

## Upcoming events:

- **October 16:**  
Potluck Luncheon & Quilt Trunk Show
- **October 29 & 30:**  
Museum Open House
- **November 26 & 27:**  
Museum Open House
- **December 24 & 25:**  
Closed

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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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## “TRUNK SHOW”

Coming to Alpine October 16<sup>th</sup>

If you have never been to a **“TRUNK SHOW”** you are in for a real treat at our October Potluck Luncheon and General Membership Meeting, where our featured speaker is one of our newest directors, **Janet Harris**.

No, this program is not about tree trunks or elephant trunks—it's about what's in that storage trunk that your family has passed down through generations. Janet's trunk is full of gorgeous, hand-made quilts, including some of her newest creations and some that are nearly 100 years old.

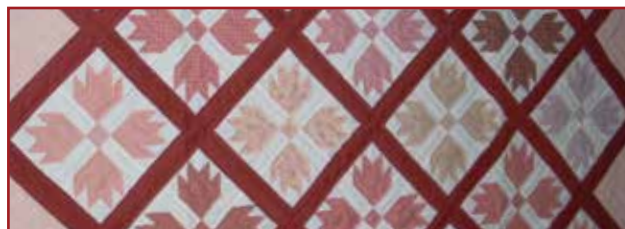
When she takes each quilt from her trunk, its story will unfold as she describes how it was created and what makes each one unique.

Janet has been quilting for almost 40 years and is currently working on a Civil War reproduction quilt series and several appliqué quilts. She may even show you her grandmother's Flower Garden quilt (*in process*) if she remembers to bring it.

So, come to the meeting, have a good meal, and learn some of the secrets and mysteries about quilting and the women who make them.



**POTLUCK LUNCHEON  
& PRESENTATION  
SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2016**



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 Janet'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 & 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](mailto:info@alpinehistory.org).

## WELCOME FRED BARKER, OUR NEW TREASURER



*Fred hard at work, helping us restore the Walker buggy.*

**F**red is a native southern Californian who grew up in San Bernardino area. At the age of 20, just after finishing up the year at San Bernardino Valley College, he had the opportunity to move to San Diego to start a new job. Fred began work at an entry level position in the Fleet Operations Department of SDG&E. After several years as an equipment operator, he was able to move to the Electric Division affording him the opportunity to get into an apprentice-

ship and becoming a Substation HV Electrician. In the mid 90's he accepted a promotion into supervision and ultimately retired as a Project Manager in 2013 with 44 years of service with the company.

In 1998 Fred and his wife Susan moved to Alpine from Crest. They both really enjoy living in Alpine. Fred has two children. His son, Matt, lives with his family in San Diego and his daughter, Amy, lives in the LA area with her husband and their two children.

Fred enjoys wood & metal working, gardening and reading. He has no trouble staying busy with lots of home improvement projects. His latest project was a DIY solar system installation.

Fred and Susan have had many exciting RV trips, crisscrossing the country as far east as Bar Harbor, Maine. He particularly enjoyed their trips up the California Coast and into the Pacific Northwest. Looks like Fred and Susan will be trying out their first cruise in 2017.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*A Warm Welcome to Our New Members:* Virginia Good, Hilde Hinchcliff, Kirsten Laha-Walsh, Joseph & Leslie Perricone, Larry Watt

*A Grateful Thank You to Our Renewing Members:* George Barnett, Genna Yoder

*A Hearty Welcome to Our New Business Members:* Jeff Campbell & Associates, Postal Annex of Alpine

*Special Thanks of Appreciation to the following business for renewing its 2016 membership in the Historical Society:* Alpine Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce

*Many thanks to the following for making generous financial donations to the Historical Society:* George Barnett, Hilde Hinchcliff, Kirsten Laha-Walsh, Joseph & Leslie Perricone, Larry Watt

### 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 • Peggy & Jim Easterling • 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 • Mary McBride • Chris McCoy  
 Carol & Ed Morrison • Tom & Judy Myers • Helen Porter  
 Mark & Pattie & Haley Price • Paul & Paula Saksa • Kurt Scherbaum  
 Pauline Silver • Albert Simonson • Donna Sisson • Joseph Sisson  
 Virginia Sisson • Anne Tarr • Elma Terry • Rodney & Guille Tuttle  
 Don Walker • 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 ~ 56, Annual Members ~ 149, Members up for renewal ~ 17

**NEW Exhibit opened September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating  
100+ years of Scouting**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

girl scouts 

The Alpine Historical Society is proud to honor American scouting programs, and we take a special interest in displaying artifacts from local avid col-

lectors and from some of our own members.

In addition to a brief history and timeline of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the exhibit includes many

objects such as badges, scarves, uniforms, an original bugle, handbooks, photos, along with reproductions of Norman Rockwell's Honor plate and posters.

**October 29 & 30, November 26 & 27**

Museum is open from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, or by appointment by calling 619-885-8063

## *Farewell to Bill & Joan Waterworth*

It is often amazing to see how the life of a community can be impacted by a few special individuals. In the history of Alpine several such individuals stand out. Some particularly noteworthy examples include **Edward & Caroline Foss, Benjamin Arnold, Dr. Sophronia Nichols, Hazel Hohanshelt, Beatrice LaForce,** and many more whose stories you can find at the *John DeWitt Historical Museum & Library*. Of course, these individuals are icons of Alpine History and all were part of the community from the late-1800's to the mid-1900's.

We now can add two more individuals to the list of prominent Alpiners: **Bill and Joan Waterworth.** This active couple moved to Alpine about twenty years ago and soon

became involved in the community.

Bill is well known around town for his volunteer work with the Alpine Historical Society as Property Manager and Treasurer, as well as for his efforts to build exhibits, stage events, and renovate the Walker Buggy. Additionally, Bill was a favorite at *Boulder Oaks School* where he participated in the program of reading to school children, and he was a valuable volunteer with the *Alpine Library Friends Association* working at the used book store every Sunday morning.

Joan is a terrific musician, playing the historic pump organ on History Day, as well as playing the piano, organ, and keyboard while also directing the *Alpine Community*

*Church* choir. In addition, she has been seen riding in the back of a pick-up truck playing holiday carols and favorite tunes on an electronic keyboard in the annual *Alpine Parade of Lights*. Joan volunteered her time every year to work with Alpine school children as the music director for the annual school musical production, and she's been a member of the Alpine Woman's Club.

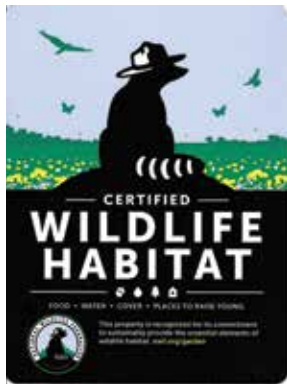
We could go on and on about their activities that supported the arts & entertainment in Alpine, and surely we would miss some of their activities. So when they decided to leave Alpine it was very hard for all their friends and

associates to see them move away. Bill and Joan explained that although they loved living in Alpine they thought it was the right time to move to Orange County where they could be closer to their children and grandchildren. So while we regret their leaving, we rejoice in their move to be closer to their family. We will miss them dearly. They truly exemplified the Alpine community spirit.



## Is Your Garden a Certified Wildlife Habitat?

On May 1, 1998, Alpine was designated “America’s First Community Wildlife Habitat” by the National Wildlife Federation. That same year, the Alpine Historical Society’s John DeWitt Museum received recognition as a *Certified Wildlife Habitat*. Now, 18 years later, Alpine has over 200 Certified Wildlife Habitats, and the *John DeWitt Museum and Library* has unveiled its new habitat garden exhibit.



This exhibit demonstrates how you can share your outdoor living space with wildlife by providing a water source, and planting native and drought tolerant plants to provide food and shelter. The final element needed to certify a habitat is a place to raise young such as a birdhouse or nesting tree. It’s that simple, and it can be accomplished in a big yard or small patio.

The new Wildlife Habitat Garden Exhibit at the museum was developed and planted by a great team of volunteer members that included Tom and Judy Myers, Helen Porter, Babs Rosenberg, Baltazar Marquez and Carlette Anderson. Next time you are at the museum please check out our little garden and ask for the free flyers about wildlife habitats.

AHS has taken the lead in the Alpine Community Wildlife Certification program but we emphasize that this is a Community program. Every home, business, school, and organization can and should play a part. So we are asking all of you to consider certifying your garden. In order to keep Alpine’s “first in the nation” certification we are required to promote and increase garden habitats in the community.

No matter how large or small your property is, you can create a wildlife habitat in your garden. One of my friends lives in an apartment and she certified her mini-garden on her patio. She has a small bird bath, a few native plants, a bird house and a bird feeder. Trust me, the

birds and butterflies will find you.

If you would like to learn more about the National Wildlife Federation garden certification program, please visit <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Certify.aspx>.

Also, please let me know when you do complete your certification so I can register your garden to help keep our designation. You can reach me at [WildlifeHabitats@aol.com](mailto:WildlifeHabitats@aol.com).

Happy Gardening!

—Carlette Anderson,  
Board Member and Director  
of the Community Wildlife  
Habitat Program



### IT'S ABOUT TIME . . .

The history of Alpine, beginning with California statehood in 1850 through the next 100 years, is quite well documented with letters, photographs, artifacts, stories and miscellaneous items that were saved and collected by some of the earliest settlers in our community. Many of the stories are published in books available at the *John DeWitt Historical Museum & Library* and are also available at the Historical

Society website [www.alpinehistory.org](http://www.alpinehistory.org).

In addition, we have scanned many of the newspapers from the 1950’s and 1960’s and made them available through our website.

But, the history of Alpine does not stop there, it is still happening today. And now, we are worried that the stories, photos and memorabilia from the 1950’s to the present time are not being collected and conserved for future generations. What was it like to live in Alpine during the Rock ‘n Roll era, or the

space race, or disco, or Y2K? Many of you remember those times and you might even have documents that people of the future would like to see. But the museum doesn’t have much of that information in our collection.

So we are asking all in the community to look through their memorabilia from the past 60 years and share with us your stories, photos, objects and artifacts related to Alpine that will help future generations understand what life was like “way back then”. If you can’t bear

to part with your treasures, we understand. You can bring them to the museum and we will photograph, scan or photocopy your items to include them in our archives.

We are all part of the history of Alpine, and we can all help to record and preserve this period of time.

To find out how you can share your treasures, please call Tom Myers at **619-885-8063** or email [info@alpinehistory.org](mailto:info@alpinehistory.org). Help us tell the complete story of Alpine history—it’s about time . . .

## TIMELINE ALPINE 1782-1862

In 1782 a small group of Spanish soldiers traveling between San Diego and Yuma were the first Europeans to pass through the area that would 100 years later be known as Alpine.

In 1821 Mexico achieved independence from Spain but the Spanish Missions maintained authority over their vast land holdings until the 1830's. In 1846 the Mexican Governor of Alto California, **Pio Pico**, granted large tracts of land all over California to members of his family and friends. In one of these gifts over 13,000 acres, or the entire area of Alpine,

was given over to **Ramon and Leandro Osuna**. The Rancho was called "**Rancho Valle de las Viejas y Mesa del Arroz**". But their ownership was not recognized by the United States after Mexico ceded the territory of Alto California at the end of the Mexican war.

In 1850 **Cockney Bill Williams** purchased the 4,000 acre **Valle de las Viejas** and a short time later the wealthy **Don José Antonio Aguirre** purchased the 8,877-acre **Mesa del Arroz**.

Aguirre was born in San Sebastián, Spain, then at age 15 he sailed to North America. He

became a citizen of Mexico where he was a merchant and later moved to Alto California where he purchased sailing ships and traded hides and tallow from San Diego for silks, satins and embroidered items from abroad. In 1841 he married **María Francisca Estudillo**, eldest daughter of **José Antonio Estudillo**, a prominent landowner. In their first year of marriage María Francisca died during childbirth. Four years later, in 1846, Aguirre married her sister, **María del Rosario Estudillo**, and they had four children.

Aguirre never established a residence on



**Mesa del Arroz**, but his San Diego home, **La Casa de Aguirre**, still stands in **Old Town San Diego State Historic Park**.

When he died in 1860, his vast fortune went to his family and they held the Mesa del Arroz land until 1862.

Don José Antonio Aguirre was often called "Santo Aguirre" because of his strong faith, his generosity to the Catholic Church and for his kindness and generosity to others.

## Alpine Heroes Awards

The Alpine Historical & Conservation Society was well represented at the Alpine Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce's first annual **HEROES Award Gala**. This program recognizes our heroes, organizations and individuals that have demonstrated community Heroism, Excellence, Leadership and Public Service for the benefit of our communities. In this first annual gala event, The **Alpine Historical Society** was nominated for the **2016 Beautification Award** for the recent improvements at the John DeWitt Historical Museum

which included painting and repair at the century-old houses that form the nucleus of the Historical Museum and the recent landscape improvements that incorporated the Dr. Sophronia Nichols Herbal Discovery Walk and the new Wildlife Habitat Garden exhibit. Carlette Anderson received a **Hero Award** for her Save-a-Heart organization, and Tom and Judy Myers were presented an **Organizational Special Recognition Award** for their volunteer service.



AHCS Board Members attending the event were (l-r) Tom and Judy Myers, Carol Morrison, Anne Tarr, Janet Harris, (front) Vikki Coffey, and (inset) Carlette Anderson.

### ALPINE HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Tom Myers  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5     | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit \$30       | <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$50         |
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**Amount Enclosed:**

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Open Houses  | <input type="checkbox"/> History Day         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Archival Data Entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Maintenance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |

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