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DOUG RECIEVES A RICHLY DESERVED AWARD

What would you expect from Tustin native, former career Marine officer, and long-time high school teacher, Doug Manning, other than his very best effort at all times? The Tustin Area Historical Society and Museum was proud to name Doug as our Volunteer of the Year at the 2nd annual Tustin Community Foundation's event for non-profit organizations of the greater Tustin area. He was in good company, being joined by our Mayor and 25 generous and dedicated volunteers also being honored at a luncheon held in the garden of Wilcox Manor on May 4th.



Having attained the age at which many settle into their armchairs, an idle retirement just wasn't in the cards for Doug. He serves as a docent on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our 3rd grade tours of the Museum, regaling the students with spell-binding stories of growing up in this once-quiet rural area. Over the past 20 years of involvement with the Historical Society, he has been

a director on the Historical Society's board, is always available to work on our special events, and was named by Jeanne Brown, past president of the Historical Society, as the official 'Supervisor of the Basement', where he spends countless hours organizing and cataloging our stored archives. We suspect he enjoys the quiet down there. Without doubt, Doug earned the right to be named our Volunteer of the Year.

GENTLY USED BOOKS A SUCCESS

Two months ago, board director Mark Adamson suggested that we begin collecting and selling gently used books on history. We are an historical society, after all, and presumably the people who belong to the Society and tour the Museum have an interest in history of all sorts. He was apparently correct. After spending the last two months organizing and cataloging the many books which have been donated to us, he and his wife, Nancy Tchiderer, set up a booth during the Promenade and sold more than 40 books, netting over \$100 for the Society. Mark also suggests that after you've purchased a book from the museum – at a very reasonable price – and read it, you might consider donating it back to the Museum for others to enjoy. It would be our own little TAHS book club, and a continuing source of income for the Museum. If you have a historical novel that you've enjoyed, please consider donating it to us. The best sellers so far are California history, the Civil War and military history, historical novels and biographies.

TAKE NOTE

We are moving up the hour of all future General (speaker) Meetings from 7:30 to 7:00. We hope this will help those who hesitate to drive after dark during the winter months, and it will get us all home a bit earlier.

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Open to Visitors
Admission is Free

Strolling Through Tustin

Our Promenade was, once again, a decided success. It almost seemed as if the weather that day must have been especially ordered just for us. In years past, we've endured record-breaking heat, drizzle, and more often than not,



unseasonable June Gloom, but the morning of the Home Tour dawned bright, sunny, and slightly breezy, then stayed that way for the entire event. It was a wonderful day to tour Tustin, and not only our five Tour homes, but the entire town, seemed to be dressed up for the occasion. Our courtyard vendors were very pleased with the response to their displays, the 'gently used' books from our new history collection were very popular, and the beautiful quilts on display in the church's community room were a huge success. The Refreshment Area in the shade of the oaks at the corner of Main and 'A' Streets was bustling with people and chit-chat all day, and it truly seemed as if all of Tustin was having a party



It's never just about the homes, though – it's the fun of meeting and greeting, once again, the wonderful volunteers who return year after year to help us out, and the thrill of recognizing many of the people we've often seen among our guests on prior tours. All of us who work on the Home Tour had a wonderful time, and if you couldn't be with us this year, we hope to see you for our next Promenade.

HIGH TEA, ANYONE?

The Historical Society is partnering with the Tustin Community Foundation, TACFA, and the Tustin Preservation Society to present an English High Tea and private tour of the home and gardens of Wilcox Manor on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. If you haven't had an opportunity to see this wonderful and

very historic home, you might like to join us for this event. The cost is \$25 a person, and reservations must be received before Monday, June 7th. Root out your tea party gloves, bring a friend or two, and make an afternoon of it. Contact the Tustin Area Museum at (714) 732-5701 for information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2010 Promenade proved to be a successful event. There was an abundance of spectators and visitors, and our financial needs were met. It is estimated that we had over 100 volunteers that day from house docents to people handing out refreshments. Special thanks go out to Joyce Miller for the selection of homes, and to Doreen Corwin for organizing the volunteers. The Promenade Committee, made up of Sindi Corwin, Joe Sprekelmeyer, Bill Teter, Gretchen Whisler and Erma Zwirner, are to be congratulated. Tony Coco is to be complimented for securing the vendors, and Sharon Teter for organizing the Quilt Show. Thanks to Gretchen Whisler for our post-Promenade party, and a special word of appreciation to Barbara Hannegan and Bill Finken, our office staff, for their invaluable help.

We are again involved in Tustin's Chili Cook-off on Sunday, June 6th. We will have a booth across from the Museum where we'll be selling food and drinks. We hope to see you there. Have a great summer.

Joe Sprekelmeyer, President

WE'RE HIGH-TECH NOW

As you can well imagine, dragging museum workers into the high-tech age is a bit of a feat, but new board member, Pete Beatty, is doing just that using a combination of carrots and sticks. For years, the Museum and Historical Society has sort of languished in the shadows, bursting forth now and then to host our Promenade, but he thought we could be more accessible to a general public that might stumble across us by accident. Using his skills creating blog sites for business customers, he has built 65 Tustin history sites, all tied to our existing website, www.tustinhistory.com. Some are still a work in progress (mainly because they depend on us luddites to add information to them), some are complete, but all might be of interest to you. Go to our main website and check them out.

Accessions:

Del Pickney	Tustin Police Dept Photographs and Trading Cards; Toy Replicas of Police Cruisers marked with Tustin PD insignia
Lee & Mary Staton	Vintage wash basin and pitchers Unknown Book of Henry Longfellow's Poems - date unknown
Earle LaCasse	CD " St. Cecilia Church History – First 50 Years"
Bill Finken	Book "The Truth Triumphant" Copyright Catholic Church 1897 Unknown Three original Orange Crate Labels
Fred & Robin Fry	Numerous household items and tools circa 1920's through 1950's
Joyce Miller	Poster of Saddleback Chapel's founders with photo and short biography

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JUANITA LOVRET HONORED

After each year's Promenade, an appreciation reception replete with food and drink is held in the Museum to thank all the homeowners and docents for their generosity and time. This year's event, though, had a surprise ending when we were joined by Bob Gross, Exalted Ruler of the Santa Ana Elk's Lodge, and Flo Llanos, First Lady of the Elks, who presented Juanita Lovret with their Citizen of the Year award.

Nobody deserves this award more than Juanita. For years, her weekly "Remember When" column in the Tustin News has been the first thing many people turn to – she is really the keeper of Tustin's history and that of its earliest residents, and we are thankful to have someone to tell our story. In addition to her column, she is also a popular speaker on Tustin history at local events, and has been an enthusiastic volunteer for the Historical Society since its inception. *Congratulations, Juanita!*

