

Santee Historical Society

Historical Happenings

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Santee Historical Museum

at the Barn

9200 Magnolia

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!**



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President's Message



Carol Crafts

This summer we have had the pleasure of working with several new volunteers. Two High School girls helped us improve our collection of clippings, working closely with V.P. Robin. We still have many more files to process. We have also had the help of members of A Better Life Together who put in hours of outdoor help with Alan and Gary.

We are happy to report that we are again the recipients of a grant from the San Diego County Supervisors. We plan to upgrade security and hopefully install a hydroponic garden. We are now preparing the outreach materials for our 3rd grade students and their teachers. We continue to work closely with students from Santana High School and thank Jason for coordinating volunteers to help with our Safety Event. The past few weeks we have endured one of the hottest summers on record. Humidity is something we are not used to... certainly not the devastation produced by Hurricane Harvey but difficult nevertheless.

On Saturday October 21st we will offer a program presented by Zovargo - learning to appreciate our local wildlife. In November we will again celebrate the beginning of the Holidays with the Annual Santee Tree Lighting. On Saturday, December 2nd we invite you to the Barn for a bit of holiday cheer and to see what's new. We wish you all a happy and healthy season of caring and giving.

Carol

Save these Dates!

October – Zovargo

Sat 21, 10:30-1:30

December – Christmas with Santa

Sat 2, 10:30-1:30

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A petition was received from P. J. Layne and others asking that the name of Fanita precinct be changed to Santee precinct, and that the name of Cowles district be changed to Santee school district. The petition was granted.

Upcoming Events

October 2017

Barn Open	Tues 3	10-12
Barn Closed	Tues 10	
Barn Open	Tues 17	10-12
Zoovargo	Sat 21	10:30-1:30
Barn Open	Tues 24	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 31	10-12

November 2017

Barn Open	Tues 7	10-12
Barn Closed	Tues 14	
City Tree Lighting	Fri 17	
Congress of History Mtg	Sat 18	
Barn Open	Tues 21	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 28	10-12

December 2017

Christmas with Santa	Sat 12	10:30-1:30
Barn Open	Tues 5	10-12
Barn Closed	Sat 12	
Barn Closed	Sat 16	
Barn Open	Tues 19	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 26	10-12

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‘Quilting in America’ Event at the Barn



Quilting has been around for many thousands of years. In America quilt making was common in the late 18th century and early years of the 19th.

The Santee Historical Society was pleased to be able to display a variety of quilts made by some of our members. The items shown ranged from King-sized quilts commemorating military service to small “dog quilts” made with their own little bags.

Also on display was the Santee Quilt made by members of the Santee Community over 20 years ago, two tied quilts from unknown contributors and a jacket made from a very old double wedding ring quilt from an unknown person.

Thank you to members Irene Holstein, Nancy Thompson and Rita Lee for allowing their quilts and handiwork to be displayed.

Look for our “Quilting in Santee” display next year. It will be bigger and better offering a class, displays and offerings from local quilt shops and guilds.

**A people’s shared past is part of their shared culture.
It is what makes them unique.
It is what makes them who they are.**

Quilting is part of our shared past, and part of our shared culture.

'Children's Public Safety' Event at the Barn



Saturday, September 16th was a fantastic day for the Children's Public Safety Event. Many children qualified for Bike Safety Certificates after learning about hand signals and safety aspects of riding a bike. They loved seeing the Fire Department's old photos and were able to climb into the seat of the Fire Engine. A Firefighter showed them how they put on all their gear. One of the children thought he sounded like Darth Vader with his breathing apparatus. The children received Fire Safety Certificates and pencils.

Are SHS's Events Related to History?

We have been asked by one of our members why the Santee Historical Society is hosting events that don't seem to be related to Santee History.

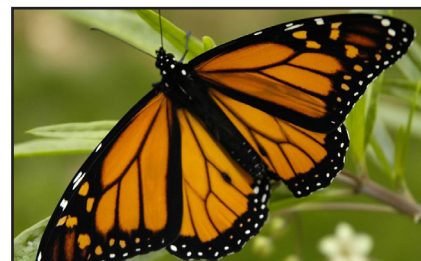
The answer is twofold:

1. The events bring people into the Santee Historical Society Museum at the Santee Barn. These are people who ordinarily would not come to see us. Thus, new people are going thru the museum, seeing and learning about Santee History.
2. These events are really related to Santee History.

For instance:



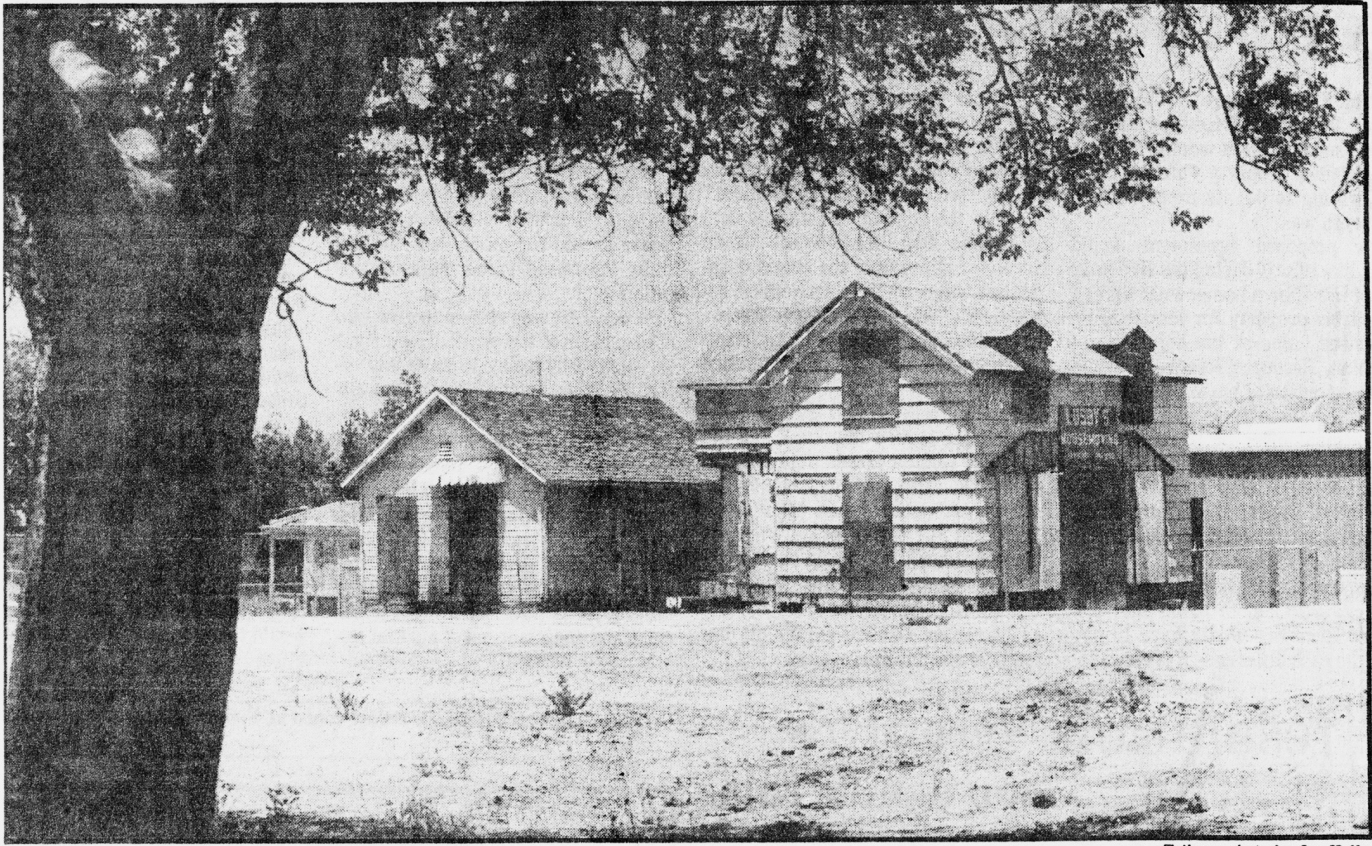
- Mike Chamberlain entertained us singing WW2 songs and told us stories from that time.
- A vintage car club came to the barn and we exchanged stories of the time when those cars were popular.
- Our Monarch Butterfly event and Composting event reflected Santee's roots as an agricultural community. Our city was originally full of Muscat grapes, exotic fruit trees, and award winning Guernseys, along with the native milkweed necessary for the survival of Monarch butterflies. The Santee Historical Society is proudly continuing Santee's tradition of excellence in agriculture by helping preserve the Monarch Butterfly and educating the public about the necessity and beauty of nature.
- Our composting event showed how farmers renewed the soil before the widespread use of fertilizers.



- Our Children's Public Safety Event – check out the photos on the opposite page. The Santee Firefighters have been a part of Santee for a very long time. They began as a volunteer Fire Department. During the Children's Public Safety Event there was information on the history of the Santee Firefighters along with teaching the children how to remain safe. This is in keeping with the spirit of the Santee Fire Department since its inception.
- The Santee Sheriff's Department helped with the Bicycle Safety Event for children. Bicycles have been a part of Santee since the 1900's. The safety of our children has been a part of Santee forever.

I hope we have answered some of your questions about the relevance of our programs to the history of Santee. We are continuing to learn about our City's past, present and future.

If you have suggestions to help improve our programs, increase our outreach, or can help us accomplish our goals, please join us on Tuesday mornings. We invite you to be a part of this learning process with us.

*Tribune photo by Joe Holly*

TWO HISTORIC HOUSES TEMPORARILY STORED NEAR SANTEE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Santee waived library permit fee for county's help in storing houses for heritage park

Santee, county find it pays to cooperate

Author: Vern Griffin Tribune Staff Writer

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The county Board of Supervisors has approved an agreement that will help create a Heritage Park for Santee's historic buildings.

The board voted unanimously to allow the city of Santee to temporarily store two historic structures on county-owned land in the community for \$1 a year until the city can find a permanent site for the buildings. In return, Santee is waiving a city permit fee for the county's new Santee branch library. "It's a nice trade," Santee City Manager Ron Ballard said yesterday after the vote. "It really makes good sense to do this. Supervisor George Bailey's office really helped us work this out."

The city hopes to find a permanent site for a Heritage Park where some of the city's few remaining historic Structures could be preserved, Ballard said.

Possible sites include land near the Historic Polo (sic) Barn on the county's Edgemoor property or the city's new Town Center area, said city officials who have worked with Harriette M. Wade, of the Santee Historical Society, on preservation plans.

The county is involved since it owns 400 acres in the heart of Santee. The city started using a small plot of land earlier this year to store the Bottroff-Bliss house and a backroom to the house that had once been used as a first grade classroom.

The house, originally at 10463 Mission Gorge Road, is believed to be about 90 years old. It was threatened with demolition early this year until the city decided to move it and put the main part of the house and the now detached back room in temporary storage.

Less than a half-acre of county land next to the Santee Fire Department Headquarters at 8950 Cottonwood Avenue is involved in the lease.

Diane Barlow, administrative assistant to Bailey, said the city will be able to seek renewal of the \$1 a year lease for 5 years.

The agreement also waived the county's normal \$500 performance bond as well as the \$200 a month rental for the land. "We're in a joint planning process with Santee over the city's proposed Town Center and the county land there and we want to have a spirit of cooperation with the city", Barlow said.

Santee officials said they appreciate the cooperation and that the city council has approved the waiving the city's \$1,275 processing fee for the county's new library in the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

that the Friends of the Santee Library was started in the summer of 1975 by Perry and Sabra Shipman.

The library has moved around a lot. It has been in 8 different locations since the first library opened in 1916 in an ice cream parlor in Santee.

In 1959 the library was on Magnolia Road and open only 18 hours a week.

It had a total of 3,000 books... 30% were children's books.

The Santee Chamber of Commerce supplied the library with magazines as the county didn't have it in their budget. With every move, the library grew and hours were added.

In 1965, an explosion at the Buy-Lo market next door closed the library for 2 years.

When it reopened on Mission Gorge Road, an additional person was hired and the library was open for 40 hours a week. The library then had 14,000 books.

By 1975, the library once again outgrew its building. The new library, also on Mission Gorge Road, now had almost 5900 sq feet and a staff of 4.

The Library eventually moved to its present location.

The Friends of the Library have been raising money for the library for over 42 years.

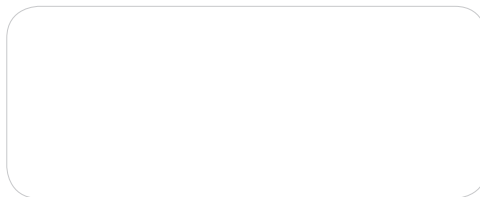
- They are now raising money for a new and larger library here in Santee.



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