

Then & Now

TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER 2012



Orange Ash, photograph by James Stark.

'Varied Impressions' art exhibit opens January 12

The eighth edition of the Tulare Historical Museum's "Tulare County: Varied Impressions" art exhibit opens January 12 in the Heritage Room.

This unique show features the work of local artists depicting their "impressions" of the people and places in Tulare County.

Artists' Reception
Thursday, January 12
5 to 7 p.m.
Heritage Room

The paintings, drawings, photographs, mosaics and sculptures express a unique way of looking at Tulare County

and the people who live here.

A reception for the artists will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, January 12, in the Heritage Room. It is free and open to the public. The show will continue through February 25.

For more information, call 559-686-2074.

Museum to host 'A Night in Nashville'

Slide on your cowboy boots and bring your appetite on Friday, February 24, when the Tulare Historical Museum goes country with "A Night in Nashville."

Our annual spring dinner party will have a western flare this year and include live entertainment for a foot-stompin' good time.

The festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. with a chuck wagon-style dinner with all the country fixin's. Then, you'll be entertained by Jerry Hall and Trick Shot, one of the most popular country and western bands in the San Joaquin Valley.

Tickets to this event are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. Seating is limited to 112, and we expect a sellout! Reserve your seats today by calling the museum, 559-686-2074, or order tickets using PayPal from our website.

Please see DINNER, Page 3

Buy a \$5 ticket, win a miniature work of art

Some small works of art are a big hit at the Tulare Historical Museum.

Our fourth annual "Miniatures" exhibit opened on Dec. 18 with an artists' reception.

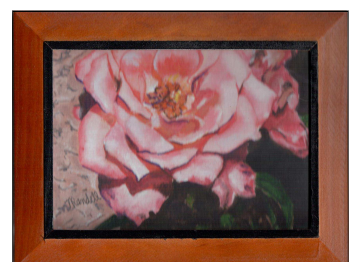
The show features 69 small works of art, none bigger than 7 inches by 9 inches.

A variety of media are represented, including acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, photography, mixed media and pottery. All works were donated to the museum by the artists and are displayed in the museum's Audio-Visual Room.

Art fans can take home one

or more of these little gems by purchasing tickets. One winner will be drawn by raffle for each artwork. Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for three.

The show will continue through March 19, when the drawing will take place and the winners notified.



Rose, acrylic by Nancy Randell.

TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bill Ingram, President
Libby Boghosian, Vice President
Denise Nelson, Secretary
Sharon Van Weerdhuizen, Treasurer

Pam Beck, Libby Boghosian,
Anthony DeRose, Anne Hoffman,
Janie Hunt, Alfonso Gamino,
Ross Gentry, Shea Gowin, Bill
Ingram, Kenneth Lange, Mario
Martin, Kent McNatt, Denise
Nelson, Tony Nunes, Michael
Wasnick
Trustees

Pat Joncoaltz
Ex-officio member

Teens on Board:
Sonja Gamino, Mission Oak
Austany Macias, Tulare Union
Sarah Orique, Tulare Western

Terry Brazil - Director

Linda Ruminer - Archivist/
Historian

Lynda Thullen - Curator

Ellen C. Gorelick
Director-Curator Emerita

Bob Bandy
Finance Director

Ron Vaughan
Docent Coordinator

Lynda Thullen
Gift Shop Buyer

Helen McCourt
Gift Shop Coordinator

Marleen Borges
Gift Shop Inventory

Cathy Mederos
Membership Secretary

Lynda Thullen
Then&Now Editor

OUR ADDRESS
444 W. Tulare Ave.,
Tulare, CA 93274-3831

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

TO CONTACT US
Telephone: (559) 686-2074
Fax: (559) 686-9295
www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org

Essay contest winners chosen

The winners have been announced for the Tulare Historical Museum's second annual Essay Writing Contest.

The theme of the contest was "What I Learned from a Grandparent." First-place winners received \$75. Runners-up received \$25.

The winners are:

Seventh grade: Rudy Caballero III and Chloe Cushing, both from Sundale School, tie for first place. Runner-up: Joel Mayorga-Gonzales, Sundale School.

Eighth grade: Christian Webb, Live Oak School, first place. Runner-up: Austin Molezzo, Live Oak School.

High School: Montanna Tarkington, Tulare Union, first place.

The winners were honored at the Tulare City Historical Society's "Sunday @ 2" program on Dec. 18. They read their essays and displayed accompanying family memorabilia. Their memorabilia can be viewed in the Audio-Visual Room through the end of January.

'Sunday @ 2' program to honor Jack Kelley



Jack Kelley, photo from the 1941 Argus.

Our next "Sunday @ 2" program on January 15 will honor the late Jack Kelley, a Tulare sports star who gained prominence as a police officer and civic leader in Fresno.

The speaker will be Keith Kelley, Jack Kelley's son. The program begins at 2 p.m. in the museum's Heritage Room. The museum is open free of charge that day from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Jack Kelley was born in Canada, and his family settled in Tulare when he was young. He was a star in three sports at Tulare Union and

was named to the 1940 All-Valley football team. After graduation from Fresno State College and a short-lived pro football career, Kelley joined the Fresno Police Department and became the first black detective and sergeant. He and his



Senior photo

wife founded Fresno's African-American Historical and Cultural Museum. Kelley died on Oct. 25 at age 91.

Tulare City Historical Society Memberships and Renewals

Received as of
December 24, 2011

NEW
Individual
Nina Akin

Family
Alfonso and Guadalupe Gamino

Supporting
Lettie Harrald

RENEWALS

Individual
Ethel Borba
Ruth Caudle
Theresa Clouse
Mary Distro
Jeff Edwards
Nivia Fernandes
Elizabeth Johnstone (Brennan)
Patricia Joncoaltz
Joyce Lampe
Phyllis Ogden

Helen Pacheco
Lionel Pires
Vicki Pires
Stephen Present
Shirley Pugh
Joyce Sparlin
Pat Thomas
Ione Walden
Dolores Witt

Family
Craig and Sarina Bergman
Tony and Carolyn Cardoza
Dewane and Linda Crase
Anthony and Angela DeRose
Wallace and Nellie Gordon
Joseph and Rhonda Horswill
Kent and Susane Jensen
Curt and Janet Lange
Dennis and Cathy Mederos
Gib and Jean Moorhead
Clifton and Barbara Paregien
Bill and Charlene Postlewaite
Virgil and Donna Shoemaker
Joseph and Deanne Soares

Mat and Luann Sozinho
Tony and Kim Taylor

Contributing
Jane Avila
John Beck

Supporting
Raymond Ellis
Sharon Ellis
Dona McClure
Carlene Ringius

Patron
Joyce Altaffer
Gladwyn Burris
Ross Gentry
Pat Gist Shirley
John Thomas
Carolyn Wilbur

Business
William and John Jongsma Dairy

Dinner

Continued from Page 1

tularehistoricalmuseum.org.

Jerry Hall and Trick Shot was formed more than 30 years ago. They have opened for country greats such as Pam Tillis and Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers.

Trick Shot will perform numbers from local country stars such as Lefty Frizzell, David Frizzell, Jean Shepard, Randy Sharp, Sons of the San Joaquin, Randi Coulter, and Bakersfield artists Buck Owens and Merle Haggard.

As members of the Western Music Association, the group was nominated by their peers and fans for the 2009 Western/Cowboy Traditional Swing Band of the Year, and in 2010 judged to be in a three-way tie for top harmony trio for the Association.

THE TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

A Night in Nashville

6:30 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2012

Tulare Historical Museum Heritage Room

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Reservations ____ x \$50 each = ____ (A reserved table for 8 is \$400.00)

My payment is enclosed.

Charge my VISA/MASTERCARD _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Please return this form with your check, made payable to the Tulare Historical Museum, or your Visa/MasterCard information to:
PO Box 248, Tulare CA 93275-0248.

Seating is limited, so don't delay!

Members are generous with year-end donations

As we near the end of 2011, we look back with gratitude on another terrific year for the Tulare Historical Museum and the Tulare City Historical Society.

Our loyal volunteers, members and supporters have contributed their time, talents and resources, making it possible for us to fulfill our mission of preserving the history of Tulare and offering cultural events to the community.

We are thankful for all we were able to accomplish in 2011.

■ We hosted five major fundraisers, including the new the "Summer Doo-Wop Spectacular" concert and a very successful "Taste Treats in Tulare."

■ We published the book "Korean Prisoner of War Story: Freedom is Not Free" by W.L. "Jack" Doerty with the help of the Tulare Union High School Class of 1945.

■ We hosted seven art exhibits in our Heritage Room featuring the work of talented local artists.

■ We installed and dedicated a new flagpole with a grant from the AMVETS Department of California Service Foundation.

■ The Tulare City Historical Society sponsored eight "Sunday @ 2" programs, which are free cultural events on a variety of topics.

Like many non-profit organizations, the Tulare City Historical Society has seen a reduction in contributions in this difficult economy. Many of our members have given year-end donations in response to our recent letter.

If you have not sent in a donation but would like to help, please use the coupon on this page.

The Tulare Historical Museum is regarded by many as one of the best community museums in the state. Our visitors come from near and far, and many tell us that our museum is truly a special place. Your donation will help protect the future of this wonderful facility and keep it vital for years to come.

Yes! I would like to support the Tulare City Historical Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Method of Payment:

Check VISA Mastercard

Account #: _____

Expiration: _____ Signature: _____

**Tulare City Historical Society
PO Box 248 ▪ Tulare, CA 93275-0248**

Thank you for your support!

Briefly ...

Student Art Show opens March 1

The artwork of Tulare school students will be featured in the annual Student Art Show, opening Thursday, March 1, at the Tulare Historical Museum.

A reception for the artists and their families will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in the museum's Heritage Room. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

The show will feature work in many different media, including watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, portraits and ceramics. The show will continue through March 24.

Flag pole light stolen, being replaced

If you have driven by the museum at night recently, you may have noticed that our new flag pole is in the dark. A thief stole our recently-installed spotlight from the roof. We are in the process of getting a new one, and we hope to have the flag up and fully lit again soon.

Mini exhibit of celebrity photos opens Feb. 2

In the spirit of the Oscar and Grammy award season, the museum will have a small exhibit of signed celebrity photos in the Audio-Visual Room starting February 2. The photos are on loan from Chris Harrell.

Museum Schedule of Events

JANUARY 2012

January 6

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

January 9

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

January 12

Valley Oak Garden Club meeting, 9:30 a.m., Heritage Room.
Exhibit opening: **"Tulare County: Varied Impressions."**
Artists' reception 5 to 7 p.m., Heritage Room.

January 15

Tulare City Historical Society's **"Sunday @ 2"** program featuring Keith Kelley speaking on his father, Jack Kelley, 2 p.m., Heritage Room. Museum open free of charge.

FEBRUARY 2012

February 2

Exhibit of autographed celebrity photographs opens in the Audio-Visual Room.

February 3

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

February 9

Valley Oak Garden Club meeting, 9:30 a.m., Heritage Room.

February 13

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

February 17

Tulare Palette Club meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Room.

February 19

Tulare City Historical Society's **"Sunday @ 2"** program, 2 p.m., Heritage Room. Museum open free of charge.

February 23

Beginning Digital Photography class taught by Brent Paull, 6 p.m., Heritage Room. Cost: \$20. Call 559-686-2074.

February 24

"A Night in Nashville" fund-raiser for the Tulare Historical Museum, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Room. Chuck wagon-style dinner and entertainment by Jerry Hall and Trick Shot. Tickets \$50 each. Call 559-686-2074.

MARCH 2012

March 1

Annual Student Art Show opens. Reception for artists 4 to 6 p.m., Heritage Room.

March 2

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

March 8

Valley Oak Garden Club meeting, 9:30 a.m., Heritage Room.
Nature and Wildlife Photography Class taught by Brent Paull, 6 p.m., Heritage Room. Cost: \$20. Call 559-686-2074.

March 12

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

March 16

Tulare Palette Club meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Room.

March 18

Tulare City Historical Society's **"Sunday @ 2"** program, 2 p.m., Heritage Room. Museum open free of charge.

March 24

Last day to view **Annual Student Art Show**, Heritage Room.

March 29

Exhibit opens: Watercolor paintings by Peggy Shaffer. Artist's reception 5 to 7 p.m., Heritage Room.

Honorary and Memorial Contributions

Contributions received as of Dec. 28, 2011

***In Honor of Jo Ann George
on her 80th Birthday***
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Marge Allen
Ethel Borba

***In Memory of
Boyd "Swede" Altaffer***
*Joyce Altaffer
Walter and Ellen Gorelick*

In Memory of Jean Soultz Burnett
Gerry Soultz

In Memory of Dr. David Billings
*Red and Bernice Green
Mimi Hoffman*

In Memory of Jack Buell
Harry and Audrey Dooley

In Memory of Albert Cabral
Gerry Soultz

In Memory of George Clark
*Ethel Borba
The Harry Dooley Family
Walter and Ellen Gorelick*

In Memory of Lily Clark
*Ethel Borba
Oliver and Lois Borba
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cotta
Harry and Audrey Dooley
Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Fern Haller*

*Dale and Pat Hillman
Tom and Patti Logan
Bernice Morris*

*Robert and Loretta Murray
Randy and Arlene Parreira
Fred and Mitzi Ruiz*

*Mary and Marc Santos and Family
Virgil and Donna Shoemaker
Frank and Barbara Soares
Gerry Soultz
Charles and Connie Thompson
The Watry Family*

In Memory of Pauline Costa
*Dennis and Pam Beck
Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Frances Lillyman
Virgil and Donna Shoemaker*

In Memory of Edith Davis
*Twila Cooper
Walter and Ellen Gorelick*

In Memory of Betty Gaynard
*Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Col. Judith Kautz*

In Memory of Donald Giacomazzi
Red and Bernice Green

In Memory of Kathy Henson
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Benita Hope
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Ethel Jensen
Abe Kazarian

***In Memory of
Evelyn "Susie" Johnson***
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Frank Lawrence
Harry and Audrey Dooley

In Memory of Dr. George Lavers
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Fred Maciel
George Pappas and Zelia Snell

In Memory of Richard McCarthy
*Skip and Mary Jane Barnwick
Alan and Jo Ann George
Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Dale and Pat Hillman*

In Memory of Hoot Perdue
Red and Bernice Green

In Memory of Dr. George Rider
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Lois Setser
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Phillip Smelley
Red and Bernice Green

In Memory of Cecil Smith
*Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Dale and Pat Hillman*

In Memory of Frank Soares
Red and Bernice Green

In Memory of Damon Stanley
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Robert Stringham
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Glen Sumruld
*Walter and Ellen Gorelick
Red and Bernice Green*

In Memory of Jack Theige
Red and Bernice Green

In Memory of Lorraine Wallace
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Frances Watry
Rene and June Van Wingerden

In Memory of David Watte
Walter and Ellen Gorelick

In Memory of Bob Wills
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Mary Lou Wills
Mimi Hoffman

In Memory of Randall J. Zeeb
Mimi Hoffman



Honorary and Memorial donations can be made in any amount. Please send the name of the person you wish to honor and your donation to the Tulare City Historical Society, PO Box 248, Tulare CA 93275

Tulare City Historical Society
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____

- Student - \$12.50 annually** *For students through 12th grade. Free admission, newsletter.*
- Individual - \$30 annually** *Free admission, newsletter.*
- Contributing - \$40 annually** *Free admission, newsletter, 2 guest passes.*
- Family - \$50 annually** *Free admission for yourself, your spouse and your children under 16. Free newsletter.*
- Individual Supporting - \$55 annually** *Free admission, newsletter, 4 guest passes, and 10% discount at museum gift shop.*
- 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 - \$150 annually.** *Free admission, newsletter, 8 guest passes, 10% discount at museum gift shop and special invitations to receptions and exhibits.*
- Corporate Sponsor - \$250 annually.** *Free admission, newsletter, 10 guest passes, 10% discount at museum gift shop and special invitations to receptions and exhibits.*
- Friend of the Museum -** *Optional donation. Your annual financial contribution helps us maintain our beautiful museum.*
- Lifetime - \$1,000** *One-time contribution per individual. Includes all benefit privileges for life.*

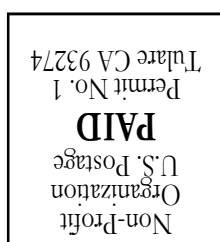
• • •

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

Expiration Date: _____ Signature _____

Mail to: Tulare City Historical Society • PO Box 248 • Tulare CA 93275

WINTER 2012



Tulare City Historical Society
Tulare Historical Museum
444 West Tulare Avenue • Tulare CA 93274
PO Box 248 • Tulare CA 93275

Then & Now