



THE POPPY PAPER



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Battle Day



December 7, 2014, 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park
15808 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido CA
(1.5 Miles East of the Wild Animal Park on State Highway 78)

California State Parks and the San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association proudly present **Battle Day**. This is a **free**, family friendly, annual North County event focusing on the interpretation and commemoration of the 1846 Battle of Pasqual, the bloodiest battle fought in California during the U.S. - Mexican War. This year the event will have enhanced living history activities that will transport visitors to the battlefield 168 years ago. Visitors will have the opportunity to:

View the cannon crew fire a twelve pound Mountain Howitzer.

Watch re-enactors, in period, attire, on horseback, demonstrate the 19th century military drills.

Listen to the “Battle Story” told through the eyes of a Dragoon and a Californio.

Experience life as a new recruit, as participants go through a 19th century military enlistment station.

Smell the aroma of period food as the camp cook prepares salt pork and beans for the hungry troops.

Walk through the encampment area and witness life among the soldiers.

Information: 760-737-2201

www.parks.ca.gov

Sponsored By: The San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association & California State Parks

Holiday Happenings in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

Holiday in the Park

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 12:00-9:00 PM

Make seasonal crafts, tour the park by wagon, listen to holiday carolers, and much more! Local businesses will have extended shopping hours.

Las Posadas

Sunday, December 14, 2014

Musical Entertainment: 2:30-4:30 PM

Las Posadas Procession: 5:00-6:00 PM

Piñata After-Party: 6:00 PM

The 64th annual reenactment of the centuries-old Mexican celebration of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



President's Notes

by Jeanne Ferrell

Happy Holidays to all!

Personally, I love the holiday season. Even without snow, I love everything about it. For me, the season is Christmas. Some of my friends celebrate according to their religion's traditions. For others, it is a cultural event. Whatever it is called, it is the celebration that brings us closer to family and friends.

If you celebrate by buying gifts, I have a great idea for you. The BOOT Store, located in the Robinson-Rose Visitors Center, is loaded with ideas. Many of our gifts are handmade by our craft committee. These are unique gifts you will not find in any other store. I would recommend the herb packets. Most of the herbs are grown in the Park gardens. Also, we have a selection of books on the History of Old Town and California. Come in to find a special gift for a special person!

From the Editor's Desk...

The "holiday months" are always a difficult time for this editor, as I try to round up enthusiastic writers for Poppy Paper articles, while competing with the time constraints imposed by this busy time of year. But, sometimes, there is nothing that can be done, simply because life takes twists and turns that we don't anticipate.

Unfortunately, several of the members of our Board have recently been dealing with personal and family illnesses: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Ellen Young who is resting at home after a recent hospitalization. Bob Wohl has been Back East for a few months, helping to move his 90+ year old mother-in-law after the death of his brother-in-law. Chuck Ferrell lost his brother last month, plus spent some time in the hospital himself. Cindy Furlong suffered through a complicated series of eye surgeries for cataracts. And, Deanna and Gary Turton recently received news that their son in Seattle is not well.

Thankfully, both Chuck and Cindy were at the November board meeting, recovered from their ordeals. Our heartfelt best wishes remain with Bob and Robyn Wohl, Mary Ellen and Tom Young, Deanna and Gary Turton, and their family members, as they continue through very difficult times during this holiday season.

Needless to say, I received very little "news" for this month's issue. So, I leave you with a couple of Charles Dickens quotes to brighten your holidays:

"I have always thought of [this time of year] as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."

"Happy, happy [holiday], that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!"

Enjoy this very brief issue of *The Poppy Paper*, which will allow you much more time to get your holiday chores done!

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading!

Ruth French poppypapereditor@gmail.com

(Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month for inclusion in the following month's issue.)



Treasurer's Notes

by Deanna Turton

Can it be November already, with Christmas right around the corner? I think we all find ourselves getting out our personal calendars and saying, "Gee, I have hardly any free days left until the first of the year!" This week alone, Gary and I were at the Park four days!

Yesterday was especially wonderful because it marked the arrival of the long anticipated new display table that **Chuck Ferrell** made for the BOOT Store. If you are in the Park, please take notice of this awesome creative effort. Chuck not only made the table, but he also did all the research to make sure it was historically correct in design and construction. **Mary Jones and JoBeth Hull** also spent two days rearranging the Store so that our products could be more effectively displayed. Many thanks to everyone for this new facelift in the BOOT Store!

Now, onto the financial news for October. I am happy to say there were no nasty tricks or unpleasant news during the month of traditional tricks and treats. In fact, BOOT came out ahead \$4185.82 in the checkbook. Not only did the BOOT Store do very well, but the daily average in the donation boxes was up to \$60.48.

Special sources of income were:

- \$1045.09 from the Round It Up Program in mid September
- \$651.25 from sales at the Art & Craft Show in early October
- \$77.35 in craft donations at the Fall Festival
- \$3900.00 from Chuck Ross to support the Stagecoach Days events
- \$248.00 in purchases from the Period Attire Bank

Expenses over \$300 were varied:

- Payment of sales taxes for the third quarter -\$1555.00
- Replacement of inventory in the BOOT Store - \$2364.97....half of which was reprinting the guide book. Due to our inventive program, guide books are selling much more briskly ---so that means that correct historic information is being taken to places far and wide.
- Replacement inventory for supplies for crafts - \$322.83
- Stagecoach Days costs - \$1981.63 which were paid through the generous gift from Chuck Ross to support this two month event.
- Period Attire bank and subsidies - \$1010.30
- Plus thirteen other funding categories under \$300

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to remind everyone to turn in their funding requests in a timely manner. If you spent money for which you need to be reimbursed by BOOT, please fill out the appropriate forms, have them signed by Park staff, and turned in to me before Christmas. Charges submitted late will be charged to the FY 2015 budget, which means there will be less money available in next year's budget. I will close the books for FY2014 on Jan, 4, 2015.

Many good wishes to everyone who reads this monthly article for a happy and healthy Christmas season.

IT'S A TIE!!!

October was quite a month for the Guide Book Sales Contest, as we congratulate Park Aides Ellen Green and Maggie Hess, who each sold 23 guide books! In July of this year, the BOOT Board authorized a gift certificate of \$20 **each month** for the park aide or volunteer who sells the most tour guide books in a month (ten book minimum).

This is the first month that there has been a tie, so both ladies received the \$20 prize!!! Rumor has it that Ellen will soon be showing off some new period attire, thanks to her many months of winning...**and** BOOT has had to order a larger-than-usual supply of guide books for the future!!! Thank you to Ellen, Maggie, and all other staff and volunteers for enthusiastically supporting this sales incentive program!

Membership News

Thank You to Barbara Rosner for her recent annual membership renewal.

We are ready to kick off our 2015 Membership Drive with an incentive to our annual members who would like to see BOOT thrive into the future. We are offering a free one year's membership to you when you recruit a new member! Start thinking of your friends and family who might be good candidates to help sustain our good work as Boosters of Old Town! Watch the mail...as you will soon be receiving a special invitation to be part of this special membership drive for 2015.

Please remember...every dollar that BOOT raises stays right **HERE** in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park to support all the work projects, special events, and interpretive activities throughout the year!

OUR MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

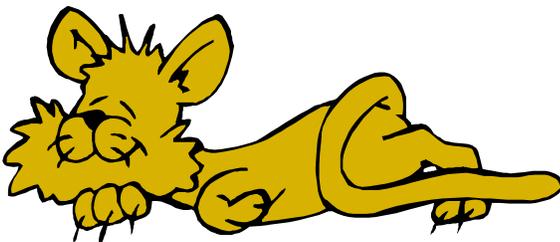
Craft Committee News A Funny Thing Happened... by Diana Ojeda

Yesterday, a cat came to my balcony door. It was a good sized, gray cat, and it was meowing and meowing. In the 6+ years that I have lived here, I have never seen a cat on my balcony! But, there it was, meowing and meowing. It was a little scary, so I closed the door.

A little while later, another cat with leopard-like spots was at the door. I thought this was strange...and I shut the door again, watching it rolling around, seemingly scratching its own back. Then, it hopped up on my balcony chair and looked at me through the window!

Suddenly, I realized it was the **CATNIP** [that I was working on for the Craft Committee] drawing all these cats to my house! I have never, ever had a cat on my balcony until yesterday!

I just wanted to let you know that I dropped off the *stripped* catnip to the BOOT shed today...



BOOT thanks Diana for going "above and beyond" for the Craft Committee to get the job done!!!

GARDEN VIEWS

Composting Day...Thank you to Bob Jones for delivering a truck load of compost to the Machado-Stewart Garden. Many thanks also to JP Gendron, Jim Hull, and the Turtons for filling up wheelbarrows and toting them to the central plot of the garden.



Pictured: Deanna Turton spreading compost in the Machado-Stewart garden.

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NOTICE: If you have a friend who would like to learn more about San Diego History, enjoys meeting people, and likes to have a good time, give him/her this application form to fill out and send in. New members are always welcome. And, if you have forgotten to renew your membership...it's never too late to send it in. We miss you!

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| ___ \$ 35.00 – Family (2 or more individuals) | (includes business card sized ad in the Poppy Paper |
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