



The Heritage Junction Dispatch

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Calendar

Sunday, January 22

Annual Meeting, and Lecture on
Photo Preservation
2:00 PM Saugus Station

Monday, January 23

Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM Saugus Station

Monday, February 27

Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM Saugus Station

Wednesday, March 1

Deadline for articles for the
Spring 2006 *Dispatch*

Sunday, March 12

St Francis Dam site tour, time and
details to be announced

First Thursday of Every Month

Genealogy Club Meeting
7:00 PM Saugus Station

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Calendar for 2006 on Page 3

Photo Preservation Lecture Planned for January 22 Annual Meeting by Pat Saletore

Since much of the conversation at the board meetings centers around our collection of old photographs, we have invited Teresa Mesquit from the Getty Research Institute to discuss photo care and conservation at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 PM. at the Saugus Train Station. Everyone is invited to attend this interesting, informative and free event. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served after the presentation.

Keep in mind that even new photos can become old photos with a little care - or they can age into worthlessness if they are not properly stored. Everyone is welcome to bring in a photograph and ask questions about proper care and conservation. If your grandmother's photo is curling at the edges or fading or discoloring, you might be able to minimize future damage by learning how

to take care of these irreplaceable treasures. Grandma is not coming back for a re-take of her wedding photo - both she and Elvis have left the building, so the preservation is up to you!

We all have photographs that we want to last forever; this interactive session is the perfect opportunity to ask questions and learn something new. Copies of archival storage material catalogues from both Light Impressions and Gaylord will be available as free handouts to participants.

We will also be conducting a survey on what kind of informational meetings members and the public would like to see. Would you like more lectures, slide shows or craft demonstrations? Living history or something requiring a little more participation? What about a tea party with

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(President's message will return in the Spring issue)

Don't miss SCV Historical Society's

PHOTO PRESERVATION LECTURE!

**Sunday, January 22, 1:00 PM
at Heritage Junction; Free Admission!**

Details Above

Articles and inquiries
regarding *The Dispatch* may
be made to 254-1275

Photo Preservation Lecture Planned for January 22 General Meeting

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a speaker, or a children's meeting on trains in the SCV? If there is interest, we will put our energy into getting these kinds of presentations. If you can't come to the meeting, but want to make suggestions, please feel free to call me at 254-1275.

This is YOUR Historical Society! We need YOU!



An irreplaceable photo: Pat's great-grandmother Mary Jordan with her grandson Stan

Eagle Scout Project Is New Addition To SCVHS Museum By Pat Saletore

On Tuesday, November 23, at the Saugus Train Station, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society accepted the finished product of an Eagle Scout project from Richard Courtney. His project is a video kiosk, complete with VHS and DVD players and a monitor. It will greatly enhance the way our museum reaches out to the people of the Santa Clarita Valley with information about the history of the community where we live.

Much of the history of the Santa Clarita Valley has been captured on video, including the two short movies on DVD which Richard made and will be donating along with the kiosk. He produced the two seven-minute videos in the past 2 years; one is on the St. Francis Dam Disaster, and the second is the story of Beale's Cut. Still photos can also now be shown on DVD, so that even a slide show can be made accessible through this kind of learning tool. A great deal of our valley has also been captured over the years in feature films, and excerpts can also be easily viewed on this kiosk.

In our fast-paced times, this medium makes it easy to bring information quickly to the audience. It makes visual impact that can't be matched by the limited things that can be seen at any given time in a static museum. It can be used to highlight topics that get only brief mention in our display or are of special interest to our visitors.

This event is a perfect example of the "good news" so often lacking in our daily headlines. This young man has chosen to spend his time giving something lasting to his community. He is a great example of what is going right in Santa Clarita. In this season for thankfulness, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society would like to thank Richard for choosing this project to benefit our efforts to inform people about our history. One person really can make a difference!

Christmas Open House

By Cathy Martin

This year's Open House was fun and successful! We had an enthusiastic Santa Claus, played by Harold Hicks, who greeted the children that came to the Saugus Station, heard their dearest wishes, and gave them candy canes. Former Mayor Carl Boyer sold and signed copies of his new book "Santa Clarita", donating a portion of the proceeds to the SCVHS. We also purchased some copies to sell in the gift shop, so if you missed the Open House, come and get your copy from us! We had lots of great cookies, cider, and other refreshments, courtesy of our Board Members.

The decorations were festive, conversation lively, and sales were brisk! Some new additions to the gift shop besides Carl's books were DVDs on Harry Carey Jr. and an advance version of our Virtual Walking Tour of Old Town Newhall.

I would like to thank President Carol Rock, Board Member Duane Harte, and Executive Director Pat Saletore for helping with the setup. Thanks also to the following Board Members for attending: (New Mayor) Laurene Weste with her escort/hubby Jim McCarthy, Sue Yurosek, Nancy Cordova and Cathie Kinchloe. I would like to note some old friends who came: Anne Kaulbach and Phil Scorza-it would be nice to see more of both of you!

If you missed Santa Claus waving to you from our train while you were zipping by the Saugus Train Station at night (see the photo on page 4), you might start planning way in advance: There could be another chance to see him next December, and we will look forward to seeing you at noon on Dec. 10, 2006, when we do it all over again!

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2006 Proposed Calendar

This calendar is subject to revision and approval at the January 22 Board of Directors meeting. All events are at Heritage Junction unless otherwise noted:

Sunday, January 22, 2:00 PM:
Annual Meeting and Photo Preservation Lecture

Monday, January 23, 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 27, 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 12:
St Francis Dam Tour starts at Heritage Junction

Monday, March 27, 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 24 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 27
Art of the Chuckwagon, Cowboy Poetry Festival Event:
Chuckwagon cooking demonstration, art show, music;
\$35 per person

Monday, May 22 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 26 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, July 22, Time TBA
Christmas in July

Monday, July 24 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 28 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 25 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 23 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 27 6:30 PM:
Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, December 10, Noon to 4:00 PM
Christmas Open House

Monday, December 18, Location and time TBA,
Board of Directors Dinner Meeting



Santa's Visit to Engine 1629

Wish List

- * Raise the semaphore signal! We need a concrete footing and a crane. John Lesperance will also need help getting it painted and rigged up to work.
- * Love power tools? Do you know how to run a trencher?
- * The deck on the station needs work. The nails need to be replaced with deck screws and it needs paint.
- * The telegraph clicker isn't working any more...do you have some simple wiring skills?
- * Paint the train yard fence.

Recent Docents

Thank you to the following members who served as docents in the last month:

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| Phyllis Berman | Alan Pollack |
| Harold Hicks | Nikhil Saletore |
| John Lesperance | Pat Saletore |
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