

# Temecula Valley Historical Society

## Newsletter



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## President's Corner

Our Annual Heritage Luncheon was great. Audrey Cilurzo outdid herself with the location of the Lodge at Four Seasons and the food. It was so good from hors d'oeuvres to dessert, it was a joy. We are grateful to the Riverside Internat'l Wine Competition for the refreshments as well. Then we were enlightened by Paul Price with the movie he scripted and directed primarily on petroglyphs and pictographs and the destruction and loss of so many of these historical rocks, caves and sites that can never be replaced. Followed by a question and answer period that was also fascinating, the luncheon will not be forgotten.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we participated with a booth at the Flea Market in Sam Hicks Park. We were there to give our Recipe Book forms to anyone who wants their favorite recipes included. Myra and Pat have about 104 wonderful old family recipes & will include some international ones. We're currently expecting several Japanese New Year Recipes along with some family ones. We passed out brochures and our T-Shirts too.

June 30<sup>th</sup> will be the opening day of the big **POW WOW** at Pechanga. It continues July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll be there with cool sodas, ice and water to quench thirst, and hope to raise some funds. We welcome some assistance in the booth for our activities and will enjoy your company.

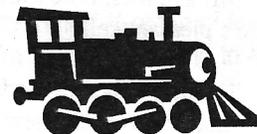
See you there.

*Eve Craig*

### Trivia by Bill Harker

The first locomotive to arrive in San Bernardino was driven by Frederick Thomas Perris, superintendent of construction for the California Southern Railway, later the Santa Fe.

Perris also located sites for the Big Bear and Little Bear (Arrowhead) Lakes, and laid out the modern city of San Bernardino.



## POW WOW NEWS

By Eve Craig

This year Pechanga's POW WOW will be held on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1 & July 2. Loretta Barnett and I will co-chair the event. Bonnie & Ken Reed will generously bring and install their 10 x 10 pop up tent. Board Members are requesting donations of Soda Pop and Water from markets and stores where they are available. It would be appreciated very greatly if members can help us. Just call EVE at 699-9872 for any further information. It's great fun and doesn't cost anything to park and browse through the booths. Things can be bought such as lovely jewelry, baskets, shirts & blouses, leather goods and many other items. There are bleachers to see the Indians' dances and rituals. Their regalia is extraordinary. It's beautiful and done with loving care. If you are thirsty, just stop by for sodas and water as well as knowledgeable conversation about Temecula's wonderful history.

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

By Audrey Cilurzo

Friday July 7 we will have Roger Honberger as our speaker. He is a retired lobbyist for the Pechanga Indian tribe and has lived in the area, his family goes back generations. His grandfather, James Freeman was the ranch manager for the Vail family. His mother, Agnes Freeman was the teller of the Temecula Bank when she and the bank were robbed, Mr. Honberger is a longtime friend of our director Paul Price. This will be an exceptional meeting. DON'T Miss IT.

Our August speaker will be Leena Siemens. Lena has taught in Temecula since 1971. She was the eighth teacher hired by the Temecula School district. Temecula had one school in those days, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and students were bussed to Elsinore for high school. Lena will share her memories of those days.

If you have friends who would be interesting speakers please let us know. We are anxious to talk with families who have stories about the history of the Temecula valley.

## Items of local Interest from 1915

By Bill Harker

### December 3, 1915 LE

Omer Bromley returned from Temecula Saturday night. He has been doing carpenter work there for the past month.

### December 17, 1915 LE

Adrian B. Barnett of Temecula was in to see Attorney John C. Campbell Wednesday. He is planning on putting all his real estate in this county under the Torrens System of Land Registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Machado of Temecula motored to Elsinore Sunday in their new Buick touring car and gave the Press office a pleasant call.

The new concrete road between Murrieta and Temecula was opened for the first time on Sunday and automobilists thoroughly enjoyed the new pavement.

### December 24, 1915 (Classifieds)

For Sale ~ Horse, harness, and two seated buggy, all in good shape, buggy nearly new. Apply to William H. Haynes Temecula 11-12-8t

# Get To Know Your Board Members

## *All About Eve*



Many years ago, I was born into a family that had a lot to do with the beginning of Los Angeles. One of my great grandparents, George Gephard, an early settler, raised the money to buy land to start the first normal school in downtown Los Angeles, which eventually became UCLA. One grandfather was the first impresario in the city, managing the Belasco Theatre among other theatrical organizations. He also produced a couple of movies. Another grandfather, a Civil Engineer, graduate of West Point, surveyed and determined for the U S Govt. the best location for the Los Angeles Harbor from San Pedro to Long Beach; and another great grand-father, a Baptist minister, built the first Protestant Church in Southern California with three other ministers in a town called Lexington, which later became El Monte.

My parents were automatically involved in community services, My father was President at one time of the Navy Ball Committee, on the Board of the Southern California Tennis Association, chaired many balls, and taught me to do so. My mother was the 2<sup>nd</sup> President of the Hollywood Bowl Patroness Committee and had me help her with files and invitations from the time I was about 16 years old. She also was President of Las

Madrinas, the main fundraising Debutante Ball for the Children's Hospital and I helped the hospital by selling raffle tickets when I was in High School. They raised my two brothers and me to have well rounded lives. My brothers, Bob and Jim Meyler and I were all given piano lessons. I started at 6 yrs. old. We were encouraged to listen – no talking – to wonderful classical music and attend concerts. Another facet of our lives was exercise. I became proficient enough in swimming to have been asked to swim in the Olympics, but tennis was my main passion in sports and I played with and against many of the top tennis players such as Louise Brough, Gussie Moran, Tom Falkenburg, Bobby Riggs, Billy Talbert and Margaret Osborne. Tennis is a good teacher of fair play and sportsmanship.

As time progressed, I never intended to be a performer. I wanted to compose music and as a result, I was privileged to be taught in high school and college a great deal about composition, and orchestration. I studied the organ and played in two churches for seven years. As for composition, one of my organ compositions was published. I was paid for it, and never tried to publish anything else that I wrote. Because of my family's and my interest in music, I was elected President of the Hollywood Bowl Patroness Committee three different times. I was deeply involved in raising funds for the Music Center in Los Angeles with Mrs. Norman Chandler, and because of our knowledge of people, we were able to raise millions for The Music Center.



So, before I came to Temecula in 1989, my brother Jim Meyler saw to it that I was on the first Board of Directors of The Arts Council. They asked me to Chair the first Arts Festival. I was pleased to Chair several more, I chaired the Mayor's Ball five times and assisted several times. When it was time to have a historical organization, Martha Minkler pulled together a large group of people interested in History, and wouldn't you know, it became my fortune to be the first President of the Temecula Valley Historical Society.

I've enclosed a chronological resume for you but have not mentioned the lovely awards given to me for which I'm very grateful. The most impressive ones which touch me deeply are having my name on the City's Wall of Honor, the 2002-2003 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce and the recent award shared with Martha Minkler of "North County Times' Women of Merit." What makes me do things for Temecula..? It's because I love it, I love people, and I want to do what I'm capable of doing to help make this part of God's world a little better, if possible.



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