

# The Hathaway Ranch Museum



## NEWSLETTER

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### RECEPTION FOR SUSAN DONIGER

Susan Doniger was named director of the Whittier Museum as of July 1, 1993. She was honored later at a reception held at the Bailey House.

Doniger was employed by the Whittier Historical Society in April, 1992, as program director, and after a few months was named interim director. She brings to the Society many ideas and much enthusiasm and plans to build membership and a pool of volunteers. She has a background in history and preservation as well as experience from stints at the Southwest Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and the Skirball Museum. She is completing her master's degree in history at Cal State Long Beach.

The Bailey House at 13421 Camilla Street in Whittier was on the property when the land was purchased by the Pickering Land and Water Company in 1887 for the purpose of starting a Quaker Colony on the West Coast. Jonathan Bailey, one of the founding fathers, and his wife Rebecca, made the old ranch house into a home for themselves and, since Bailey was president of the Pickering Land and Water Company, the house was the center of the business, religious and social life in the Colony in the early days.

In the 1970's the Bailey house was purchased from its owners and restored to its original status and now serves as a memorial to the Baileys and the other early pioneers.

The house is open for tours on Sundays (except holidays) from 1-4 p.m.

### SETTLERS SERIES MOVES AHEAD

Volume V of Settlers of Southern California is about ready to go to press, and we are gathering biographical and autobiographical sketches for Volume VI, which will not be published until 1994. If you or your family's story is not preserved for posterity, it will be no fault of ours. Please send information with picture (old or recent) to the Hathaway Ranch Museum.



*Susan Doniger, Director of the Whittier Museum, shown standing before the back door of the Bailey House.*

### Volunteers Recognition Picnic

The annual picnic to honor volunteers will be held at the Hathaway Ranch Museum on Sunday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m. A barbecued chicken and rib dinner will be served and Tom Di Ponzio will be on hand with his one man band to provide music for listening and for dancing.

Volunteers who have served at least 20 hours during the past year will be the guests of the museum. Others will be charged \$10.00 per person with paid reservations required by October 10. Please send reservations and checks to the Hathaway Ranch Museum, 11901 E. Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. For further information call (310) 944-6563. Reservations will be held at the door.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the picnic at \$10.00 per ticket.

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## HATHAWAY RANCH MUSEUM

### MUSEUM GUILD

Youth (high school or younger) . . . . .	\$1.50
Individual . . . . .	\$3.00
Family (two adults & minor children) . . . . .	\$5.00
Business . . . . .	\$10.00

### "Angel" Membership Categories

Supporting . . . . .	\$50.00
Sustaining . . . . .	\$100.00
Lifetime . . . . .	\$500.00

Make checks payable to Hathaway Ranch Museum, 11901 E. Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Notice of membership dues are sent on a twelve-month basis. Donations are tax-deductible in the amount allowed by law.

The MUSEUM GUILD supports the aims and activities of the HATHAWAY RANCH MUSEUM, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and presenting the eras of farming, ranching, and oil development in early Santa Fe Springs.

### Lifetime Members

O.K. Flood	Thomas Scott
Nadine Hathaway	Ray & Phyllis Stenson

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## MUSEUM SCHEDULE

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

(except for holidays) 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

### First Sunday Of Each Month

(except for holidays) 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 17, 1993 1:00 P.M.  
Annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic  
(by reservation only)

## GENEROUS MEMBERS AND DONORS

George and Grace Cook  
Kathryn Dobson  
Ray and Betty Jo Klausen  
Long Beach Model T Club  
Lawrence Meyer  
Jeff and Nancy Quam-Wickham  
Santa Fe Springs Women's Club  
Alex and Kathleen Young

## NEW MEMBERS

Sharon Cook  
Connie Fincher  
John C. Haffey  
Jerry Logan

## THE RANCH HANDS

We appreciate the time given by the following ranch hands during the second quarter of 1993. We also note with regret that in our spring newsletter we omitted the name of Josie Ramirez, one of our most faithful docents.

Frances Agopoff	Anita Kiesel
Ann Bartunek	Harold Larson
Glenn Bartunek	Henry Lynn
Marvin Carlzen	Caroline Long
Mildred Carlzen	Frank Martinez
Milton Clements	Frankie Martine
Joe Da Rold	Frank Moody
Ellen De Lacey	Mary O'Connor
Jessica Evanston	Betty Putnam
Evelyn Grembla	Josie Ramirez
Aaron Hathaway	Francine Rippy
Elizabeth Hathaway	Marjorie Rondeau
Jean E. Hathaway	De Wayne Simpson
Jesse L. Hathaway	Faye Smetanka
Jesse R. Hathaway	Mel Smith
Loline Hathaway	Phyllis Stenson
Richard F. Hathaway	Ray Stenson
Meredith Hathaway	Mollie Teschler
William Hathaway	Louise Thorson
Jack Johnson	Joyce Virnala

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## Victorian Tea & Fashion Show

in Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs

Several members of the Hathaway Ranch Museum Guild were among those who modeled old fashioned clothes at the Victorian Tea sponsored by Heritage Park in May.

Eighteen month old Catherine Covington wore a white linen romper trimmed with battenberg lace and pink satin roses which added Victorian charm to the pocket and neckline. She was led by her cousin, Kristin Garcia, three and a half, who wore a crisp linen pinafore trimmed with battenberg lace over her rose colored country print dress. Catherine is the daughter of Ruth and Dale Covington. Ruth works at Heritage Park as the program coordinator.

Pilar Seaman made her own gown for the fashion show at the request of the Heritage Park staff. She used scarlet brocade, tissue pleated lame, silk tulle, polyester lace, ribbons and roses to make this gown. She was a sensation.

Frank Martinez wore a grey swallow tail tux and appeared as a bride-groom.

Sarah Davis wore a traveling outfit which would have been appropriate to wear in an open touring car. She was dressed in a heavy corded velvet coat trimmed with Persian Lamb or Karakul fur. She wore a matching bonnet and carried a purse.

Shirley Martinez and Clint Meche were attired in beach clothes, the bulk of which would have prevented them from doing any serious swimming.

Liz Meche wore a black velvet coat which covered a chiffon dress with no waist line or bust line: the complete freedom of movement which was notable in the 1920's.

Tristina Meche modeled a bridal dress of the 1920's, a thin georgette dress embellished with white seed beads popular during this era. Her head dress was of real orange blossoms dipped in wax.

Clinton Meche was dressed as a 1920's Boy Scout.

Carrie Long and Gloria Rahn wore bedclothes that could have dated from 1890 to 1990. Carrie's night gown and peignoir were made of light cotton with eyelet trim. Gloria's night shirt was flannel with a bold red and black print. Both women wore night caps and Gloria carried a chamber pot.

The Victorian Tea, usually held on the day before Mother's Day, is one of the most popular events at Heritage Park.

## NORWALK OLD-TIMERS' LUNCHEON

by Ruth Clanton Smith

In the late 1940's the Old Timers brought their lunches and met in the Park. I used to take my mother with me. As far as I know, we always met on the second Sunday in June. Grace Hungerford was secretary of the group. In the early 1960's she asked me to take over. I didn't want to, but I didn't want the group to stop meeting, so I did.

We still had picnics in the Park until the Native Daughters wanted to do something for the older people. In 1968, Shirley Simpson Elofson, who was a member of the Native Daughters, and I started the luncheons. We made it on a donation basis because we didn't want people to stay away because they couldn't afford it.

The Native Daughters furnished all the salads, served and cleaned the kitchen. From the donations we bought the supplies and gave as much as we could to the Native Daughters. In the past years we gave them \$25 - \$50 and the last few years we were able to give \$75.

Shirley and I bought all the food and the things we needed, storing them in different refrigerators until Sunday morning.

Last year Shirley and I decided it was getting too much for us, so Polly Applebury Haack took over the buying of the food, etc. Shirley stayed in the kitchen. I sent out over 100 notices and took reservations. I had 84 reservations, but only 75 registered.

After twenty-five years, the Native Daughters, Shirley and I retired this year - 1993. We have turned it over to Polly Haack.

The most recent luncheon was held on June 13, 1993, at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.



Ruth Clanton Smith at the Norwalk Old Timer's luncheon.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Al Fuentes has been elected mayor of Santa Fe Springs and Albert L. Sharp has been elected mayor pro tem. Both men have been long-time generous supporters of the Hathaway Ranch Museum.

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Stuart E. Gothold, Ph.D., superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, has been elected to the board of directors of T-V Station KCET, Channel 28, in Los Angeles. Gothold has a 37-year career in education. He is the author of numerous articles on educational issues. He has lectured at both Whittier College and the University of Southern California. Among his civic activities, he is co-chair at the Los Angeles County Music Center Education Council.

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John Pulice has retired as Superintendent of the Little Lake City School District after 36 years in public education. The following article appeared in the Los Angeles Times on June 10, 1993, under "Letters to the Editor." It was written by Don Powell, city manager of Santa Fe Springs:

### School Chief Earns High Marks

One of the best school superintendents in the nation will retire on June 30, John Pulice has been an absolute blessing to the Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk communities during his 36 years with the Little Lake School District. I have had the privilege of working with John closely during the past 13 years. Even during these difficult times for schools and government agencies in general, he has never lost his sense of humor or his contagious optimism. Every problem is an opportunity to John and he always has time to listen to a new idea.

The outpouring of praise and admiration for John is so natural, for these seeds were planted through his years of unselfish caring for teachers, students and parents. In simple terms, he is loved.

City managers and school superintendents sometimes find themselves on opposite sides of the "fence." When this has happened to John and me, he was always quick to look for that "gate" that would work for both sides. He has certainly made my job easier. Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk are better places in which to raise children because of John Pulice.

John Powell, City Manager  
Santa Fe Springs

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Hazel Fields was installed in June as the new president of the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club, Fields retired during the past year as City Clerk of Santa Fe Springs, and true to her word, immediately became active in community affairs. Mollie Teschler deserves a hand for her hard work in serving as president.

## The Union Tool Company



Lyman Stewart, founder of the Union Oil Company, left his mark on the oil industry all the way from the early Pennsylvania oil fields to the pioneering oil fields in Southern California, beginning in the late 1880's. Santa Paula, California, was then a teeming central point for early California oil with exploration activities scattered in all directions throughout the rugged mountains and valleys surrounding the tiny town. It was about 1889 when the Santa Paula Hardware Company was formed, under the influence of Lyman Stewart, which was later to grow into the gigantic Union Tool Company, to be headquartered in Torrance, California.

For the complete text of this exciting Southern California success story, plan to get "Settlers of Southern California," Volume 6, due early next year. It will be available at the museum's country store.

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## The Water Man Cometh

by Terry Hathaway

One day, long ago, my father inadvertently mentioned a humorous incident pertaining to the original Hathaway Ranch water well. In the mid to late 1920's, when oil wells dotted the Hathaway Ranch orchards, the water well was used alternately for both irrigation and supplying water for oil drilling and pumping operations—the steam boilers used to power the pumping and drilling rigs gulped lots of water.

In those early and exciting days, my father spent most of his time around the oil wells watching, with great interest, this exciting industry as he carried out his normal chores irrigating and maintaining the orchards. A galvanized iron water tank sitting atop an 8 foot high wooden structure had been erected next to the water well to serve as storage for the needs of the oil operations (boilers, etc.). For several months my father had been noticing a truck carrying a water tank pull up to the water tower and fill its tank with water. Nothing was said until one day he noticed the truck now carried a load of individual water bottles, each bottle bearing the name of a well known bottled water company. He then told his father (Jesse Hathaway) that some guy with a truck was taking water and selling the bottled water around the oil field.

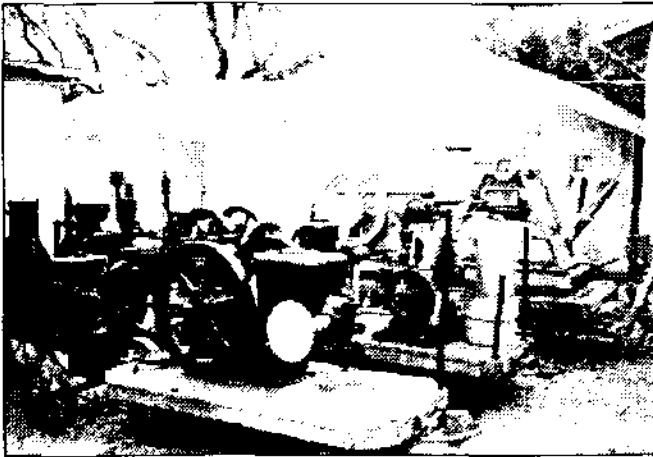
Needless to say, the next time the fellow pulled up with the truck loaded with empty bottles, Jesse was quick to take charge. After some discussion, a financial arrangement was made. Thereafter, the bottled water man paid Jesse \$60.00 per month to fill his bottles from the galvanized iron storage tank through an old rubber hose. No doubt, the water had a wonderful, natural flavor!

## MUSEUM OF FLYING

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Bellina, who have donated a back seat full of iron antiques to the museum, are volunteers at the Museum of Flying in Santa Monica, which is located at 2772 Donald Douglas Loop North, on the north side of the Santa Monica Airport.

Using exhibits, videos, aircraft and film, the Museum of Flying shows how aviation has embraced and stimulated changes in science, art, economics, culture, politics, and entertainment.

For further information call (310) 392-8822, ext. 514.



*Hathaway engines in front of the new rest room buildings.*

## La Mirada Revives Century-Old Site

Long before there was a city called La Mirada, there was the McNally Windermere Ranch, a 2,300 acre olive and citrus grove with its Spanish mission-style house, Victorian caretaker's house, schoolhouse, railroad station, and a large carriage barn.

Until recently, the ranch at Neff Park (located between Stage Road and San Cristobal Drive) was mostly known to the city's residents and the Friends of McNally Ranch, a non-profit historical organization created in 1985. Recently, however, the city was given the 1993 Governor's Historic Preservation Award, one of ten recipients to receive the award this summer.

By pooling \$590,000 in grants and raising \$250,000 from developers and individual donations, the city was able to restore three 100-year-old buildings in Neff Park to their original appearance.

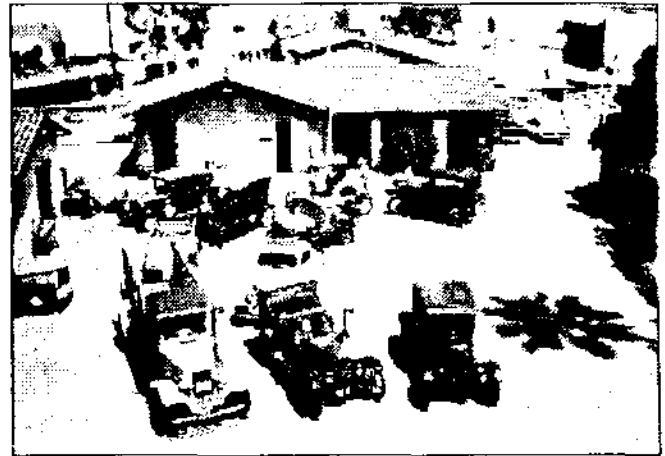
Tours of the award-winning McNally mansion and other buildings at Neff Park (named for McNally's grandson) can be arranged by calling the Friends of McNally Ranch at (310) 943-7227.

## Long Beach Model T Club

The Long Beach Model T Club visited the Hathaway Ranch Museum in May before driving to Heritage Park for lunch. Gil Cota made the arrangements at both places.

Participating on the tour, mostly in beautifully restored vintage vehicles, were:

Orville & Julia Enyeart  
Barbara & Ed Bebeck & Brian  
Laverne Stoops  
Virginia Scott  
Mike D'Antonio & Eric Ireland  
Allen & B.G. & A.J. & Judy Godard  
David & Shelly Westerberg  
George & Betty Gunther  
Bruce Gunther & Ashley & Garrett  
Jim Dunk  
Dave & Charlene Williams  
Gil & Lucy Cota  
Red Baysinger  
Don & Teri McCann  
Nick & Michelle D'Antonio.



*Cars of the Long Beach Model T Club*



*1933 Ford ice delivery truck*



## Old Fashioned Recipes

### FRANCINE'S BEEF JERKY

Trim extra fat off of a round steak. Cut the steak into narrow strips (I use scissors.) Smaller pieces of meat can be cut in spirals to make longer strips.

Mix  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 Cup vinegar and any spices or seasonings you like for steak (soy sauce, powdered garlic or onion, Worcestershire sauce, paprika, dash of Tabasco sauce, smoke flavoring) in a large bowl. I don't use pepper "carcinogenic" or salt, as the soy sauce has enough.

Dump the meat strips in the bowl and toss till coated well. Place strips, side by side, in a large pan or glass dish (no aluminum). I use stainless steel jelly-roll pan.) I pour any leftover sauce on the strips; not to waste it.

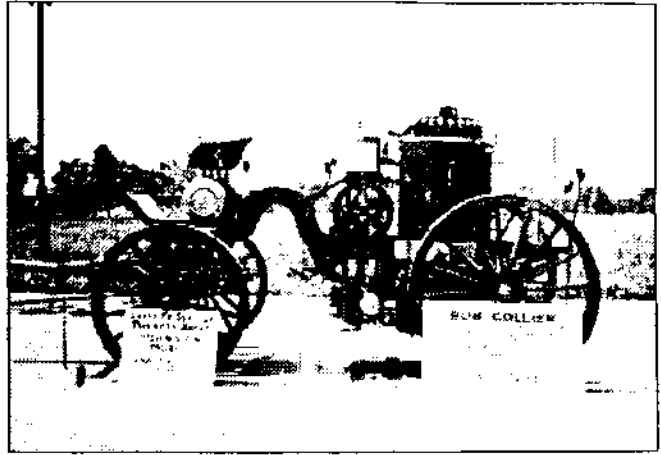
Put a spoon in the door opening to let moisture seep out the  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch opening. Turn the strips over after a few hours. Bake dry the strips for 6 to 8 hours or till very dry.

Store jerky strips in unsealed containers in refrigerator for a few weeks, or they may be stored in an unsealed, non-airtight container at room temperature (jerky can mold if tightly sealed). Great for travel snacks.

Note: This recipe is from "Here's Whats Cooking" which is on sale at the museum's country store for \$7.00 plus tax.



Carrie Long sells Captain Paul Bein a ticket to the Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association fund raiser in Heritage Park.



The 1903 American Horse Drawn Pumper which the Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association hopes to restore.

### Raising Water on the Ranch

About 1905, Jesse Hathaway had a water well drilled adjacent to the family house. A local driller was hired and a team of horses hauled drilling equipment to the site. As the story goes, a team of horses walked around in a circle, for about a month, to furnish power to operate the drill. A hole was bored 16 inches in diameter some 60 feet into the earth. Then a circular pit (centered on the freshly drilled hole) 5 feet in diameter and 18 feet deep was dug by hand. A centrifugal pump was located at the pit bottom. From the pump a 6 inch pipe stretched downward to reach below the standing water level.

To operate the pump, an early Western, single cylinder, distillate fueled, Model 1900, "Ratchet" type, engine was installed. These early, odd Western four-cycle engines could run in either direction. Timing was controlled by a "ratchet" mechanism making the engine free to rotate in the direction started. Since the water well and engine were very close to the family house, J.I. Hathaway, the youngest son, remembers the engine and hearing it chuff under its steady load. Often he helped his father (Jesse) start the engine by tugging on the flywheels. Occasionally the engine would start and run backwards due to incorrectly hand tripping the ignition. The engine would have to be stopped and restarted to enable the pump to run in the correct direction. No water would be lifted from the well with the pump spinning backwards.

The engine was removed in the early 1920's, the well casing extended to the surface, the pit filled, and the well was fitted with an electric motor. The engine was stored "in back of the barn" where it stayed until the early 1930's when it "disappeared."

For the full story be sure to get your copy of "Settlers of Southern California," Volume 5, available at the museum's country store for \$5.00 each, or 3 volumes for \$10.00 plus tax.