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NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 17, 2007

7:30 p.m.

TUSTIN SENIOR CENTER LOUNGE

200 S. 'C' Street • Tustin

• PROGRAM •

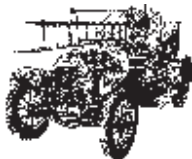
Speaker

Angie Kardashian

Former Tustin Business-Woman and

1993 Woman of the Year!

Everyone is Welcome!



Angie Kardashian with a fireman Brady, New York 2002

THE POWER OF ONE

Angie Kardashian will be the speaker at the next meeting Monday, September 17, 2007. Six years ago, in the wake of 9/11, Angie sold her 22-year-old "Angie's Cuisine Italiano" Tustin restaurant and went to New York to cook for firefighters. Through donations, she was able to cook for more than 100 firehouses, one at a time, over a two year period. Her adventures and close friendships have resulted in numerous sentimental gifts. Angie will share some of her collection. She gives these presentations because her goal in life now is to make sure that no one ever forgets how firefighters put their lives on the line every day. She tells her compelling story the "Power of One."

CAROL JORDAN'S NEW BOOK

It's almost ready for publication! Carol Jordan's NEW book called, *TUSTIN, AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY*, should be ready for sale at the Tustin Museum by the Holiday Season. It is a beautiful book, full of old photos and Tustin History. Carol has brought her research up to the year 2000. Three years in the making, Carol, with the help of Jessica Curry and Jeanne Brown, will submit the final proofs to the publisher by the first week of September. As soon as the finished book is delivered, the Tustin Area Historical Society Board of Directors will plan a book-signing in the Museum around the first week in December.



*Carol Jordan,
Author, Historian*

TAHS MUSEUM'S HISTORY IN A BOX PROGRAM

The Tustin Area Historical Society's History in a Box program was started in 1999 as a collaboration between Historian Carol Jordan and Becky Cameron, a third grade teacher at Tustin Ranch Elementary School.

As part of the Tustin Unified School District's third grade history curriculum, the Tustin Museum put together nine History in a Box trunks. These trunks are shared during the school year by the 18 elementary schools in the Tustin District's area on a rotating schedule. Each third grade class in the Tustin School District has an opportunity to have a trunk in the school year. Also each third grade teacher is encouraged to bring their students into the Museum for a visit with a docent-led tour to see all the exhibits.

The contents in each trunk reflect life in Tustin from the early years. There are household items, costumes, toys, a button hook, McGuffey's Readers, research books and also a third grade curriculum guide that includes "Life in Tustin", "Historic Homes", and "Artifacts and Activities". There are 43 laminated "study prints" which are copies of the Tustin Museum's historical photographs with a short story of the photo on the back. There are many more ideas listed so each teacher can select the topics which will interest their third graders during the school year.

The Tustin School District picks up the trunks and delivers them to the appropriate school at the beginning of the school year. At the end of each semester, the trunks are returned to the Museum to be inventoried and cleaned. Presently for the summer, the nine History in a Box trunks rest in the Museum. In September they will be delivered to the first nine schools for the first semester. The remaining nine schools will have possession for the second semester of the school year. Each third grade class in the Tustin School District has the opportunity to have a trunk during the school year. This project is a wonderful teaching tool.

In the 2006-2007 school year we had 830 third grade students tour the Museum. There were approximately 42 classes with their teachers who came through the Museum on scheduled tours. The students are fascinated by what they see, and so are the adults.



*History in a Box Barbara Hannegan,
Coordinator*

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Mark Eliot, TUSD	2007 School Yearbooks from two Middle Schools and Four High Schools
Amy High	1978 Book, 1966 City of Tustin Map
Margaret Greinke	Two Photo Albums, May 1966 "A May Day in a Victorian Garden" held at the Vance House

MUSEUM HOURS

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

A "SAFE" JOURNEY

Many of you remember the safe that was a fixture in the old First National Bank of Tustin on the northwest corner of El Camino Real and Main Street.

This grand piece of Tustin History was purchased by our banker, Charles Vance, in 1924, after the bank was robbed at gunpoint in the old bank vault. Over the years, the safe stored currency, gold pieces and loan notes until the bank was razed in 1963.



Phil Cox with safe.

Once the bank closed, the safe was moved to the new First Western Bank on the corner of El Camino Real and Third Street, and eventually found a home at the Saddleback Bank, now the United California Bank (UCB) on First Street and Newport Avenue.

Because of a remodel project at the UCB we were asked to move the safe once again. Our first thought was to store it at the Museum, but because of its weight and our fragile floor, that option was not feasible. Hearing of our predicament, Phil Cox, owner of Cox's Market Plaza, has generously agreed to store the safe on his property in Old Town, located on the southeast corner of Main Street and El Camino Real. The safe has now been moved to a small room behind Quinn's Old Town Grill off the parking lot. The safe will be on display to visitors as the door to the small room will be open during business hours, according to owner Phil Cox.

You can certainly agree that our historic safe has come full circle back to Old Town Tustin. Thank you, Phil!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE! www.tustinhistory.com

Local historian and Tustin Area 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 the Tustin Area Museum since 1975. Membership in the group is open to anyone interested in the historical aspects of Tustin. New members are welcome. For information, call the museum at (714) 731-5701 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm. The community is invited to the Museum at 395 El Camino Real, Old Town Tustin or go online at our new website for articles about Tustin history, vintage photos of Old Town Tustin, and local and county links to other sites. Remember, check out our new website, www.tustinhistory.com, and find out new and interesting things. Thanks to Guy Ball, who constantly keeps us up to date with more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are so many things that make the Tustin Area Historical Society a vibrant part of the community, but the one thing that makes our Museum so special is our Volunteers.

Volunteers are the life blood of the Museum. They are our Board of Directors, our Docents and our weekly volunteer helpers and greeters. Our volunteers provide services that truly make a difference.

We are constantly in search of a few more volunteers. Duties can include greeting Museum visitors, assisting with ongoing Museum projects such as our History in a Box program, guiding Third Grade tours during the school year, sorting and arranging photographs, cataloging artifact donations, membership mailings and helping with historical research.

If you can give us a few hours a month, please call Barbara Hannegan or Bill Finken at (714) 731-5701 or email us at tustinmuseum@surfside.net.

Don Ropele, President

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!

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Welcome New Members

Jack & Lynette Dodge
Jeffrey Evans
Seven Gables Real Estate
Jim & Julie Ann Ulcickas

Obituary

Lois C. Johnson

TO ALL MEMBERS:

If you have an email address, please let us know so we can keep our membership up to date between newsletter mailings. Call the Museum (714) 831-5701 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 am and 2 pm, and give us the information. Thanks!

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• COMING EVENTS •

TUSTIN TILLER DAYS

October 5, 6 & 7

Irvine Blvd. & Prospect

Tustin Historical Society will have a display of
Photos of Old Tustin History (at Information Booth)

PARADE 10:00 am, Old Town Tustin

Saturday, October 6th

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.,

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Phil Brigandi, Orange County Archivist

Old County Courthouse, Room 101

Mon.-Fri. 9-12, 1-4:30, (714) 834-2536



NEW DISPLAY OF VINTAGE CAMERAS NOW IN THE MUSEUM

Joyce Miller, our Tustin Museum Display Director, has put together an interesting collection of old and interesting cameras. Come and visit the Museum and see the constant changing of new things to see. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 2. A new front window Fall display will soon be in place as Joyce and her husband, Bill, come up with new ideas.

JULY AND AUGUST TROLLEY RIDES WERE QUITE A SUCCESS

The Tustin Museum and the Tustin Conservancy, under direction of Barbara Hannegan and Linda Jennings, planned to offer trolley rides on two Saturdays in July and two Saturdays in August. The bus (trolley) picked up passengers at the Tustin Senior Center at 10, 12, and 2pm on the four Saturdays. Tustin Conservancy members Brent Ferdig and Carol Fox held the attention of the groups with their interesting narration of the historic features of architecture of the old buildings and houses in Old Town Tustin. They also had some stories of the people that had lived in the area around that time. The four days were a success and many are looking forward to next year at this time.