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## On Saturday, May 17, We Took "A Walk Through Tustin's Shady Lanes"

From the Tustin Historical Society's Museum to the Tustin Presbyterian Church, our guests enjoyed two interesting Walks through historical sites with Brent Ferdig pointing out the many Historic Buildings in downtown Tustin and



Guy Stivers pointing out the many lovely old trees along Main Street, which is why Tustin is called the City of Trees. Then on to the Registration Table where our guests picked up their ticket/program books and started on their self guided Tustin Old Town's Promenade Home and Garden Tour!



At the Registration table, one tour guest was greeted by TAHS members, l to r: Tony Coco, Barbara Hannegan and BeBe Radice.

At the Book Sales table, Jeanne Brown and John Radice were prepared to display "for sale" the books on Tustin that the Museum sells. Also featured was the newest Carol Jordan book, *Tustin: An Illustrated History*.



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday, June 16, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Tustin Senior Center**  
**LOUNGE**  
**200 S. 'C' Street • Tustin**  
**• PROGRAM •**  
**Speaker**  
**Gordon Bean, Local Barber**  
***Reminiscing Over 51 Years***  
***in Tustin Old Town***  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

## Reminiscing from the Barber Shop

Remembering Old Town Tustin over the last 51 years, Gordon Bean has many stories to tell about the old timers coming into his barber shop. There is always a lot of conversation in a barber shop. Families have come to the Wooden Indian to have their hair cuts over the last 32 years. It is one of the oldest barber shops in Old Town Tustin. Gordon came from Riverside County to Tustin in 1957 where he became a full time barber until 1971. Then he went to work as a school custodian for the Tustin Unified School District full time, and spent part time as a barber. He retired from the Tustin Unified School District after 26 years at Columbus Tustin, Guin Foss, Veeh, Mildred Morrow and Nelson Schools. Then back to full time barbering at the Wooden Indian, where he has watched children grow to adults and his old customers are old friends now.

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# Reminiscing

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Gordon was born in 1931 on his father's ranch in Temescal Canyon, located at the base of Saddleback Mountain's east side. When he was six years old, his family moved to Elsinore, Riverside and to Corona where his father developed land on into Orange County. Three of his four children have graduated from Tustin High School.



Reminiscing about how he has seen Tustin grow and the families' children grow from having their first hair cut to adulthood should make a very interesting program of memories. Please bring your friends and join us on Monday, June 16, 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. See you there.

## President's Message

I am happy to announce that the 2008 Promenade Home and Garden Tour was a success in spite of the weather. Saturday, the day of the Promenade, the temperature was in the upper 90's. Consequently our attendance was down but financially we are up to par, thanks to some additional new businesses taking out ads in the program book. Also, our opportunity ticket sales were up due to the many great prizes. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped as docents, guides, support people and the TAHS Board. The time and effort by Jeanne Brown in organizing the Program Book, which looked outstanding, and getting ads is greatly appreciated. Joyce Miller is to be congratulated for lining up the many fine houses for the Tour. Many thanks to Margaret Pottenger and Erma Zwirner for the Opportunity Prizes and organizing the Refreshment Area. They did an outstanding job. And to Don Ropele for the Vendors; Denese Menard and Arv Bollesen for the after-party; and to our Office Staff, Barbara Hannegan and Bill Finken, two tireless workers. We are sorry the Quilt Show did not work out, but maybe next year we can have some quilters display their hand made quilts.

Historical Note: Joyce Miller, past president and present TAHS Board member, has fond memories of growing up in Tustin. One of those memories: On a hot afternoon, she would head for the Pankey House, located on Main Street, to swim in the back yard pool. It was the only pool in town, and Joyce and her friends thought it was the biggest pool in the world. Ah, those were the good old days.

*Joe Sprekelmeyer, President*

## We Won!

The Tustin Chamber of Commerce held an Old Town holiday window decorating display contest at Christmas time. The Tustin Historical Society won 1st Place. Noelle Ornelas, from the Chamber, presented President Joe Sprekelmeyer with a 1st Place ribbon and certificate. Thank you Joyce Miller for our window display.



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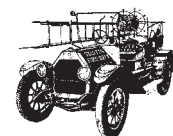
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### 2008 Promenade

Joe Sprekelmeyer  
Jeanne Brown  
**2008 Chili Cookoff** Marge Flamme  
Denese Menard

### Decorations/Amenities

Peggy Braun  
**History in a Box/ School Tours** Bebé Radice  
Barbara Hannegan  
**Publicity** Marge Flamme





## Prize Winners

Pictured is Margaret Pottenger, co-chairman with Erma Zwirner, of the Promenade Opportunity Prizes. We had 72 lucky winners. All the winners have been notified by phone. If there are any questions or you received a message, you can pick up your prize at the Tustin Museum in downtown Tustin or call (714) 731-5701.

**2008 PROMENADE OPPORTUNITY PRIZE LIST**

Aaron VandenBerg - \$100 gift certificate & sundries  
 Anne's Cafe - \$100 gift certificate  
 Citrus Cafe - \$25.00 gift certificate  
 Dapper and Dapper's - \$25.00 gift certificate  
 Edgy's Book - \$50.00 gift certificate  
 Home of Praline - Four \$10.00 gift certificates  
 Mark (Mark) Rubin - Two dinners  
 Ivy's Bridge - \$25.00 gift certificate  
 Queen's Old Town Cafe - Four tickets for two  
 Red Sea - Gift certificate  
 Flying Saucer Cafe - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 East France - \$100.00 gift certificate  
 Beach Pic 909 - Two \$25.00 gift certificates  
 Patterson's Bookery - \$150.00 gift certificate  
 Charlene's Pottery - \$100.00 gift certificate  
 Arroyo Valley - \$50.00 gift certificate  
 Black Angus Restaurant - Two \$25.00 gift certificates and coffee bar  
 The Hangar - \$25.00 gift certificate and coffee bar  
 Digi's Plaza - \$50.00 gift certificate  
 China Palace Restaurant - Two Special Dinners  
 Curious Call Theatre - One dinner show ticket  
 Cafe Caden - \$25.00 gift certificate  
 Four Angel Tickets plus parking  
 Tustin Museum - Crystal & Ruby Dish  
 Tustin Ranch Golf Club - Breakfast for Four  
 Paula/Paula Home - Desserts - Plates (cappuccino)  
 Janita's Art - Personal engraving - Soups - Coffee Maker  
 Vintage Lads - Gardening Basket  
 Window Washers - Complimentary Window  
 Whiskey - Gift basket  
 Bonger - Two meals  
 The Coffee Caster - \$25.00 gift certificate  
 Mrs D's Confections - Longaberger Basket and much more  
 Love Star - Two Dinners  
 Supperclub - Two Meals  
 Baby's Dinner - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Matt's Bakery - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Four Crews - \$15.00 Gift Certificate  
 Mac Nubes Home - Art Project  
 El Estero - Four Meals  
 Zoo's Bites - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Under the Olive Tree - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Capri's Market - \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Crystal's Hair Salon - Two \$10.00 Gift Certificates  
 Paul's Coffee & Tea - Gift Basket  
 Tustin Museum - Callertible  
 Trader Joe's - Gift Basket  
 White Pines - Gift Basket  
 Usual - Beverage Containers  
 Old Town Touring - Granite Cutting Board

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Join the Tustin Area Historical Society and keep your newsletter coming. Please send your dues or an additional gift today. All dues and contributions are tax deductible. Ask a friend to join!

ANNUAL DUES: (Please check one)

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- \$60-\$99 Colonist
- \$100-\$249 Settler
- \$250-\$499 Frontier
- \$500-\$999 Pioneer
- \$1,000 Heritage
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## Katie Wheeler Library

The Katie Wheeler Branch Library was dedicated on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 13109 Old Myford Road, the northeast corner near the intersection of Jamboree and Irvine Blvd. The library, named after Katie Wheeler, granddaughter of James Irvine, is located at the site of the original Irvine family ranch home, which was gutted by fire in 1965. The library was carefully designed to replicate a historic residence.

Originally constructed by C.E. French in 1876, James Irvine II nearly doubled its size in 1892. Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Irvine moved his wife and three children permanently to the ranch. Through the use of old photographs and architectural drawings, the house was restored with help from the Irvine Foundation (through the Orange County Community Foundation); the City of Irvine; the Orange County Public Library; the county's Harbors, Beaches and Parks Department; and the Orange County Historical Commission.



Photos from the Orange County Library website.



## Welcome New Members

- Ben Penman  
*(winner of window contest)*
- Melodie Jones  
*(winner of window contest)*
- Bob Leahy
- Stephen Gould

## In Memoriam

Estella Jean Hoover Stephenson  
 - TUHS 1942  
 Fred Walker, Sr.

## Museum Hours

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
 9 am – 2 pm  
 First and Third Saturday  
 of each month  
 12 pm – 3 pm  
**Open to Visitors**  
**Admission is Free**

## To All Members:

*If you have an email address, please let us know so we can keep our membership up to date between newsletter mailings.*  
 Call the Museum at  
 (714) 831-5701 on  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays between  
 9 am and 2pm, and give us  
 the information. Thanks!

## Notary Public

at the Museum  
 Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm  
 Appts. available after hours  
 Bill Finken (714) 838-9861



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## • Coming Events •

### Concerts in the Park

*Sponsored by the City of Tustin*

6 pm on Wednesdays, starting June 25  
at Peppertree Park

230 W. First Street, Old Town Tustin

June 25 – The Fenians (*Irish*)

July 2 – Doo-Wah-Riders (*country*)

July 9 – La International Sonora Show  
(*salsacumbia*)

July 16 – Rubber Soul (*Beatles tribute*)

July 23 – Carry the Zero (*80's music*)

July 30 – Open Wide (*70's and 80's music*)

August 6 – BornBLUE (*blues*)

August 13 – The Answer (*classic rock*)

### Visit Old Courthouse Museum –

Located in the landmark 100 year old

Orange County Courthouse

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Downtown Santa Ana

(714) 834-3703 (1st Floor Exhibit Gallery)

*On View Now*

*Dairies of Orange County and The Old Orange County Jail*

## 2008 Broadway in the Park

### The Music Man

Peppertree Park, Old Town Tustin

August 19-23, 2008

## Accessions

Marjorie Ann	Photo of Main Street, circa 1924
Eddy (Chandler)	Montage of three TUHS photos, circa 1938
Bobbie Prentice	Orange Crate Label (Melwood Acres) Watercolor of Prentice Home in Santa Ana Cream separator parts Drill press
Mrs. Frank Sellars	Books: Roll of Honor, Tustin News, 1945 Tustin High School 1966 Audion
Mary Prescott, Earl Prescott, and Phil Cox	Two 7x10 photos of Prescott Ranch Market (along with a .jpg of the above photos)
John Tillotson	Two bricks from UTT Juice Company
Paul Via	Book: Roll of Honor, Tustin News 1945