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Floss Silk Tree, located on South B Street,
age range 70-120 years old



Camphor tree located in front of Jamestown Village on El Camino Real,
age range 100 years. Jamestown Village was built in 1961.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

7:30 p.m.

**TUSTIN SENIOR
CENTER LOUNGE**

200 S. 'C' Street • Tustin

• **PROGRAM** •
Speaker

*Dr. Robert Helm,
Tustin Chiropractor
"Life in Tustin"*

Everyone is Welcome!

Life in Tustin

Dr. Robert Helm was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. His family moved from Santa Ana to Tustin in 1963. His grandfather, Sherman Hansell arrived in Tustin in 1927. Dr. Helm grew up in Tustin, having attended San Juan and Lambert elementary schools, C.E. Utt Middle School and graduated from Tustin High in 1973. He attended Vanguard University on a basketball scholarship then transferred to Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, graduating in 1979. In his 26



Dr. Robert Helm

years in practice he has examined and treated over 8,000 patients. He has been married for 26 years and they have five children. Dr. Helm says Tustin was a city of young families when he was growing up. There was always a football or baseball game being played in the streets and parks. He has many fond memories of playing basketball at the Tustin Boys' Club and exploring the local orange groves was always fun. His mother graduated from Tustin High in 1943 and his father started his plumbing business in 1950 in Tustin. Now Dr. Helm's office is currently located in that actual location on El Camino Real. His program should be very interesting.



Vivien Owen and Carol Jordan, two of the Founders of the Tustin Historical Society, pictured at Carol Jordan's Book Signing event in December when her newest book, *Tustin: An Illustrated History* was introduced at the Museum.

BOOKS OF TUSTIN

In December, Historian Carol Jordan's latest book on the history of Tustin was introduced for sale. Her book, *Tustin: An Illustrated History* was published in 2007 by the Tustin Area Historical Society, under the direction of Jeanne Brown and Jessica Curry. This hardcover book, after three years of work, has been completely revised and updated to include additional photos and content on the city of Tustin from its beginning to the present time. This new book sells for \$29.95 plus tax and is available at the Tustin Museum, 395 El Camino Real, or for information call (714) 731-5701, or email tustinmuseum@att.net. This book also may

be purchased in Tustin at Acorn Naturalists, Mrs. B's Consignments and US Post Office, or Ivy's Bridge, all on El Camino Real. Also it can be purchased at Ace Hardware, Tustin Avenue and Santa Clara in Santa Ana. Check our website also, www.tustinhistory.org for historical photos. This is a beautiful book and Carol has spent many hours on her research of Tustin and its beginning. The Museum also has books written by our local authors which can be obtained at the Museum. The authors have designated all proceeds from their sales to go to the Museum. The Museum has Ed & Libby Pankey's *Love of the Land*; Juanita Lovret's *Remember When*; John Hardy and Carol Jordan's *Tustin Tintypes*; and Carol Jordan's booklet *Landmark Trees of Tustin*. Come into the Museum and browse around in our library of books. We have all of the three Tustin High School's yearbooks, every year since the schools were started. If you graduated from Tustin Unified, come in and find your senior picture.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone. We are looking forward to having a good year for the Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum under the leadership of a new and enthusiastic Board of Directors. The new 2008 Board was duly elected in November and introduced in December. They are President, Joe Sprekelmeyer; Vice President, Denese Menard; Treasurer, Tom Schramer; and Recording Secretary, Margaret Pottenger as your officers. The Board of Directors are Juanita Cluster, Bill Finken, Marge Flamme, Mike Flamme, Dennis Hayden, Bill Leinberger, Joyce Miller, Don Ropele and Erma Zwirner.

There are 13 members all together and I appreciate and thank them for accepting their positions. Committees have been appointed and plans for some new programs have been discussed. We are planning to be a part of the Chili Cook Off this coming June 1 and the date for the Old Town Tustin Promenade is Saturday, May 17. Volunteers are appreciated.

Historical note: Did you know that Doug Manning, past Tustin Area Historical Society Board Member and Treasurer, is a descendant of the Oneida Family? During the fur trade in the 1800's, the Oneida Family made the finest type of animal traps. Today, the Oneida Family produces some of the finest silverware in the country. Doug, good for you!

Hope to see you all at our February 19 (Tuesday) meeting at the Senior Center where we will have a guest speaker and the presentation of awards for the third grade Poster Contest.

Joe Sprekelmeyer, President

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MEMORIES

Looking back, I remember 1973 and 1974. The Heritage Section of the Tustin Area US Bicentennial Foundation wanted to celebrate the growing City of Tustin. So they set up a committee in 1973 to plan a celebration. The members of the committee were John Hardy, Vivien Owen, Carol Jordan, Mary Etzold, Bob Hill, Tony Cocco, and Mary and Tom Kelly. Tustin became a city in 1927 but by the 1970's it was an active community. The old Tustin Bank was torn down in 1969 and everyone in town felt the loss and recognized the lack of recorded Tustin history. At that time Carol Jordan was working on writing the history of the Tustin schools and the committee helped her create her book, *Tustin Tintypes*. To raise funds for their Bicentennial celebration, the committee helped Carol with the printing, getting sponsors, selling and distributing the book. The committee needed to make money to fund a gala celebration and to buy a gift for the city. The Tustin City Council and the Tustin News helped in many ways to raise funds for a gift. It was decided to build a Wishing Well and place it near the new City Hall at the corner of Main Street and Centennial Way, where it still stands today.



Vivien Owen

A gala celebration was held at the Tustin High School bleachers, where the whole town was invited to see fireworks and a program on the 4th of July. It was a great affair! Some of the funds were left over and I was asked to finish the job of preserving Tustin History. The committee members became Charter Members of the new Tustin Area Historical Society in 1975. The city of Tustin let us use the empty police station and jail on Third Street to gather and store memorabilia and begin the Museum as a repository of Tustin History. And look at us today! Fond memories.

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)*

- ____ \$20-\$34 Contributor
____ \$35-\$59 Explorer
____ \$60-\$99 Colonist
____ \$100-\$249 Settler
____ \$250-\$499 Frontier
____ \$500-\$999 Pioneer
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Welcome New Members

Mike and Marge Flamme
Deborah Gauello
Virginia Laquer
Cary Richert

Obituary

Patricia Bunning
Elizabeth Sherman

Special Donation

In memory of
Frances Logan
(from Grandson Brent Ferdig)
In memory of
Dorothy Wallenberg Penman Lamb

Notary Public

at the Museum
Tuesday & Thursday
9 am - 2 pm
Apts. Available After Hours
Bill Finken
714-838-9861

JOANN BOLLESON ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

We are happy to announce that our Third Grade Poster Contest is larger in number of entries this year than it was the year before. In 2006, we had 40 entries and this past year, 2007, we had 90 entries. All Tustin Elementary School's third grades were invited to enter. The deadline was December 14 and the judging to pick four winners was done on January 17. The winners were chosen by Tustin Historical Society board members, Joe Spreklemeyer, Denese Menard, and Joyce Miller. Come help us congratulate the winners at the TAHS general program meeting on Tuesday, February 19 at the Senior Center at 7:30 pm.

TAHS OLD TOWN TUSTIN PROMENADE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR!

A new year begins as the Tustin Area Historical Society is planning their annual fund raiser, the Spring Promenade Home and Garden Tour. The date is Saturday, May 17, 2008 and the central point is again the Tustin First Presbyterian Church. This year's chairman is Joe Spreklemeyer and he has appointed committees who are busy with planning "Walk in Tustin's Shady Lanes" for a most enjoyable day. Joyce Miller will again line up some of Tustin's historical homes and gardens to be shown on the Tour. The Volunteer Coordinator will again be Doreen Corwin. If you would like to help in the many areas needing volunteers, be sure to call Doreen at (714) 838-1446. She will welcome your call, or call the Museum at (714) 731-5701. We will need lots of volunteers to help This yearly event helps to benefit the Tustin Museum in its various projects and programs to preserve the history of Tustin. More information about pre-sale tickets will be out soon. We always look forward to a great day!



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• COMING EVENTS •

Tustin Area Historical Society's Annual TUSTIN OLD TOWN PROMENADE

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9-4pm

"A Walk in Tustin's Shady Lanes"

Mark the Date!!

CHILI COOKOFF

Annual Affair

Sunday, June 1, 2008

11am-5pm

Old Town Tustin,

El Camino Real & Main Streets

CONGRATULATIONS!

The winner of the 2007 Old Town Holiday Decorating contest was the front window of the Tustin Museum. Our congratulations and thanks go to Joyce and Bill Miller, who are responsible for our front window displays. Thank you for your continuing good work in making the museum look good using our antiques. Also in the October Tiller Days Parade we received a first place trophy in the Antique Auto and Tractor Division. The Tustin Historical Society are certainly winners.



VOLUNTEERS

Barbara Hannegan, Joyce Miller and Peggy Braun at our October Volunteer Brunch. We appreciate our Volunteers!

ACCESSIONS

Mary and Tom Prescott	Orange Crate Labels
Jack and Jonie Claborn	"Roll of Honor", Tustin News, 1945
John Aschieris	Two special cameras (one given to his mother on her 16th birthday, 1917)
Bryant Skelley	Milk Bottle (Ritner Dairy), Tustin, Santa Ana
Mark Eliot	Marjorie Veeh photograph and obituary