

Upcoming events:

- **May 27 & 28:**
Museum Open House
- **June 3:**
History Day
- **June 24 & 25:**
Museum Open House

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JOHN DEWITT MUSEUM

2116 TAVERN ROAD
ALPINE, CA 91901

Open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
last weekend of each month

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ALPINE HISTORY DAY

Saturday • June 3, 2017 • John Dewitt Museum

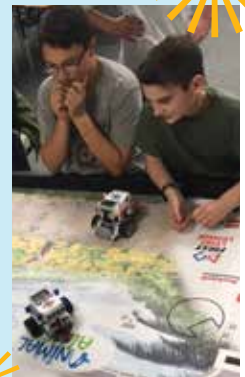
Mark your calendars for our biggest event of the year, the **Alpine History Day Celebration** at the John DeWitt Museum, located at 2116 Tavern Road in Alpine. This **FREE** event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3rd. There will be something for everyone at this year's celebration:

- have your photo taken by a **Tin-type Photographer**
- enjoy **Model T Fords** and vintage autos
- check out our fabulous restored **Doctor's Buggy**
- pick up important fire prevention tips from the **Alpine Fire Department**
- learn about the **Sky Hunters Birds of Prey**
- come face to face with an **iguana** and other reptiles
- admire the beauty of handmade **Quilts**

Lunch will be available featuring the best burgers and hot dogs this side of the Great Divide, offered at a great price by the **Alpine Kiwanis Cook Shack** (all proceeds go to support Kiwanis programs). And don't forget to top off your lunch with one of our famous **Ice Cream Sundaes**. While you are enjoying lunch, the **California Note Catchers**, a women's barbershop chorus, will be performing

NEW THIS YEAR!

We are delighted to showcase the **Joan McQueen Middle School Robotics Team**. This championship competition group will display and operate their amazing inventions including solar powered cars, their project entry for the First LEGO League Challenge, and their award-winning robotic bird feeder!



The **Alpine Amigos 4H Club** will bring their baby pigs, goats, and chickens to show, and will share their experiences raising these animals, just like the settlers in early Alpine.



Also featured at this year's event will be the **California Note Catchers**, a women's a capella chorus singing in 4-part Barbershop harmony.

And, we welcome Kitty Henderson with **Animals and Animals** bringing a variety of iguanas and reptiles.

family-friendly songs from a bygone era.

Best of all: admission is **FREE**, and entitles you to a door prize ticket when you register at the entrance tent. But, remember this is a fund-raising event for your Alpine History Museum. Donations will be gratefully accepted throughout the event.

Parking is limited, but the good folks at the **Alpine Lutheran Church** have offered their parking lot located at 2040 Tavern Road. Alternates include parking at **Boulder Oaks School, Joan McQueen School**, or you can search for street parking along Tavern Road.

YOUR WILL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Including the Alpine Historical Society in your Last Will & Testament can provide a lasting legacy to Alpine. The preservation of the history of Alpine, the presentation of educational & school programs, and the development of Heritage Park are further supported by people who have 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 may 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 our community.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members: Vicki & Richard Freeman

A Grateful Thank You to Our Renewing Members: Theo Bazdorf, Charlene Day, Genna Yoder

Many thanks to the following for making generous financial donations to the Historical Society: Theo Bazdorf

Many thanks to the following for donating antique apothecary bottles: Kathryn Williams

A very Special Thank You to the following business

for renewing their annual membership for 2017:
Alpine Woman’s Club

RECOGNITION OF OUR CURRENT LIFETIME MEMBERS

Carlette Anderson • Deborah Anderson • George & Joan Anderson • Mark L. Anderson • Roy & Willa Athey
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 Donna Sisson • Joseph Sisson • Virginia Sisson • Anne Tarr • Elma Terry • Rodney & Guille Tuttle
 Paul & Carol Walker • William & Joan Waterworth • Sam Webb • Stanley Wilson

RECOGNITION OF OUR LIFETIME BUSINESS MEMBERS

Brabazon Alpine Paving and Trucking
 Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians • Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
 Tom Dyke Drilling • John Garbaczewski Family Foundation
 Chris Wiley—Primary Residential Mortgage • Turvey Granite Pit • Tuttle Charitable Trust

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS: Life Members ~ 57, Current Members ~ 78, Members up for renewal ~ 39

Grand Opening of New Exhibits—May 27th

ALPINE: THEN & NOW

Our newest exhibit in the Adam & Caroline Beaty House takes a nostalgic look at images and objects of bygone days, side-by-side with their contemporary equivalent illustrating changes in the lifestyle and landscape of our wonderful little town.

Cameras from the 1890's captured images on glass plates, and in the 1900's recorded images

on film, but today most of us take digital photos with our electronic cameras or mobile devices. In this new exhibit you can see examples of these vintage cameras and photographs along with many other places and objects that have been transformed through time and technology.

If you are a long time resident of Alpine, you just might remember the taco's at Bailey's Café when

you see the photo of this once popular dining spot. If you are new to Alpine, you can vicariously enjoy the early days of our town through the images on display.

How has life in Alpine changed? You be the judge—visit the exhibit to experience over 100 years of history documented in photos and objects at the Alpine Historical Society's John DeWitt Museum, 2116 Tavern Road, Alpine.

Alpine Blvd. & Victoria Dr.



Cameras



Between Arnold Way & Alpine Blvd.



THE WATERWISE & BUTTERFLIES GARDEN

*How do you plant a wildlife habitat garden in an area that receives shade most of the year?
And how do you maintain the garden on a low water budget?*

We asked the **Alpine Garden Club** these questions and they responded by creating a demonstration garden for us beside the historic Sophronia Nichols House at the John DeWitt Museum. The new garden is called the **Waterwise & Butterflies Garden** and features native California plants that provide valuable habitat for many varieties of pollinators including butterflies, moths, bees, and hummingbirds.

When you visit the garden, be sure to pick up a list of the plant varieties in the display so you can purchase them at your favorite nursery.

We are greatly indebted to the Alpine Garden Club members **Ivan & Kathie Bartonicek, Art & Cathy Heany, Hilde Hinchcliff, Ann Koenig, and Judy Popp** for developing the design, removing the weeds, improving the soil, purchasing and installing the plants and drip irrigation devices, and adding “gorilla hair” mulch for the finishing touch.

We are also grateful to **Hitech Screen Science Co.**, long-time business member of the Alpine Historical Society, for their generous donation of signage.



We are a

**Blue Star
 Museum**
 arts.gov/bluestarmuseums

The Alpine Historical Society has again joined with more than 2,000 museums across the country to participate in the 2017 Blue Star Museums program of the National Endowment of the Arts. As a participant in this program, which runs from Memorial Day, May 29th, through Labor Day weekend, we offer free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families. The website for Blue

Star Museums is being updated and will provide a list of participating museums along with a map to their location, a description of their exhibits and special events, and an FAQ page to help our military families plan their trip. We are thrilled that we can take part in the program again this year. We look forward to greeting our active duty service families and thanking them for their service to our country.

REMEMBER THE TIME TRAVELERS!

With summertime fast approaching, are you starting to plan vacations? Please remember that your membership in the Alpine Historical Society also gives you access to over **300** other historical museums and societies nationwide.

In 2015 we registered with the **Time Travelers**, a reciprocal museum benefit program created by the Missouri History Museum in 1998, and all members of our society will receive benefits offered by all "Time Traveler" participating museums. Such benefits may include free or discounted admission, discounts on merchandise and special events, free parking or other benefits specified by each institution.

California has 32 participating museums including the San Diego History Center, Catalina Island Museum, Pasadena Museum of History, El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum, Oakland Aviation Museum, and 26 more!



Please explore their website:

<http://timetravelers.mohistory.org>

Be sure to take your AHS membership card!

Alpine 4th of July

Parade & Carnival Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

Alpine's **Parade** starts at 10 a.m. at the **Woman's Club**, and proceeds westward to the **Alpine Community Center Park** where all can enjoy the town's old-fashioned hometown **Carnival** with game booths, petting zoo, a dunk tank, bouncy house, Deep-pit BBQ, Beer Garden, craft vendors, live band, and more!

Everyone is invited to participate in the Parade. The only requirement is that your entry be decorated with red, white and blue. Participants will meet at the Alpine Woman's Club parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For information call Hilde Hinchcliff 619-659-8780 or Pene Manale 619-659-8727.

For additional information on sponsorships or vendor booths, please contact Pene Manale at penemanale@wildblue.net 619-659-8727 or cell 649-920-6826.



"WANTED ~ HORSE & DRIVER"

Exciting, attractive, spirited and well preserved **carriage** ~ ISO experienced, well-trained horse & driver for escort in Alpine's 4th of July Parade. My given name is **Doctor's Phaeton**, but friends call me **'Buggy'**. I am slender and light-weight, easy to handle and easy on the eyes, yet soft and cushiony on the seat. Big wheels with classy detailing make me a show-stopper. Applicants must be good-natured, well-mannered, an unexcitable equine, practiced pulling buggies with the



patience needed to handle a cheering crowd along the parade route. Take me for a spin – please call my handler, Tom, at 619-885-8063 for interview & trial run.



In 1860's America, most of California was unpopulated, except for the developing coastal cities

and gold mining areas primarily in northern California. The area of San Diego County that would become Alpine was no different. Early settlers like Cockney Bill Williams and Cayatona Cota had to scratch out a living here on the Valle de las Viejas Valley and Mesa del Arroz. With only natural springs for water and very poor roads to bring in materials, supplies, and the occasional visitors passing through on the San Diego to San Antonio Stage, life was solitary, lonely, and difficult. To get here from San Diego could take up to three days over very rough roads. So what would entice anyone to settle in this area? Two things: 1—the human spirit that seems constantly in search of a better life, and 2—free land.

When the U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 most of the southern states were devastated, infrastructure was demolished, plantations were destroyed, crops were failing, life

TIMELINE ALPINE 1869–1911

was hard and many southerners were looking west for new opportunities and a better life. The Homestead Act of 1862 promised free land to any adult who had never taken up arms against the U.S. Government, including immigrants who had applied for citizenship and women. Applicants needed to improve the land and live on it for five years. It is likely that these two motivators enticed Adam and Caroline Beaty in 1869 to pull up roots in Texas and settle in the area we now call Harbison Canyon. Here's their story.

Adam and Caroline Beaty moved to San Diego County in 1869, setting up farming on a site near the present day Ironside Park. It is reported that the Beaty's nearest neighbor was five miles away, but there is no record of the neighbor's name or location. They later moved to the area called Rancho del Sequan and on February 20, 1874, Adam Beaty was granted a land patent to a homestead on 163.32 acres of public land. Here, the Beatys continued farming and managed 170 bee hives which generated a small income from the honey. Adam received a war pension of only \$8.00 per month to help with expenses. As

the town began to grow, Adam and Caroline participated in community life. Although they had no children, Adam served the community as a member of the school board in 1888. Then in 1890 the Beatys suffered a major set-back when a fire destroyed all their hives and crops. So Adam, age 70, and Caroline, age 54 had to pick up the pieces and start anew. In 1899, Adam built a new home on their rancho and the house received the nickname "Chiquita". A century later this house would be relocated to the John DeWitt Museum where it currently stands next to the Sophronia Nichols House.

In 1903 Adam passed away, leaving Caroline with their homestead but no other source of income except for a war widow's pension of \$12 per month. Caroline's health was also in decline and she was nearly blind, so in 1908 she sold the homestead to the Wheeler family. She died three years later, just one day short of her 74th birthday and was buried next to Adam in the Alpine Cemetery.



POP QUIZ: Answers can be found in articles in this newsletter. (see answers below)

1. A "Doctor's Phaeton" is commonly known as a:
 - a. horse-drawn buggy
 - b. medicine bag
 - c. stethoscope
2. Before moving to Alpine, Adam and Caroline Beaty lived in:
 - a. Arizona
 - b. Texas
 - c. Mexico
3. The Waterwise & Butterflies Garden was designed and installed:
 - a. by the Alpine Garden Club
 - b. to promote drought tolerant wildlife habitats
 - c. at the John DeWitt Museum
 - d. all of the above

ALPINE HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the *Alpine Historical & Conservation Society* is to encourage the community in an effort to retain structures and sites of historical significance, conserve natural resources and parkland, make available the visible evidence of the history of our community, and develop historical programs which emphasize the contributions of the various cultural, ethnic, religious and social groups that comprise the Alpine area.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address/P.O. Box: _____

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Send Newsletters via: E-mail U.S. Mail

Membership Category (Please check one):

- Student \$5 Individual \$25 Nonprofit \$30 Business \$50
 Senior (1) \$15 Family \$35 Nonprofit Life \$600 Business Life \$1,000
 Senior (2) \$20 Life \$500

Amount Enclosed:

Membership \$ _____
Donation \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Museum Open Houses History Day
 Programs & Events Oral Histories
 Exhibit Development Archival Data Entry
 Garden Maintenance Other _____

Please complete this form and include your check made payable to the Alpine Historical Society, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.