



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society April 2017 Newsletter

Potluck/Program, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., April 18, 2017: The guest speaker for our April potluck dinner meeting will be Colonel Richard Rothwell, USMC(ret). Colonel Rothwell is president of the Camp Pendleton Historical Society, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to helping the Marine Corps preserve and tell the history of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. His subject will be "History of Camp Pendleton." Potluck meetings are held in the Barnett Barn on the grounds of the Guy B. Woodward Museum, 645 Main Street We welcome guests. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to serve 8



Work on the **rock gardens** continue around the Verlaque House by Regina Elling. She is a rock wizard and she sure is enhancing the grounds. Lastly, she'll rehab Geneva's Cactus Garden in front of the Barnett Barn. It needs some TLC! Since we can't run water up close to the adobe Verlaque House, what used to be just decomposed granite sandy dirt around the house, and not attractive, is now our beautiful Rock Garden. The project continues and truly enhances that area. Plans are in the works to update Geneva's Cactus Garden too. Thank you to the Ramona Garden Club and friends of Cynthia Kunkel, and "rock garden magician" Regina Elling for your expertise.



Maintenance: It has been very busy around the Guy B. Woodward Museum lately. And if you think about it, much of the museum, including our buildings and artifacts, are over 100 years old and many require ongoing maintenance. We have a leaky roof to repair, temporarily covered by plastic until all is thoroughly dried out, before repairing. We also have 3 wagons that need maintenance. Mischa took the measurements for the lumber to Ransom Brothers who estimated the cost for materials to be over \$4,000, & he has volunteered to help work on them. If anyone else has wood building skills & would like to help call the office 760-789-7644 and leave your name and number. We are also accenting donations toward materials to repair the wagons. Checks should be made payable to: The Ramona Pioneer Historical Society. Our mailing address: Guy B. Woodward Museum, P. O. Box 625, Ramona, CA 92065



Our operations manager Shelley Uekert prioritizes our ongoing list of projects and recently had the termites sprayed. Ed, our maintenance man, is currently installing an ADA compliant concrete ramp to the Barnett Barn. Thank you Mischa Dobrotin for checking to see that all is going well.

Thank you to our “**Hostess with the Mostess**” Myra Arrendale who has recently retired. She happily handled our potluck dinners for many years, making sure there were napkins, utensils, plates, cups, making coffee, and her delicious orange sherbet punch etc. She also took care of the setting up and cleaning up and our membership renewals. Myra said we’ll still see her helping out as a docent and at potlucks. Thankfully, Myra trained new member Jacque Foglio as her replacement, and she also enjoys being a hostess and has a large collection of vintage aprons we might see her wearing at our potlucks.

Docent Program: We still have needed a need for more docents. It’s a 3-hour monthly commitment and the hours are from 1PM - 4PM Friday-Sunday. If you are interested in becoming a docent call the museum at 760-789-7644.

We look forward to seeing you at the potluck meeting next Tuesday.

Judy Nachazel
President
Ramona Pioneer Historical Society