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## 'Springtime In Old Town' - Saturday, May 19



*Tustin City of Trees - Join our Tree Walk as part of Tustin's Spring Promenade tour.*

### **Annual Tustin Home & Garden Promenade Tour**

Each year the Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum plans their annual fund-raising event, the Promenade Home and Garden Tour. Our theme this year is "Springtime in Old Town". Co-Chairmen Jeanne Brown and Don Ropele, along with a hard working committee are now busy coordinating the big event. The proceeds will go to benefit the Museum and its many projects to preserve the history of Tustin.

It is always a beautiful fun day and we invite everyone to walk

around Old Town Tustin's Main Street and El Camino Real down to Jamestown Village and enjoy the sights of downtown Tustin. On May 19 we will offer two guided walks - an Architecture Walk pointing out historical buildings which will be led by members of the Tustin Preservation Conservancy, at 9:30 am and at 10:30 am our annual Tree Walk led by Guy Stivers, local landscape architect. He will point out our lovely old trees, as Tustin is known as the City of Trees.

Plan to buy a pre-sale ticket at the Museum or by mail until Friday, May 18 at \$20. each. You will enjoy a tour of 6 houses and 2 gardens, one of which is our refreshment area. The day begins at the Tustin Presbyterian Church on the corner of Main and C Streets where you will pick up your pre-sale ticket tour book or purchase your ticket for the day at \$25.00 each at the Registration table. Once again we will have our Quilt display in the Fellowship Hall, arranged by Peggy Braun. All of the quilts are hand made by local ladies. We will have vendors that will be selling their specialties in the Church Courtyard. Barbara Bryant has asked several Tustin artists from the Tustin Art League to show their paintings along Main Street. We also have many wonderful Opportunity Prizes with tickets for sale in the Museum.

Saturday, May 19, "Springtime in Old Town" will begin at 9:00 am and continue through 4:00 pm, at the Registration Table at the Presbyterian Church. Invite your friends and join us for a wonderful day. Please call Barbara at the Museum (714) 731-5701 or email [tustin-museum@surfside.net](mailto:tustin-museum@surfside.net) for more information.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, April 16, 2007**

**7:30 p.m.**

**TUSTIN SENIOR CENTER  
LOUNGE**

**200 SOUTH 'C' STREET • TUSTIN**

**• PROGRAM •**

**Paul Apodaca, MA, Ph.D.**

*Speaker*

**'From Tustin To  
Chapman University'**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

### **Paul Apodaca, MA, Ph.D.**

#### **From Tustin To Chapman University**

Paul Apodaca, MA, Ph.D., was born in Los Angeles and raised in Tustin. He is of Navajo and Mexican heritage and his mother still lives in Tustin. He graduated from UCLA with a Masters in American Indian studies and a Doctorate in Folklore and Mythology. Today he is Associate Professor of American Studies at Chapman University and an Adjunct Professor of American Studies at UCLA.

He has a vast and interesting history as a consultant, editor, panelist and speaker for many museums, California Councils and Libraries, as an (expert) on Native American Indian studies. He is a past curator of American Indian art and California history collections for Bowers Museum and a past consultant for California for the Smithsonian Institute Museum of the American Indian. He has won many awards and will bring to us a wonderful program as our speaker on Monday, April 16.

## WE NOW HAVE TWO NEW ACCESSIONS ON DISPLAY



Doll house fully furnished, donated by June Baldwin of Tustin Meadows



Now a General Store 'fully stocked' donated by Melodie Jones, made by Sandy Spradling, circa 1920's.

Our Third Graders  
Are Fascinated!

**Come See For Yourself**



### ACCESSIONS

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Betty Cannon<br>TUSD  | Pastry bag from 1900's.<br>History of the Tustin Elementary School District by George Madden in 1965 as a thesis.  |
| Don Ropele<br>Maxwell Norton<br>Ron Primrose<br>Ted Rischard<br>Jack Woodward<br>Jill Leach | Girl Scout and Brownie uniforms from 1970's.<br>Fruit crate with "Top Flight" label.<br>Hand mixer from Utt Juice Co.<br>Honey extractor/separator circa 1920's/1930's.<br>Year books from Santa Ana High School 1925 through 1937.<br>Programs for Assistance League of Tustin's "Red Garter Revue" 1978, 1982 and 1984.  |
| Doug Manning  | Porcelain chamber pot, kerosene lamp with ceramic base and kerosene lamp with glass base.  |
| Juanita Lovret<br>Margaret Pottenger<br>Niki Gerding<br>Mark Eliot<br>Melodie Jones         | Commemorative magazines and newspaper - Tustin & Orange Co.<br>Book, "Turn the Rascals Out" by Jim Sleeper-First Edition<br>Photos of Miss Tustin Contestants - 1968 & 1976.<br>Cow bell found under bleachers at Tustin High School.<br>Replica of General Store with furniture and merchandise. Made by Sandy Spradling. |

### TAHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March 6, 2007

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| Paid Members   | 276 |
| Life Members   | 6   |
| Total Membership (including Friends,<br>Sponsors & Underwriters) | 342 |

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                     | Don Ropele         |
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| 2007 Promenade                | Erma Zwirner       |
| Program                       | Don Ropele         |
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| Museum Office Manager         | Barbara Hannegan   |

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Fund Raising                      | Joe Spreklemeyer |
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| Displays                          | Joyce Miller     |
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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



## MEMORIES OF TUSTIN

**Joyce Bixler Miller**

**Tustin Area Historical Society since 1990**

**Tustin High School graduate 1964**

**Family came to Tustin in 1917**

As lovely as Orange County summers were, children in the late 40's, and early 50's still sought to cool themselves off in the water, either playing at the beach, swimming in the city plunge at Hart Park (before the polio scare), or running through the lawn sprinklers. Another alternative, for those of us who lived on citrus ranches, was the irrigation system. Some of my favorite memories involve those hot summer days of my childhood, waiting eagerly for the irrigation water to begin flowing into our standpipes. Tustin growers contracted with the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation (namesake of the SAVI Ranch area in eastern Yorba Linda) for grove water at regular intervals each year. The water was released for a period of several days to each ranch, but while you knew its arrival date, the exact hour was 'iffy.' I would race out, hopes high, on the morning it was due to check the main standpipe. If it remained dry, by afternoon when the temperature climbed, I was resolutely stationed in the rope swing hanging from a large walnut branch close by, where I listened for the first gurgle of water as I swung. Oh, the excitement when the water began to flow, coursing through the ditches! Those ditches guided my little boats of scrap wood with their orange-leaf sails and pill-bug crews. The wide irrigation ditch beneath the swing gave my bare toes something cool to trail and splash through with every arc, and the wooden platform in the tree became my raft on the 'river.'

With today's air conditioning, water toys, and numerous private pools, cooling off is no longer difficult, but in my mind they can never equal the excitement the 'wild waters' brought as they flowed in the shade of that old walnut tree.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is an exciting and busy time of year as so many people are working feverishly in preparation for our annual home and garden tour. I can promise you that this year's program will make for a wonderful day on Saturday, May 19. Call the Museum for information about "Springtime in Old Town", (714) 731-5701, mark your calendar.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Tustin Area Historical Society, we want to again express our appreciation for your generous membership contributions. Your contributions enable us to perpetuate all the ideals of which the Museum was founded upon. We could not do it without your support.

I look forward to seeing you on April 16 for our program at the Senior Center at 7:30 pm. Paul Apodaca will be a most interesting speaker. Everyone is welcome.

Don Ropele, President

## 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.

## PROMENADE COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The 2007 Promenade committee chairmen are putting together a wonderful day for May 19, "Springtime in Old Town." Volunteers are needed in many areas of the tour. If you are interested please call Doreen Corwin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (714) 838-1446 or Barbara at the Museum (714) 731-5701 for more information. Barbara is Pre-Sale Ticket Chairman, also. Directing the annual event are Co-Chairmen Don Ropele and Jeanne Brown.

## 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

Emanuel Halpern

## OBITUARIES

Dorothy Lamb  
TUHS 1931

Dorothy Lou Kimball Beck  
TUHS 1946

George Broomell  
William Sommerville  
Matt McCalla



## Notary Public

at the Museum

Tuesday & Thursday

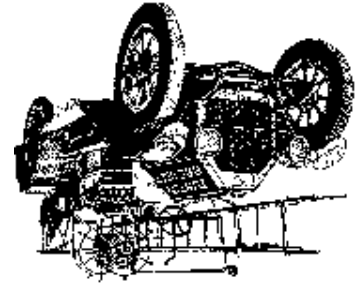
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Appts. Available After Hours

Bill Finken

714-838-9861

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Old Town Tustin



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## • COMING EVENTS •

### FLORAL PARK HOME & GARDEN TOUR

April 28 & 29, 2007

Historic North Santa Ana  
Information (714) 567-4795

Tustin Area Historical Society's  
Old Town Tustin

### PROMENADE HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, MAY 19, 2007

'Springtime in Old Town'

Call Tustin Museum 714/ 731-5701

### CHILI COOKOFF

Sunday, June 3

11 am. - 5 pm.

Old Town Tustin - El Camino Real & Main Streets

### OLD COURTHOUSE MUSEUM/EXHIBITS

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Open Monday - Friday 9 - 5 pm.

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



Downtown Tustin in early 1900's. This old trolley shown here is at the corner of Main Street and El Camino Real (then D Street). The old bank building pictured on the right corner.



One of the lovely gardens featured on the Promenade Home & Garden Tour 'Springtime in Old Town'. 6 homes and 2 gardens will be shown on May 19th.