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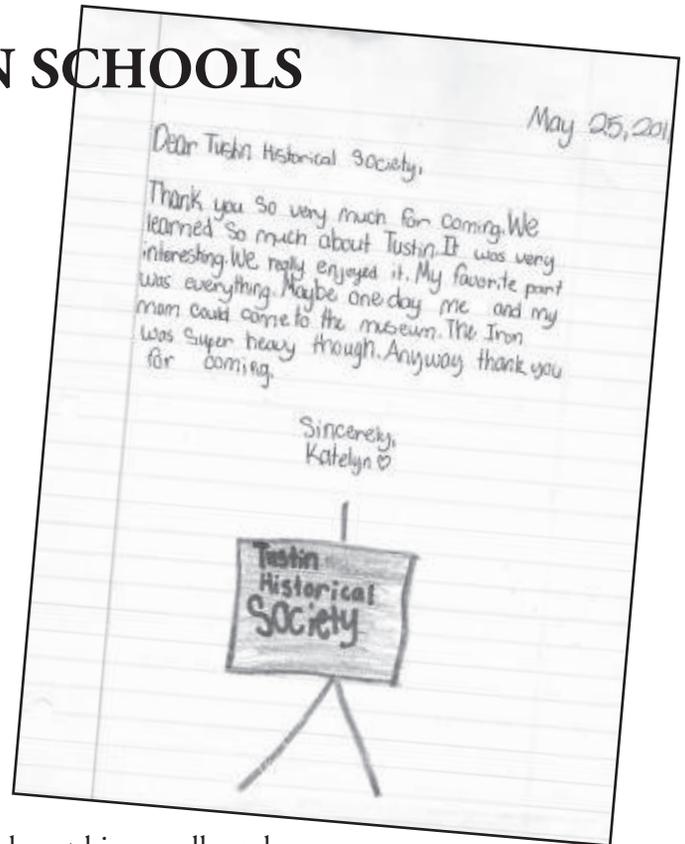
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HISTORY'S AFOOT IN TUSTIN SCHOOLS

As you know, the Museum maintains the History in a Box program, delivering a trunk filled with Tustin historical items and photos to participating third grade classrooms during the school year, along with an instructional plan for the teachers. This has always been provided in conjunction with classroom tours of the Museum, and teacher-guided historical tours of Old Town Tustin. Sadly, school finances being what they are, many schools no longer have the extra funds needed for a field trip to the Museum and Old Town, so the Historical Society has gone a step farther in its outreach. Several present and former Society board members have formed an intrepid group of volunteers who don period clothing and now go to those classrooms with a presentation of Tustin history, along with personal stories of growing up in Tustin 'way back when'. Joe Spreklemeyer is always a big hit, as in his spare time he's a dedicated Civil War re-enactor, and his military uniform never fails to fascinate a classroom full of squirmy children as he tells them of the many Civil War veterans who've lived in town. Doug Manning, a spell-binding speaker to begin with, hauls out his overalls and relates hair-raising stories of growing up on his family's farm on Tustin's outskirts. Sharon Teter and Gretchen Whisler, while not being nearly old enough to remember the old days here, are nevertheless able to present credible stories of Tustin women at the turn of the last century, gleaned from personal histories available for sale at the Museum. This outreach endeavor has involved much effort and no small amount of time, but the Thank-you notes from the children make it all worthwhile.



IS THERE A TREASURE IN YOUR CLOSET?

You might learn the answer to this question by coming to our General Meeting on September 19th when our guest speaker will be William King, Gemologist. Bring that necklace your grandmother always treasured and kindly willed to you, or even something sparkly and vintage that caught your eye while wondering through a garage sale one morning. Mr. King, who graduated from the GIA in 1975, went on to become a jewelry appraiser for *Butterfields & Butterfields Auctioneers and Appraisers*, San Francisco, and was a founding member and VP of the *Estate Jewelers of America*, an international trade organization of wholesalers of antique and period jewelry. As a Master Gemologist Appraiser for more than 30 years, he will present information and history on antique and period jewelry and the way in which their designs represented the times. We're sure you'll find his lecture fascinating, and don't forget to bring along that special piece you've always wondered about.

NEXT MEETING

Monday
September 19, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Tustin Senior Center
LOUNGE
200 South "C" Street
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PROGRAM
William King,
Gemologist

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12 pm – 3 pm

Open to Visitors
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JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY GIVING



We are thrilled to announce the November publication of Juanita Lovret's new book of reminiscences about her childhood in 1930s Tustin. Many of you may be familiar with Juanita from her "Remember When" articles, which appear monthly in the *Tustin News*, or may even have purchased a copy of her former book by the same name. This is a new collected series of her most recent articles, and as always they're humorous, personal, and very entertaining. They'll be available at the Museum, where you can contact us for the date of the book signing. You'll learn that Juanita is just as charming in person as she is in print.

On the subject of book signings and holiday gifts, Guy Ball will have a book signing in the Museum on October 22, from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. for his *Images of America, Tustin*, an Arcadia Publishing book filled with wonderful vintage pictures with historical notations about Tustin's past. As proof of its desirability, the copy the Historical Society had donated to the Tustin Library has mysteriously disappeared from the shelves, so Guy and the Society have now donated two more copies. The Society has also donated a copy, along with a copy of Carol Jordan's *Tustin, an Illustrated History*, to Irvine's Katy Wheeler Library located at the historical Irvine Ranch headquarters. While not technically in Tustin, the Irvine Ranch contributed undeniably to Tustin's early history and is frequented by many Tustin Ranch residents.

Accessions:

Greta Toscas – Vintage recipe box and kitchen tools
Eleanor Armstrong – Haven Family papers
Jerry Mack – THS Yearbooks – various years
Mark Eliot – 2011 Yearbooks – THS, FHS, Beckman and CT
Robert Lindquist – Glass blocks from Rutabegorz; various newspapers depicting historical events in the 1940's and 1960's.
Robert & Kerry Ammann – intage tv's and radios
Linda Jennings – Stereoscope card of Tustin Presbyterian Church circa 1800's
Joyce Miller – Stereoscope cards circa 1899
David B. Smith – Telephone circa 1960's; Polaroid Camera – circa 1970's
Pete Beatty – Flyers regarding Tustin from 1918 and 1969
Wendy Greene – A pamphlet of vintage songs
Betty Nielsen – TUHS Broadcasters, 1944 and 1945
Helen Bryant Boggs – Items from David Bryant estate
Don Ropele – Books "Magic Stories", 1929 and "Historic Place Names in Orange County", 1966.
Virginia Ameer - numerous items from the Ameer collection

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have recently had a few opportunities to docent at the Museum. During my brief time there I spoke with returning Tustin residents, individuals looking up their family histories, children fascinated by the intricacies of the telephone switchboard and by the sound of 78 rpm records playing on our gramophone. As I was talking to each of these people, I realized the importance of preserving our history and the memories of "life as it was". Whether it's relating the story of the Utt Juice Company, the citrus industry, or turn-of-the-century actress Madame Modjeska, the Museum has many stories to share with all.

To keep the Museum going takes a lot of volunteer involvement. We have volunteers who help change the window displays and interior exhibit cases, those who help inventory and organize all of our donated items, docents to welcome visitors to the museum, and volunteers to help support our school outreach program. We are very fortunate to have a core of dedicated volunteers who keep us going. However, we are always eager for new volunteers and welcome all who have an interest in contributing their time and talents. If you think this describes you, please contact the Museum to learn about our varied opportunities.

Sindi Corwin
Acting President

OUR HISTORY IS YOUR HISTORY, TOO

Do you love history? Is "History Detectives" one of your favorite TV shows? Do you have a soft spot in your heart for small towns, even if they're not the small towns of your childhood? Does digging through archived photos, letters, diaries and antiques sound appealing? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you might be the new volunteer or board member we hope to find. We can never have enough volunteers, and the Society is also looking for a few enthusiastic people to fill upcoming vacancies on our 2012 Board of Directors. You don't need to know a lot about history, or even a lot about Tustin; we have plenty of Tustin history to pass on to you. We're simply looking for a few people who would like to become more knowledgeable about Tustin's past and who enjoy community involvement. If this sounds appealing to you, we encourage your participation. A quick phone call to either our president, Sindi Corwin (714-325-7583), or to the Museum's office manager, Barbara (714-731-5701), will answer any questions you might have about becoming a volunteer, or serving as a Board member. Come and involve yourself with us – we have so many places you could make a difference!

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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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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

As they say, better late than never, but we regret being this late telling you about Glenn Pyeatt's 90th birthday party last spring. If you already know him, you probably know about the party he threw at Don Jose's. If you're saying to yourself, "Glenn Who?" you need to know that Glenn was the venerable pharmacist who occupied the corner of the Knights of Pythius building where i initial is now located, at the corner of Main and El Camino Real. In fact, our Museum occupies the part of the building where Glenn's wife operated her very successful variety store for many years. Glenn, at 90, is as spry as he ever was, and possibly almost as handsome (is there something in the Tustin water?). Don Jose's put out a wonderful spread, and in spite of the size of the banquet room, every chair was filled with Glenn's family and his many friends from both the past and the present. Stories were told (and re-told - we're getting to that age, you know), old friends reunited, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks, Glenn, for your many contributions to both the Historical Society and to Tustin. Oh.....and Happy Birthday. May you have many more!



Welcome New Member: Irene Fleck