



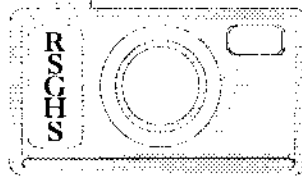
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ANNUAL
 HISTORICAL
 PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST



The annual historical photo contest sponsored by The Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society will be offering prizes of:

- \$100.00 1st Place
- \$50.00 2nd Place
- \$25.00 3rd Place

The photographs submitted become the property of the Society. The decision of the judges is final, and the judges reserve the right to withhold prizes in case of insufficient quantity or quality of entries. The deadline is September 12, 1991, and this year's entries must be submitted to:

RSGHS
 11901 E. Florence Ave.
 Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

The requirements are:

- Not smaller than 5 x 7 inch nor larger than 8 x 10 inch.
- Black & white or color.
- No mounting or frames.
- People, places, or happenings for subjects, and they must be identified.
- Acceptable areas are those that were once part of the Rancho Santa Gertrudes, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Norwalk, Downey, Pico Rivera, La Mirada, Los Nietos, Cerritos, and Los Angeles County areas.



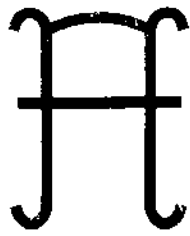
Knott's Berry Farm? Or the Hathaway Ranch Musuem? Frank Martinez and Henry Lynn invite photographers to shoot!

OFFICIAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

(One per photo) I acknowledge that no photographic prints will be returned and that all prints shall remain the property of the Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society, which will have the right to reproduce them at any time. Entries are due at RSGHS Headquarters, 11901 E. Finrence Ave., Santa Fe Springs, by Sunday, September 12, 1991. Winners will be notified by by telephone and prizes will be awarded at the RSGHS Awards Picnic September 22, 1991.

Signature: _____
 Printed Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone number: (_____) _____

Location of picture (address) and identify any persons.



Manuel Nieto was granted this brand, shown at left, for his Rancho Santa Gertrudes in the year of 1784 — California's third Rancho. A portion was granted in 1834 to Josefa Cota de Nieto, and is now the site of Los Nietos, Downey, and the majority of Santa Fe Springs.

Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society

Membership Categories

Youth (high school or younger)	\$1.50
Individual	\$3.00
Family (2 adults & minor children)	\$5.00
Business:	\$10.00
Supporting:	\$50.00
Sustaining:	\$100.00
Lifetime:	\$500.00

Make checks payable to **Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society**, or you can simply abbreviate the name as **RSGHS**. Membership dues and contributions should be mailed to: RSGHS 11901 E. Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

Membership is from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Contributions are tax-deductible in the amount allowed by law.

The RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES HISTORICAL SOCIETY is a non-profit corporation which promotes and develops historical activities of all types within land bounded by, but not limited to, the Rancho Santa Gertrudes as shown on early maps of Spanish and Mexican land grants.

Combined Hathaway Ranch Museum and Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society Newsletter

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This Newsletter is a general news journal and solicits articles regarding the general interest, and the technical aspects of historical maintenance or restoration. Submissions must be sent to the Hathaway Ranch Museum or RSGHS, 11901 E. Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs, California 90670.

Calendar Section

May 5, 1991 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tours—Hathaway Ranch Museum Free

May 18, 1991 Saturday 10:00 am
Docent Meeting - Ranch Museum

June 2, 1991 Sunday 12:30 pm
RSGHS Board Meeting - Ranch Musuem
Designated Members

June 2, 1991 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tours—Hathaway Ranch Museum Free

July 7, 1991 Sunday 1:00 pm
Lecture by Joe Da Rold - Ranch Museum

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Tours—Hathaway Ranch Museum Free

August 4, 1991 Sunday 12:30 pm
RSGHS Board Meeting - Ranch Musuem
Designated Members

August 4, 1991 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tours—Hathaway Ranch Museum Free

September 1, 1991 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tours—Hathaway Ranch Museum Free

September 22, 1991 Sunday 2:00 pm
Annual Picnic - Heritage Park

HISTORICAL LECTURE FEATURED

At an upcoming RSGHS meeting, and preceding the Publication Party on July 7th, will be a historical lecture, "An Artist In The Puente Hills," a colorful history of the Puente Hills and Los Nietos Valley. The speaker will be the well-known area historian Joe Da Rold.

Joe describes his presentation as a "journey from pre-history to the 20th century, with a special focus on the early geology and natural history of the hills." According to Joe, it's an aspect of history that is rarely written about. The lecture depicts the hills and surrounding valleys through the eyes and writings of people who have come in contact with the hills throughout history

The lecture, an RSGHS members-only event, will begin at 1:00 p.m. All members are cordially invited to attend this special program, but reservations are required. Call: Mary O'Connor at (213) 944-7320, or Nadine

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A RED, WHITE & BLUE LOCAL HISTORY CELEBRATION!



Sunday, July 7, 1991

1:00 p. m.

Lecture. "AN ARTIST IN THE PUENTE HILLS" - a colorful history of the hills and the Los Nietos Valley. (RSGHS Members Only - Reservations Required)

Speaker: Joe Da Rold

2:00 p. m.

Publication Party! Meet the Local History Authors (Open to the general public)

See related articles for further details.

OUTHOUSE NO LONGER SHUNNED

Ashford may look like most other sleepy towns in the rural northeast corner of Connecticut, but in at least one respect it has joined the avant-garde. The Ashford Historical Society has meticulously restored a three-hole outhouse on the town green. Saving such humble structures is one of historic preservation's newest trends.

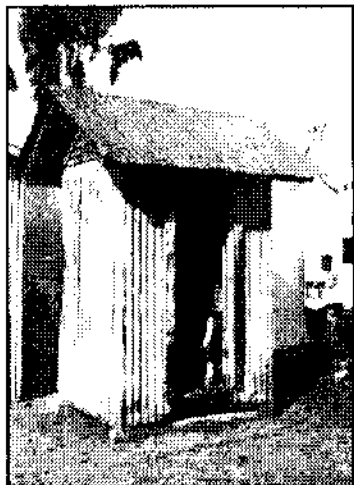
"All joking aside," said Blake Hayes, curator of historic structures at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, "there's a growing awareness at historical museums that visitors should be allowed to see not just pretty parlors, but all aspects of how people lived and used the land, including outhouses."

Ronald S. Barlow, author of "The Vanishing American Outhouse" (Windmill Publishing, 1989), said in an interview: "People, even house museums, destroyed outhouses by the thousands after indoor plumbing came

along because they were embarrassed by them. Now they save them, and many times they're even proud of them."

(Quoted in the Whittier Daily News of January 25, 1991)

So don't laugh! If the drought persists, you may be using one of these cozy little places yourself!



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

RSGHS proudly announces publication of the first two volumes in its historical series, "SETTLERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA." Collected by Nadine Hathaway, these are wonderful personal stories — touching, amusing, surprising -- of longtime and recent settlers to the Santa Gertrudes area. The books are priced at a very affordable \$5.00 each.

This is Nadine's second historical publishing venture. For the 1976 Bicentennial she assembled a collection of personal histories in a book entitled "HISTORY IN THE MAKING." Ever since the formation of RSGHS she has urged members to share their stories. (Submissions are now being accepted for the third volume, already being assembled.)

Join us at the Hathaway Ranch Museum, at 2:00 p. m. on July 7th, to meet the new authors. Tables will be set up for autographing. Contributing authors include:

Volume I: Agapoff Family, Clara Carlson, Charlie Cooper, Jane Crowley, Shirley Elofson, Evelyn Grembla, Jesse Hathaway, Carol Loehman, Carrie Long, Betty Putnam, Martha Russell, May Sharp, Faye Smetanka, Phyllis Stenson, and Joyce Virnala.

Volume II: Trent Bessent, Roy Cooper, Mike Gonzales, Meredith Hathaway, Nadine Hathaway (on Margaret Slusher), Eleanor Massey, Marie Pike, Josie Ramirez, and Mollie Teschler.

This will be a very special event for RSGHS and Santa Fe Springs, and it would be a good time to bring along prospective members as your guests. The Publication Party will be open to the general public.



Hay Ride at the Ranch! It's a red letter day when Larry Nelson (standing, far right) brings his "ponies" to the Hathaway Ranch Museum to give Open House visitors a hay ride. Jack Johnson (standing on steps) points out the items of interest.

NEW MEMBERS

Here are some new members since our Winter, 1991, newsletter:

Mary Carrier
Jim and Judy Colwell
Ruth Covington
Erwin and Brigitte Deihayer
Willa Enloe
Gabriel and Beatrice Herrera
Doyle and Marilyn Laury
Ralph and Pamela Riley
John Ruhland
Yvonne Tarlton
Marilyn Thomas
Allan and Janice Zolnekoff

GENEROUS MEMBERS

We are grateful to the following people for their donations beyond their basic dues:

Eddie Aycock
Amat & Mary Barcelon
Trent & Mary Bessent
Victor & Gwen Bradley
Marjorie Fargo
Richard & Barbara Field
Margaret Frank
Sam & Ruth Gray
Evelyn Grembla
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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Hazel Fields, Santa Fe Springs City Clerk, received an award from the City on January 24, 1991, for her original idea of recycling Christmas trees and making them into mulch for use by City residents, or others, for the planting of trees, flowers, vegetables or whatever use they can make of it. Hazel writes, "I had this idea in 1982 when the City was burning the trees at an event called "The Twelfth Night," and I simply thought it would be better for our environment if we did not burn them, but made a sensible use of the trees."

Hazel received a \$400 cash award from the City, which she donated to the Rio Hondo Home for the Homeless. She also received a statuette, which is a miniature replica of Rodin's "The Thinker." Congratulations, Hazel!

Anita Kiesel, Who helped Ann Bartunek arrange and catalogue books in the Hathaway Ranch Museum library, has been awarded the William J. McCann Humanities Award for 1991. Anita also helped prepare books for the alarm system in the Santa Fe Springs City Library. She has helped with the children's program at the library during the summer, and has served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Friends of the Library.

She has been actively involved in LIFE, the literary program, and has served as a docent at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. Well earned, Anita!

Caroline Long was a runner-up for the 1991 Residential Citizen of the Year in Santa Fe Springs. Arthur and Gloria Saldano were also among the finalists.

Another historical booklet has appeared in recent months. Elna Sue Johanson and Ellen Anderson have spearheaded publication of the "WHITTIER VILLAGE WALKING TOUR."

The booklet was being readied by the Whittier Historical Society in 1987 when the October earthquakes changed the arrangement of buildings in Whittier. Particularly damaged were the commercial buildings in the Uptown area, which were the focus of the tour. Subsequent demolition of buildings obsoleted the tour information.

The new guide spotlights 27 Uptown area buildings such as the Hoover Hotel on Greenleaf Avenue and the International Order of Odd Fellows Building (I.O.O.F. Hall) on Philadelphia Street.

The booklet is already sold out, but we will report when copies are again available.



Old Fashioned Recipes

WHAT'S COOKIN' ?

The following recipe is enclosed in the cookbook "Here's What's Cooking," which is on sale at the Hathaway Ranch Museum during the regularly scheduled Open House on the first Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. The cost is only \$7.

Caroline Long, President of the Docents of the Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society, compiled the cookbook and drew the cover pictures.

SOUR CREAM CINNAMON COOKIES

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Sift together
 - 3 cups flour
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/2 tsp baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp soda
3. Cream 3/4 cup butter or other shortening with 1 1/2 cups sugar.
4. Add 2 eggs and 1 tsp vanilla to creamed butter and sugar.
5. Add 1 cup heavy sour cream alternately with sifted dry ingredients.
6. Mix, drop by teaspoonsful on greased baking sheet.
7. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.
8. Bake about ten minutes, or until done.

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Hathaway at (213) 944-6563, or the Museum Office at (213) 944-7372.

Joe, co-founder and the first President of RSGHS, edited the 1979 "History of Santa Fe Springs" while he was serving as Executive Secretary of the SFS Historical Committee. He was Director of Library Services for the City of Santa Fe Springs from 1974 to 1980 and Executive Director of the Whittier Historical Society from 1983 to 1990. He is currently a consultant to the Hathaway Ranch Museum, reorganizing the photograph collection and preparing for the computer-indexing of the collection.

RSGHS Member Writes New History

Author Profile: Virginia Mathony

The spotlight at the July 7th Publication Party will also be on longtime member Virginia Mathony, who has just written and published her first book: WHITTIER REVISITED.

Virginia, a retired Business Education Teacher with the Whittier Area High School District, is well-known in the Whittier area as a local historian and dedicated community volunteer. For eight years she has been the volunteer editor of Whittier Historical Society's Gazette and was a recipient of the Society's highest award: "Historian of the Year." She has also been active with the annual YMCA fund drives and the Whittier Republican Women's Club. In recent months she has been assisting Nadine with the preparation of RSGHS's SETTLERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA manuscript material for publication.



Virginia's own book, WHITTIER REVISITED, grew out of her involvement in the 1987 Whittier Centennial. As a member of the Centennial Board of Directors, Virginia took on the assignment to write a weekly column of historical stories to create public awareness and interest in the upcoming Centennial. Public response to her articles was so strong she decided to turn the material into a book.

Over the last three years she edited her manuscript and wrote new chapters to make the history more inclusive and authoritative. The book is illustrated with historical photographs from the Whittier Museum's collection.

As of this writing Virginia is back in her hometown of Rochester, New York, but we are expecting her back in California in time for the July 7th event to autograph copies of her book. WHITTIER REVISITED will sell for \$15.00.

Meet RSGHS Board Member

RUTH WHITTINGTON PFOHL GRAMS

Way down South in Dixie on a September morning, the 20th, 1906, a baby girl was born in a small plantation town, East Bend, Yadkin County, North Carolina. Ruth Whittington Pfohl arrived to be the third daughter of John Kenneth and Bessie Whittington Pfohl, my father was then pastor of the Christ Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., twenty-three miles away from East Bend. With two older sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, to entertain and play with me, I was soon well versed in the ways of a parsonage family.

My father became Pastor of the Home Moravian Church, the main Moravian Church in Old Salem, and my childhood was centered entirely in Old Salem. Three brothers arrived in due time, and we lived in two different parsonages. After my father was elected Bishop of the Moravian Church we moved into a wonderful home, "Cedarhurst," where I spent many happy years and from which home I was married to Dr. Roy Grams on the twenty-first of August, 1935.



Back to childhood days! I attended Salem Preparatory School, then Salem Academy and finally received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1927 (Major in English, Minor in History and Harp) and I had the honor of being Class President my Senior Year. Salem was, and is, a fine Educational Institution, highly rated among the Colleges

of the U.S.A. I am still grateful for all of my wonderful years there. My mother, Bessie Whittington Pfohl, and my two sisters are also graduates of Salem College. Mother, a musician par excellence, pianist, organist and Choir Director; Elizabeth played viola, sang lovely solos and became Dean of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia; Mary was our "Home Ec" major, went into Nursing at Medical Center in New York City, became Head of Obstetric's Dept. in the Twin City Hospital of Winston Salem and married Dr. Vernon Clark Lassiter. Mary was our violinist, studied at Salem under Susan A Webb who was also my first harp teacher. At the age of fourteen I played harp in the Student Recital at Salem Memorial Hall. My first harp was a Clark Irish Harp, owned by my teacher. I appeared in a new outfit (not a hand-me-down) for the recital and I felt very happy and important. My next harp was an Orchestral size Lyon and Healy which my parents bought for me and which I played until I bought my present Lyon and Healy Concert Harp when I started the Harp Dept. at the University of Michigan. Many experiences led up to this point.

(Editorial note: We expect to read about some of these experiences in a forthcoming booklet of the Rancho Santa Gertrudes Historical Society.)

THANK YOU RANCH HANDS !

Since January 1, 1991 the following Ranch Hands have volunteered to show people through the museum and around the grounds.

Frances Agapoff	Arthur Saldano
Ann Bartunek	Gloria Saldano
Trent Bessent	Faye Smetanka
Marvin Carlzen	Mel Smith
Mildred Carlzen	Phyllis Stenson
Felee Cutrone	Ray Stenson
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Ruth Grams	Jack Thorp
Evelyn Grembla	Louise Thorson
Jean Hathaway	Joyce Virnala
Jesse Hathaway	
Meredith Hathaway	
James Hogan	
Soledad Hogan	
Jack Johnson	
Anita Kiesel	
Harold Larson	
Caroline Long	
Henry Lynn	
Frank Martinez	
Mary O'Connor	
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Betty Putnam	
Josephine Ramirez	
Marjorie Rondeau	