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Upcoming events:

- June 1st—Alpine History Day
- August 18th—Special Event: Witness to Gettysburg

Museum Open

House:

- May 25th & 26th
- June 29th & 30th
- July 27th & 28th
- August 24th & 25th

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Alpine History Day Celebration—June 1st

The annual Alpine History Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Society's Museum, 2116 Tavern Road, Alpine, California 91901.

A lunch consisting of homemade chili, fresh salads, breads, drinks, and an ice cream sundae will be served.

This year attendees will be able to view the new display in the Beaty House featuring the works of local artist Justin Gruelle and his brother Johnny Gruelle, the creator of the Raggedy Ann and Andy

dolls and books. Justin, who had a studio on Lilac Lane in Alpine in the 1950s, was most famous for the murals he painted for the WPA (Works Progress Administration) Era. Smaller versions of these magnificent creations are on display in our museum.

Johnny Gruelle's famous doll, Raggedy Ann, was created in memory of his daughter, who died in her early teens. A beautiful story—see more of it in the display.

Also on display is the buggy that was recently donated to the Society by Don Walker,

descendant of F. B. and Bevie Walker, owners of the famous turn-of-the-century Alpine resort, The Willows. The wheels of the buggy have been restored and additional restoration is planned.

After lunch, awards will be presented to the winners of the third grade essay contest and the first prize winners will read their essays.

The History Day Celebration is one of the Society's biggest fundraisers, so plan to attend to support the ongoing preservation of Alpine's rich history. ■

Museum Tours and Essay Contest

May is a busy month for docents of the Alpine Historical Society. As part of their social studies program, local third grade students study local history. One of the

components of this project is a visit to Alpine's two pioneer museum houses. The children, their teachers, and parent volunteers arrive by bus or, in the case of Boulder

Oaks students, on foot. This year docents for the tours included Carol Morrison, Bill Waterworth and Katie Ford. With up to 60 third graders at a time, (*continued on page 2*)



Thanks to our good neighbors, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, for their Platinum Support of the 2013 Alpine History Day, to Chris Wiley and SDG&E for their Gold Support and to the businesses providing Silver Support. Without our loyal donors we could not continue to preserve the history of the community of Alpine.

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Witness to Gettysburg—Special Event Scheduled in August

A very special event is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th, between 2:00 and 3:45 p.m. at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard.

Annette Hubbell will present a play, *Witness to Gettysburg*, in which she portrays the character of Miss Hattie Elizabeth Turner.

The Battle of Gettysburg took place in July, 1863. *Witness to Gettysburg* begins the month before the battle began and ends with President Abraham Lincoln's dedication of the soldiers' cemetery on November 19, 1863.

In addition to a historically accurate picture of the battle and its terrible aftermath, the play also tells of a woman learning to take care of herself in an era not quite ready to embrace the concept of an independent woman.



A visit to East Coast historical sites in 2007 was the catalyst in Annette Hubbell's acting career. She and her husband reserved a room at a bread and breakfast that offered something done at no other Gettysburg hotel: actors circulating among the guests daily with stories of the Civil War.

Confederate scout Jeb Stuart regaled guests with his exploits. A soldier taught them how to fire a musket. A widow recounted her

days caring for casualties. Annette was hooked. The next day she awoke to an epiphany: tell the story of Gettysburg back in San Diego. Add depth to students' studies, engage their curiosity, intellect and interest. Create an appreciation of what our ancestors did for us and this country.

The story needed to be compelling. One that focused on the battle yet put in the context of cultural and world affairs. One in which the character was

able to stand invisibly alongside generals and soldiers so the audience could be there as the battle unfolds. One in which layers of honor and pride are peeled back to reveal the pain and astonishment of reality. And too, what happens in its wake when everyone picks up their weapons and moves on and what does a woman see when she looks at war.

The program was so well received, it soon expanded to include not just students but community groups as well.

Plan to attend this worthwhile event. An admission fee of \$8 per person will be charged. Refreshments will be served during the 15-minute intermission.

Please RSVP by calling Carol Morrison at 619-445-2544 or sending an email to info@alpinehistory.org. ■



CARMEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

On April 21st, the Alpine Historical Society celebrated Carmen Lewis' 100th birthday with a luncheon at the Alpine Woman's Club. Carmen, her son Claude Bailey and many friends enjoyed the delicious lunch that was catered by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

With photos provided by Claude, the Historical Society prepared a slideshow of photos of Carmen through the years. The photo on the left shows Carmen blowing out the candles on her birthday cake, assisted by Claude.

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the activity level is high.

The schools are also given the opportunity to participate in the annual Essay Contest where third grade students write about significant events in Alpine's his-

tory and many create works of art to supplement their essays. This year, Boulder Oaks and Alpine Elementary Schools participated in the Essay Contest. Vikki Coffey chairs this event for the Society.

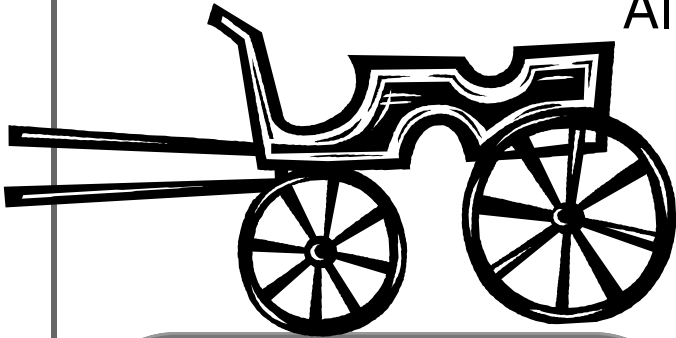
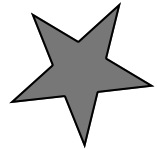
The students' creative essays and artwork will be on display at the Alpine History Day Celebration on June 1st. In addition, winners will be announced and first prize winners will read their winning entry for all in at-

tendance. An added bonus for the students is the invitation to ride on the Alpine Historical Society's float in the annual Viejas Day parade. It is truly wonderful to feel their enthusiasm—please plan to attend. ■

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 Alpine is a special place—
 come celebrate with us!

ALPINE HISTORY DAY CELEBRATION

2116 Tavern Road
 Alpine, CA



11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 June 1, 2013

- See our historic buggy
- Enjoy an organ concert on the veranda
- Tour two pioneer houses and see a Model T
- Celebrate the third grader's award-winning essays
- Eat a delicious lunch

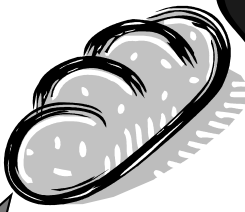


Lunch Menu

Homemade chili, salad, bread, drink and ice cream sundae

\$8.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children

Proceeds support the efforts of the Historical Society



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