

Society News letter September 2010

SAN GORGONIO PASS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Celebrating 21 years of preserving the history of the Pass communities of Beaumont, Banning, Cherry Valley, Cabazon, Morongo, White Water, and surrounding areas.

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MEETING SURPRISE

Scheduled for the September 9, 2010 meeting is a fascinating look at the history of Cabazon through “A Conversation With Gordon Siddons”. The local businessman and community leader will respond to your questions about Cabazon in the 50’s and 60’s, so come prepared. It’s going to be very special. Bring a friend.

SOCIETY NEWS

It’s our birthday! 21 years ago, about 35 interested citizens came together to form the San Gorgonio Pass Historical Society. It has been quite a journey getting to this point, with our 21st annual meeting this month.

After years of stress, negotiations, and hard labor, the Hall City cabin has finally been moved to a new private location where it will be lovingly restored as a tribute to the 1870’s community of “Hall’s Siding”. Most of you don’t remember when Brian and Chris Ross used sledge hammers, back breaking lifting and moving, and a rented skip loader to physically dig out the foundation that was once under the cabin. Another time, they removed an add-on shed that a mover told us had to go. Many people over many years worried and worked on this project. It will be fulfilling to see its successful revival. It will be available for viewing from time to time in the future.

Our large street banner is now stretched across Ramsey at 22nd street in Banning as an advertisement for our Museum of History. We have had good response to our museum which has been open at special meetings, events, and on the first and third Saturdays of each month. After the final Valdivia gathering recently at the Women’s Club facility, a case in the museum was set up to feature their family history. The family members have generously loaned us a 1920s wedding dress, a picture of Mickey’s great grandmother Guadalupe in this wedding dress, a finely

crocheted baby jacket, and three photos of local championship sports teams ranging in time from 1944 to the 1980s. We hope you will come to see these new and interesting items on display.

We have a new double storage cabinet to house important society records, special artifacts and papers, and newly acquired office equipment. We are ordering archival materials for the preservation of our historical possessions. An in-depth inventory is about to get under way.

Check out our society website. Joe Warren and others have been working very hard to make it interesting and informative. Please help Joe by writing down any stories you have to share about Pass history and get these to him for publication on the website. This is our avenue to new membership. The current program will also be posted on the website along with some of the photos and stories from our collection.

Welcome to all new members! We are happy to have you with us. Any regular members who have not paid dues for the coming year, please send or give these to Herb Spencer as soon as possible. He is hoping to get out a new membership list very soon.

CALENDAR

Sept. 9	Regular Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
	Annual Meeting. <i>It's the society's 21st birthday!</i>		
	Program: <i>A Conversation With Gordon Siddons (Cabazon)</i>		
Sept. 16	Board Meeting	10:30 A.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
Oct. 14	Regular Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
Oct. 21	Board Meeting	10:30 A.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
Nov. 12	Regular Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
Nov. 19	Board Meeting	10:30 A.M.	Beaumont Women's Club
December	NO MEETING. We are traditionally dark in December.		

CONTACT & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Regular Member \$15; Senior or Student \$10; Supporting \$50; Life \$75; Dual Life \$125.

We appreciate donations of original photos or the use of your photos to make copies for our files.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30 of each year making memberships due in June.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____