tuesday (Feb. Only), February 20 at the Tustin Senior Center at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



## VOLUNTEERS HONORED

TAHS and Museum honors their members who volunteer hours in the Museum each year. In October a brunch was held at the home of Dave and Barbara Bryant as we recognized our group of volunteers.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin a New Year, the 2007 Board of Directors is excited to continue the fine traditions of the Historical Society that so many before us pioneered.

Your continued support and input is critical to our success in order to grow and expand. If you have an idea that you would like to share with the Historical Society, please let us know. You can write or call us or email us at [tustinmuseum@surfside.net](mailto:tustinmuseum@surfside.net).

I hope to see you at this year's 'Springtime in Old Town' Promenade on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Not only is the annual Home & Garden Tour our major fund raiser, it is a wonderful event with tours of historic Old Town homes and gardens, a Tree Walk, A Quilt Show, vendors with handmade crafts and an art show showcasing local artists.

Be sure to stop by the Museum soon to see our new display of christening gowns that date from 1852 until 1913. These gowns are in a recently purchased display case that will house revolving exhibits. Our "north" window is also changed periodically so "stroll" by and check it out.

Don Ropele, President

## ACCESSIONS

Doug Manning	Photos of Ritchey Ranch House
Andrew Coen	Scrapbook of Tustin in 1999, 2000, 2001
Del Pickney	Tustin PD recruitment brochures from 1990
Maxine Storey Dougan	Book: "The Enchanted Quest of Dana and Ginger Lamb
Purchase	Book: Orange County Place Names A to Z by Phil Brigandi
Joyce Miller	2006 Yearbooks, Tustin, Beckman & Foothill
Lillian Kugler	Photos of 1969 and 1957 Tiller Day parades
	"Memories of Tustin Union High School" class of 1933
	by Maxine Storey Dougan
Gregg Bunch	Photo of Tustin High students 1947
Lloyd Denny	Color postcard and 8X10 sepia tone reproduction-El Camino
	Real looking north
Purchase	Custom built doll house from June Baldwin
Jack Woodward	Photograph: "D" Street (El Camino Real) circa 1940
Ken Nadrasky	Ephemera - Pamphlets - schools
Margaret Pottenger	Brochure from The Jabberwocky 20th Anniversary April 1979
Bill Cook	Ephemera - Citizenship Badge

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## MUSEUM HOURS

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
9 am - 2 pm  
First and Third Saturday  
of each month  
12 pm - 3 pm  
Open to Visitors Admission is Free



## PROFILES... recognizing Tustin Community Leaders

### Jeanne Brown

Member Tustin Area Historical Society since 1978

Member Tustin Area Woman's Club since 1959

Resident of Tustin Area, with husband Ernie, since 1957

Jeanne, a linotype operator, proofreader, printer, by avocation and community volunteer by avocation is devoting her retirement years to the Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum and the Tustin Area Woman's Club. She was born and raised in Santa Ana and graduated from Santa Ana JC with her AA degree. She had worked part time during school at the Santa Ana Register then went to work full time as a journeyman printer during the war years and into the 50's. Widowed in 1954, she went to work for State Farm Insurance So. Calif. claims office producing the company newsletter for 600 employees.

In 1957 Jeanne married Ernie Brown and they moved to Tustin - to the country. Both of them were interested in local history and in 1978 they joined the Tustin Area Historical Society. Ernie worked for Excelsior Creamery in Santa Ana for 24 years until it closed in 1980 and then on to the Tustin Unified School District for 20 years. In all those years they have collected many items that now form a museum in their backyard. Jeanne worked for Bill and Lucille Moses at the Tustin News in the 1960's and 70's for 15 years. Then back to the SA Register part time while raising 3 children in Tustin schools and being a housewife. Her work career led her to commercial printing and so after spending 25 years at Smith Lithographic Arts in Tustin, she retired.

In 1990 Jeanne was asked to be on the Tustin Area Historical Society's Board of Directors and since then has been active as a volunteer as well as president of TAHS for 5 terms. She has compiled the Heritage newsletter for 15 years and continues to do so as its editor. She has co-chaired the Old Town Tustin Home and Garden Tour for the last 6 years and will help Don Ropele to plan another successful fund raising event to be held May 19, 2007. So now this Senior has found her retirement niche as a volunteer. Jeanne and Ernie will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April of 2007, making it 50 happy years in Tustin.

## FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

The First Advent Christian Church of Tustin recently celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the church dedication which took place December 30, 1881. A 10 am service was held on New Year's Eve with about 70 people taking part in the service.

Event organizers say the white wooden church is home to the oldest continually meeting Protestant congregation in the county. A bronze plaque outside the structure states it was named a historical site by the Orange County Historical Commission in 1981 for being the oldest church in the city of Tustin.

David Shoemaker, a Tustin Area Historical Society member, is a third generation member of this church. His father, the late Charles Shoemaker, was a long-time faithful volunteer of the TAHS Museum, as well as David and his wife, Kathy. The church is usually part of the annual Tustin Home and garden tour which show historical houses and churches. The Promenade this year will be held Saturday, May 19. Be sure to take advantage of seeing this lovely quaint old church.

## TAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2007

The first board meeting was held in January with newly elected President Don Ropele presiding. New officers elected for the year were: Joe Sprekelmeyer, Vice President; Tom Schramer, Treasurer; Denese Menard, Secretary. The Board of Directors are: Joyce Miller, Bill Finken, Arv Bollesen, Juanita Cluster, Dennis Hayden, Lillian Kugler, Bill Leinberger, Erma Zwirner, Margaret Pottenger, and Jeanne Brown, Parliamentarian. Congratulations to all 14 of you and thank you for agreeing to come on the Board.

## MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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!

ANNUAL DUES: (Please Check One)

- \$15-\$24 CONTRIBUTOR
- \$25-\$49 EXPLORER
- \$50-\$99 COLONIST
- \$100-\$249 SETTLER
- \$250-\$499 FRONTIER
- \$500-\$999 PIONEER
- \$1000 HERITAGE
- Renew  New

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Billy & April Pollock

## We Need Volunteer Docents

The Museum needs volunteer help to conduct school tours. 3rd grade classes are now scheduling tours of the Museum on Tuesday and Thursday mornings through June. With a little training I am sure you would enjoy showing the groups of children and their teachers around the Museum.

Also at other times when the Museum is normally open to visitors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am. to 2 pm., we need greeters in 2 hour shifts. If any of you, our members, would like to volunteer 2 hours a month, please call Barbara or Bill at the Museum (714) 731-5701 and offer to help.

## Notary Public

at the Museum

Tuesday & Thursday

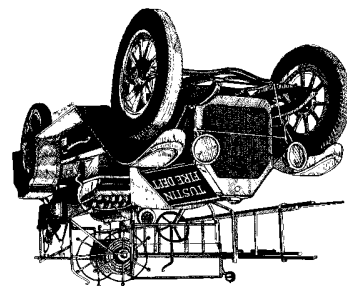
9 am. - 2 pm.

Appts. Available After Hours

Bill Finken

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May 19, 2007  
PROMENADE  
Old Town Tustin



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## • COMING EVENTS •

### 'Springtime in Old Town'

This will be the theme for the Annual Promenade Home & Garden Tour in Old Town Tustin this year. Plans are being made for this popular event to be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007. This is the main fund raiser of the year for the Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum. Heading the committee will be Chairman Don Ropele with the assistance of Jeanne Brown. Joyce Miller will again choose the homes for the tour; Doreen Corwin will lead the volunteers; Barbara Hannegan will be in charge of the pre-sale tickets; and Jeanne Brown will be in charge of the program book and invitations. Many other volunteers will work in various areas to make the day a pleasant success. More information will come soon. Just remember the date, May 19, and everyone is invited.

Call the Museum and leave your name with Barbara or Bill to make sure you are on the invitation list, (714) 731-5701.

### OLD COURTHOUSE MUSEUM/EXHIBITS

Located in the landmark 100 year old Orange County Courthouse  
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 5 pm.  
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., downtown Santa Ana, (714) 834-3703

Orange County Archives Phil Brigandi, Orange County Archivist  
Old County Courthouse, Room 101, Mon.-Fri. 9-12, 1-4:30, (714) 834-2536



Lemon Heights of yesteryear.

### HEADLINES IN 1924

**A few prices:** first class stamp, 2¢; gallon of gas, 21¢; Gorham silver spoon, \$8.50; Steinway upright piano, \$875.; annual income, \$1,303.; Chrysler auto, \$1,395.; Steinway Grand piano, \$1,425.

**NEW in 1924:** Oscar Mayer packaged bacon, Caesar salad, Bit-O-Honey candy, Dum-Dum Pops, Spiral bound notebooks, Kleenex Facial Tissues, Columbia Pictures, Little Orphan Annie comic strip.

**Popular Books:** So Big, Edna Ferber; The Plastic Age, Percy Marks; Etiquette, Emily Post; The Boston Cooking School Cook Book, Fannie Farmer, editor.