

San Benito County Historical Society News

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498 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

SUMMER 2006

Message from the President:

Peter Sonné

Well it has been an interesting year so far. Our Dance Hall blew down with January storms, we have not been able to utilize the Gabilan Conservation work crews as they have been so busy with fighting fires else where, but on lighter notes we have had another wonderful Eagle Scout project take place at the Historical Park with the building and installation of new fencing by Tyler Farney all around the front areas of the open face display buildings. If you have a chance please go by and look at Tyler's handy work, what a wonderful difference.

Our Gas Engine event went well in June with some very cool old pieces of equipment on display. However, our Tri Tip BBQ and 50th birthday celebration was not well attended. This is very unfortunate, as a number of people had put in some very hard work to make it a fun day. The Board is working on a little different game plan for next year, so watch the newsletters for updates.

We work very hard to make the Park and the Museum as interesting as possible for all visitors, but it is time consuming and costly. With only a hand full of volunteers, it doesn't take much to burn the little group out of energy and when an event is not successful, such as the BBQ and birthday happenings, we need look at re grouping to something different.

We have had several large school groups visit the park this year, and they really did enjoy themselves. On these

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National Civil War Assoc. is back peeking through the window of history



On September 16 & 17, the National Civil War Association will once again bring to the Historical Park the American Civil War. This peek back through the window of history will stir the imagination, and the sights and sounds will come alive once again with the cries for freedom, the agony of loss and smells of black powder slowly rising from the battle field.

Come out and enjoy a wonderful weekend filled with encampment, towns people, settlers and much more. Visit with the enactors and learn what life was like in mid 19th century America at this dark time period. It will also be a great way to visit your Historical Park. Last years first annual event proved to be a success and we expect an even larger turnout of re-enactors this year.

Friday Sept. 15, we expect several hundreds of local school kids to attend 'School Days at the Park'. At this event, the kids will have an opportunity to view a battle, visit the encampment and speak with the re-enactors free of charge.

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Monthly Meetings

Sept. 21:

Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Museum

Oct. 19:

Board Meeting
6:30pm, Museum

Oct. 28 & 29:

Mountain Man
Historical Park, Quilt Raffle
at 3 p.m. on Oct. 29
Event is free
County Park collects
\$3 for parking fee

Dec. 6

General Meeting 7 p.m.
Install 2007 Officers

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Aromas Day

August 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will see another Aromas Day event come to our area. The will offer foods, crafts by local artisans, parade and much more. Delbert Doty and Peter Sonne' are members of Branch 3 Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Assoc. and will be entering our 1951 Farmall and 1940 John

Deere in the tractor parade and after, the tractor group will split off and attempt to follow along on a "Tractor Drive" via some back roads. So, if nothing falls apart or off between now and then, we will represent the SBCHS at this fun event. Come to Aromas for that day to have some fun

Quilt Drawing

It is that time of year again for our quilt drawing. This will be our 27th Annual Quilt drawing. As one of our fundraisers for the year we will be selling quilt tickets for the beautiful quilt made by Virginia Costa from Los Banos.

This year's lovely machined piece "Trip Around the World" quilt is made with approximately a 4-inch square design and is queen size. It was machined quilted by the Barbin's. The squares are a very colorful floral design. The binding and finishing touches were completed by a very dedicated board member. This is one of the Societies major fundraisers and the tickets remain \$ 1.00 each or 6 for \$ 5.00.

and maintenance at the Historical Village and purchase your tickets. The drawing will be on October 29th, 2006 at the Historical Park at 3:00 p.m.. We appreciate your continued support and wish you luck. Thank you for taking the time to assist with our fundraiser. You need not be present to win.

4H Projects

Union 4H has been out to the School House several times again working on the irrigation as well as the fencing to keep the rabbits and all the small critters out, and the gardens are looking very nice. Many thanks Union 4H for all your help.

Please support the Museum upkeep

SBCHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

498 FIFTH STREET, HOLLISTER, CA 95023

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

JUNIOR: \$ INDIVIDUAL: \$20 FAMILY \$30

PREMIER: \$50 - includes 2 BBQ tickets.

Check out what's new on our Web Site at www.sbchistoricalociety.org

Many Thanks to Wolfgang Leitenberger

Tyler Farney building history

Hello, My name is Tyler Farney of Boy Scout Troop 436. I planned and completed a project at the Historical Park. My project was building a fence in front of the two storage barns. Historical Society Board Member Delbert Doty was the person who made this project possible. If it wasn't for Delbert, I don't know what I would have done. My Troop also helped a lot in the completion of the project.

The people who helped me were Mr. Ken Fuller, Troop Master, Chris Lawn, Ronco, Jeremy and Josh Liem, Eric Mitchell, Spencer Taylor, Joe Herring, Stephen Fuller, J.R., Dale and Devin Farney, Phillip Caltabiano, Dominic Gastello, and my parents Susan and Brian Farney. I hope that everyone in the Historical Society will like my project and I hope it will benefit the Historical Park and our community.



Tyler Farney showing off his handy work with the help of some friends.

Historical Park & Village looking prettier today



On August 4, a work day was held at the Historical Park and Village. Trees were trimmed, the Sullivan House was painted and the yard cleaned. Many thanks go to the members who continuously can be counted on when work is to be done. Those workers were Verona Flint, Mario Ghiorzi, Peter Sonne, Janie Lausten, Teresa and James Thompson and friends. Many hours are spent keeping the Park maintained for public use. We thank all our generous volunteers.





Carol Lausten represented our Society at the San Benito Horse Show Parade with her friend Diane. Also Ira Rodney, Helen McKinney and Friends.

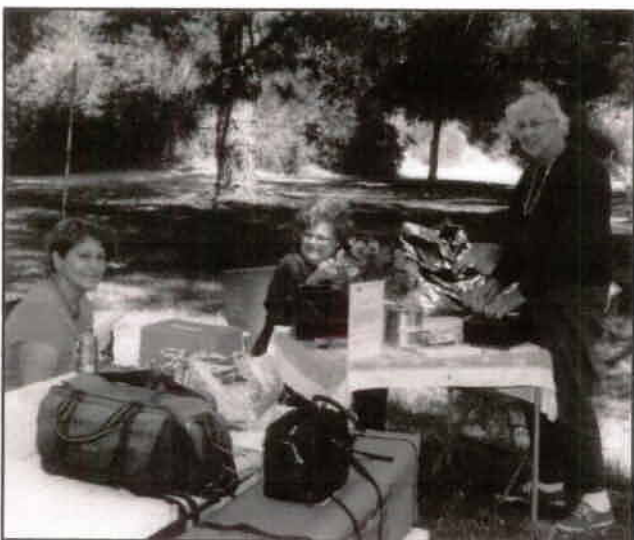


New Donations

Don Henderson of Aromas has donated to the park a wonderful 1936 International Harvester Company farm wagon with rubber wheels, 1939 IHC #9 Highway sickle mower and a 1941 Little Wonder 2 bottom plow on rubber.

Jerry Paquin and Charles Longinotti both of San Jose and retired druggist have made wonderful donations of a great deal of Drug Store items. This will be used to fill up the Drug Store display cases and shelving units which came from an old Drug Store near the Fresno area and are being donated by History San Jose. These pieces of furniture will fill up the upper section of the Ferrando House which we will turn into a late 19th and early 20th century Drug Store and will name accordingly, Wapples Drugs.

Betty Sharp has donated an old pair of ice tongs which will be placed in the Sullivan House. Many thanks to all these donors for keeping us in mind



Lots of fun at our Annual BBQ and Tractor Event

On the left is Verona Flint, Earlene McCabe and Frances Palmtag working at the BBQ in June. With guests and the BBQ crew, Mark Rianda and Ted Thoney.



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We are hoping that they will return on the weekend with the whole family in tow. Battles will be at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hot dogs, water, soda and chips will be on sale by the Historical Society as well. Come out and support this great event and watch it grow. \$5 per person, 10 and under free. \$3 parking fee per car.

We wish to thank the following sponsors for which without their help, we would not be able to make this happen. For further information on this event call Jim Thompson at 831.638.1025. Dave Grimsley, Boy Scout Troop 436, Waste Management, Green Rubber-Kennedy Ag, NORCAL, Sala Brothers Potable Water Trucking Inc.



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types of events, it would be wonderful to have the Carpenter and Blacksmith shops up and working to some extent, but with being short handed, and no one being available to do interpretive presentations, we will need to settle with what we have. The kids still have a good time.

Our windfall we hope this year will be our hosting of the National Civil War Assoc. re-enactment at the Historical Park. This will be our second annual event. Last years first time event seemed to come off very well. Mostly with the help of some generous business donors such as Lucky One Portable Services, Sala Brothers Water, Mark Kennedy of Green Rubber-Kennedy Ag. NORCAL Dumpster Service and our neighbor Dave Grimsley for the use of his property to park our visitors on. Last but not least local BSA troop 436 for all the help they did for us in directing people to park, collecting gate and parking fees and so much more. All these wonderful people and businesses once again are coming to our call to help with this event on September 15th to 17th.

We have lost Lucky One due to the selling of the business; however Waste Management has come on board and will now fill in the gap. Friday the 15th of September will find between 700 to 1000 school kids at the park for school day and we hope the rest of you and the public will come out Saturday & Sunday the 16th & 17th of September to enjoy this really wonderful event and take a look back in time.

Endowment Contributors

We are so grateful for the positive response from so many members and community businesses. We appreciate your support and generosity.

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