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Pen and ink sketch courtesy H. Ralph Love

Ralph Love Pen & Ink Drawings On Display at History Center

Compiled by Rebecca Farnbach and Dick Fox

The Little Temecula History Center, the red barn where the historical society meets, has many items on display. The Vail Ranch Restoration Association, the organization that operates the facility, recently received a number of items on loan from Jennifer Klein and has placed them in a display case near the doorway in the History Center sitting area. Jennifer's paternal grandmother was Helene Seay, who was one of the secretaries in what was known as Erle Stanley Gardner's "Fiction Factory".

While helping Gardner put out his Perry Mason novels, Helene was a writer on her own merit. Chapters from her never published book "Ramona's People" ran as a weekly serial in the Fallbrook Free Press newspaper from July through December 1965.

Among the loan items from Jennifer Klein are some pen and ink drawings done by Ralph Love as illustrations for parts of Helene's story.

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. . . Ralph Love Pen & Ink Drawings On Display at History Center

Helene had an antique store on Old Town Front Street next door to Love's Art Shack. One of the ink drawings on display at the History Center shows a small house on a hill with a windmill in the foreground. A note on the back indicates it is the home of Juaneta Nejo, the basketmaker who lived across from Erle Stanley Gardner's Rancho Paisano on old Pala Road, now called Pechanga Parkway. Many old-timers remember seeing her sitting by the roadside under the shade of a tent cover weaving baskets as she displayed completed baskets for sale. Some of Juaneta's baskets are also on display in the same case near the sketch.

Another drawing on display with the Seay collection is one of Love's familiar outlines of Old Town that resembles the composition of numerous paintings he did of Old Town Temecula. One of those paintings was recently acquired by the Vail Ranch Restoration Association, as well as another one of Love's paintings of the Wolf Store. They are the two large paintings displayed on the front wall of the History Center auditorium.

During her lifetime Helene Seay offered her book manuscript to several publishers who did not accept it. They didn't think the subject would be of interest. Now with the combined population of the valley at about 300,000 we see there is an interest in area history. The Vail Ranch Restoration Association is looking into publishing Helene's manuscript now 51 years after her passing, with Love's sketches in it, as originally planned.

Please watch for announcements of when the book is ready and come see Ralph Love's sketches and paintings at the History Center when you attend Historical Society meetings and during open hours on Sundays from noon to 5 pm.



TEMECULA: Pen and ink sketch courtesy Ralph Love

Unaltered image of the pen & ink drawing on display, complete with artists "white-out" of draft error.

Spotlight on Members – Featuring – Judy Dillon Preimsberger

Judy, unlike most New Yorkers was not born in a big city, overflowing with people and problems that run into the millions. In 1944, she joined the human race on a New York farm in a rural suburb known as Staten Island. This bucolic area was populated not by human beings but by cows, calves, pigs, rabbits, & chickens who were her day to day companions. Judy was responsible for some of these critters and distinguished them by naming each of her charges... two of her pigs were “Iggy & Wiggy.” Working on the “Dillon Hardway Farm” gave her an understanding of hard work and responsibility, and it also made her realize that farming wasn’t to be in her future.

Graduating from Beautician School got her a cosmetology license and that, along with a move to Los Angeles, allowed her to open a business that produced custom made hair-pieces for men and women. Her ability to produce life like wigs soon exposed her to the fringes of the Hollywood entertainment industry and a few notables graced the silver screen wearing Judy crafted hair-pieces. Weaving human hair into wigs could be described in a single word; BORING! So Judy began searching for another source of employment with more personal satisfaction. A neighbor of hers alerted her to an opportunity as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff and after reviewing the many varied and unique duties performed by deputies, Judy decided to apply and was successful so on January 23, 1969 she was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Judy’s first assignment was going thru the Sheriff’s Academy or “Training Bureau” where new hires, many with no military experience, learned how to fire weapons, use physical control methods, drive in high speed pursuits, handle all kinds of disputes, march, count cadence, perform facing movements, prepare uniforms and equipment, develop a command presence and all kinds of specialized tasks unique to law enforcement.

The training format is loosely based upon the United States Marine Corps Boot Camp. From application to graduation less than 10% are successful in completing the process, Judy was one of the 10%ers! Following Academy Graduation, Judy’s next assignment involved a year at Sybil Brand Institute for Women, more commonly referred to as SBI or the women’s jail. There she learned to control prisoners ranging from non-violent traffic offenders to murderers with multiple victims. In 1970 a unique opportunity became available to Judy and she joined the cadre of Deputy Sheriff’s who transported prisoners from jails to courtrooms and on some occasions throughout the State of California from the Oregon border to the international boundary with Mexico. While she was assigned there, Charles Manson and his so called family of followers began a bloody rampage in Los Angeles killing and maiming their victims. Once the Manson family was in-custody, Judy found herself selected as a member of the team who provided custody and control of this group as they moved from jail to various courtrooms.

In 1972, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department initiated a pilot program unique to U.S. Law Enforcement, they selected a dozen lady Deputy Sheriffs to participate in a pathfinder program to determine if females possessed the abilities to handle street policing as patrol deputies and Judy was one of those selected out of the hundreds of current lady deputies who were available.

Initial response to the pilot program was less than supportive and male deputies were concerned that the ladies



Young Deputy Judy Preimsberger

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Spotlight on . . .

Judy Preimsberger

would never be able to use force and physical control in what often amounted to back alley brawling. Wives of male deputies saw these women as potential home wreckers who might steal away their husbands. The pilot program struggled to stay aloft!

Judy proved herself to be an asset in a unique way. Male Deputies were limited in their abilities to conduct physical searches of female prisoners and Judy was not so restrained and as a result she soon was finding drugs, weapons and other contraband that would have gone undetected. She soon found herself being called to assist male deputies with more aggressive and complete searches of female suspects. She came to be looked upon as a viable member of the street policing team and wives breathed more easily as she and her peers left their husbands alone. The program was a success and today, across the nation, women are full partners in street policing activities.

Judy continued to actively participate in unique assignments. She became an expert in detective operations that involved sex crimes, child and family abuse. She was often utilized as a training officer who provided information to patrol deputies to assist them with investigating crimes in those areas. She was the recipient of numerous commendations for her abilities in a variety of assignments.

Nothing lasts forever and finally as a result of some medical and physical disabilities Judy was forced to retire. She still is supportive of the LASD and has formed a Sheriff's City of Hope Chapter to assist members who develop cancer or other catastrophic diseases with treatment through those world class facilities at the City of Hope. She is an active member of a group of retired lady deputy sheriffs who meet twice a year and often offer to support the LASD. She also keeps a close eye on her husband Duane who is also a retired member of the LASD.



This was the female deputies uniform at the time the pilot program of sending females to radio car duties (Sept 1972). Field work was to be in skirts, high heels and their gun in a purse! It took 3 years for approval of pants and a gun belt for those females working the field in patrol units.

Special notice to all members:

We do not condone trespassing on nonpublic sites. If you do trespass, you are doing so as an individual and are subject to prosecution by the property owner as an individual and not as a member of the Temecula Valley Historical Society. This is an activity that is not endorsed or supported by the Society and can result in a deteriorating relationship with other historic entities or valued neighbors. If at any time you are curious about areas with restricted entry, please consult with the officers of the Temecula Valley Historical Society and we will make arrangements for consultation with the owners of the properties in question. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve
Is hosting a Special Event for the
Temecula Valley Historical Society**

*History of the California Southern
Railroad's Route through the
Temecula Gorge and Beyond*



**Friday, May 11th 2018
12:00 Noon**

This event will take place on the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve at North Field Station facility which overlooks the beautiful Temecula Gorge.

AGENDA:

- 12:00 View Temecula Gorge
- 12:30 Lecture by Bob Kent
- 1:15 Lecture by Scott Atkins
- 1:45 Open Discussion. Light refreshments to be served.

Historical Society members must RSVP for this event by contacting Beth Cobb at (760) 419-5723 or smerdocenthikes@gmail.com

At the close of the event members have the option of hiking into the Temecula river gorge which is a steep 1/2 mile down and back to get a closer look at the Temecula Gorge and the railroad bed.

This event will be a fun way to visit this special place which is not open to the public. In addition to protecting local flora and fauna, the reserve provides environmental research opportunities for students and researchers worldwide.

Directions:

1. Take the I-15 freeway & exit at Rancho California Rd.
2. Go west on Rancho California Rd.
3. Go 2.3 miles into the foothills of Santa Ana Mountains
4. Turn LEFT onto Via Santa Rosa (the first left you can make after ascending into the foothills).
5. Go 1.5 miles and turn RIGHT onto Via Tornado.
6. Go 0.8 mile to the entrance gate.
7. The trailhead is just inside the gate. Docent will assist with parking.

Volunteers Needed for Student Field Trips

It is Spring Time, and a number of school classes in the area are scheduling history related tours.

A number have already been put on the calendar (see dates below that are currently reserved) — and we will be needing volunteers to help with these student tours at Vail HQ and History Center.

Below is the current list of all of the student tours so far. Please consider which of the dates when you might be available to assist.

All tours are 9:30 - 11:30 unless noted otherwise. The last two noted are our largest groups when we need everyone who can come.

Friday, April 6

Thursday, April 19

Friday, April 27 (10 - 12)

Tuesday, May 1 (12 - 2)

Monday, May 14

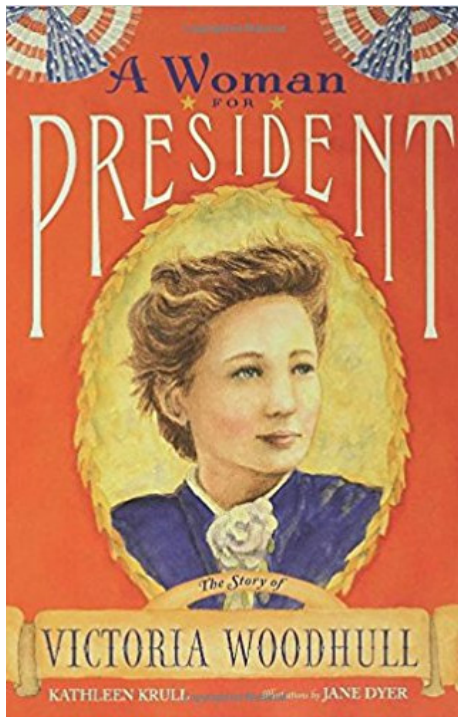
Monday, May 21

Contact Rebecca Farnbach if you can help on one or more of the dates above.

Thank you.

Did you know . . .

. . . that the first woman to run for President would not have been able to vote for herself? True! Victoria Woodhull announced her candidacy in a letter to the editor of the New York Herald on April 2, 1870, long before women had the right to vote. Victoria was born in 1838 in rural Licking County, Ohio, the seventh of 10 children. Following her second marriage she moved to New York City, and was later joined by her sister Tennessee. The two sisters would become the first female stockbrokers and opened a brokerage firm on Wall Street. With financial assistance from Cornelius Vanderbilt, *Woodhull, Claflin & Company* opened in 1870. Profits from the stockbrokerage provided the funds to begin a newspaper, the *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly*, which at its height had national circulation of 20,000. Its primary purpose was to support Victoria Woodhull for President of the United States. As an activist Victoria published articles on women's suffrage, regulation of monopolies, nationalization of railroads, an eight-hour workday, direct taxation, abolition of the death penalty, and welfare for the poor. She organized an Equal Rights Party and became its nominee in May 1872. At the time of her nomination Victoria had still not reached the required age of 35. Her name did not appear on every ballot and no record remains of the number of votes she may have garnered.



Check it out . . .

Many of you know that the San Diego Union-Tribune now owns the publishing rights of *The Californian*, and on the weekends has a 1-page wrap around the U-T that is sold and delivered in the area. For Saturday, March 24 edition the lead story on *The Californian* page featured a nice article about our own Rebecca Farnbach & TVHS. Beginning on Sunday March 25 the on-line edition of the U-T will have a "link" to the article, and can be seen www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/the-californian/.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, April 21** — 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Earth Day at Vail Headquarters. Live music, children's activities, guest speakers from the Sierra Club and educational demos. Family friendly event.
- Monday, April 23** — 6:00 p.m. monthly program of the Temecula Valley Historical Society will be held at the Little Temecula History Center (Red Barn), speakers Terry & Jill Finch will present topic of "*Who Came to California?*"
- Friday, May 11** — 12:00 Noon. Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve lecture and opportunity to view and hike the Temecula Gorge. Special for Historical Society members who make reservations. See article Page 3 this issue for details. Mark your calendar!
- Monday, May 21** — 6:00 p.m. monthly program of the Temecula Valley Historical Society to be held at the Little Temecula History Center (Red Barn), program will be Steve Lech presenting the "*1893 Debate for Riverside County.*"
- Saturday, June 2** — 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Civil War History Conference at Conference Center at City Hall, "*1863: Battling for Freedom*". Multiple speakers and displays. Our society will have display. \$40 early bird Registration thru April 15, then \$50.
- Monday, June 25** — 6:00 p.m. monthly program of the Temecula Valley Historical Society to be held at the Little Temecula History Center (Red Barn). Michelle Lorimer will present "*Resurrecting the Past: The California Mission Myth*".

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members

Tom & Susan Brusch
Walter & Mary Campbell
Tom & Michele Elling
Ellen Wilensky

Thank you for renewing your membership:

Myrna Bagge	Claire Beamer
Toni Benson	Terry Bracci
Garth & Janice Bricker	Roger & Lynn Cudé
Suzanne Dechert	Rod & Charlene Fink
Dick & Charolette Fox	Julie Gilbert
Jerry & Darlene Gilbert	Steve Lech
John & Bonnie Martland	Barbara Mina
Dr. David Elliott and Dr. Anne Miller	
Sally Myers	Lloyd & Evelyn Norris
Scott & Lynne Sanders	Mike & Carol Strode
Gene & Barbara Tobin	Donald & Esther Trunnell
Rosie Vanderhaak	Karl & Jan Weiler

This Month in History

Selected historical events that happened during the Month of April.

April 1, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war.

April 3, 1860 - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

April 3, 1995 - Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to preside over the Court, sitting in for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist who was out of town.

April 4, 1887 - The first woman mayor elected in the U.S. as Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, Kansas.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 6, 1917 - Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe

April 8, 1913 - The 17th Amendment to U.S. Constitution was ratified requiring direct popular election of U.S. senators. Previously, were chosen by state legislatures.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House. The surrender occurred in the home of Wilmer McLean.

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy at 2:13 p.m. Fifty-six hours into the flight an oxygen tank exploded in the service module. Astronaut John L. Swigert saw a warning light that accompanied the bang and said, "Houston, we've had a problem here."

April 12, 1945 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt died suddenly at Warm Springs, Georgia, suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been President since March 4, 1933, elected to four consecutive terms and had guided America out of the Great Depression and through World War II.

April 14, 1828 - The first dictionary of American-style English was published by Noah Webster as the American Dictionary of the English Language.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington. He was taken to a nearby house and died the following morning at 7:22 a.m.

April 15, 1817 - The first American school for the deaf was founded by Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc in Hartford, Connecticut.

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner Carpathia which arrived about two hours after Titanic went down.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1906 - The San Francisco Earthquake struck at 5:13 a.m., followed by a massive fire from overturned wood stoves and broken gas pipes. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution. A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving 8 Americans dead and 10 wounded.

April 19, 1995 - At 9:02 a.m., a massive car-bomb explosion destroyed the entire side of a nine story federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 persons, including 19 children inside a day care center.

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by Sam Houston and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near present day Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces thereby achieving independence.

April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

April 22, 1889 - The Oklahoma land rush began at noon with a single gunshot signaling the start of a mad dash by thousands of settlers. They were seeking to claim part of nearly two million acres made available by the federal government. The land originally belonged to Creek and Seminole Indian tribes.

April 24, 1800 - The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library. Among the 145 million items in its collections are more than 33 million books, 3 million recordings, 12.5 million photographs, 5.3 million maps, 6 million pieces of sheet music and 63 million manuscripts. 10,000 new items are added each day.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.