

Upcoming events:

- **January 26 & 27:**
Museum Open House
- **February 17:**
General Membership Meeting, “Women Warriors” with Annette Hubbell
- **February 23 & 24:**
Museum Open House
- **March 30 & 31:**
Museum Open House

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**JOHN DEWITT
MUSEUM**

2116 TAVERN ROAD
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Open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
last weekend of each month

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Women WARRIORS

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step.

Author and actor Annette Hubbell returns to the Alpine Historical Society on Sunday February 17, 2019 in a brand new production. You may remember her as Eleanor Roosevelt in *Tea with Mrs. Roosevelt* and Hattie Turner in *Witness to Gettysburg*. Her newest play is entitled *Women Warriors*. Get ready for a fascinating journey back in time as Annette brings alive the stories of seven ordinary women who made an extraordinary impact in the world. In first-person narrative, these women share their trials, adventures, challenges, and achievements—all from a heavenly vantage point.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

“I did not write it. God wrote it. I merely did his dictation,” she said. How did Harriet get the idea for *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*?

ANNE BRADSTREET

Anne was the first American poet—a sensual Puritan who wrote love poems to her husband. “If ever two were one, then surely we,” she

said. What happened on the worst day of her life in 1666? Did she value things over family?

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

By the time Mary was nine years old, she could pick 250 pounds of cotton a day. She learned how from her mother and father—they were slaves. Mary became the first woman to establish a university, still going strong.

AMY CARMICHAEL

This proper Irish lass just wanted blue eyes. Well, that and she loved to tease her brothers. So how did she end up spending fifty-five years in India, fighting child prostitution?

ELIZABETH FRY

What was a rich woman doing voluntarily spending her nights in prison? Moreover, she told the King of France: “When you build a prison, you had better build with the thought ever in your mind that you and your children may occupy the cells.” A nifty thing to do, even for an *Angel of the Prisons*.

Sunday, February 17, 2019



CORRIE TEN BOOM

Corrie looked a Nazi lieutenant in the eye and said “In God’s eyes a half-wit may be worth more than a lieutenant”. Corrie survived that and a concentration camp to fulfill a promise.

SOJOURNER TRUTH

Sojourner was an escaped slave who talked openly to God—and expected an answer! She was a champion of civil rights who turned her attention to fightin’ for women. She purposefully bared her bosom to an audience to quench the rumor that she was a man. Oh, did she have stories to tell.

1:45 pm Doors Open • Program Starts 2:00 pm
Refreshments Served during Intermission
Alpine Woman’s Club, 2156 Alpine Blvd., Alpine

Reservations: Tom Myers at (619) 885-8063
or info@alpinehistory.org

Donations \$10.00

“Women Warriors” is adapted from her newly published book: *Eternity through the Rearview Mirror: How Simple Faith Changes Everything—Seventeen Extraordinary Lives*, which will be available for sale at special event pricing.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Warm Welcome to Our New Complimentary Members from the Snow Festival: Lilith Aguila, Jeni Bernatz, Carey Cooper, Kattey Haislip, Brandon Henrickson, Krystal Lester, Ruth Lopez, Barbra Louis, Keller Kniffing, Michelle Macaray, Norma Rodark, Chloe O’Gormon, Jessica Scott, Nicole Scott, Kristie Sein, Shannon Sigler, Aaron Silber, Jeff Watson, Brittney Weeks, Jesse Zeigler

A Grateful Thank You to Our Renewing Members: Russ & Dawn August, Cathie & Wayne Aymar, Kathy Balsley, Susan Barker, Kathy Bartonicek, Theodore Bazdorf, Gay Beauregard, Donna Boyer, Suzy Broderick, Pat Cannon, Barbara Cater, Vikki & Paul Coffey, Rita & James David, Cindy Day, Rich & Kathy Fiedor, David & Lori Fountain, Richard & Vicki Freeman, Mary Fritz, Steve & Kimberly Hales, Chik & Pat Hylton, Richard & Jane Kelso, Norm & Delores Kling, George Landt, Pam Lawless, Ron & Carol Matzenauer, Cheryl & James Minshew, Marilyn Moore, Louise Phipps, John & Ann Pierce, Andy Reynolds, Max & Phyllis Robinson, Babs & Jim Rosenberg, Nancy & Mark Ross, Kevin &

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Welcome to our new business member who joined the Historical Society for 2019:

- Rock Canyon Vinyards •

Special Thanks of Appreciation to the following businesses

who renewed their annual membership in the Historical Society for 2019:
Alpine Ranch Chiropractic • Alpine View Lodge • Hitech Screen Science
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CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS: Life Members ~ 49, Supporting Members ~ 71, Members up for renewal ~ 27

“Alpine’s Valentine” from the archives, reprinted from the very first edition of *The Alpine Sun* on February 14th, 1952:



Alpine, Calif. Thurs. Feb. 14, 1952 Vol 1, No. 1

A NEW COMMUNITY SPIRIT
IS BORN HERE TODAY

Today Alpine gets a valentine! Its first newspaper, a tiny one, of course, but doesn't everything have to start small?

When the time comes for a town to have a voice and be recognized by the world as an entity in civic personalities, it perforce must have a newspaper. So today this lovely part of San Diego's mountains sees the birth of a new community spirit, the Alpine Sun.

It is edited, published and printed right here by Clarke Irvine, veteran newsman, traveler, lecturer, businessman. He is not a newcomer

to Alpine, having first lived here in 1937, returning three years ago with his wife and three daughters. Irvine is a navy veteran of W.W.I.

It is no mean task to start a publication, and but for the splendid cooperation by local businessmen this new community spirit could not have been born. The Alpine Sun has the interests of this area uppermost. It is not owned by, nor can it be dictated to, by anyone. It is indeed a free press, a most precious American liberty. It will impersonally report local news with fidelity, but without bias or partisan feeling. It is your paper, a sort of public utility.



It aims to promote Alpine and adjacent areas, to help preserve their beauty, improve living conditions. These do not happen. They must be worked for, often fought for. This will enhance every property, protect its value, promote general welfare of all who live hereabouts, and promote steady, controlled growth.

Support of this newspaper, patronage of its advertisers, and aid in giving it news and pictures, constructive criticism and ideas, will help it to help you. It is an inexpensive bit of property investment insurance which is free to all.

Please visit www.alpinehistory.org/news_articles.html to read scanned newspapers from 1952 through 1970.

MUSEUM GETS A NEW SIGN



The John DeWitt Museum has a new sign, thanks to the efforts of Eagle Scout candidate Zack Melland.

The project idea was submitted to the Alpine Historical Society in July 2018, and received a unanimous approval from the Board of Directors. Then Zack set about planning, designing, fundraising, assembling materials and executing all the paperwork required to register the project.

In December, Zack and a crew of scouts from Troop 105 in Alpine gathered for two

work sessions to assemble, erect, and paint the sign frame. In January 2019, the printed signboard was installed to complete the project construction.



The sign will increase visibility for the museum, and will also be very versatile. A unique feature of the design is the ability to display banners that highlight special events, new exhibits, or other relevant information about the museum and historical society.

The six scouts who assisted Zack with the sign installation were Nash, Archie, Wyatt, Austin, Justin, and Nick.

Next time you drive past the museum, look for our new sign to get the latest information about museum and historical society events.

The Alpine Historical Society extends a warm and hearty thank-you to Zack and the scouts of Troop 105 for this wonderful signage project.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AND MORE...

At the John DeWitt Museum, we have artifacts from the early days of Alpine all the way up to present day items. Here are photos of four items that are over 100 years old. Each has a story to tell.



The original sign for Dr. Sophronia Nichols, used in Alpine from 1896–1901 is on display in the Nichols’

house at the John DeWitt Museum. Dr. Nichols received her medical degree from Boston College in 1874, the only woman in her class. In 1876 she received her California Medical License, and she practiced medicine in Alpine from 1896 to 1901.

This Doctor’s buggy was built by Larkins & Company in San Francisco a year or more before the 1906 earthquake. The Walker family purchased the buggy for use at the



Willows Resort, and passed it down through the generations. In 2013 Don Walker donated the buggy to the Alpine Historical Society. Volunteers completely restored the buggy to showcase condition.

A Nelson Brothers hand-operated water pump, manufactured between 1890–1910, is on display in the meadow. For his Eagle Scout project, Wyatt Havin restored the pump by disassembling and cleaning the casing and installing new leather seals that replicate originals. Wyatt also designed and built the exhibit, which involved suspending the pump above a

feed trough made in Europe about 1900. When the trough is filled with water, the pump can be operated to demonstrate how water was pumped from wells in the early 20th century.



This Story & Clark Harmonium was purchased for Alpine in 1899. A group of school girls thought

Alpine needed a musical instrument for school and civic events, so they hosted an ice cream social to raise money to purchase a harmonium. When Benjamin Arnold heard what they were planning,

he pledged to double the amount of money they raised to purchase this instrument. The harmonium has been in Alpine since 1899, serving the community in the 1891 school house, the Town Hall, the Community Church, and is now located in the Beaty House.



RORIE ATTENDS SNOW FESTIVAL

Rorie came out of his tree to pose with his loyal fans for “selfies” on December 7 at the annual *Alpine Snow Festival*. For the past 20 years, Alpine’s favorite Gorilla has spent most of his time in a eucalyptus



tree, keeping watch over the Dr. Sophronia Nichols House and welcoming visitors of all ages to the John DeWitt Museum.

After spending that much time in the great outdoors, it was time to give Rorie a bath, brush his teeth, and give him a cosmetic make-over to get him ready for the big event. This fifty-something gorilla, who was born at the **Fiberglass Menagerie** in Alpine, looked as young as ever and was joined by hundreds of adoring fans for a once-in-a-lifetime



Alexa, Bella, Jaylinn, Ensley

photo opportunity.

Soon, Rorie will return to his eucalyptus perch and resume his duties at

the museum, but Rorie and many of his fans will have lasting memories of this very special day.

TIMELINE: ALPINE 1885

During 1885, many new faces appeared in our growing settlement in the foothills of the Cuyamaca Mountains. But the watershed event of the year occurred on **November 10, 1885**, the date that Alpine got its first official U.S. Post Office, and the date that the name “*Alpine*” was first used by the government to refer to our community. Many have asked how we got the name Alpine. Here’s the story.

In 1872, after constructing the Julian-Banner Toll Road, **George Washington Web** moved his family to the area now called Harbison Canyon. It was here that Webb established a ranch and gave it the name *Alpine Ranch*. Now in the 1870’s San Diego County had only 5,000 residents and mail was delivered to the east county settlements just once or twice a week. Addresses were simply written as “Mrs. Edward Foss, San Diego,

California.” Then in the 1880’s the county population exploded in what was called “the great boom” and the San Diego Post Office needed a better way to get the mail to its proper destination. That’s when we began to see mail sent to a person’s ranch, such as to “Mrs. Edward Foss, Tule Springs, San Diego, Calif.” Then as more post offices were needed, a letter might be sent to a nearby station and the address was changed to “Mrs. Edward Foss, El Cajon P.O., San Diego, Calif.”

The archives of the Alpine Historical Society contain a notebook full of letters written to the Fosses from other family members back east or in other parts of California. In this notebook, we found a letter post-marked Feb. 22, 1884, addressed to “Mrs. Carrie E. Foss, Alpine, San Diego Co., Calif.” That is the first time we saw the name “*Alpine*” appear in the address. But that did not completely explain how and when the name of our town became official.

To answer this question we contacted the United States Postal Service Historian, Steve

POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED.

CALIFORNIA.

Alpine, San Diego Co, on Route 46392, Viejas, 5 ms. E., El Cajon, 15 ms. W. [10 nov 85.

Cactus, San Diego Co., on Route 46014, Yuma, Ariz., 23 ms. S. E., Banning, 139 ms. N. W. [10 nov 85.

Dunlap, Fresno Co., on Route 46351, Squaw Valley, 10 ms. W., Camp Badger, 12 ms. S. E. [10 nov 85.

Kochersperger, in Washington, DC to see what he could tell us. Mr. Kochersperger referred us to Post Office Regulations in effect during the 1880’s that stated: “It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State”. By 1884 the name “*Alpine*” was in common use, so on November 10, 1885 when the U.S. Postal Service established its newest branch in San Diego, they named it the **Alpine Post Office**.

One day later Henry J. Whitney was commissioned as Postmaster and the mail stop at the Whitney Store in the center of this little mountain settlement became a full-fledged United States Post Office. The **Alpine Post Office** was commissioned on November 11, 1885 and from then until now this town has proudly called itself Alpine.



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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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