

Upcoming events:

- **April 17:**
Potluck Luncheon & Presentation by Del Hood, Author
- **April 23 & 24:**
Museum Open House
- **May 28 & 29:**
Museum Open House
- **June 4:**
History Day Celebration
- **June 25 & 26:**
Museum Open House

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JOHN DEWITT MUSEUM

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

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POTLUCK LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

History in the Headlines, by **Del Hood**, contains a half-century of El Cajon Valley's most notable events, from 1950 to 2000, chronicled as a ready reference to the area's important historical moments. Drawn from headlines in *The Valley News* and *The Daily Californian*, more than 1,700 "little stories" about what happened in the valley and in neighboring communities depict the notable events of those years. The events are presented in chronological order and are designed as a guide for those researching specific events or newsmakers. Historic photographs enhance several stories.



Del Hood, a graduate of Hastings College and the University of Nebraska School of Journalism, worked for the Baker (OR) *Democrat-Herald* and Eugene (OR) *The Register-Guard* and earned his master's degree

from the University of Oregon. He spent 30 years as an editor of *The Daily Californian* in El Cajon. Hood received many awards for his writing from Sigma Delta Chi, California Newspaper Publishers Association, San Diego Press

Club, Associated Press and other organizations. His memoir, *The Triumph of Belva Jane*, was published in 2015. Now retired, he and his wife enjoy time with their daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Please bring a potluck item to share for the luncheon which begins at 1:00 p.m. or arrive by 1:45 p.m. for the brief general membership meeting followed immediately by Del's presentation.

*Admission is **FREE**, but your donation helps to defray the cost of programs and helps us preserve Alpine's historical artifacts and maintain the museum facilities.*

*The Potluck Luncheon and Program will be held at the Alpine Town Hall (Alpine Woman's Club), located at 2156 Alpine Boulevard. Seating is limited, so **please make your reservations early** by calling Tom Myers at (619) 885-8063 or send an email request to info@alpinehistory.org.*

A look backwards at taxes . . .

Will Rogers (1879-1935) was many things; a cowboy, vaudeville performer, humorist, actor on stage and screen, and a popular newspaper columnist. In fact, he penned more than

4,000 articles beginning in 1922 and was eventually syndicated in 500 newspapers nationwide. He poked fun at just about everything the government did including the Income Tax.

So in this issue you will find an occasional quote from Will reflecting on taxes in the early 20th century. Well, we've come to think that things haven't changed all that much.

"The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has."

Weekly Article #17, April 8, 1923

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Special Thank You to Our New Life Members: George & Joan Anderson • Ken & Denise Hujing

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members:

Peter Auty, Kim Fowler, Darlene Larsen, Derrick Lustalet, Michael McEwan, Mike & Julie Meloche, Jean Moore, Dave & Barb Phelan, Louis & Lydia & Bella Russo, Dave L. Smith, Tom & Coleen Taylor, Kelsey Thomas, and Bill Woock

A Warm Welcome to Newcomers to Alpine:

Susan Quinten, and Richard & Vicki Freeman

A Grateful Thank You to Our Renewing Members:

Cathie & Wayne Aymar, Theo Bazdorf, Donna Boyer, Roger & Bonnie Brown, Sallie Brown, Colin & Janice Campbell, Gerald Dobbs, Jim & Karen Donoghue,

Michael Harris, Corky & Vera Jones, George Landt, Pene & George Manale, Robert & Beverly Ring, Max Robinson, Gary & Sue Smith, Janis Vanderford, and Karen Wiley

Many thanks to the following who made generous financial donations to the Historical Society:

Alpine View Lodge, Theo Bazdorf, David Carey, Gerald Dobbs, Michael Harris, Corky & Vera Jones, and Janis Vanderford

Special THANKS to the following who are the first to donate to our NEW WILDLIFE HABITAT EXHIBIT:

Kim Fowler, and Mike & Julie Meloche

Special Thanks of Appreciation to the following businesses who renewed their annual membership in the Historical Society for 2016:

Alpine View Lodge • Alpine Woman's Club • Kamps Propane • Laurie Hallihan, State Farm Insurance

RECOGNITION OF OUR CURRENT LIFETIME MEMBERS

Carlette Anderson • Deborah Anderson • George & Joan Anderson • Mark L. Anderson
Roy & Willa Athey • Claude Bailey • Franklin R. Ball • Pat & Joe Brunold • David Carey • Ted Christensen
James H. Cleland • Sharon J. Coop • Beverly Falor • Katie & Brian Ford • Vincent Fritts • Paul Gonya
Gail Wilson Guth • Linda Harshberger • Ann Hill • Leslie Holben • Ken & Denise Hujing
Ben & Kirby Johnson • Bill & Diane Keltner • Jill & Shawn Killon • John Krempp • Joanne & Martin Marugg
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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 • Chris Wiley—Primary Residential Mortgage
Turvey Granite Pit • Tuttle Charitable Trust

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS: Life Members ~ 55, Annual Members ~ 89, Members up for renewal ~ 28

If you would like to receive our newsletter [in color] by email, please send a note to membership@alpinehistory.org.

... and Will Rogers says ...

“There is some talk of lowering (the income tax), and they will have to. People are not making enough to pay it.” Weekly Article #17, April 8, 1923

NEW HABITAT EXHIBITS AT THE JOHN DEWITT MUSEUM

Earlier this year the *Alpine Historical & Conservation Society* accepted the responsibility to maintain Alpine's first-in-the-nation status as a Community Wildlife Habitat which includes reporting annually to the *National Wildlife Federation*. In support of that program we are working on two new exhibits. In the Beaty House West Gallery, we installed the first exhibit showcasing the four elements of a wildlife habitat:

- 1-Food,
- 2-Water,
- 3-Cover, and
- 4-Places to Raise Young.

Here you can see examples of simple solutions to provide these basic elements for wildlife survival in your neighborhood. You can also pick up brochures published by the NWF that offer

more details on how to create a wildlife habitat in your own yard, and how to certify your garden with the NWF.

Coming Soon! We are currently constructing a new outdoor exhibit illustrating just how easy it is to develop a wildlife habitat in a small garden space. We chose an area between our two museum buildings that is only 10 feet wide and 40 feet long. Here we will plant several species of native plants for food, install a water source, establish places for critters to find cover

and places to raise their young.

This project is being developed by volunteers who have certified their own gardens as Wildlife Habitats. Financial support for this demonstration habitat garden will come from donations from AHS members as well as others in the Alpine community. Funds are needed for purchasing plants, mulch, river stones for drainage, irrigation materials, and materials for a birdhouse.

We would greatly appreciate your donation to help with this project

that will protect wildlife, and also preserve Alpine's claim to being the first Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the nation. Please send your donation—*no amount is too small or too large*—to the Alpine Historical Society, P.O. Box 382, Alpine, CA 91901. Please write on your check that it is for the "Habitat" program and we'll acknowledge your tax deductible gift with a letter and recognition in our newsletter. *The Alpine Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.*



NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS: GEORGE & JOAN ANDERSON ∞ KEN & DENISE HUJING

George and Joan Anderson currently live in Cerritos, CA, and have three children, Deborah (*also a life member*), Jeffrey and Mathew, and two granddaughters. How does this family know about the Alpine Historical Society? Well, it runs in the family: George's greatgrandmother was Dr. Sophronia Nichols, Alpine's very first doctor.

George and Joan and their family first visited Alpine in 2011 to partic-

ipate in the Daughters of the American Revolution bronze plaque ceremony at the museum honoring Dr. Nichols as "a person of historical significance".

In their free time Joan enjoys quilting and participating in the local Woman's Club. George, a retired electronic engineer who worked for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, has dedicated an entire bedroom in their home for his hobby—HO model trains.

Kenny and Denise Hujing are both from military families. Kenny grew up near Alpine, but Denise lived all over the world before her family settled in La Mesa during her early teens. Kenny and Denise met when they were 15. They moved to Alpine in 2009 after living for 17 years in Dehesa, where they raised their three children. In 2014 they purchased the "Marx family property", one of the first homes and a work-

ing horse ranch built in the old ranch (1964).

Their favorite part of living in Alpine is the peacefulness, and that they have been blessed with wonderful neighbors, Bill & Joan Waterworth who introduced them to the Alpine Historical Society. They believe that supporting organizations like the Historical Society are essential to preserving the legacies and history of Alpine for our future generations.

TWO MAJOR REPAIRS COMPLETED

The el Nino rains this season seemed to come just often enough to delay much-needed repairs at the Historic Society's John DeWitt Museum. However, when a long stretch of sunny weather presented itself in February, work started on the Beaty House re-roofing project. The work was performed by **Bryon Harrington** of New West Builders with help from painter **Gary Gorecki** and **Jeff Gula Roofing**.

In addition to new shingles, the crew had to replace deteriorated plywood underlayment and several sections of well-rotted wood fascia boards. Through it all the museum stayed dry, and the new roof looks handsome and is expected to provide good service for many years to come.

Upon completion of the Beaty House roof, Bryon and Gary moved their equipment over to the Sophronia Nichols house to repair damage

to the porch caused by a large limb falling from a 70-foot tall eucalyptus tree. Their expertise in historic structure repairs was much appreciated and is evident in their work.

Both of these museum buildings were built as homes for early settlers in Alpine in the late 1890's. The Historical Society is diligent about caring for these gems of Alpine History and we

want to express our gratitude to the **San Diego County Board of Supervisors** in supporting our efforts by providing the needed repair funds from the **Community Enhancement Grants** program administered by the County.



John DeWitt Museum Joins the Blue Star Museums Program



The Alpine Historical Society has joined with more than 2,000 museums across the country to participate in the **Blue Star Museums** program of the National Endowment of the Arts. This program, which runs from Memorial Day, May 30th, through Labor Day weekend, provides a list of participating museums that offer free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families. The website for Blue Star Museums [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums] is being updated and will provide a list participating museums along with a map of their locations, a description of their exhibits and special events, and an FAQ page to help our military families plan their trips. We are thrilled that we can participate in the program this year and look forward to greeting our active duty service families and thanking them for their service to our country.

We are a
Blue Star
Museum
arts.gov/bluestarmuseums

2016 PLANS FOR NEW EXHIBITS

The society's Board of Directors is actively looking for future exhibit ideas. Here are a few that are currently under consideration:

1. "Then" and "Now" photos of Alpine
2. Early Women of Alpine
3. Alpine's Historical Timeline
4. Artists of Alpine
5. Flora and Fauna of Alpine
6. Vinyards of Alpine
7. Kumeyaay Indians, Alpine's first residents
8. Current Alpiners' private collections
9. Early Resorts of Alpine

The Board welcomes all comments and would like to know of other topics for new exhibits. Please send your ideas, suggestions, and comments to info@alpinehistory.org, or call Tom at 619-885-8063.

... and Will Rogers says ...

*"We got a long-sighted government.
When everybody has got money
they cut the taxes, and
when they're broke they raise 'em."*

Daily Telegram #1770, March 27, 1932

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 HISTORY DAY

JUNE 4th



This glimpse into life in the old west is sure to tickle your gut, but we recommend leaving your pet pals at home because this skit involves very, very loud gunfire (*blanks only of course*).

Also featured this year will be our **Wildlife Habitat Garden** showcasing how you can share even the smallest garden area with the wildlife in your neighborhood.

In addition, we'll have displays of:

- Civil War era **Quilts**
- **Birds of Prey**
- **Honey Production**
- the **Doctor's Buggy**
- **Model T Fords** and other vintage vehicles.

The Alpine Fire Department will bring

their **Engine #17** and answer all your questions about protecting your home and family from fire.

You can also have your photo taken by a real **"tin type" photographer**, and when you get hungry, the **Kiwanis Cook Shack** will be at your service with the best burgers this side of the Great Divide. Don't forget to top off your lunch with one of our famous **ice cream sundaes**.

Best of all: Admission is **FREE!** But, remember this is a fund raiser event for your Alpine History Museum. **Donations** will be gratefully accepted throughout the event.



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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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Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 \$ _____

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Habitat 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.