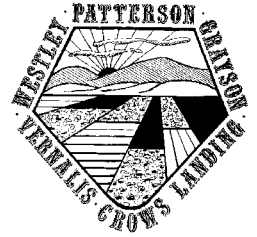




Patterson Township Historical Society

Spokes

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Fiesta Is Big Draw for Museum

The upcoming Apricot Fiesta – June 1-3 – will again become the high traffic weekend of the year for Patterson’s downtown museum.

The museum annually draws from 1500 to nearly 2500 through its doors on Fiesta weekend, and this year should be no exception.

Museum curator Carol Scoles is currently revising displays in the museum, adding one with historic production items from the *Patterson Irrigator*, some of which date back nearly 100 years.

The museum will be staffed by volunteers during its open hours. Volunteers already scheduled are Carolyn English, Chris Collier, Faye Hill, Wendi Ramirez, Linda Briggs, Ron and Kay Swift, Sharon Reeves, Kathy Dennis Irene and Becky Bettencourt, Gordon Ellery, Kevin Nelson, Carole Dompe and Scoles. Dompe is handling the scheduling of workers and still needs a few for the Saturday and Sunday hours.

The museum will be open from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 1; from after the parade until 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Barnstormers Ready for Fiesta, Dinner

The Historical Society’s newest addition – The Barnstormers – who not only have a large display of antique farm equipment on display at this year’s Fiesta, but will have entries of tractors in the Saturday morning parade.

Ken Herger is the society’s curator of antique farm equipment and will have The Barnstormers’ display set up on the Salado Avenue lot across from the public library. No admission will be charged.

Displays of the group have drawn large crowds the past two years, and Herger has organized a large group of volunteers who work weekends as renovating old farm equipment, some of it dating back nearly a century.

Most recently the group was donated the John Deere museum at Highway 132 and River Road by the Bettencourt family. It will be some of the pieces from the museum that will be displayed at the Fiesta.

The Barnstormers will hold a major fund raising dinner at the John Deere museum on Saturday, June 30, from 4-7 p.m. It will serve as an open house for the public, and a silent auction will be held. Tickets are available from Herger. (Dinner details are listed on page 3.)

A PRIDE scholarship of \$400 was recently awarded by The Barnstormers to Patterson High student Jaime Ramos.

Work at Research Center

Faye Hill has been using volunteers as she continues the work started by the late Burta Herger at the John V. Azevedo Research Center on North El Circulo.

The R.C., as it is referred to by volunteers, is where the Historical Society keeps its voluminous files on Patterson area history. They include Patterson family records, files on many of the area’s families, business records, and thousands of photographs.

Recently putting in time with Hill at the R.C. have been Barbara Hartsell and Susan Guest. Anyone wishing to volunteer several hours a month should contact Hill.

President's Message

As President of the Patterson Township Historical Society my goal is to interest young and old alike into volunteering some of their time and energy into helping the Society organize the new Resource Center, help in the Museum and serve as docents to assist our visitors.

Our Resource Center is filled with wonderful pictures, artifacts and much information that needs to be organized, categorized and filed. We need help with computer inputs so that visitors seeking information on our town or on the history of their family can find that information quickly and easily.

We lost one of our most dedicated and hardworking volunteers upon the loss of Burta Herger. She spent many hours at the Museum and Resource Center and also at home organizing files and information about the whole town and the families.

The PTHS has dedicated the Resource Room at the Center to Burta. The Burta Hicks Herger Room, a truly well fit and deserved name.

Did you know: The history of Patterson begins with the Rancho Del Puerto Mexican Land Grant to Mariano and Pedro Hernandez in 1844 by Governor Manuel Micheltorena.

Linda Briggs, President

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Any person interested in the history of this area who applies for membership in any classification and who tenders the necessary dues may become a member.

Annual Dues:

Household. \$20.00
Business. \$100.00
Life Membership. \$150.00

Annual dues are payable as of January 1st each year and are tax deductible. Dues will include mailed copies of *The Gateway* and *Spokes* newsletters to each membership.

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This page contained an ad that was too large for me to scan. The newspaper included the page when it was printed.



This photo of The Curve ball team may have been taken about 1947. This and two other photos were donated to the Patterson Township Historical Society by Shirley Mattos. Now comes the chore of identifying the players and two bat boys. At left is George Mattos and kneeling at left is Floren Grischott. Standing in the back row (center) is Domingos Trinta. Anyone who has further identification is urged to contact a director of the Historical Society. The Curve was a Patterson eatery and watering hole on Highway 33 at the south edge of town where Thompson Chevrolet is now located.

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