

POWAY HISTORICAL AND MEMORIAL SOCIETY

December 2008

Presidents Message

Hello Supporters, Here we are again with the year coming to an end. The Society's accomplishments this year have been for the most part the continuous efforts behind the scenes. School tours have kept the docents very busy this past spring and the on-going computerizing of our artifact, photo and manuscript collection continues. Not to mention the work it takes just to maintain the Museum and Nelson House.

"THANK YOU" If by some chance you didn't hear about our very successful fundraiser this past fall, "Antiques Road Show", it was great. We are planning another in the spring-so keep a watchful eye. It was not only a good fundraiser but it brought many new visitors to the Museum and Old Poway Park. Not to mention lots of FUN. Before signing off, on behalf of the Poway Historical Society I want to thank you all for your support. Remember the Society is made possible only by your support and volunteers. Don't forget that any donations made to the Historical Society are tax deductible. On the behalf of the Board of Directors I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Hope to See You in the New Year.

Nelson House

Nelson House continues to thrive with refinished furniture and changes to the décor and furniture arrangement. New acquisitions are an antique cane back ladies chair from Jean Woodruff and curtains with hand crocheted border by Ida Dalton and sewing by Gloria Steward. This year the Nelson House will be decorated for Christmas with a Victorian tree with popcorn, cookies, fruit and candles. Old-fashioned toys will be displayed as will 1957 Christmas cards. All of these demonstrate how our society has changed in the last 100 years. Children and adults enjoyed the Halloween celebration at the Park. About 200 people visited the Nelson House and many parents demonstrated the yo-yo and cats cradle on display to their children. Don't forget to stop by during Christmas in the Park or weekends during the holiday season.

Museum

The December exhibit at the museum will be a treat for your eyes. Ornate stained glass houses created by DA De Gomes will be only display. DA started in 1973 creating these beautiful glass houses starting with a Christmas village. Ultimately

she made 1500 selling them through a shop in San Francisco. She has since retired from the business but we are lucky enough to see items from her personal and family collection. There are more than 25 pieces on display ranging from a tiny Swiss chalet to an incredibly detailed Victorian house. Several American courthouses are included as well as European villages and castles. Make sure that you come by during the month or during Christmas in the Park. You will be sorry if you miss this fantastic exhibit.

If this exhibit inspires you to show off your wonderful collection please contact the museum for information. We would be delighted to exhibit collections appropriate to the Historical Society's mission.

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