



Then & Now

TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2014

Great food awaits at Taste Treats 2014

Bring your appetite and be ready for a Great evening at the Tulare City Historical Society's 24th annual Taste Treats in Tulare, set for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, in the Heritage Complex at the International Agri-Center.

Taste Treats is the largest annual fund-raiser for the Tulare Historical Museum. We have a terrific lineup of restaurants, caterers and food vendors who will provide delicious "tastes" from their menus. A silent and live auction will add

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to the fun.

Sponsors for Taste Treats this year include: Adair & Evans, Robert and Joyce Bandy, Bank of the Sierra, Robert & Doe Clark, J.D. Heiskell & Co., Claribel Lagomarsino, M. Green and Company LLP, NSE Insurance - Jeff & Denise Nelson, Pro-PT Physical Therapy, Rabobank, Tulare County Cabrillo Civic Club # 12, Valley Business Bank, and

Supervisor Pete Vander Poel.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and are available at the museum, 444 W. Tulare Ave., Tulare; or from members of the Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees. Phone orders can be placed using Visa or MasterCard. Call 559-686-2074 for more information.



"From the THM Vaults"



Unknown by J. Hoover, 1894



The Young Cavalier
by Courier & Ives

The Tulare Historical Museum is pleased to announce our next exhibition in our Heritage Art Gallery from October 2nd - November 1st. We will be showing personal THM Artwork from the museum's "Vintage Art Collection."

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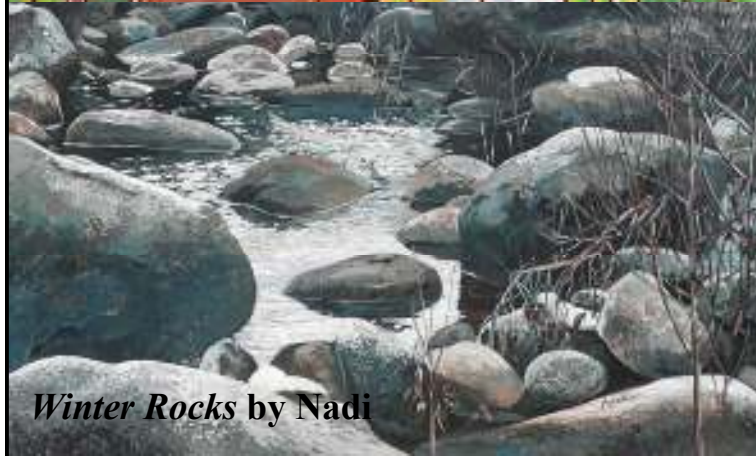
HOURS:
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
every third Sunday, Sept. to May

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Cello by Nadi



Winter Rocks by Nadi



Two Tethered by Nadi

“Paintings by Nadi Spencer” opens Nov. 6

“Paintings by Nadi Spencer” opens November 6 in the Museum’s Heritage Art Gallery.

Nadi is a local artist who lives in Three Rivers. She paints for fun, but also for a living. She has been painting for over 40 years. She PAINTS every day of the year. She is a full-time artist creating acrylic and watercolor art.

Says Nadi, “When I was much younger I dreamed of having EVERYTHING. As time went on, I tweaked the details of my dreams. I started giving up things that weren’t important. Who needs TV? My career and

my dogs keep me busy. I’ve recently switched my focus to dog portraits, and business is booming. I still don’t have television or a cell-phone, and I walk to work. I love my family, my friends, and my dogs. Life has weeded out the nonsense and left me with the stuff of my dreams.”

A reception for Nadi will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Artist’s Reception
Thursday, November 6
5 to 7 p.m.
Heritage Art Gallery**

Thursday, November 6, in the Heritage Art Gallery. It is free and open to the public. The show will continue through January 3, 2015.

You won’t want to miss Nadi’s lovely artwork.

For more information, call 559.686.2074.



Raven Nest by Nadi

**THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON IS COMING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

TASTE TREATS IN TULARE

The Tulare Historical Museum likes to make it easy for you to support our efforts. All you have to do is EAT, DRINK and BE MERRY! Sample the best foods and beverages in the Valley without leaving town! Visit old friends or make new ones, and don't forget to bid on the terrific live & silent auction items.

This is the event that everyone will be talking about. It's our biggest FUND-RAISER of the year, yet tickets are only \$50 and includes all beverages! Taste Treats tickets sell out FAST! So, don't wait or you'll miss out on this highly anticipated, annual food-tasting extravaganza!



**MONDAY
October 27
Heritage Complex
International
Agri-Center
4500 S. Laspina St.
Tulare, California
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

For more information about this or other Museum events, please call: **686-2074** or visit our website:

**www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org
to purchase tickets online**

Get ready, get set, EAT! Every year Tulare anticipates **TASTE TREATS**, our unique local event featuring the area's finest restaurants offering samples of their best dishes, drinks and desserts.

As always there will be a fine representation of vendors and a great live & silent auction.

The 24th annual event is set for Monday, October 27, 2014.

Tickets are \$50.00 (price includes beverages).

MAIL TO: Tulare City Historical Society, PO Box 248, Tulare, California 93275-0248

- Please reserve ___ tickets @ \$50.00 each (price includes beverages).
- I cannot attend but I wish to donate \$_____ in support.

Name: _____

Address: _____

- Amount enclosed \$ _____
- Charge my VISA/MASTERCARD _____ Exp. _____

Signature: _____

Honorary and Memorial Contributions

Contributions received as of Sept. 30, 2014

**In Honor of Joyce Bandy's
80th Birthday**

Dave & Cari Bandy
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In Memory of

Honorable Paul Vortmann

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Tulare City Historical Society Memberships and Renewals

Received as of
Sept. 30, 2014

RENEWALS

Individuals

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Gerald Benton
Howard Berger
Ethel Borba
Inez Cardoza
Sandy Curry
Billie Fry
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Bill & Joanie Ingram
Kent & Susane Jensen
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Wallace & Billie King
Clinton & Donna Lacock
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Fred & Lynn Lampe
Mario & Sharon Martin
Dennis & Cathy Mederos
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Phillip Curti
Nancy Gregg
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Stephen Renton
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Pest Control
Jeff Wilbur
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William &
John Jongsma Dairy

Lifetime

Carolyn Wilbur

New Family

Richard Harrison &
Antoinette Pellanda

Volunteer Spotlight: Patricia Hillman

The Tulare Historical Museum is pleased to have Patricia Hillman as our "Volunteer Spotlight" for this edition of our *Then&Now* Newsletter.

Says Pat, "Tulare has been home to members of my family since 1886 when my grandparents, Jeff and Lucy Heiskell, moved here from Stockton to start a grain storage business, now known as J.D. Heiskell and Company. Five generations and 128 years later, we are still in the same business and Tulare is still home."

Pat continues, "My sister and I were both born in the front bedroom of our family home on West Tulare Street - where Wendy's is now. That area was "country" in those days. There were only three elementary schools in Tulare and we walked to Wilson School until 6th grade and then rode our bikes to the newly built Cherry Avenue until we graduated and went on to the only high school in town, Tulare Union.

My mother had been a teacher and was very musical so we took music lessons and practiced every day, but there was plenty of time for riding our horses and playing with our friends and going to the mountains in the summers. My grandparents lived on the other side of town where there were sidewalks so we learned to roller skate at their house.

After high school graduation, I went to Fresno State and graduated four years later with a double teaching credential, both elementary and high school. My first job was



Patricia Hillman - Docent
(photo by Scott Shaver)

at Roosevelt High School in Fresno where I taught English, general music and debate. Since I had never even seen a team debate, it was a learning experience for all involved.

Four years later I married Dale Hillman, a Tulare farmer, whose family members had been friends of the Heiskells for years. I moved back home and taught kindergarten at Roosevelt Elementary School for a year. At about this time, Dale went to work at the family business.

Our children began to arrive after that. First was our only daughter, Honore, who lives in Monterey and is a writer. Then came our son, Scot, who is chairman of the board at the family company. Our second son, Bret, is now a Superior Court Judge in Tulare County.

Our third son, Kent, is an educator and musician in Dallas, Texas. They have given us ten delightful grandchildren. After 92 good years, Dale passed away in 2012.

While the children were in high school and college, I substituted at the high school level and then coordinated the Mentally Gifted Minor (MGM) program there for eight years.

I have always been fascinated with history and have long realized the necessity to preserve the stories, facts and artifacts that keep us in touch with our past. Volunteering at the Tulare Historical Museum since its inception has been a privilege and a joy. The vision of the Tulare museum founders has been an invaluable gift to us and the generations to come."

"Adopt an Animal" Contest

Beginning this year, THM's 3rd grade class field trips are getting involved with Tulare and valley history firsthand in a fun way. Our brand new "Adopt an Animal" contest has begun for all Tulare area 3rd grade classes and runs the entire school year. THM has a beautiful collection of "stuffed animals" of the real variety, who all need names! To kick off the contest, the first animal highlight is our "unofficial mascot", our beloved kit fox, who has been with us since the beginning.

In the process of learning about the highlighted animals, each class will choose and submit a class name. The winning name will be announced at the end of the school year, with a prize going to the winning class. Each animal will then have its own name card proudly displayed with its new name, along with the name and year of the winning class. THM is always excited to play a part in the education of our young school children, and we look forward to this multi-year contest!

2015: Tulare Historical Museum's 30th Anniversary

With this being the final Newsletter for 2014, we look ahead to next year's milestone, the 30th anniversary of the Tulare Historical Museum.

Get ready, as everything next year will be in celebration of our big anniversary! If you're not already friends and followers of our Facebook page you'll want to be, as fun special content will be available throughout the year for our followers. Plus much more to come at the Museum throughout the year.

Come celebrate with us, all next year!!



From the Files of Tulare Newspapers**Daily Tulare Advance, October 26, 1906****Brief Local News Items:**

"Central Meat Market, S. B. Anderson, Proprietor. Oysters and Fresh Fish. Refrigerated meats, dressed poultry, sausages, fresh and salted meats of all kinds. Cash paid for hides, pelts and fat stock."

"We have just received a carload of Coulson's Chicken Food. Come and see us. Linder Hardware Co."

"The Pavilion-One Night Only--Thursday, November 1--Tex Rickard presents the only genuine Moving Pictures of the Gans-Nelson Fight at Goldfields. Also views of the Nevada Gold Mines. Don't miss seeing them. Admission--50¢."

"Home cooking at the Sumner House. Try a meal and see how you like it."

"In ordering goods, bear in mind that Linders have the first cranberries of the season."

"Jim Madden of Perry, Oklahoma, is here visiting relatives. He had been in San Francisco and is on his way to Los Angeles. Mr. Madden is greatly pleased with this locality and it is likely that he will very soon come to California to make his home. Mr. Madden is a brother of Mrs. J. J. Richardson of this city."

"Tulare Prospering"

Nearly every day the Tulare papers record the good news that some newcomer from the East is settling on land recently purchased on that locality. Nobody feels better over this evidence of returning growth than the Sentinel does. We have ever a warm place in our heart for Tulare. The clearing up of the irrigation districts bonds started that community on toward a new life. The Tulare district is filled up with a mighty good stock of old pioneers. They have more nearly approached the sort of people who have helped make Kings County what it is than any people we know of in California. That is why all Kings County rejoices when it is stated that Tulare is again where the spirit of its people meant to have started long ago. Here's our fist, neighbor

--Hanford Sentinel

"Sewing Club Entertained":

Miss Bessie Wilkins, on Tuesday evening, entertained what is known by nickname as the Old Maid's Sewing Club. This club is composed of about 15 of Tulare young ladies who meet once a week for needle work. They believe in combining work and pleasure and so have formed the club with that end in view. One of the young ladies remarked today that could some of the bachelor men of the community look upon the members of the club as they studiously engage in their work, tears of repentance, would doubtless be brought to their eyes.

The refreshments served at last evening's meeting were doughnuts, brown bread and Spanish beans.

*Museum Schedule of Events***OCTOBER 2014**

October 2 - Exhibit Opens "**From the THM Vaults**"

October 9 - 9:30 a.m. - Garden Club Meeting - Heritage Art Gallery

October 15 - Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15 p.m., Audio-Visual Room.

October 17 - 7:00 p.m. Palette Club Meeting - Heritage Art Gallery

October 19 - Sunday, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m., Museum open for free

October 27 - Taste Treats in Tulare 2014, Heritage Complex. 4500 S. Laspina Ave. 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2014

Nov 6 - Exhibit opens, "**Paintings by Nadi Spencer**" Artist's reception 5 to 7 p.m., Heritage Art Gallery.

Nov 12 - Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15 p.m., Audio - Visual Room.

NOVEMBER 2014 (cont).

Nov. 13 - Garden Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - Heritage Art Gallery

Nov. 16 - Sunday, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Museum open for free

Nov. 21 - Palette club Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - Heritage Art Gallery

November 27 & 28 - Museum Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2014

Dec 5 - Docent meeting, 9 a.m., Audio-Visual Room

Dec 11 - 9:30 a.m., Garden Club Mtg. - Heritage Art Gallery

Dec 17 - Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15 p.m., Audio-Visual Room.

Dec 21 - Sunday, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Museum open for free

Dec 21 - 2 - 4:00 p.m. "**Miniatures**" Reception - Audio - Visual Room

Dec. 25 & 26 — Museum Closed - Christmas Holiday

Tulare Hero Highlights

(to learn more about Olympic champion and Congressman Robert "Bob" Mathias visit us at the Tulare Historical Museum)



At Post, left, president of the New Jersey A.A.U., awards the National A.A.U. Association trophy to Bob Mathias following the 17 year old Tulare High School star's victory yesterday. Looking on are Irv Mandelheim, center

New York, former champion, who finished second, and Floyd Simmons, Los Angeles Athletic Club, who was third. These three will represent the United States in the Olympic Games in London this summer.



Massachusetts' Bob Mathias correct two loose bolts on the Indian-shaped Oregon State, 35-19. On this, a 100 ft. from the 100 yard line many fans reached out for the passing fullback, but couldn't get him. It was Stanford's third score of the day. Another picture and details on sport page. Photo: I. A. P. Wirephoto.

Fresno Bee - June 28, 1948

Tulare Advance-Register Nov. 19, 1951



CHAMPION AGAIN—Bob Mathias, Tulare's scholastic wonder-boy, is Helsinki today set a new Olympic distance mark and became the first man in Olympic history to win the title twice. The towns are celebrating today, and Visalia join them in spirit. This great star has a Tulare address, but he belongs to the world, and as such the country that claims a share in celebrating his great triumph today. — (Times-Delta Photo)



CELEBRITY GUESTS — At (left) center, secretary-manager of the Tulare County Fair, one of the gate personality to greet two high level guests, Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin, right, and Rep. Bob Mathias, 2-Vicilla.

Visalia Times - Delta - July 26, 1952

Fresno Bee c. 1969-1971



Tulare City Historical Society
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____

*To make it easier, we have changed our memberships to four categories.
New membership rates are as follows:*

- Individual - \$40 annually** *Free admission, newsletter.*
- Family - \$60 annually** *Free admission for yourself, your spouse and your children under 16. Free newsletter.*
- Individual Patron - \$100 annually** *Free admission, newsletter, 6 guest passes, 10% discount at museum gift shop and special invitations to receptions and exhibits.*
- Business Sponsor - \$200 annually.** *Free admission, newsletter, 8 guest passes, 10% discount at museum gift shop and special invitations to receptions and exhibits.*
- Lifetime - \$1,000** *One-time contribution per individual. Includes all benefit privileges for life.*
- Friend of the Museum -** *Optional donation. Your annual financial contribution helps us maintain our beautiful museum.*

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- Check enclosed.** *Payable to Tulare City Historical Society, please.*
- Please charge my Visa or MasterCard.** Account number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature _____

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