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## TUSTIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019**

**Pre-Sale Tickets \$25 until May 3**  
**Opportunity prize tickets \$4 each or 5 for \$15**

Pay by cash or check at the Museum and Mrs. B's  
Pay by credit card online at [www.tustinhistory.com](http://www.tustinhistory.com)

Tickets day of the event are \$30

**Opening ceremony in Mrs. B's parking lot at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Homes and activities open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



We're celebrating our amazing community and its heritage at the Tustin Area Historical Society's 23rd Annual Old Town Tustin Home & Garden Tour, "Walkin' 'n Rockin' Thru Old Town Tustin." You can enjoy strolling through Old Town Tustin or climb aboard a trolley or shuttle to see how homeowners have turned their vintage homes and gardens into modern day living spaces while maintaining the charm of yesteryear.

In addition to tours of the homes and gardens, included with your ticket price is a Historic Architectural Walking Tour, the always popular Tree Walk, a Garden Talk by Armstrong Nursery in the McCharles House Garden, Maypole Dance demonstrations, the beautiful Quilt Show, a variety of vendors, and musical entertainment!

Come out early for a gorgeous spring Saturday in Old Town—see you May 4th!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A DOCENT, PLEASE CONTACT DOREEN CORWIN AT:  
[edfcorwinshane@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edfcorwinshane@sbcglobal.net) or (714) 838-1446**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear TAHS Members,

Good news...our Home and Garden Tour preparation—our major annual fundraiser—is on target and progressing nicely! Hope you have marked your calendars for Saturday, May 4th! Brochures have been mailed out, and you can take advantage of pre-sale savings by getting your tour tickets online at [www.tustinhistory.com](http://www.tustinhistory.com) by Friday, May 3. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to the support of a wonderful team, we have already made great progress in many areas this year.

### Goals Achieved

- ✓ Expand the Home and Garden Tour to include more vendors, music and local businesses.
- ✓ Use the Museum's window display to celebrate and connect to the community's history.
- ✓ Set up a website to be used for Museum activities ([www.tustinmuseum.com](http://www.tustinmuseum.com)).
- ✓ Start YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) groups for ages 13 to 18 and 19 to 26.
- ✓ Establish a HRC (History Research Committee) to help in research requests.
- ✓ Set up a LAN (Local Area Network) to connect all our computers.
- ✓ Make it easier for members to use our Computer Research Center in the Museum.

### Tasks Under Way

- Expand the Museum days to include more Saturdays.
- Add additional historical information in our third grade program.
- Set up an attractive retail area for our Museum visitors.
- Explore ways to make changes: new displays, more interactive areas, etc.
- Start Museum seminars and workshops covering a variety of topics.
- Offer the Museum for special events: retirement parties, class reunions, etc.
- Set an Oral Histories Committee schedule each month for videos made at the Museum.
- Increase our membership, add more docents, tour guides and event helpers.
- Add more Museum and community activities for our members and visitors to enjoy.

To date, seven out of 16 goals met is a great accomplishment! Everyone on the board, the office staff, and our volunteers make all of this possible through teamwork and agreement on common goals. It's only April...so we will continue full speed ahead!

Sincerely,

*Pete*

Pete Beatty  
TAHS President



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR  
NEXT GENERAL MEETING!**

**Monday, May 20, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Tustin Senior Center  
200 South C Street**

Winners of our annual Arv & JoAnn Bollesen Art Contest for 3rd graders in our community will be awarded and the winning art will be displayed.

Our program for the evening is being planned and we promise it will be a good one! Details will be emailed soon.

Our general meetings are open to the public, free of charge, and include refreshments!



**Celebration of Life**

The family of  
Juanita and Clint Lovret  
cordially invite you to attend a  
celebration of life memorial  
gathering in their honor.

**Sunday, May 26  
Drop in between 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Refreshments will be served**

**Tustin Area Museum  
395 El Camino Real  
Old Town Tustin**

**Remember When, Continued...**

**By Laurie Lovret**

Do you remember the stores from days gone by that occupied what today is called the French Quarter shopping center on 17<sup>th</sup> Street across from Enderle Center?

What about Pets West? I recall a favorite childhood ritual -- my friends and I would "window shop" through every inch of the store, dreaming of buying a fish, hamster, hermit crab, or if we were really fortunate, a little puppy or kitten. Looking back, I'm amazed at the variety of pets and supplies that were squeezed into that little space, especially compared to the size of today's big box pet stores!

A trip to Pets West was always accompanied by a stop at the neighboring Tustin Toys. High shelves offered a myriad of fun possibilities. But typically, I'd leave with a tiny, adorable rubber animal carefully selected from the assortment in the clear container next to the cash register. They were about the size of my thumb, delightfully soft, and fit my allowance budget. Decades later, I still hold onto these little treasures and the memories they evoke.

## TAHS Honored to Receive Community Service Award

Last month, Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) Director of Communications and Public Information, Mark Eliot, extended an invitation to TAHS president Pete Beatty and past-president Gretchen Whisler to attend the 44th Annual Community Dinner on March 13, hosted jointly by TUSD and Tustin School Management Association (TSMA) to recognize parent volunteers, community organizations, and business leaders who lend support to our schools.

Imagine our surprise when at the end of the evening, Tustin Area Historical Society was presented TSMA's Annual Community Service Award along with a beautiful plaque. Here is a summary of what TSMA President Troy Fresch said when presenting TAHS this award:

“The Tustin Unified School District’s core belief is that all students deserve great public schools. And it takes dedicated, hard-working, caring and committed individuals who embody the spirit of partnership and collaboration between educators, parents, business and community leaders – which is critical to student success.

We are grateful for our community partner’s commitment to the cause of providing an excellent educational program for our students, and our school district’s success is because of them.

Tonight, we are recognizing and celebrating a special organization that preserves the history and heritage of our community and teaches TUSD students to appreciate the past and look forward to the future. Tonight, we are celebrating the Tustin Area Historical Society!”

After an overview of our society’s history (including a lovely plug for our upcoming Home & Garden Tour!), Mr. Fresch described TAHS’s History In A Box program, which started in 1999 when 3rd grade teacher Becky Cameron and local resident Linda Jennings collaborated to bring local history to the school district’s 3rd grade



Left to right: Dr. Gregory Franklin, TUSD Superintendent; Tammy Bullard, TUSD Board Member; Francine Scinto, TUSD Board Vice President; Gretchen Whisler and Pete Beatty; Troy Fresch, TSMA President; James Laird, TUSD Board President; Jonathan Abelow, TUSD Board Member.

Photo by: Mark Eliot, TUSD

classrooms. Today, the History In A Box program not only provides resources directly to 3rd grade teachers to promote local history through their curriculum, but also offers school tours of the Museum, docent-led walking tours of Old Town Tustin, and our Mobile Museum presentations.

Then Mr. Fresch concluded by saying:

“The Historical Society’s docents and volunteers pride themselves in helping guests and assisting students when visiting the Museum, doing research, or writing a report on the City of Tustin.

Thus, in appreciation of their dedicated work, commitment and support of students and schools, the Tustin School Management Association would like to present the 2019 Community Service Award to the Tustin Area Historical Society.”

TAHS received this award in large part due to the dedication and hard work of Joe Sprekelmeyer and his team of docents (Margaret Pottenger, Don Larson, and Laurie Lovret), as well as our volunteers who inventory the Boxes twice a year and help with the school tours in the Museum. The beautiful award plaque now hangs in our Museum for everyone to see and admire!

## RECENT ACCESSIONS

(ac-ces-sion: a new item added to an existing collection of books, paintings, or artifacts)

Kendra Bailey  
Larry Blackman  
Joyce Miller  
Carolyn Rischard Fox  
Angie Kardashian  
Steve Sauers  
Cindy Burge  
Bill Cook

Toledo scale used at former Pieper Feed Store in Old Town  
Souvenir coin bank from First National Bank, orange wrapping board  
“Pin-It” skirt marker used for hemming skirts and pants  
Ephemera from Rischard/Fox Collection including Girl Scout items from 1960s  
19x14 print of the Stevens Mansion on Main Street  
Comptometer circa 1929 that belonged to donor’s father  
Photos of Main Street circa 1920s, Tustin High yearbooks and ephemera  
Photos and topographical maps

### NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TAHS!

Annual Dues: Jan. - Dec.  
Individual (\$25 or more)  
Household (\$35 or more)  
Business/Organization  
(\$100 or more)  
Special Donation  
(\$150 or more)

### Tustin Area Museum

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(at Main Street)  
Tustin, CA 92780  
(714) 731-5701

#### Hours

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9 am – 2 pm

**First and Third Saturday**  
12 pm – 3 pm

**Open to Visitors**  
**Admission is Free**

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### *Welcome new members -*

Marilyn & Hal Thoms  
Adam Foster

### *Departed friend we will miss -*

Lee Staton