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Upcoming events:

- January 25—
Quarterly Meeting
- January 31, February 1—
Museum Open House

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QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED—JANUARY 25TH

The quarterly pot luck luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard.

Carlette Anderson will be the featured speaker and will tell those in attendance about interesting tidbits she has learned while gathering information and researching

the children's book of Alpine history which she is currently writing.

In addition, a slide presentation depicting the life and accomplishments of Benjamin and Harriet Arnold will be shown. Carlette will provide narration to the slide show.

All are invited to attend this event. Come for the lunch and the speaker or just to hear Carlette's presentation at 2:00 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to Carol Morrison at 619-445-2544 or e-mail us at info@alpinehistory.org. Please feel free to invite your friends to this event! ■

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As 2008 rapidly came to an end, it was time to reflect on the year and the number of accomplishments the Alpine Historical Society made. It was a busy year for the Society and the list includes:

- Held quarterly meetings with speakers telling about the history of *The Alpine Sun*, The Alpine Store and antique clothing. In addition, local students presented the play "Alpine's Mister Arnold" at the Italian Feast.

- Held monthly open houses.

- Built a ramp to the entrance of the Nichols House to assist disabled visitors.

- Added native plants to the area surrounding the museum houses and installed a two-valve drip sprinkling system.

- Obtained farm equipment for a display to be unveiled at the 2009 Alpine History Day Celebration.

- Sanded, repaired and painted the veranda and stairs of the Beaty House.

- Painted the two front rooms of the Nichols House and replaced light fixture in bedroom.

- Prepared updated displays for the Nichols House to include Benjamin Arnold, Dr. Nichols and the Foss Family as well as others.

- Hosted the "Alpine History Day" event with lunch, music and events.

- Appeared in the Viejas Days and Crown Hills parades. *(continued on page 3)*



The museums on Tavern Road—notice the new ramp!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

DUE IN JANUARY!

Please mail the enclosed renewal envelope and your check today! Your contribution will play a vital role in preserving a very special part of East County History. The plans for 2009 are exciting—make sure you're a part of them!

Spread the word. You can make a difference!

Reader's Theater Presentation: "Alpine's Mister Arnold"



Benjamin and Harriet Arnold read their lines beautifully.

Those attending the October quarterly meeting of the Alpine Historical Society were treated to an unusual and wonderful event. Third, fourth and fifth grade students from Shadow Hills Elementary School presented Beatrice LaForce's play, "Alpine's Mister Arnold." The play, a Reader's Theater presentation, tells of the life and times of Alpine's benefactor, Benjamin R. Arnold and his wife Harriet.

Michelle Hause, a teacher at Shadow Hills, worked tirelessly with the children outside of regular school hours to achieve the wonderful results. Her dedication, and that of the students involved in the play, is very much appreciated.

The play was presented to a packed house. For the first time we had to tell some folks that our reservation list was full! There was wonderful response which pleased us immensely.



The cast takes a bow.

Following the wonderful presentation, those in attendance were treated to a spectacular Italian Feast prepared by the Board of the Alpine Historical Society. Pasta dishes, salad and hot bread were served along with a choice of drinks. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians generously donated the desserts—a marvelous display of goodies that appealed to everyone, but made a special hit with the young stars of the show!

Viejas also purchased a block of tickets to be given to attendees and actively participated in helping in the kitchen! What a wonderful neighbor we have in Viejas—they are always ready and willing to assist the Alpine Historical Society. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

Our October meeting—an event to remember! ■

Community Support Appreciated

Each year we received support from our community in many ways. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following donors for their 2008 contributions!

Don Walker, of the Alpine Willows Resort family, donated five large pieces of farm equipment which will be the cornerstones of our 2009 Alpine History Day Display. And...Don brought his tractor over to

clear the area which will be used for the display. A collection of family photos from the early days of The Willows Resort was also loaned to the Society and the photos have been scanned and placed in a notebook which is available in the museum. Don's constant support is appreciated very much.

The Minshew family is thanked for their donation of the 1910 treadle sewing

machine. It is a valuable addition to our museum artifacts.

Bill and Joan Waterworth contributed and staged a marvelous gourmet dinner which was a silent auction item for the Alpine History Day fundraiser.

Monetary contributions were received from Carlette Anderson, George Barnett, David Carey, Vikki Coffey, Katherine

Garrard, Gail Guth, Michael Harris, Vic Head, Lisa Herman, Pat Heyser, Tom and Ann Hill, Joel Jette, George Landt, Joan Manuele, Carol and Ed Morrison, Robert and Mary Polk, Helen Porter, Albert Simonson, Deborah Sweeney, Paul and Carol Walker, Rodney and Guille Tuttle and Elmer and Mary Werner.

MANY THANKS TO ALL! ■

Holiday Home Tour



For the second year in a row, the Alpine Historical Society museum houses were on the annual Alpine Woman's Club's Holiday Home Tour. Both of our pioneer houses were decked out in Christmas finery and displayed orna-

ments that may have been used by the early settlers in Alpine. A lovely tree was displayed in each of the houses and the banisters were adorned with local greenery and pinecones. It was a sight to behold!

Many of those visiting the



museum were there for their first visit. We hope they return again and again and encourage all to become members of our wonderful organization.

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Our museums are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. Stop by and see the recent changes!

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- Obtained a 1910 treadle sewing machine, restored it to working condition and had quilting demonstrations at events.

- Held annual third grade essay contest.

- Conducted school, individual and group tours.

- Participated in the Alpine Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour.

- Continued to expand communications via website, newspaper articles and newsletter.

- Created a slideshow to be used for presentations.

- Prepared photographic tours of Alpine history for use by the Alpine School District and the Viejas Schools.

- Applied for and received a Community Enhancement Grant from San Diego County.

- Attended ALPS Award Ceremony and other Alpine Chamber of Commerce events.

- Subscribed to GrantStation in order to identify potential grant sources.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who helped make

possible our accomplishments this past year. It seems everything we dream of for the Alpine Historical Society eventually comes to be because of the dedication and commitment of the community of Alpine. We have such a wonderful group and, as always, I so look forward to exploring Alpine History with them once again in 2009.

I'd like to wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Carol Morrison
President



Christmas tree in the Nichols House

Name the Dinosaur Contest—Enter Now!

Did you know there is a dinosaur in Alpine? In 1962, an amusement park was built in downtown Alpine. Named Dinosaur Land, the park closed after only two years but the dinosaurs remained. As time went on, the dinosaurs deteriorated. The only reason this one dinosaur is still around is because it was restored by local resident Adrian Kruso along with his brothers and their friend Effrum.



Can you name the dinosaur?

Carlette Anderson is writing a book about the history of Alpine for children. The book will be titled "My Alpine." Carlette is using the above photo for the front cover of the book and would like to have a name for the dinosaur. The contest is open to anyone twelve years of age or younger. The winner will have their name included in the book along with the

dinosaur's name. The winner will also receive a signed copy of the book plus a gift certificate to Boomers Amusement Center in El Cajon.

The deadline for submissions is January 17, 2009. Be sure to include your name, age, address and telephone number. Submissions may be sent via e-

mail to myalpinehistory@aol.com or addressed to Carlette Anderson at 2451 Night Star Court, Alpine, CA 91901.

Carlette is also seeking any photos of Dinosaur Land, so if you have them, please let Carlette know or send an e-mail to the Alpine Historical Society at info@alpinehistory.org. ■

The deadline to submit entries for the Name the Dinosaur Contest is January 17, 2009. All youngsters, twelve and under, are encouraged to enter!

Thanks for Your Service, Helen!

Helen Porter, a long time supporter of the Alpine Historical Society, recently resigned from the Society's Board. Her knowledge of Alpine's history and her constant willingness to help in any way possible will be sorely missed! We hope to continue to see Helen at our events—she has been very much appreciated.

We wish Helen all the best in the future and sincerely thank her for all she's done.

As a result, the Alpine Historical Society Board is now looking for two enthusiastic persons to fill Board va-

cancies. If you are full of ideas and want to become involved in a very worthwhile cause, please give us a call.

The Board meets monthly, the first Thursday afternoon of each month, to discuss plans and issues relating to the Society. We become involved in all sorts of things—planning fundraisers, grant writing and seeking, preserving the museum houses, adding to the archives and taking an active role in the community.

Our website contains lots of information that may help

you decide if this important role is for you—visit us at www.alpinehistory.org.

Currently the position of Secretary is vacant—but if that doesn't appeal, we have other spots that might suit your particular talents.

If you have a desire to serve, enrich your knowledge of Alpine's history, meet wonderful people and establish new friendships or enrich old friendships, please contact Carol Morrison at 445-2544. This is such a fantastic group—you won't be sorry if you join us! ■



Helen Porter

Our Dedicated Volunteers: Bill Waterworth

One of our most amazing volunteers is Bill Waterworth. Bill has an abundance of energy—his is and does everything imaginable with a pleasant smile and a “Yes, I can!” attitude.

Bill has served as Treasurer for the Society for many years and, in addition to this role, has performed many other tasks. He is always ready and willing to take on a challenge. When our Property manager, Alan Dadisman, became ill last year, Bill took on this monumental task (on an interim basis) with his usual positive approach and has spent many hours overseeing the improvements made to the museum during the year. He worked with Ed

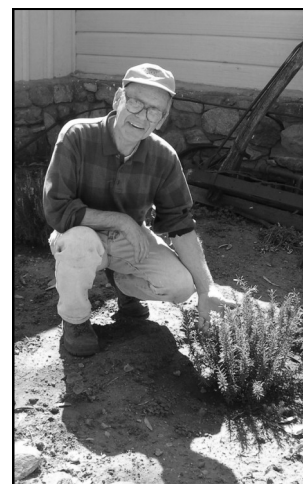
Morrison in the construction of the ramp to the Nichols House and, along with our caretaker Baltazar, installed a drip sprinkler system around both houses. Bill has gathered native plant starts from his home garden and he’s often seen busy at work planting these lovely additions around the houses. Recently, he planted several oak trees along the fence by the corral.

The list of things Bill has undertaken in 2008 cannot be included in this newsletter—there are not enough pages!

Bill and his wife Joan hosted a wonderful gourmet dinner to the success-

ful bidders at a Silent Auction for the 2008 Alpine History Day Celebration. Those who attended this lavish event can attest to the absolutely stunning job that was done—it rivaled the fare served at the finest restaurants. The Waterworth’s contribution helped to make the Alpine History Day Celebration a most successful fundraiser for the Society.

Not many volunteers can meet Bill’s energy level and dedication. He is a true example of a vanishing breed. The Alpine Historical Society is so very fortunate to have such a man as a volunteer and a friend. Thank you, Bill—you are fantastic! ■



Bill Waterworth
in the garden

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Wish List

The Alpine Historical Society is always looking for contributions to its archives and additions to the displays at the museum.

One of the items that is at the top of our “Wish List” is a pair of child mannequins for the school display in the Nichols House. If you know of anyone who might donate such items, please let us know! The school dis-

play will be renewed in time for the Alpine History Day Celebration in 2009 and we hope there will be child mannequins sitting at the desks!

We continue to seek technical guidance in the preparation of a DVD which will document the lost trails and roads of Alpine’s history. Albert Simonson is willing to narrate the DVD and he

has all the research completed—we’re just looking for a little technical advice!

The Society is always looking for ways to raise money to fulfill the many dreams of Historical Society members. If you have fundraising ideas, or wish to make a donation, please contact Carol Morrison at 445-2544 or info@alpinehistory.org. ■



Christmas decorations in the Beaty House.

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Your Will Can Make a Difference

Including the Alpine Historical Society in your will can be a convenient way to leave a lasting legacy to your community. The development of Heritage Park, educational programs and preservation of the history of Alpine will be made possible by people who had the foresight to include the Alpine Historical Society in their estate plan.

After providing for loved ones, your will can carry out your wishes by directing that a gift be made in one, or a combination of, the following ways: a specific dollar amount, a percentage of an estate, the remainder of an estate. Bequests should read as follows: "I bequeath to the Alpine Historical and Conservation Society (our legal name), _____, to be used for the support of the Society's programs."

The Society is available to consult with your attorney about the best way to use your will, living will, trust, insurance policy or other estate plan to help develop and maintain the historic resources in Alpine. Your attorney can provide you with details about the estate benefits that can result from your bequest.

If you have already included the Society in your estate plan, please let us know so that we may thank you. Your gift will make a difference to your community! ■