



COUNTY COURIER

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Tamales, Tour and Train Trip

Our annual June event will take place in San Juan Capistrano on Saturday, June 28 beginning at 10 a.m. with a self-guided tour of the mission.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors,

This is the Mission's special **Festival Day** to celebrate the **Tamale**, featuring a wide variety of tasty Mexican treats and tamales by world-famous tamale chef John Sedlar. We understand that the best selection of gourmet tamales is to be had between 10 and 12. (Think early lunch.)

The following is a description from their web site:

All presented in and around the beautiful fountains and gardens of the magnificent Mission San Juan Capistrano. Enjoy:

- The Zacahuil, a pre-Colombian 200 pound tamale from the Veracruz region of Mexico
- Tamale cooking classes with local and celebrity chefs
- Learn Tamale History and see corn masa demonstrations
- Listen to continuous festive music
- Order from either The Chile Bar, or
- The Guacamole and Salsa Bar



Image from a 1¢ Postcard

From Jorice Maag collection

Eight tamale stations each featuring a sweet or savory tamale, or a traditional or modern type of tamale:

The California Tamale: Tomato, goat cheese and spinach
 The American BBQ Tamale: grilled vegetables with spicy chipotle sauce
 The Southwest Blue Corn: Red Chile and beef
 The Bombay Curry: Chicken with Mango Chutney
 The Wild Mushroom: Chicken and caramelized onions
 The Chocolate Cognac: Tamale for dessert

At noon we will proceed to the O'Neill Museum, a block down from the mission, (see map on page 2) where we will be treated to a **docent-led tour of the Los Rios District**, site of one of the oldest existing homes in Alta California. Tony Forster, descendant of one of Capistrano's earlier families will join us for the tour. Reservations for the tour are needed. Call Jane Norgren 714 529-5160 by Wednesday, June 18. If you wish to take the train see a schedule on the next page.

Los Rios District

This information comes from a wonderful new book (1999) *A Guide to Historic San Juan Capistrano* by Mary Ellen Tryon. The paperback book is everything you need and would want to know about the architecture, heritage, history and preservation of San Juan Capistrano when taking a walking or driving tour. There are marvelous old photos of the structures and the town.

“A glimpse of the past can be seen as one walks along Los Rios Historic District, the oldest residential district in California. The narrow street, without sidewalks but with large mature trees, speaks of a time long past when individuals lived in small cozy houses, knew their neighbors, and were related to many who lived on the same street.”

“Los Rios Historic District is just that: an historic district. The National Register of Historic Places includes only those houses facing Los Rios Street. A street that has not changed all that much since it first became a location for the homes of the Acjachemen neophytes who were not confined to the Mission. This in itself was unusual. At most Missions the neophytes lived in reed huts which were burned when old and rebuilt as needed. Of the original adobes, all were built about 1794, which once lined the street, only three are left: the Silvas, Rios, and Montañez Adobes. The Rios Adobe has been continuously occupied by descendants of the original owner.”

Suggested Reading:

A Guide To Historic San Juan Capistrano By Mary Ellen Tryon
1999. Obtain from San Juan Capistrano Historical Society

Two Hundred Years in San Juan Capistrano, A Pictorial History by Pamela Hallan-Gibson

Capistrano Nights Tales of a California Mission Town by Charles Francis Saunders and Father St. John O’Sullivan



Garcia/Pryor House - O'Neill Museum, 1985c

PARKING

Take off ramp from the 5 Fwy at Ortega Hwy. Heading west, turn left on Camino Capistrano, then immediately (look for Ruby’s Restaurant) on turn right on Verdugo St. There is a multi story parking structure on the left on Verdugo.St.

www.amtrak.com

Or call 800-872-7245

SANTA ANA Station to SJC

SENIOR \$11.90

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Train #566

Leaving SA 9:23 am

Arriving SJC 9:48

Train #768

Leaving SA 10:32 am

Arriving SJC 11:02

TRAIN SCHEDULE & FARES

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To San Juan Capistrano

round trip in unreserved coach

SENIOR \$16.14

ADULT \$19.00

Train #566

Leaving Ful 9:02 am

Arriving SJC 9:48

Train #768

Leaving Ful 10:12

Arriving SJC 11:02

Train #768

Leaving SJC 2:14 pm

Arriving Full 2:57

Train #583

Leaving SJC 4:23 pm

Arriving Full 5:08

There are earlier trains and later ones. If you want to check other stations, fares and times go to:



RECENT DONATION WITH A STORY TO TELL

Researched and written by John Sorenson

We wish to thank Mrs. Jack (Charlotte) Woodward for her recent donations to our society. These included: four Santa Ana High School yearbooks from 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935; a fiftieth anniversary reunion booklet of the SA High class of 1935; a photograph taken on October 31, 1933 of the Santa Ana Rotary club, breakfast or luncheon meeting in Santa Ana. Also donated was the photograph at the right of Charlotte's mother, Stella Anderson.

The photograph pictures Stella, a school teacher, and her students in front of their classroom. Upon research and discussions with Charlotte an interesting story came to light.

Stella came to California with her parents Ferdinand and Sena in 1909 from the Midwest. They initially settled in Long Beach and then moved on to Santa Ana. Stella graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1916 and then attended the State Normal School in Los Angeles – the precursor to UCLA. Upon the completion of the two year course of instruction, Stella graduated and began her teaching career. Before teaching in Santa Ana, Stella taught at El Toro. In 1921, Stella and her parents were living at 823 East First Street and she was teaching at Logan Street School. In 1923, we find her teaching at the newly opened John Muir School at 4th and Mc Clay Streets. This is one of the Santa Ana schools designed by Frederick Eley. Even in 1940, there was only one principal between Logan and John Muir, so it is unclear by the existing records and memories as to Stella's exact teaching assignments from the 1923-1925.



Stella E. Anderson and her pupils

However, the photograph appears to be the Logan School. Research into the District's history reveals many complaints concerning the physical plant at Logan. Also, Logan was attended exclusively by Mexican children. At the time, school segregation between Mexican and White children existed throughout the County.

In 1924, the Anderson's moved to 614 Lacy. Stella's mother Sena continued to live at 614 Lacy until her death in 1939. In her later years, several renters lived with her in this modest home. To Charlotte, names of renters like, Mrs. Tillie Jones and J. G. O'Connell brought back names and images of people long forgotten to history.

The Anderson's home on First Street was lost to street widening. The Lacy Street home remains but its future appears to be short lived. Most of the homes on the westside of the block are boarded up. The street is very narrow at this point and street widening may be planned. Both these Anderson's homes were built between 1915 and 1919.

About 1925, Stella married Edward J. Franzen and moved out to an orange grove. According to the local records, this rural location was on the eastside of Tustin Ave. between Fairhaven and Santa Clara - 3.25 miles northeast of Santa Ana. Blue gum eucalyptus trees lined the west side of Tustin Ave. Her mailing address in 1940 was Box 189 RD1 (Rural Delivery Route 1) Santa Ana. Later the family moved to Box 190, another Franzen family member residence. The Franzen's family history in the county dates to 1881.

During World War II, Stella returned to teaching at either the Fremont or Franklin school in northwest Santa Ana. Mrs. Gilbert, the principal, an old friend and associate facilitated her return to teaching. After the war, Stella remained on the payroll in a substitute capacity.

Again thanks to Jack and Charlotte Woodward for their many donations through the years including this one with family histories.

. . . In Memorium

Roseann "Jo" Lyons

Feb. 4, 1938 - April 14, 2003

Orange County has lost a champion of historic preservation. Jo Lyons was instrumental in keeping the Bradford House and the Susanna Bixby-Bryant ranch house structures preserved and available for generations to come. A docent, specialist and official videographer at the Nixon Library she also recorded history for posterity. An OCHS member for many years as well as active in the Yorba Linda Historical Society, she will be truly missed.

Joseph David Osterman

Nov. 26, 1921 - May 11, 2003

Teacher, coach, author and historian, Joe's passing has left a large vacant spot in the history community. Joe spoke numerous times to OCHS sharing his stories of youth in Saddleback Valley. A member of OCHS, President of the Saddleback Area Historical Society, he recently completed his fourth book, *Recuerdos de El Toro Viejo*.

Our sympathy to his wife Edra, the children and his brothers George and Jim.

FYI

For those who asked about the video on Los Angeles "Then and Now" shown at the January meeting. It came from:
David's Video editing
213 250-9929
david@davidsvideo.com

As required by our Bylaws here is the slate for the Board of Directors for July 2003 to 2006

Kenneth Leavens
John Sorenson
Richard Vining

See enclosed flyer for ballot and instructions.



Postcard Image from the collection of Ruth Ristow

Naming Contest for the Title of Our Postcard Book

The help from members and friends to gather postcards for our publication has been so successful, it was suggested we arrive at a name for the book in the same manner. The focus would be Orange County, early years to present and including all subject matter such as cities, tourist attractions, businesses, etc. First prize would be the historical sum of \$25 and recognition in the book. Second and third place winners would receive a copy of the book. Mail your suggestions to our PO Box or e-mail any board member (listed on page 5). Duplications will be judged on a first come basis.

Here are some new responses:

- 1.) FLAVORS OF ORANGE COUNTY:
Postcards 1900- to 19xx
- 2.) POSTCARDS from Orange County-
Wish You were here
- 3.) Savoring Orange County with POSTCARDS
- 4.) THE HISTORICAL PLEASURE OF OUR
POSTCARDS
- 5.) OLDE ORANGE COUNTY POSTCARDS
COLLECTIBLES
- 6.) THE POSTCARD AS PRECIOUS PAST 19XX TO 19XX

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OCHS Calendar

- Board Meeting
- Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM
- Board meetings are open to the membership
- at the Kidseum
- JUNE Meeting
- SATURDAY, June 28, 2003
- Meeting at 10 a.m.
- At Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Meeting at 12:00
- At the O'Neill Museum
- For A Tour of the Los Rios District

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2003
Sherman Library and Gardens
Program by
Pamela Hallan-Gibson



Where will you find books on local history?
Your best source is your Orange County Historical Society.
Books listed below in **BOLD** are pictured and described on our website: www.orangecountyhistory.org
Don't see the book you are looking for? **ASK US.** If we don't have it we will help you find it.

PLACE A DOLLAR AMT. OPPOSITE EACH ITEM YOU WISH TO ORDER		Proceedings of the Conference of Orange County History	
Bawdy Balboa by Judge Robert Gardner	\$25.00	1988	\$11.00
Cañada de la Brea by Virginia Carpenter	\$10.00	1989	\$11.00
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A Window on the Past hard cover	\$40.00		
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In Orange County hard cover	\$30.00		
Orange County Through Four Centuries By Dr. Leo J. Friis	\$15.95		
The Orange Blossom 50 Years of Growth in Orange County	\$40.00		
ORANGE COUNTY The Golden Promise by Pamela Hallan-Gibson 2002 edition	\$37.00		

All prices include sales tax

MERCHANDISE TOTAL _____

Postage and Handling (\$3.00 first item, \$1 each additional)

Orange Blossoms is \$5 per book, \$1 each additional

Orange County The Golden Promise is \$5 per book, \$1 each additional

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Make checks payable to OCHS

MAIL TO: John Sorenson, 14932 Gainford Circle, Irvine CA 92604

Call him (949) 559-5668 and he will bring your book/s to the next meeting.

