



## President's Message

by Betty McMillen



A legacy for Lakeside.....Our town is truly fortunate to have the talented artist, Mona Mills, taking an interest in our history and local personalities. She is making the Heritage Room at the Lakeside Community Center come alive with her colorful murals of our past and present. What a wonderful gift this is to our community! Our historic buildings and larger than life figures are creating a pictorial history lesson for future generations to enjoy. To make it even more interesting and fun, she has painted the faces to resemble members of our Historical Society. A few familiar faces include: **Olga Puhn, Edna Kouns, Estella Sommerville, Dolores Meyer, Marcella Williams, and Ralph and Shirley Anderson**, all founders of our organization.

Mona's art work can also be viewed at the Wal Mart Book Store, the El Monte Park Museum, the El Cajon Library, and the Heritage of the Americas Museum at Cuyamaca College. She was recently commissioned to paint murals at the new Desert Museum in Occotillo. Be sure to stop by the Community Center to see her generous gift to our community.

## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

by Donna Swink, Tour Chairwoman

Our 9th Annual Holiday Home Tour was held on December 5. The Historical Society wishes to express it's gratitude to the owners who graciously opened their homes and businesses to the public for this event:

**Wayne Erreca**, Manager, Lakeside Theater  
**Jack and Pauline Helton**, Valley Vista Rd.  
**Ben and Betty Montijo**, Wood-Art Signs, Johnstown  
**Bob and Ann Schumann**, Pepperwood Mobilehome Park  
**Del and Lauri Stokes**, Bridle Path Lane  
**Mr. and Mrs. Dick Trotter**, Rock Acres Drive

Also, many thanks to the docents: **Elaine Brack, Pat Ellwood, Jessie Lynch, Jean Ramstead, Betty McMillen, Olga Puhn**, and their helpers. Our dear late **Virginia McGuinness** had planned to help, and her smile was truly missed. All who attended the reception enjoyed the refreshments and also the entertainment provided by Kathy Horeth's Singing Solos. Thanks too, dear husband John, for the watercolor paintings of the tour homes presented to the owners.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 11 Board Meeting & Pot Luck Xmas Party (9:30 a.m.)
- 16 Regular Meeting Installation of Officers Feliz Navidad Dinner (6:30 p.m.)
- 25 *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

### JANUARY

- 1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
- 22 Board Meeting
- 25 Regular Meeting and Chicken Pie Night (See article)

### FEBRUARY

- 5-6 Children's Art Show

## CHICKEN PIE NIGHT

JANUARY 25, 1999  
 6:00 P.M.

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# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 29th - Carter's Hay & Grain    | 10 Myrtle Major                | 22 5th - Joann ♥ Mark DuFloth       |
| 1 34th Farley Dental Arts        | 10 Beverly Norris              | 22 16th - Jean ♥ Howard Rigler      |
| 1 Audrey Hibdon                  | 11 53rd - Fern ♥ George Yule   | 22 Margaret Stewart                 |
| 1 23rd - Kuhner Electric         | 12 Jean Conant Angus           | 23 46th - Mary ♥ Al Allison         |
| 1 52nd - Lakeside Fire District  | 12 Ellen Riding                | 23 Frank Gruner                     |
| 1 41st - Lakeside Funeral Chapel | 14 Linda Baines                | 23 Doris Harrison                   |
| 1 12th - Mark's Bobcat Service   | 14 Charles Watkins             | 24 Jean Rosenberger                 |
| 1 65th - Paragon Graphics        | 16 Hunter Rush                 | 24 Eleanor Shaw                     |
| 2 Carol Claussen                 | 17 Gerald Smith                | 25 11th - Terry ♥ Jon Burke         |
| 2 Barbara Hartup                 | 18 48th - Joan ♥ Harry Buckel  | 25 John Darrough                    |
| 2 39th - Barbara ♥ Ray Whitlock  | 18 Anna Goodman                | 25 Gerrie Stoll                     |
| 2 Brenda Wood                    | 18 42nd - Trish ♥ Dean Hottell | 26 47th - Dorothy ♥ Robert Bellante |
| 4 Amy Kephart                    | 18 Marie Lough                 | 26 Connie Berglund                  |
| 5 Dr. Julian Conant              | 19 Coleen Owens                | 26 Les Kephart                      |
| 5 Patty Roberts Hislop           | 19 14th - Earleen ♥ Ron Tehan  | 26 Julie Puritt                     |
| 7 George Hall                    | 20 Elaine Draper               | 28 Kathleen Lossasso                |
| 7 Nancy Nowka                    | 21 Shirley Strauss Anderson    | 28 32nd - Coleen ♥ Coy Owens        |
| 9 Dorothy Clevenger              | 21 Elizabeth Montgomery        | 30 Robin Anderson Laier             |
| 9 William Muse                   | 22 Ralph Anderson              | 30 7th - Robin ♥ Russ Laier         |
| 10 Byron Conrad                  | 22 Dick Besancon               | 30 Dorothy Lyons                    |
| 10 Jo Ellen Decoteau             | 22 Donna Catterick             | 31 Tanya Head                       |



## MEMBERS SEARCH FOR ROOTS

Virginia McGuinness, Donna Swink and Estella Sommerville, of the Lakeside Historical Society, are also members of the San Diego Genealogy Society, and joined the one-week Fall research trip to Salt Lake City for the Society's annual pilgrimage to the Church of the Latter Day Saints' Family History Library. Soon after landing, Estella and Donna joined a side trip to explore a famous old silver mine. When they exited the mine it was snowing. It snowed that night and they awoke to a beautiful wintry landscape. Later in the week the weather cleared and the climate was very comfortable. Virginia skipped the mine trip to visit with her daughter, Cindi, who flew from Oregon to do research with her mother. Over the rest of the week, the two had a wonderful reunion. They were inseparable.

Another side trip took the group to the Everton Publishing Company's offices in Logan, Utah. Everton is the biggest publisher in the genealogy field. Their material is available for researching and copying, as well as for purchase. The company is a very important resource for genealogists worldwide.

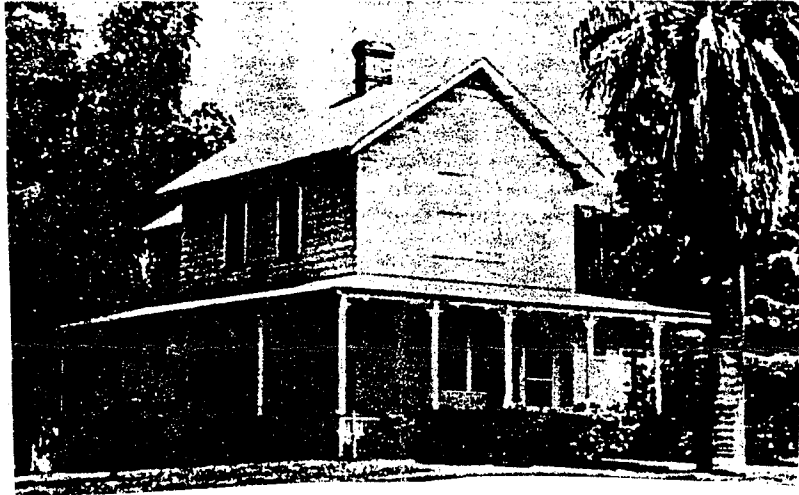
The Mormon Family History Library has 3,200 branches in 64 countries. The Main center in Salt Lake City has the largest collection of genealogical material in the world. It is housed in a five-story, 142,000 sq. ft. building, which is climate controlled to protect it's vast collection of material. The library was founded in 1894. It is open to the public at no charge. The records contain more than two billion names on two million rolls of microfilm, 700,000 microfiche, and 280,000 books and historical documents. The records increase monthly by about 5,000 rolls of microfilm and 1,000 books. There are 70 computers available to access the growing digital database. The library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. most days. Many researchers spend the entire day and evening in the library. The staff is very friendly and helpful. Classes are available for first-time visitors.

Estella, Donna, Virginia and Cindi all made new family discoveries. They had a fast, fun, busy week that they will never forget. They flew back to San Diego on Sunday, November 15. Less than two weeks after returning from the trip, Virginia became ill while visiting another daughter in Riverside for the Thanksgiving holidays. She was admitted to the hospital and died on Saturday, November 28.

The members of the Historical Society and all of Virginia's family and friends were shocked by her sudden death. They were, however, very pleased that Virginia and Cindi had such a warm and happy reunion in Salt Lake City.

# HELP SAVE LAKESIDE'S RURAL HERITAGE

by Betty McMillen



The Ferry Ranch - 10386 Palm Row - Built in 1875

The Lakeside Historical Society is taking an active interest in a proposed new housing development on Palm Row. The old Ferry Ranch (Strawberry Farm) with Lakeside's oldest building, (built in 1875) has been sold. Palmtag/Davis Communities wants to build 52 houses on the 22 acre ranch. Besides this wonderful old farm house being at risk, the many small ranches that surround the area will be affected in a detrimental way. We are losing our ranches and our heritage to development and we need to slow it down or change it's direction. We want you to sign our petition at the Historical Society. The petition asks the County Planning to change from the three houses per acre plan to one acre or 1/2 acre lots so the new development will blend in with the existing community character...small ranches.

**Please come in to the History Center at 9906 Maine Avenue and sign this petition!  
Help save the semi-rural feeling of Lakeside!**

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## FROM THE MAIL BAG.....



### From Miriam Keating, Grants Pass, Oregon:

*"In a note from Shirley Anderson, she answered my question about the cost of the Cook Book, including postage. She said you'd mail them so here are the four addresses where I'd like them sent. Also, congratulations on the burning of the mortgage party. My former neighbor, Betty Doweres, said she was able to go, even with a broken arm."*

### From the Helds, Sun City, Arizona:

*"We thought the Lakeside Historical Society might like to have the enclosed prints, recently sorted from Geneva Held's collection of old photos. Some faces in the school class pictures attended the latest Home Town Reunion a few weeks back. The Historical Society has accomplished great feats. Your group deserves to feel proud. Fondly, Dick and Betty Held"*

(Note: The class pictures are from first through sixth grades. Teachers were Bevan, Parquette, Rhodes, Nelson, Seeman, Conant. If you were in Dick's class, we'd like help identifying the others...Edna & Marcella)

### From Elaine Swearingin Draper, Lexington, South Carolina:

*"Hi to everyone. Have a wonderful holiday season, and may you all be blessed with good health in this last year of the century. For those of you with serious illness, our hearts and prayers are with you and may you find joy in your own special way.*

*Love, Elaine & Dick"*

(Note: It would be well worth a trip to the history center bulletin Board to read the Draper's four-page account of their move from Kauai to their new home in South Carolina....Marcella)

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## IN THE STORE.....by Peg Stewart

We have a collection of things that could be used as stocking stuffers and even an unusual hanging stocking. 1999 Lakeside Calendars are available for \$5.



## OBITUARY

by Marcella Williams

### VIRGINIA MCGUINNESS



Virginia was born on June 14, 1927 in Norfolk, Virginia. She was lured to Lakeside on January 3, 1983 by family, the sunny climate, and the proximity to the local golf course. She and Charles made this their permanent home. Virginia retired in 1991 and focused her attention on the Lakeside Historical Society. She became a life member, organized the Annual Golf Tournament, planned tours, became editor of the monthly newsletter, and performed many other volunteer activities.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Charles McGuinness, a son, Chris of Indiana; a daughter, Cindy of Oregon; a brother, Clayton of Delaware; Step-children, Tom and Denise of Pennsylvania; Christina of Florida and Barbara of Minnesota.

Her ready smile and fun loving personality will be greatly missed. There will be no services.

Donations may be made to Lakeside Historical Society Memorial Fund.

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## MEMORIAL PROGRAM

by Edna Kouns

Loving gifts have been made in the names of:

Virginia McGuinness - Our faithful and very active "Historical Happenings" editor, tour organizer, golf tournament chairwoman, and all around friend.

Rose Dunn - 105 year old aunt of Olga Puhn.

**Look for their names on our Memorial Board.**

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## THE RAMONA PAGEANT

**We still need you to sign up for the bus trip to Hemet to see the Ramona Pageant in April. Arrangements will be made firm in January. Approximate cost will be \$35.00 with lunch on your own. For more information call the History Center at 561-1886.**

***DROP BY AND SIGN UP!***



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### **WISH LIST FOR HISTORY CENTER.....**

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**Feliz Navidad**

**Dec. 16, 1998**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Tickets - \$7.00**

Come and enjoy a Mexican Dinner, Installation of Officers and entertainment. Elaine Harper and Richard Wilkie will sing old time songs with beautiful melodies and choruses accompanied by guitar, five-string banjo, mountain dulcimer and harmonica. You can sing along too! It will be a fun evening to remember, with traditional songs and ballads.

Call 561-1886 for reservations.

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## Treasurer's Report

by Elaine Brack



The year is coming to a close and so much has happened that I can hardly believe it. Thanks goes out to everyone for being there to support the many projects that have been done by your continued support financially and so many other ways. In the January newsletter you will see the totals that have gone through the books during this past year, and you will be amazed what has been done with all the funds that have been gathered to complete so many projects. There will also be a copy of the PROPOSED BUDGET for 1999. Please look it over and know that the Budget will be voted on at the January meeting. **Remember the Society for year-end donations!**

# DID YOU KNOW.....

By Chris Herzog

Mrs. Florence Beadle, known affectionately to all Lakesiders as Flossie, has long been recognized for her service to the community by local and statewide organizations, and often remembered through colorful stories and events about Lakeside. Florence Mary Crain was born in Oklahoma on June 2, 1902. The family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho in 1906, and to National City in 1911, where they managed the Tourist Hotel on National Avenue, and later the San Miguel Hotel, during World War I.

In 1918, just before the end of the war, Florence moved to San Diego and became a chocolate dipper at a candy factory. In 1920 Florence married Jack Emberly, and they had a daughter, Rose. In 1925 she married Charles Sangster, and homesteaded 80 acres on Mussey Grade, a mile above the present location of San Vicente Dam, north of Lakeside. They had a son, Robert, and a daughter. When Mr. Sangster died in 1929, Florence continued to care for the ranch and also worked at a Ramona sweet shop. Florence had plans, in 1934, to open a cafe on the Ramona Highway, but it and the house next to it burned down before it opened. She then left her homestead, moved to Lakeside and cooked in a cafe for a year, before moving to Hollywood.

She worked at the Good Humor Ice Cream plant there for two years before returning to Lakeside in 1937, when she bought a small cafe on Woodside Avenue, and met and married Wesley Beadle. She later sold the cafe, and for several years cooked at Cecil's Lakeside Inn on Maine Avenue.

During World War II, Mrs. Beadle worked in the experimental building at Consolidated Aircraft Corporation. After the war, she began writing historical articles for the Valley News and the Lakeside Star. Thus began her position as the unofficial historian of Lakeside and the surrounding area.

After retiring, Florence began devoting more time to civic activities. She was the California History and Landmarks Chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for four years. During that time, she visited women's clubs throughout the county, explaining the history of the area to each club. She said she developed her store of historical knowledge as she did research for those talks.

Mrs. Beadle made the headlines in 1957 when the cork elm trees on Woodside Avenue were threatened by a \$30,000 project of the Pacific Telephone Company. She saved the trees from an advancing trenching machine by taking a small chair to the site and sitting in the machine's path. She made many supreme efforts to save the trees, but sadly, eventually, all failed. In 1965 she gained recognition when she led a citizen's group in preserving the Boathouse.

In 1965, in recognition of her many varied community activities and service, Florence was named Woman of the Year, with an award presentation and a program with an original dramatic version of her life. She belonged to the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, was awarded honorary life membership in the Lakeside PTA, was an active member and president of the Woman's Club of Lakeside, and was a member of the War Memorial Building Committee for many years when she helped with the Forty-niner Days celebrations.

In 1957 Mrs. Beadle opened a museum on Ashwood and Maplevue Streets. It was free to the public, and the main attraction on her "Street of Yesteryears" was the old La Mesa Depot, formerly on Nebo Drive in La Mesa. She moved the building in 1954, set it up to resemble an old-time general store. That building has been returned to La Mesa and restored. Other buildings on her street were used for storage and workrooms, with plans to

open them to the public eventually.

Her collection, some housed in display cases from the old Lakeside and Bostonia General Stores, ranged from antique furniture and dolls to medicine bottles, and lanterns. The oldest article in her museum was a brass bucket with the date "1611" stamped on the bottom. She had a special eye for salvaging treasures from discards. There were records made in the 1880's to play on her antique phonographs, and old hatpins, buttons and beadwork to complement her clothing collection.

Through the 1960's, on crutches for many years, Florence welcomed visitors to her museum and was always glad to show them around. After one of the buildings had burned, and the La Mesa Depot was returned, the museum was closed and the artifacts were given to the Lakeside Library and the fledgling **Lakeside Historical Society**. Florence died in 1973. We are grateful for her pioneering efforts to preserve the history of Lakeside and her community service.

**The Lakeside Historical Society** dedicates the first week in December to the memory of Florence Beadle by presenting an exhibit at the Old Community Church, and by providing a self-guided tour of interesting homes in Lakeside every year. This year's tour is on December 5.

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## WANTED

by Olga Puhn

**WE WANT YOUR BABY PICTURES!** You can bring us the pictures to copy or bring us copies. If you wish to send your children's or grandchildren's pictures along, that's fine too. Please label them so we'll know who they are.



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## HISTORIC MARKERS

Pat Ellwood is taking her job seriously! A few months ago she volunteered to be chairman of our "Historic Markers Committee". She researches the history of a building, discusses the idea with the owner, then special orders a plaque that tells a bit of history about the site. The first plaque has recently been installed on the Old Community Church. Her next project will be the Ferry Ranch on Palm Row, Lakeside's oldest building, (See story in this issue). Other historic sites that will be honored include the Irving Gil House owned by Marcella Williams, Lemon Crest Ranch, the Lakeside Hotel and the Lindo Lake Boat House. THANKS, PAT, YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB!



# LHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**Lakeside Historical Society**  
P.O. Box 1423  
Lakeside, CA 92040-0911

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