

# TATTERED TIDBITS

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## Upcoming Events:

**October 6**—Viejas Day Parade

**October 21**—Italian Dinner Meeting

**October 28**—Field Trip To Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Vista

**December 1**—Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour—Museums Open

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## ITALIAN DINNER AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

The Alpine Historical Society is pleased to announce that the Honorable William J. Howatt, Jr., retired judge, will present a reenactment of the famous Alpine Ranch murder trial at the quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2007. Judge Howatt performs historical reenactments of trials as a hobby and we are extremely fortunate

that he has agreed to come to Alpine!

In addition to this unusual presentation, the Historical Society Board is preparing an Italian Dinner for everyone's enjoyment. There will be several pasta choices, salad, bread, a drink, dessert and great company. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting will be held at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard, at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Come for dinner or just for the speaker. Please R.S.V.P. to Carol Morrison at 445-2544 or e-mail us at [info@alpinehistory.org](mailto:info@alpinehistory.org).

This is truly an event you won't want to miss. ■

## ALPINE RANCH MURDER

It was the night of November 16, 1875. The Alpine School District's first schoolmarm, Miss Emma Everhart, was in her room above the schoolhouse when she saw the Frenchman, Pascal, near the window. She uttered a cry and young Warren Webb dashed out to confront the presumed voyeur. Then there was a shot. Why these three were not fast asleep at this hour, and why young Warren was there, remains a mystery!

As dawn approached, one could see the nasty hole above Pascal's right eyebrow—the corpse lay flat on its back, arms straight out like a cross. Warren had fled to San Diego, attempting to escape on a coastal steamer.

Two separate investigations failed to indicate clearly if this was justifiable homicide or murder. In the end, Warren was released and we'll never know the whole truth!



George, Alonzo & Warren Webb, sons of G. W. Webb



Read about the field trip to the Harvest Fair at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista on page 3! The trip is scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 2007.

Attendees will experience an old fashioned threshing bee, see a tractor parade and enjoy demonstrations of gas and steam engines.

This is a must for every fan of industrial history!

## The Willows

Speaking at the August 19 quarterly meeting of the Alpine Historical Society, Don Walker and Shirley Walker Dyer presented their recollections of The Willows and life in an earlier Alpine.

Founded by their grandfather, F. B. Walker, The Willows was a world famous resort during the early 1900's.

The resort was first known as Alpine Berry Fields because of the wild blackberries that grew there. Each of the 20 cabins that were built was given a name.

Among them were "The Mother of Them All," "Rocky Road to Dublin," "Oakleigh," "Fir-Staid" and "The Strollers."

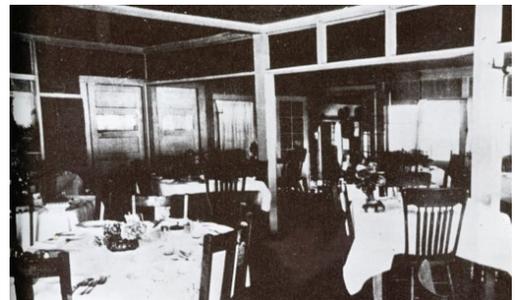
Operated entirely by the Walker family, the rates were \$2 and \$2.50 per night. The Sunday chicken dinner, cooked by Aunt Nean Walker Jordan, was \$1.50—for a full course meal!

The Walker children continued to operate The Willows until 1950. The dining room, however, closed in 1938 when Aunt Nean retired from cooking.■

***Don Walker and Shirley Walker Dyer brought The Willows Resort back to life for all attendees!***



Left: copy of a postcard showing one of the original cabins that formed The Willows Resort in Alpine



Right: The Dining Room at The Willows

## Grant Funds and Current Projects

The Alpine Historical Society has received a grant for \$5,000 for the 2007 fiscal year through San Diego County's Community Enhancement Program.

The funds will be used for maintenance and improvements to the museum and grounds. Work is already underway in the Dr. Nichols house.

A grant application has also been submitted to the American Society of Landscape Architects for improvements to the grounds around the museums.

A major project, an inventory and the cataloging of all items in the museums has begun. Volunteers are needed to assist with this worthwhile project.■

## Welcome New Members and Volunteers!

Welcome to the following new members: Gayle Lubin, Jack Spaulding and Carol Stacey.

Thanks also to renewing member Linda Richards.

Barbara Howell recently donated an historic plat book. Thanks, Barbara!

We still have some members who have not paid their

dues for 2007. These dues enable us to continue our work—if you are among those who haven't paid, it would be great if you'd send your check today.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you have special talents you are willing to share, please contact Carol Morrison at 445-2544. We have a myriad of "wants"—volunteers are always needed and your work will be greatly appreciated. Let us know your specialty!■

## Our Dedicated Volunteers: Elma Terry

Elma Terry, Alpine's wonderful herb garden lady, is also one of the Historical Society's most dedicated volunteers. Elma has served on the Board for the past seven years and can always be counted on to pitch in wherever and whenever needed.

This busy octogenarian puts most of the rest of us to shame with her boundless energy and sense of community. She is an active member of the Alpine Community Church, an honorary member of the Alpine Woman's Club, a frequent visitor to the resi-

dents of Kasitz Kastle Retirement Home and has volunteered her lovely garden for the Sage and Songbirds Festival three times.

Elma, whose late husband was a minister, is used to being busy. She is the mother of eight children and raised them (as well as a grandchild) while meeting all the responsibilities inherent to a minister's wife!

Last year she was the Historical Society's Participation Honoree at the annual ALPS ceremony. Elma has been the lead docent for the Historical Society for

many years and can often be found there during the Saturday Open House.

Current and former third grade students will remember her from the school tours, where she always dressed up as Mrs. Finley, one of Alpine's first teachers. She dresses in period clothing whenever there is an opportunity and everyone looks forward to seeing the beautiful outfits she so lovingly puts together.

Elma Terry is positively one of Alpine's crown jewels and is very much appreciated by all who know her! ■



Elma Terry wearing one of her lovely Victorian ensembles

## Take a Step Back into the Past on October 28

Experience the Harvest Fair at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. See an old fashioned threshing bee, a tractor parade and gas and steam engine demonstrations.

Tour the historic Rancho Guajome Adobe house and grounds (built in 1852-53 and beautifully restored).

**WHERE:** 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA

**WHEN:** October 28, 2007. Carpools will leave Alpine Woman's Club at 10:00 a.m. Plan to arrive in Vista between 11 and 11:30.

**COST:** Harvest Fair admission (includes use of picnic area and free hay ride to Guajome Adobe)

\$9.00, \$8.00 for seniors. Optional Guajome Adobe Tour \$3.00.

Bring a picnic lunch or purchase snacks, sandwiches and drinks at the Harvest Fair.

### SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. Leave Alpine

11:15 a.m. Arrive in Vista

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. See demonstrations and have lunch

1:00 p.m. Tractor Parade

2:00 p.m. Hayride to Guajome Adobe or remain at Harvest Fair and leave when ready

3:00 p.m. Hayride back to museum and leave for Alpine

4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Arrive at Woman's Club

### DIRECTIONS:

North on Interstate 15 to Escondido; west on State Route 78 to Escondido Avenue exit in Vista. Turn right, 3 stop lights to S. Santa Fe Avenue. Left on S. Santa Fe (north) about 3 miles to the museum, located on the left side of the street.

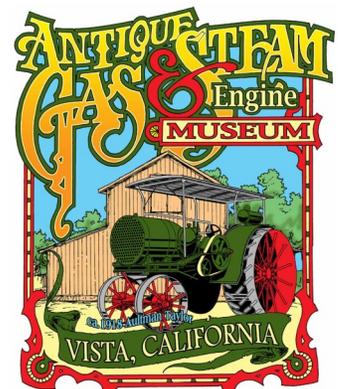
If you can provide van or carpool transportation, or wish to ride with someone else, please call Don Tarr at 619-659-1378.

Don would also appreciate an R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend this event!

Mark your calendars—October 28th is the date! ■

*Our pioneer houses are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

*Stop by and visit soon!*



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send notices via: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category (please check one):**

Student \$5

Family \$35

Business \$50

Senior \$15

Nonprofit Org. \$30

Business Life \$1,000

Individual \$25

Life \$500

**Amount Enclosed:**

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest for Volunteers:**

Building Preservation

Technical/Clerical

Where Needed

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

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*Thank you for helping to preserve Alpine's history!*