

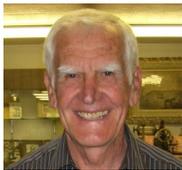


SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION



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San Jacinto Museum General Meeting



Jack Warneke
President

The next general meeting will be on Monday, January 20, 2014. The first item of business will be a presentation of our revised By-Laws. The San Jacinto Valley Museum Association was founded on October 5, 1981. The City of San Jacinto was considering closing the museum as a cost cutting saving because of the new property tax law enacted in 1978 (Proposition 13). The Association was founded to provide financial assistance and to provide public awareness to promote the museum. The By-Laws were revised in 1983, but there have been no up-dates in the past 30 years. The following members are on the By-Law committee: Don Wickham, Marge Clarke, Bob Garcia, Evelyn Demeaux, Carolyn Martin, and Jack Warneke. The second order of business is to approve the slate of officers for 2014. Lynn Peterson will replace June Padilla, who has had health problems in 2013. All the other board members agreed to continue for 2014.

Our Association board member, Charla Elliott, will present the program for the evening. In the past, she and her husband raised sheep on their 5 acres in Placerville. They sheared, carted the wool, and spun the wool into yarn. They had several species of sheep of various colors so they did not have to dye the wool. She will talk about and demonstrate working with wool. Charla attended school in Idyllwild where her parents had a business. While living in Placerville, she was a teacher at a Juvenile Lock Down Facility in El Dorado County. She came back to San Jacinto to care for her parents and now lives in their home.

Our meeting will begin at 6 PM with our potluck dinner followed by the program at 7 PM. Please come and bring a friend.

Jack Warneke, President

HELLO FROM BETTY JO AT THE MUSEUM

Happy New Year from your San Jacinto Museum



Betty Jo
Dunham

Christmas brought people home for the holiday including visitors from New York, Chicago, Florida, Wisconsin, Arizona, New Mexico and Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

I hope you all drove by and enjoyed the lit up mansion including a very large tree, Thank you Laurie. It was outstanding as usual.

That's all for now and I'll see you on January 20th at the potluck.

Betty Jo Dunham, Curator

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MANSION MUSINGS

San Jacinto's new Public Work's Director, Lynn Merrill attended the November meeting of Mansion Docents to report the long-term goal is to install underground electric service at the grounds. He has worked on many historical sites in the Upland area.

Lynn Peterson San Jacinto was invited to participate in Valley Beautiful Expo/Garden Tours held at the Ramona Bowl. Betty Jo Dunham was present at the Information Booth while Docent's Sharon and Mary spoke at the Bowl's Museum and I lead a history tour backstage. The Mansion and the Ramona stories are both in the 1885 era, working well together.

Valley Beautiful helped twice in November. It's volunteers and 15 students and teacher from San Jacinto Academy worked the Garden removing three dumpsters of overgrown greenery on November 15th. Followed a week later by Katherine Botts who met with Public Works to suggest watering and winter care to its employees. Some repairs and replacement still remain for the Garden.

The Docents gathered in early December to decorate the Mansion top to bottom for Christmas: from the upstairs Baby's Room, the hallway Christmas Tree to the downstairs' Dining Table, every room! Laurie set the outside Mansion ablaze with her Christmas light display and a magnificent Santa Shack lattice enclosure by the water gardens.

On the 13th "Christmas at the Mansion" (jointly sponsored by Councilman Scott Miller and S.J. Medicals' Dr. Koka) conducted a gala celebration beginning with the lighting of the city's 25 foot Christmas Tree by Miss San Jacinto and Miss Teen San Jacinto. Veranda entertainment included San Jacinto and Hemet High School choirs, Hemet Harmonizers, Seniors on State and Spanish Dancers, while children's games were supervised by Tim Hulst's daughter, Hailey, Boy Scouts and students from the S. J. Academy. San Jacinto Volunteer Police donated a big box of toys and Wana Rubio of Candy Lei Co. donated 20 candy Lei's for prizes. All the while Santa (Jack Warneke) and his Elf (Linda Livesay from Community Builders) entertained youngsters in the brilliantly lit Santa Shack, a photo of which was published on the front page of the the *Valley Chronicle*. 429 persons toured the Mansion downstairs that evening.

Lynn Peterson



At the Museum November meeting, Mike Madrigal presented a program on Soboba history and bird singing. Everyone enjoyed listening to his detailed history of the mission's concrete walled sanctuary.



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CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION



AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting gray... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... its over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, live for today and say all the things that you want your friends and loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

Anonymous

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY!