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S.C.V. HISTORICAL SOCIETY E-LETTER

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Thank you for your continued interest in the SCV Historical Society's e-letter, designed to keep you posted on the activities and collections of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

If you would prefer to read the Web version, click here:
<http://www.scvhistory.com/scvhistory/scvhse-0102.htm>

CITY, SOCIETY TO DISCUSS PRESERVATION ON MONDAY

In 1991 the newly formed City of Santa Clarita listed 35 historically important properties in its first General Plan. Ten years later, at the urging of Mayor Laurene Weste (a Society board member), the city is preparing to consider drafting an ordinance that would either mandate or encourage property owners to protect these historic buildings and sites. The first step is to assess the ways a historic preservation program could take shape. This Historic Preservation Report has now been completed, and City Planning Director Jeff Lambert will be on hand to discuss it with us at our SCVHS board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 23. Regular Society members are always welcome to attend board meetings, which are held in the Saugus Train Station in Heritage Junction Historic Park (inside Hart Park) in downtown Newhall. For more information call the Society at (661) 254-1275.

TWO WEBSITES TO SERVE YOU

Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society:
<http://www.scvhs.org>
 SCV Historical Society's Online Archives:
<http://www.scvhistory.com>

NEWHALL LAND DONATES \$10K FOR NEWHALL RANCH HOUSE

Our restoration efforts took a big step forward a few weeks ago when The Newhall Land and Farming Company donated \$10,000 to be used for weatherproofing and other improvements to the Newhall Ranch House — one of our eight historic buildings at Heritage Junction. The 19th-century ranch house was occupied by relatives of town founder Henry Newhall and, during most of the 20th Century, by his successor company's ranch foremen and their families. Transferred to the Society in 1990, the house has undergone major restoration and it looks great from the outside. Now, with the generous donation from its former owners, the home will be brought closer to completion on the inside, too!

To view the Newhall Ranch House, click here:
<http://www.scvhs.org/ranch.htm>

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HOW TO PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ON MAY 6

There are effective ways and ineffective ways to preserve your family history. Learn the difference from an expert on Sunday, May 6, at the Saugus Train Station. Jack Adams, an entertainment industry professional, will show how he has adapted his scriptwriting and producing experience to the preservation of family histories, in writing and on video. The discussion starts at 2 p.m. Free for Society members; non-members \$15 (or free with same-day Society membership).

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP JUST A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY

Help the Society preserve SCV history by joining today. Only \$20 for a full-year regular membership, \$12 for seniors. Click here:
<http://www.scvhs.org/memapp.htm>

WASH YOUR CAR, SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For a limited time, you can receive \$200 in car wash services for just \$19.99. The Valencia Chevron AutoSpa on Valencia Boulevard and Cinema Drive is allowing all interested persons — Society members and non-members — to join its Preferred Car Wash Club, and the AutoSpa will donate the entire \$19.99 membership price to the Historical Society. Included in the special package are free car washes, discounted car washes, car waxes and other services. To receive your \$200 worth of services, send a check for just \$19.99 payable to SCV Historical Society, P.O. Box 221925, Newhall, CA 91322. Questions? Call the Society at (661) 254-1275.

PARDEE HOUSE MUSEUM ON FRONT BURNER

The City of Santa Clarita is helping the Society achieve its top capital goal for 2001 — the transformation of the Pardee House into a permanent museum and visitors center at Heritage Junction. The city has approved a \$10,000 Community Services grant to keep the work going, and the city's new Parks Director Rick Gould and his staff are working with us to reel in the rest of the required funds from the state. When complete, the Pardee House will serve both as a showcase for Santa Clarita Valley history, and as a welcoming place for visitors to Heritage Junction and Old Town Newhall.

To see the exterior of the Pardee House click here:
<http://www.scvhistory.com/scvhistory/lw2095a.htm>

MORE PHOTOS WANTED FOR BOOK 2

Do you have photos from the 1950s, '60s or '70s showing important people or prominent places of the Santa Clarita Valley? If so, please send them to us for Volume 2 of Santa Clarita Valley: A Pictorial History. This second volume is another School-to-Career Partnership project, and it picks up where the last one left off — covering SCV history from 1926 to 1976. To send photos electronically click here:

info@scvhistory.com
 ...and if you still haven't picked up your copy of Volume 1 for just \$14.95, click here:
<http://www.scvhistory.com/scvhistory/sierravistabook1.htm>

WHAT'S NEW AT SCVHISTORY.COM

Among the latest additions to the Society's online archives: Charlie Chaplin at the Saugus Train Station; Downtown Newhall Walk of Western Stars; 1929 Saugus Train Robbery; Story of the Blum Ranch; 1976 Lang Station Golden Spike Centennial Program; more! You can view all of these by going to:
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