



# SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION



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## San Jacinto Museum General Meeting



Jack Warneke  
President

. The March general meeting will be on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at the museum. The pot-luck will begin at 6 P.M., followed by the program at 7 P.M.. Bill Adams will show his photo slides of Hemet businesses then and now. Bill presented the program last year of the San Jacinto businesses then and now. Bill gives a very interesting program and encourages the audience to join in with comments as he progresses in his slides. Bill was born in San Jacinto in 1931, and has lived in the San Jacinto Valley all of his life. He was the youngest of 8 children of Donald and Elle Belle Adams. Bill tells of when the family moved to San Jacinto in 1917, his

father took the family to the beach for a holiday. Mr. Adams had never seen the ocean, and did not know about tides. They set up camp on the sand and after they had gone to bed, the tide came up and everything got soaked. Bill graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1949. He has had a wide range of occupations in the valley. He had a service station at the NW corner of Florida and Buena Vista for one year. From 1971 until 1984, he had the service station at the corner of Florida and Yale. He then operated the vehicle inspection station at 1200 W. Florida. In 1993, he was a courier for the Valley Merchants/Citizen Bank for 10 years. With all of his experience, Bill is very knowledgeable of the businesses along Hemet's Florida Avenue.

Come and bring a friend and enjoy an evening of history at the San Jacinto Museum.

Jack Warneke, President

## *MANSION MUSINGS*



Sharon  
Terracciano

We had about 83 visitors during January and February. They came from Southern California, British Columbia and Alberta Canada.

During February the Mansion volunteers took on a new project manning a booth at the Farmer's Market in Hemet selling oranges, lemons, grapefruit, tangerines and pecans. We advertised the mansion by hanging a new banner donated by Lori Van Arsdale. People are still asking if pecans are still available, and they are.

Volunteer Mary Collier has been researching the Estudillo family in two sources. First by visiting the original Estudillo home in Old Town and second, by visiting a group from the San Bernardino Museum. Francisco Estudillo's first wife, Carmen was part of the Rubidoux family located west of Riverside in the Agua Manse area and possibly Carmen was buried near there. We also have an old newspaper in the San Jacinto Museum showing a picture of Francisco together with some San Jacinto businessmen. It is in such a fragile state that help is needed to get a copy of it. More later.

We are still in need of volunteers. We welcome Barbara Glidewell from Hemet to our group. Please phone Sharon at 951-654-2861 for more information.

Sharon

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS DOCENTS FOR THE MANSION**

## HELLO FROM BETTY JO AT THE MUSEUM



We had quite a few visitors in February and the first 2 weeks of March. One day 25 persons went through the museum. Russ Jacobs came by with 2 of his biking buddies from Canada. They showed a lot of interest in the Russian plane.

A young man from Glendora was in and took pictures of the old monument sign of the Russian plane. He is hoping to visit all of the historical signs in California. So far he has been to see 200 signs out of 1100. I told him good luck.

Betty Jo Dunham

April 14<sup>th</sup> the San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce will have a Heritage Day. No specific times have been given yet. Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce will hold a Cinco de Mayo fiesta at the mansion grounds May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 4 pm.

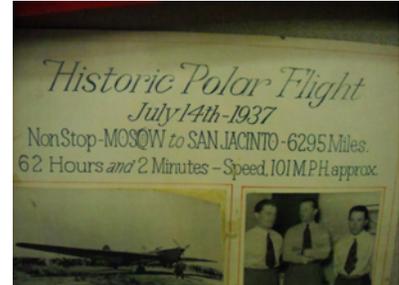
Both the mansion and museum could use volunteers on those days to help with crowds. Please call Betty Jo 951-654-4952 or come to the museum on Saturday to see me and talk to the mansion volunteer on duty. Come by the grounds and see the California Poppies. They are in bloom and just beautiful.

The museum now owns a microwave oven that can be used to reheat dinners.

Betty Jo



Commander Mikhail Gromov



In July the city of San Jacinto will be celebrating the Soviet Trans-Polar flight in 1937. It landed in a pasture 3 miles NE of Hemet 1937. The single-engine aircraft, an ANT-25 military reconnaissance monoplane, took 62 hours to cover 6295 miles at a speed of 101 mph. It was later dismantled and placed in the Leningrad Museum.

Commander Mikhail Gromov, Co-Pilot Andrei Yumashev and Navigator Sergei Danilin became Generals in World War II.

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## CENTURY PLANTS ON DISPLAY



The flower spike, growing at the incredible rate of 5–6 inches per day can reach heights of 30 to 35 feet. The century plant uses all of its energy to produce this once-in-a-lifetime bloom.



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Agave Americana 'Opal'  
Many yellow-edged Agave americana forms sold under the group name 'Marginata'.



WHO DOESN'T ENJOY CALIFORNIA POPPIES?