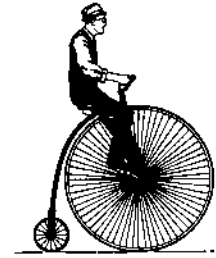


# The Hathaway Ranch Museum

## NEWSLETTER

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### CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT

A children's art exhibit was the center of attention during the April Open House at the museum. JANICE HARBIN, a second grade teacher at Lakeland School, managed the project. She had previously brought students to the museum to take camera shots of whatever caught their fancy, and the students painted their pictures after the film was developed.

The finished pictures were hung on the interior walls of the big south tank after the 1941 International station wagon and the 1965 Buick LeSabre were pushed out of the way. Certificates of merit were awarded to the young artists at a brief ceremony during the afternoon.



*Left: Teacher Janice Harbin with some of the pictures exhibited in the South tank at the museum.*



*Janice Harbin conducts the awards ceremony.*



*Above: Spectators and participants at the art exhibit.*



*Special certificate winners.*

#### June is the...

**traditional month for weddings.** At our Open House on June 4, we would like to feature wedding dresses worn by our members. They will be displayed on a long rack in the museum's living room from 2 - 4 p.m.

If any lucky woman can still wear her wedding dress, she is invited to do so. You don't have your wedding dress? How about the one you wore on your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary?

Again, if you can wear it, so much the better. Let's do our bit for traditional family values.

### HATHAWAY RANCH 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.

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#### Lifetime Members

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

### Volunteers

The following people gave time to the museum during the first quarter of 1995:

Frances Agopoff	Henry Lynn
Mildred Carlzen	Frank Martinez
Joanne Grant	Frank Moody
Evelyn Grembla	Mary O'Connor
Aaron Hathaway	Betty Putnam
Debra Hathaway	Josie Ramirez
Elizabeth Hathaway	Francine Rippy
Jean Hathaway	Marjorie Rondeau
Jesse L. Hathaway	Faye Smetanka
Jesse R. Hathaway	Melvin Smith
Meredith Hathaway	Ray Stenson
Remy Hathaway	Mollie Teschler
Richard Hathaway, Jr.	Louise Thorson
Richie Hathaway	Joyce Virnala
William Hathaway	
Jack Johnson	
Carrie Long	

### New Members

Nana Bliss	Ed & Rose Figley
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### Change of Address

Frank Binney 9 Buckeye Circle P.O. Box 258 Woodacre, CA 94973	Connie Lehman 1008 Radka Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223-2400
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### Generous Members

Since acknowledgment in Winter, 1995 Newsletter

Rodger Applegate	Henry & Marty Newton
Eddie Aycock	Marvin & Betty Putnam
Dale Epperly	Vincent B. Ruh
Ed & Rose Figley	Larry & Linda Short
Georgia & Pete Gumper	Mollie Teschler
Mary Jo Haller	Annabel Williams

### Donors

Leisure World Garden Club  
"Opals" of St. Francis Episcopal Church,  
(Palos Verdes Estates)  
Santa Fe Springs Woman's Club

### Oversight Department

We failed to mention Eddie Aycock's generous donation in our Winter, 1995 newsletter. We also neglected to include mention of Mildred and Marvin Carlzen's contribution to our Christmas Boutique. Sorry, friends!!

## 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, June 4, 1995 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.  
Display of wedding & anniversary dresses

## CAROL BLACK'S FOURTH GRADERS VISIT THE RANCH

It's a great day when children visit the Hathaway Ranch. The following are excerpts from "Thank You" letters written by students of Carol Black at Lakeview School.

"The Ranch is inctnrning the gesses are quite. I loved your ranch it is beutafUl." *Christine*

"Dear Mis Hathaway thank you for leting us come and vist. i hope you like this letter thank you very much." *Gina*

"I loved your gees, hats, guns and your feathers. I learned that a chicins egg is warm when it first las." *Marcel*

"Thank you for some alot of important think. I like the gesse because is funny he made alot of noise. Maybe I will came with my family to visit you and I can learn more importon thing." *Kevin (Kevin is from Viet Nam; has been here only one and one-half years.)*

"Thank you for leting us feed the chickens. I learned men whered heavy helmets. I leared how to milk a cow." *Adam*

"I learned that the chickens don't lay eggs all the time, they lay them once or twice a day. I also learned that the Hathaways never threw old things away." *Ashley*

"When we pikt op the eggs. The best pet I liked was the geese because I like how thay walk." *Jose*

"I learned if you want to enjoy yourself you had to make a toy. The nursery was wonderful. I saw the madel that your sons made. It took the whole summer. You should let your amgenashon free." *Zola*

"I learned the Hathaway family had six kids and a instrument in each room and there nabers lived 5 miles apart and had to learn how to made stuff and do stuff." *Michael.*

"One thing I learned is I didn't now that in the old days they didn't have air condision. When it was cold they have secret place that keeps them warm." *E.J.*

"I loved the ranch. I learmd that it was hard going over hills and mountains in a wagon. It was the best of fun." *Joy*

"Third thing I learn was when it was starting to rain they rang the bell for the cows to get in." *Kristy*

"My favorite things were the museum, feeding the chickens and the animals. I learned that when you milk a cow you have to hold his tale and lean against her leg so it doesn't hit you. Also the adults used to play games in a parlor well the kids were asleep." *Jennifer.*

"I liked the part when you lifted up the wing of the chicin and seen eggs that was the part I liked best." *Marisa.*

"I learned that Hathaway Ranch used to be 50 acers and now there is only 6 accersers because you gies sold it." *Breana*

"Thank you for leting us go to see your stuff. I learned that back than it was nice and I like the tarin. But the house is special to you." *Edwardo.*

"I learned not to tease the dogs, because it bugs them. And I learned that one of the biggest trucks on the farm was the first one." *Ethney*

"Your house is very neat. The chickens were neat. I hope I can come back." *Kristen*

"It was pretty fun when they took us in the car tour. The musem was cool. In the bathroom it had all the medicines. They showed us the army clothing and other things. We saw the goldfish and the chickens and a peacock, to bad he or she didn't show it's feathers. There were 16 chairs in the dinning room." *Eric*

"I like you dogs they are very prity to me. It was fun when you sold us the eggs they were drty I think they where. I lerned the weting dress it is will deliket that is what that laty shid." *Jamie*



*Carol Loehman, President of the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club and teacher at Lake View School.*

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**ADDIE ROCHA** has been elected president of the Friends of the Library in Santa Fe Springs. She is a member of the Board of the Whittier Union High School District and was formerly a member of the Board of the Los Nietos School District.

**CAROL LOEHMAN** has been installed as president of the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club for 1995. Carol teaches at Lakeview School in Santa Fe Springs.

**VIRGINIA MATHONY**, who has been helping Nadine with the "Settler's Series," has been trying her luck as a freelance writer and sold one of her stories to the Fed Co Reporter. It is a story about the importance of water to the newly founded town of Whittier in the late 1800s. The title is "Water Brought Life to Whittier." Publication date is not known at this time.

**AL FUENTES** has been named Residential Citizen of the Year in the annual contest sponsored by the Santa Fe Springs Chamber/League. Fuentes, a former City Councilman, has long been a generous supporter of the Hathaway Ranch Museum and has been very active in community activities.

A resident of Whittier, **ESTHER HUMESTON**, wrote to "Letters to the Editor" in the Whittier Daily News that **REGINA PHELAN** was one of her favorite gym teachers. "She had those qualities that train a student and make you feel that you were honored to have her as your instructor." Phelan is known for her novel about the west during the gold rush days, "The Gold Chain." Her newest publication, "Gold Discovered in California," is for the young reader and is in narrative form. For information, contact Regina Phelan at 1002 West Road, La Habra Heights, CA 90631.

**JOE R. RAMIREZ** recently recalled WW II days spent in Rackheath England while he was a crew chief of the B-24 Witchcraft. Ramirez was a member of the 467th Bomb Group. When some of the veterans went back to Rackheath for their first reunion in 1978, an Englishman, **John Oakley**, was on hand to greet the veterans, and asked one of them if he knew the name of the crew chief of the Witchcraft.

Oakley was a ten-year-old boy during WW II and remembered hanging around the base watching the planes take off and land. He used to bring hot tea, crumpets and cookies to Joe and the other men working on the bomber. Although against the rules, Joe would let Oakley and other kids enter the plane and look around the cockpit.

Oakley and his wife, Sheila, visited Joe in Santa Fe Springs last June. Joe took them to Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, and they had a wonderful time reminiscing and visiting. In January, 1995, the "Letters to the Editor" column in the Whittier Daily News published a letter from Oakley, of which a part follows: "I just received a copy of Louise

Smith's column, featuring my longtime friend, Joe K. Ramirez. It told about my wife and me coming to California and paying him a visit. Although it took us a long time to raise the money, it was something I was determined to do. Heroes today are mainly pop stars or movie stars who, as far as I know, have done nothing of note to earn this status. As a kid in the dark days of the 1940s, men like Ramirez were my heroes, and although I am now 62 years of age, they still are. England stood alone then, and the future looked very grim. We lived in a small community of about 300 people, and almost overnight there were 2,000 American servicemen there with about 60 heavy bombers. We had never seen aircraft on the ground or been able to touch them before. The general excitement was like another world to us. It wasn't until later, as we got older, that we realized the stress and sacrifices these men made to help us. In May, we are welcoming back some of the survivors at another reunion. We will always look forward to seeing our Yanks coming home."

"My friend, Joe Ramirez, has never forgotten his plane, "Witchcraft." It flew 130 missions without once turning back for mechanical reasons—a record for the whole 8th Air Force. It was then flown home to Arizona and cut up for scrap. I never expected to meet Joe again when I started writing him. But he made it back in 1992 and came to my home. I said then that I would visit him if at all possible.

*John & Sheila Oakley  
Norwich, Norfolk  
England*

**RODGER APPEGATE**, brother of Nadine Hathaway, played host in the 1940's room when a group of seniors from the Glendale Methodist Church toured the museum. As host he was in familiar territory, since his Eisenhower jacket, officer's overseas cap, short overcoat and service cap are on display in what is sometimes referred to as the military room.

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*Eisenhower jacket and overseas cap on mannequin.*

*Below: Officers overcoat on mannequin with 48 star flag.*



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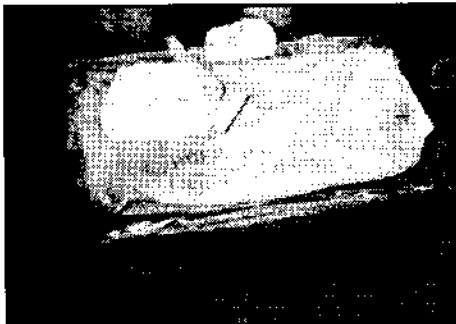
Also on display is a tent pin bag, used by his battalion's medical detachment, as well as a piece of personal luggage ("Val-A-Pak") carried by Rodger while in the European Theater of Operations in 1944-45.

Rodger participated in a tour late last summer with interested World War II Army veterans of his and other anti-aircraft battalions. They went to revisit places and areas where they had seen action firing both 40mm and 90mm guns against the German flying bombs (V-1's) along the southeast coast of England (Kent) in and around Dover, in defense of the city of London and in Belgium in defense of the Port of Antwerp.



Tent pin bag with part of 1917 shell.

The tour members also took part in the ceremony dedicating a plaque on a bank of the Scheldt river in Antwerp, commemorating that city's defense by the Allied troops. Included in the tour were landmarks in areas and places affected by the battle of the bulge.



Barracks bag.



Covered wagon days.

## 5th Graders Camp Out

A first for the museum was when Genie Blackburn's 5th grade class from Studebaker School in Norwalk camped out in the parking lot overnight. Sleeping bags — not tents. They were amply chaperoned by their teacher, several parents and no less than the president of the Little Lake School Board, Betty Putnam, who provided sowbelly and beans and cooked cornbread in an iron kettle over the coals.



Teacher Genie Blackburn guards the trunk.

Evelyn Grembla taught the young pioneers how to do the Virginia Reel as well as other old time dances.



Dancing the Virginia Reel.

Camp cooks (Genie Blackburn & Betty Putnam) serve sowbelly, beans and corn bread.



Chow Time.

## HATHAWACKY HOUSE REVISITED

Jean and Meredith Hathaway had a special open house during the holidays. Even though it was several months ago, it is still of interest. They have noted some of the highlights to let you know what you missed, if you weren't able to attend.

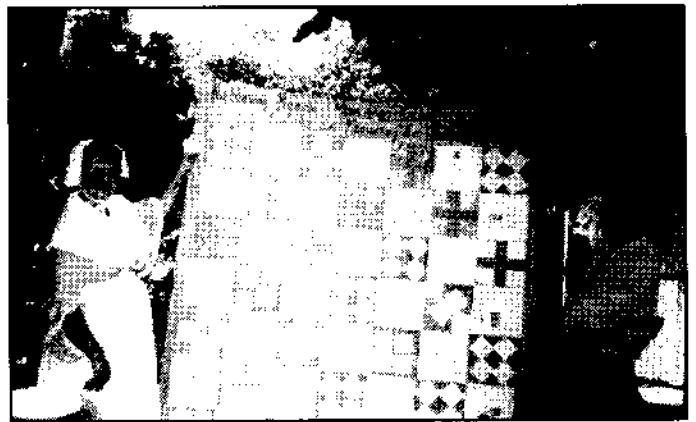
1. The live steam engine in the entry hall would be of interest to fellas that like engines. It is a Marklin toy steam engine with a Dynamo, c. 1903-1906.
2. Entering the living room: Hallmark animated train ornaments are on the mantel. The series ran from 1986 to 1992. The collection is complete with a large advertising ornament for the first of the series.
3. The Maritime prints of John Stobart—an English artist that brings early American ships and ports back to life—are on the walls.
4. Musicians would like the Steinway parlor grand piano, built in 1928. It was originally in my grandfather's Manning School of Music in San Francisco.
5. Train buffs would be interested in the LGB layout under the Steinway and another piano. What do you do with the wasted space under two grand pianos?
6. An "O" gauge Lionel train layout is in the back bedroom "train room."
7. Moving to the large solarium, there are two "HO" gauge train layouts, one European and one American. The European layout depicts our ride on the Orient.
8. A craftsman style revolving bookcase houses a nearly complete collection of Readers Digest condensed books from 1950 to this date.
9. A grouping of miniature figures representing the Hawaiians and the Maori's of New Zealand show castles under siege with their battlements full of defenders.
10. A circle of books on the dining room table that tell of how Christmas is celebrated in over 20 different countries. Also in the dining room, the Black Prince and King Jean of France, surrounded with their knights; a royal visit to Canada in the early summer of 1939; Chinese Gordon of Kartoum; and a model of a Texaco Doodlebug gas truck of the 30's.
11. A model of Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega Airplane. A real unused wood airplane propeller. Gary Carter and Joe Grandee western prints. Any other things you'll have to remember for yourself. We can't possibly list them all!

*Jean and Meredith*

## "I REMEMBER NINETY..."

Our requests for the names of other members (besides Louise Thorson) who have reached their 9th decade paid off. Ruth Clanton Smith claims to be among the nonagenarians, as well as Ethel Koontz Eckels. Reader Lee Sutherland, who is still in fine fettle, will reach 100 in August. Any others?

Now we need the name of couples who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We have listed Julian and Helen Hathaway, Richard and Betty Kaessner, Henry and Laura Lynn, Arthur and Rosie Martinez, Joe and Josie Ramirez, and Ray and Phyllis Stenson. We understand that Joe and Josie will celebrate their 60th anniversary in December. We do not mean to exclude people who celebrated their 50th anniversary but whose spouses are now deceased. These include Mildred (Mrs. Marvin) Carlzen, Ethel (Mrs. Charles) Eckels, Anna (Mrs. Elwood) Hathaway and Nadine (Mrs. Richard) Hathaway.



*Little Lake City School Board President Betty Putnam and Lakeland School teacher Guillermo Gomez hold up paper quilt made by students in teacher Vicki Gonzales' class.*



*Meredith and Jean Hathaway with part of their collection.*