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*It is our mission to identify, preserve and promote the historic legacy of the Temecula Valley and to educate the public about its historical significance.*

**We meet** from 12:00 to 2 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Historic Pujol Schoolhouse on Santiago Road.

Be sure to arrive before noon so you don't miss the most interesting part!

**Upcoming Programs:**

*September 5* – Lisa Woodward, Ph.D., on her recent research on local history,

*October 3* – Joshua Fox, Murrieta's historian/archivist,

*November 7* – Tony Guenther, on Guenther's Murrieta Hot Springs

Also Paul Price is planning a tour for the Society of the historic Rancho Margarita, Rancho Flores, and other sites, on and near Camp Pendleton. For more information, read Jerome Baumgartner's *Rancho Santa Margarita Remembered* prior to the tour. The out-of-print book is available in the local libraries, or available for purchase at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com).

The date of our annual dinner will in November will be announced later.

*Paul Price asked us to print this article. A photograph of him lecturing at the event appeared in the July newsletter:*

**Paul J. Price's Presentation at the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, California, June 14, 2008**

As part of my charge for the Temecula Valley Historical Society's (TVHS) speaking and education program this event occurred.

If the TVHS members will recall, the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians have attended several TVHS events. The Luiseño tribe has hosted 12 pow wows in cooperation with the Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Association and the San Luis Rey Mission who provide the beautiful mission grounds for the event.

The dancing takes place between the Mission and the ruins of the laundry area. This is the same area where the Mormon Battalion of 1847 bivouacked during the Mexican American War. The Battalion went by way of Temecula to reach Mission San Luis Rey.

TVHS members Bill and Alice McBurney drove from Temecula to the event. After attending Paul's lecture they enjoyed fried Indian bread taco while listening to tribal drum groups and soaking up the lavish regalia and multiple cultures. They were impressed with the entrance of all the dancers and the opening ceremonies accompanying them.

Head Gourd Dancer Norman Pico Sr. of the Pechanga Reservation danced.

Norman Pico's family has owner/guardianship of Wolf's Tomb.

Paul's Saturday lecture was assisted by his wife, Kathi, addressed raw material sources, usage, and current anthropological climate dealing with dating early man in North America. Part of his material contained new information pertaining to the Paisley cave which overlooks a prehistoric lake bed near Bend, Oregon.

During a formal excavation of the cave more than a dozen pieces of dried up human excrement were found in situ. This became an unexpected source of human DNA with three independent laboratories agreeing that the excrement was deposited 14,300 years ago. Of course, we have older carbon 14 dates on North American sites. This one is different in that we are dealing with an object of human manufacture. The thanks go to Eske Willerslev of Copenhagen for the recovered DNA.

Interlocking the above information with the paleo Indians of Temecula region is not difficult. As historians we continue to use this and other future information in the research of mankind.

Dressed in his brown robe, Brother Mark of the Mission comments on Paul's humor, "He laughs at himself and other amusing things that have occurred. I enjoy the humor. The information passed on is somewhat overwhelming. Let me know his next speaking date and I'll be there."

Over the course of the two day annual event over 6,000 people attended.

## Remembering Maggi



Photo courtesy of Steven Allen

A memorial plaque was placed in Temecula's Sunset Park on July 20th to honor the late Maggi Allen, former chairperson of the Society's Youth Projects Committee. Maggi, the daughter of Eve Craig and wife of Steven Allen, left a legacy of loving service to Temecula, especially to the children of Temecula. Maggi was the first director of Imagination Workshop and served as president of the Temecula Film and Arts Councils.

Sunset Park is located on Camino San Jose, near Wolf Valley Road and Redhawk Parkway.

### News Briefs

The Pechanga Cultural Department gives tours of the Great Oak on the third Friday of each month. To reserve a place on a tour, call Tina at 951-308-9295.

Congratulations to Joshua Fox and the Murrieta Library for their award of a grant for collecting and preserving oral histories. The Historical Society and Rebecca Farnbach are partnering with the library in this venture, which will be a benefit to the local history community.

## Ralph Love Honored at Recent Art Festival

Ralph Love, the most famous of Temecula's artists, was remembered during a recent art festival held in Old Town Temecula in June held in conjunction with the annual Street Painting Festival.

The Plein Air Event, meaning the artists painted live scenes as viewed, instead of creating them from photographs or imagination, honored Love's memory. At the end of the two-day event, artists displayed their work in the courtyard of Bailey's Front Street Bar and Grill, where Love's Art Shack once stood.

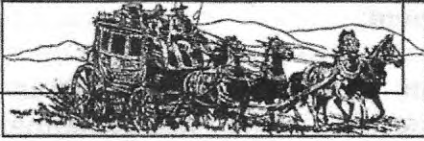
Sixteen members of the Love Family participated in the event, including Love's daughter, our member Evelyn Love Norris. Evelyn and her husband Dick stopped by the Swing Inn to savor some pie and coffee, just like Ralph Love did nearly every afternoon when he taught art lessons in the Art Shack.



Photo courtesy of Evelyn Love Norris  
Lee Love Youngman giving Artists' Choice award to Larry Cannon during "Ralph Love Plein Air Competition and Auction" on June 28<sup>th</sup>



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