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The Story of Orange County Goes on Sale

The Orange County Historical Commission is proud to announce their publication of the second edition of *A Hundred Years of Yesterdays - A Centennial History of the People of Orange County and Their Communities*.

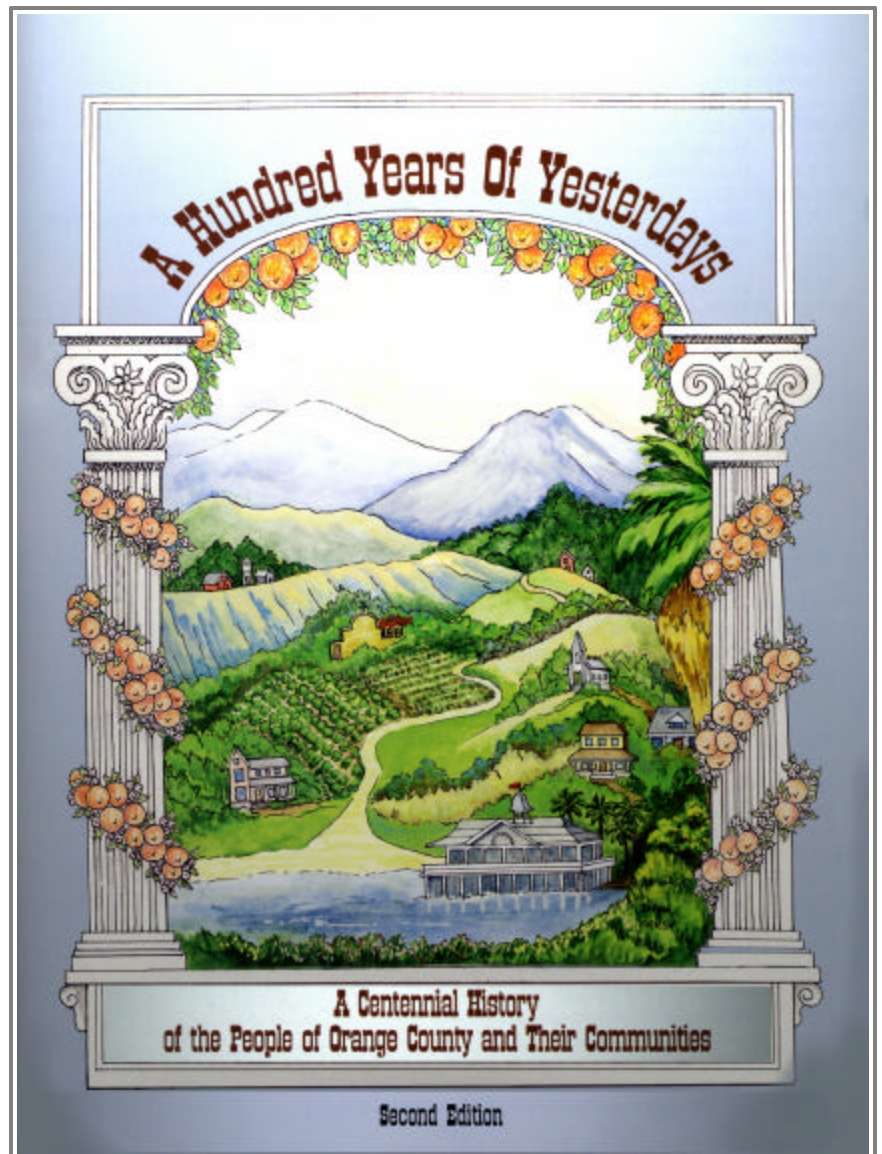
It is the story of Orange County told by the people who know it best. This unique collection of local history includes chapters on all of Orange County's major towns and cities, along with chapters on the events and eras that shaped the county. It features contributions from more than 40 local historians and authors, representing decades of research and experience.

First published in 1988 in honor of the Orange County Centennial, this second edition has been thoroughly revised and includes several new chapters. *A Hundred Years of Yesterdays* will be useful to students, scholars, new residents, old timers, and anyone interested in understanding Orange County's colorful past.

from by Phil Brigandi and Don Dobmeier

Speakers presenting the program at our February General Meeting will be authors and members of the commission who produced this second edition of *A Hundred Years of Yesterdays*.

Phil Brigandi- has been researching and writing local history since 1975. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Orange Community Historical Society (1978-89) and the Orange County Historical Commission. He has written several books on the history of Orange, including *Orange, The City 'Round The Plaza* (1997) and has recently published a history of



the Old Orange County Courthouse. He has served as historian for the Ramona Pageant in Hemet for 13 years before returning to Orange County in 2003 to become County Archivist.

Don Dobmeier- is a member of the Orange County Historical Commission. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Historical Society, contributing to the Society for over 30 years. As photo

editor for this book he brought together photos from both public and private collections.

Carol H. Jordan- has been resident of North Tustin since 1955 and has been researching and writing local history since 1972. Her writing credits include *Tustin History, Facts and folklore; Tustin Is My Home Town; Tustin: A City of Trees, An Illustrated History of Tustin;* and *The Landmark Trees of Tustin*. She was a cofounder of the Tustin Area Museum in 1975 and is still active in its operation. She has served on the Orange County Historical Commission since 1980.

Esther R. Cramer- is a native of La Habra. She writes an historical column in the *La Habra Journal* and is the author of books about La Habra, the Alpha Beta Company, and Brea. She is a charter member of the Orange County Historical Commission, past president of the Orange County Historical Society, the La Habra old Settlers Historical Society, and the Orange County Pioneer Council. she was also vice chairman of Orange County Centennial, Inc., and Orange County Chamber of Commerce. From 1973 until retirement in 1986 she was an executive with Alpha Beta Company.

We will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at Bower's Kidseum, northwest corner of Main and 18th Streets in Santa Ana. Free parking in back with entrance to building in back and to the side.



A Hundred Years of Yesterdays certainly is a book for everyone. Students can quickly and easily find answers using the excellent index. Scholars can locate cited references for in-depth reading. New residents in communities such as Ladera Ranch (1999) will find the story of Rancho Santa Margarita is part of their heritage. Old timers will find new and added information on the changes in south county communities and cities such as Westminster since 1990 enlightening. Finally I would suggest anyone reading this book couldn't help but become interested in "Orange County colorful past" if they were not already.

Orange County Historical Society members will particularly enjoy Phil Brigandi's comprehensive chapter on Orange County Historians from the earliest in the 1800s to many of the founding fathers of the OCHS.

Everyone will appreciate the many new images both old and recently photographed that have been added to the this edition.

Books will be for sale at the meeting.

Also copies of *A Hundred Years Of Yesterdays* are available at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana; Heritage Hill Historical Park in Lake Forest; and Historic George Key Ranch in Placentia and by Mail.

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Courtesy the Orange County Archives
The Silverado Post Office and library still in a log cabin in the 1950s.

A welcome page in the second edition is a description of The Orange County Historical Commission of 2004, who they are in county government and what they do. The following is from the book:

Established by the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 1973, the Orange County Historical Commission is part of the Resources and Development Management Department's Harbors, Beaches, and Parks. Each Supervisor is represented by three appointed commissioners. Responsibilities of the Commission include advising the Board on matters relating to history, archaeology, paleontology, and historic preservation in Orange County. Among the Commission's activities have been mutual efforts with the Board and county agencies in the restoration and stewardship of the Old Orange County Courthouse, the traditional home of County government. As part of the county's historical programs the Commission also assisted in the creation of archaeological and paleontological curatorship programs, the County Archives, and the county's historical parks, including the George Key Ranch, Heritage Hill, Irvine ranch Headquarters, Helena Modjeska home and gardens, Peralta Adobe, and Yorba Cemetery. Other activities have included sponsoring educational seminars for local teachers, encouraging and facilitating cooperation among local historical organizations, evaluating environmental impact reports, and encouraging research, writing, and publication of Orange County history.

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Courtesy Mildred Robertson Crow

The Midway Grocery was on Highway 39 near First Street (now Bolsa Avenue). Construction materials in the foreground are for the new fire station on the northwest corner, 1937.

Trails of Discovery Lecture Series at Mission San Juan Capistrano

An informative series of lectures and slide presentations sponsored by the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society and coordinated by the Mission Artifacts Council. The entertaining lectures provide educational opportunities for the community. The first three presentations are free with admission to the Mission. There is no charge for Preservation Members. The Trails of Discovery lecture series will be held in the Mission's Soldier Barracks Gallery. Seating is limited.

"Hollywood Comes to San Juan Capistrano"

Speaker: Don Tryon

Thursday, February 17, 2005

10a.m. - 11a.m. Soldiers Barracks Gallery

"Southern California Native American Basketry"

Speaker: Justin Farmer

Thursday, March 24, 2005

10a.m. - 11a.m. Soldiers Barracks Gallery

Book purchasing and signing by author Justin Farmer at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

"Kicking up Some Dust"

Speaker: Judy Deeter

Thursday, April 21, 2005

10a.m. - 11a.m. Soldiers Barracks Gallery

"Unmasking Zorro"

Speaker: Dr. Paul Apodaca

Thursday, May 19, 2005

10a.m. - 11a.m. Soldiers Barracks Gallery

Remainder of lecture series to be announced.

For more information please contact SJC Historical Society at (949) 492-8444

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GIFT

Recent gift sent to the society by Ellery Sorkin of Northridge is a Menu Guide of Orange County published in 1976. Some of the restaurants are still in business many are not. Such restaurants as the Hof's Hut, The Quiet Woman, The Hungry Tiger, and The Velvet Turtle are listed in the guide but are no longer in business in Orange County. The guide includes a copy of the actual menu something that the yellow pages are including now. The biggest change is in the prices on the menu.



Postcard courtesy El inor Schmidt



Gulliver's

18482 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine

1976 Menu above Prime cut \$7.50

2005 Menu

Gulliver's Prime Cut \$25.95

Rembrandt's

909 E. Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia

1976 Menu

Filet Mignon \$7.95

Northern Halibut Steak \$6.25

2005 Menu

Filet Mignon \$17.50

Northern Halibut Steak \$17.50

The Cannery

3010 Lafayette ave. Newport Beach

1976 Menu

Filet Mignon \$7.95

Seafood Brochette \$18.95

2005 Menu

Filet Mignon \$18.95

Seafood Brochette \$18.95

El Adobe

31891 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano

1976 Menu

President's Choice \$4.95 (served to President Nixon & guests)

Flan \$.85

2005 Menu

President's Choice \$14.95

Classic Mexican Flan \$.3.95



from the Menu Guide The Warehouse Menu 1976

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- Board Meeting
 - Thursday Feb. 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM
at Kidseum
Feb. Meeting
 - **Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005**
 - Opening at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Bower's Kidseum**
 - **18th and Main Sts., Santa Ana**
 - **7:30 p.m. Program:**
- Program about the publication
A Hundred
Years Of Yesterdays
presented by Phil Brigandi, Don
Dobmeier, Esther Cramer and Carol
Jordan.
- **March 10 Program**
 - **More new books, more authors**



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ORANGE COUNTY The Golden Promise by Pamela Hallan-Gibson 2002 edition	\$37.00		

Proceedings of the Conference of Orange County History	1988	\$11.00	
	1989	\$11.00	
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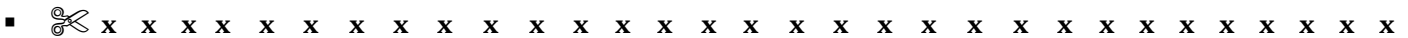
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