



The Kern Grapevine

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CCHS Spring Symposium

The Searles Valley Historical Society and the Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert invite you to attend the Conference of California Historical Societies Spring Symposium in Trona and Ridgecrest on March 4 - 7, 2010. The symposium will be held at the Carriage Inn Hotel in Ridgecrest. The symposium will feature tours of Randsburg, the Maturango Museum, a historic USO building, and the U. S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology in Ridgecrest, the Argus Fire Station 126 Museum, Old Guest House Museum, History House, Trona Railway Museum, Searles Valley Minerals, Searles Dry Lake, Trona Pinnacles Information Kiosk, Searles Wagon Road, and Epsom Salt Monorail Monument. Speakers at the symposium include local historians Elizabeth Babcock, Dr. Lorraine Blair, and Jim Fairchild. For more information on the CCHS symposium, visit www.californiahistorian.com.

Fort Tejon Frontier Army Days-Dragon

On March 6, 2010, come and take a step back in time and see California as it was in 1856. At Fort Tejon State Historical Park, visitors can witness life at this U.S. Army post of the far west. Fort Tejon was a crossroads for many converging and competing cultures of the 1850s. Visitors are invited to view the living history demonstrations of everyday life of the common soldier and civilian men, women, and children at this mountain outpost.

The Dragoons at Fort Tejon patrolled a wide area and had many responsibilities. They settled disputes involving Indians in the Tule and Kern River districts. They toured the Owens Valley, the San Gabriel Valley, and Mojave River country. In June 1861, despite protests from local ranchers, the Dragoons were transferred away from Fort Tejon, and with their departure the civilian population melted away overnight.

Welcome To Our New Members

Annual Members

Patrick & Lark Bowyer, Mary Louise Durham, Norman & Veronica Foster, Tim & Marcha Hay, David & Betty Morrison, and Curt & Lorrie Murphy

Schedule Of Programs

March 20th – Saturday

Field Trip – Rio Tinto Borax Mine, Twenty Mule Team Museum and Saxe Aerospace Museum

April 17th – Saturday

The Epsom Salt Monorail
By Rebecca Orfila

May 15th – Saturday

Kern County Pets and People
By Sarah Woodman

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities with the Kern County Historical Society. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the Historical Society, such as, planning monthly meetings or publicity, please contact Lori at lowear@kern.org.

Historic Kern

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Historical Society's quarterly publication, The Historic Kern, please contact Lori Wear at lowear@kern.org or 852-5031 or Don Arnot at darnot@bak.rr.com or 834-2377.

Check Out Our Website!

The Kern County Historical Society's website contains information on upcoming programs, membership benefits, current issues of The Kern Grapevine and Historic Kern Quarterly.



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Downtown Bakersfield, 1860 - 2010: A Rough Architectural History
By Lynn Rudy

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 12:00pm
Stars Theatre, 1931 Chester Avenue
\$22.00 per person, Reservations due by February 12, 2010

Lynn Rudy will discuss buildings that have survived 150 years, and why (with a very brief mention of her research methods) at the February meeting. Lynn Rudy was born and reared in Bakersfield, went to East Bakersfield High School, then to Stanford for an A. B. in Art. She worked as biological illustrator, and retired in Sonoma County at her husband's family's small coastal farm. An unrepentant history buff, she has self-published three books based in Kern County and one on Sonoma County: *A Brief History of the Hay Family of Bakersfield, California*, *Granddad: Hugh A. Blodget in Early Bakersfield*, *Old Bakersfield: Sites and Landmarks, 1875 - 1915* and *The Old Salt Point Township, Sonoma County, California, 1841-1941*. She volunteers in editorial and curatorial projects at Fort Ross State Park.

Please observe the reservation deadline, and get your reservation in early. If you make your reservations by phone, please send your check for the full amount by the reservation deadline. Because of the time frame for ordering the food, we cannot honor late reservations.

Phone contact: 665-9864 or 852-5031

Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Reservation for _____ at \$22.00 per person for the February 20th program. Total \$ _____

Tri-Tip _____ Eggplant Parmagiana _____

Send your reservation form and check to:

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