

Santee Historical Society

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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Carol Crafts

President's Message

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed "a day of thanksgiving" on the 4th Thursday in November. Just a few years later, James and Anna Miner purchased 4000 acres in what is now Santee.

We, at the Santee Historical Society, have so much to be thankful for: our partnerships with the County, the City of Santee and the San Diego River Park Foundation; our members; and for the legacy of Elaine Murphy.

In memory of Elaine we have begun a Memorial Garden on the north side of the Barn. Stop by and relax at the benches you will find there.

With the Community Enhancement Grant we have placed educational material in all 3rd grade classrooms in Santee. This reached nearly 800 students plus their teachers.

Speedy Recovery, Elaine!

We continue to wish Elaine Brack a speedy recovery after suffering 2 severe falls several months ago.

After surgeries and a lengthy stay in rehab, we are looking forward to her returning to her Lakeside home soon and rejoining us at the Barn where she is sorely missed..

Look for new displays coming to the museum in 2015.

On December 6th we will host our annual Christmas Party. St. Nicholas Day is a celebration that continues in many parts of the world. St. Nicholas also looks after children. In countries on the European mainland, this is the day he traditionally gives presents – to well-behaved children only! St. Nicholas, the man, was Bishop of Myra (AD 280-342).

We look forward to seeing you on December 6th, and to your support in the coming year.

Happy New Year,
Carol



Please join us
at our
**Christmas
Open House**
at the Barn
Saturday, December 6, 2014
11-2 pm



The Barn, at 9200 Magnolia, is open every Tuesday except the 2nd one of the month, from 10 to noon... and the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 to 2 pm. Come visit... everyone is welcome!



Wishing Happy Holidays to all

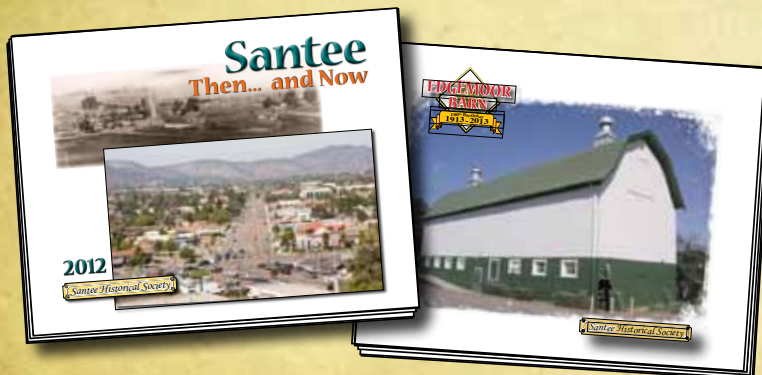
Dressed in historical period fashion, Santee Historical Society board members Rita Lee, Carole Delozier, Gary Strawn, Arli Wolfson and Carol Craft greeted onlookers at the City of Santee's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration.



Look for our new Open Flag as you drive by the Barn on Magnolia Avenue.

Looking for unique Christmas Gifts & Stocking Stuffers?

Now available...



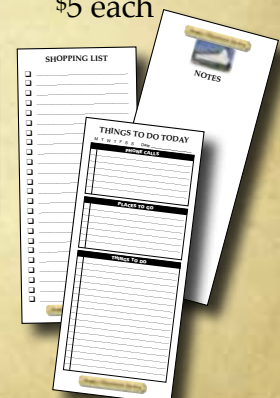
Learn more about
Santee's history!

and...

3 Notepad Set
Things To Do Today
Shopping List
Note Pad
\$5 each



Note Cards
Set of 5
Cards & Envelopes
\$5 each



These great gift items are available for sale at the Santee Chamber of Commerce office,
or at the Edgemoor Barn on Tuesdays 10 to noon, or the 3rd Saturday of every month 10 to 2.
For special arrangements, please call 619-449-2024

- A Peek at the Past -



Russell E. Ward wrote the sketch below during the first five-month period after his seventy-fifth birthday on September 2, 1975.

He died on January 27, 1976. He had planned to correct, edit and copy the material and to continue adding to it.

His inexhaustible memory focused on details and events

of the early days which were overlooked or forgotten by his contemporaries. Just after his last Christmas he started to prepare a map of Santee as he remembered from the 1911 – 1922 period.

It was left in a preliminary state and is included in this notebook.

Typed by Carol Crafts as written, with no spelling changes or punctuation corrections.

Christmas Time at Santee Methodist Church

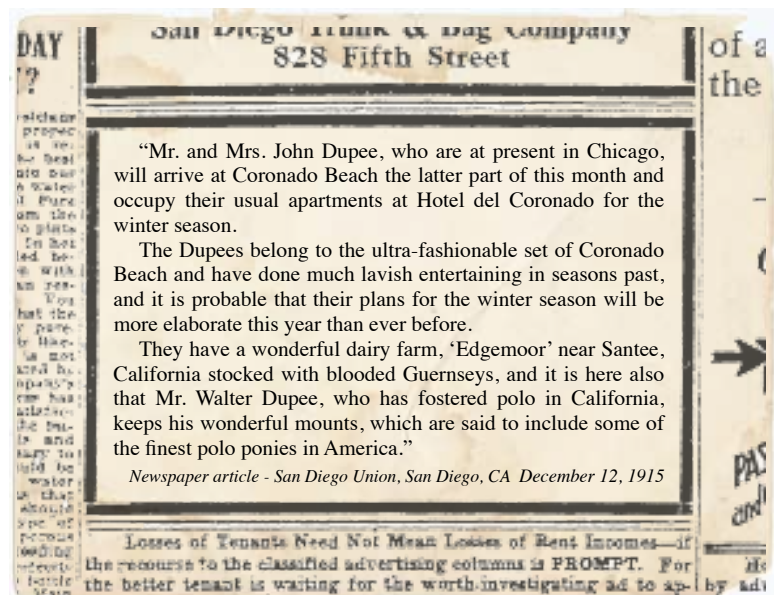
December 2007

A lot of energy was put forth to decorate church for Christmas. A handsome tree was put up on left hand side of platform. It was big enough to reach ceiling, and had many lighted candles, pop-corn on long strings, and other decorations, and looked very pretty. Hard candies and nuts in their shells were distributed to all the children.

I was janitor of church so I recall the nuts particularly, for shoe heels were used to break shells and nut meats made greasy spots on wood floor in Epworth League room - a job to clean up.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas program with songs: "Joy to the World, Jingle Bells, Silent Night, Come all ye Faithful, Little town of Bethlehem"

I wonder there wasn't a fire with all those lighted candles set here and there on those big trees, however none ever set a tree on fire.



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*Join us for Christmas Cheer...
Saturday, December 6th*

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It's that Holiday time of year!

**The Santee Historical Society
invites you to our annual Christmas party**

Saturday, December 6th

11 am to 2 pm

Edgemoor Barn

Tour the Museum

This festive event
is open to everyone.
Please feel free to bring
family and friends.



There will be light refreshments, and Santa will arrive at 12:30 pm.