



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society

June 2018 Newsletter

Officers: President - Judy Nachazel; Vice President - Mischa Dobrotnin; Secretary - Jeff Funk; Treasurer - Charlotte Hunsberger

Directors: Bert Byrne, Arline Bartick, Alice Funk, Mary Halliday

Standing Committee Chairs: Audit - Vacant; Historian - Arline Bartick; Membership - Alice Funk; Publicity - Bert Byrne; Hospitality - Jackie Foglio

Curator: Vacant

Operations Manager: Bob Hailey

Office Hours: Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday – Closed; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Museum Tours: Thursday & Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For additional information, or to arrange special tours, call the Museum at 760-789-7644.



JUNE POTLUCK DINNER: The June 19th potluck dinner meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Barnett Barn on the grounds of the Guy. B. Woodward Museum, 645 Main St. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve eight. Our program will feature Chip Lancaster who is a docent at the Classic Rotors Museum at the Ramona airport. The museum features 36 helicopters on display and is the largest collection of airworthy historical helicopters in the world. Chip's presentation will be on helicopters as they relate to the display at the airport. Chip was a navy helicopter pilot for 24 years, currently teaches math at Mesa College, and is a flight instructor at the North Island Naval Air Station.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members:

It has been an honor to represent the Guy B. Woodward Museum as President of the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society for nearly 16 years. I have kept my promise to then President Geneva Woodward that I would do my best to continue with the museum as she and Guy had planned. And I will now be a Past President and current President's Advisor, and only a phone call away.

With President Elect Jeff Funk, and with the dedicated officers on our board, I'm assured that the museum is in good and capable hands.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the museum, our dedicated Board of Directors, our staff – Operations Manager Bob Hailey, Ed Bates - Maintenance, and Jacque Foglio – Housekeeping, who, together, keep the museum operating and in working order. I would also like to thank our Docents, and also our members, visitors and donors.

Working together we have accomplished a lot, however, since almost everything in the museum is over 100 years old...there is continuous maintenance and repair. And, we appreciate your continued support.

Warm regards,

Judy Nachazel

A BIT OF OUR MUSEUM'S HISTORY:

From the Ramona Sentinel - Thursday, February 11, 1988

WOODSON BUILDING LINES MUSEUM MEETING ROOM

Wood from the 60-year-old turkey processing building at Mt. Woodson Castle will line the inside of the meeting room at the Guy B. Woodward Museum on Main Street. The PRW Company, which owns the castle, donated the building to the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society. While Mt. Woodson Castle is a national landmark and must be preserved, the smaller building was not, according to Guy Woodward, museum director and Ramona historian. Crews from the California Conservation Corps tore down the building last Thursday and will help "build a building within a building," Bill Cowan said. Cowan, a member of the historical society and retired carpenter and building supervisor, is designing and directing the project. "It could take three weeks or could be six months." Thank goodness, there's no schedule on it," he said. Cowan said he had a similar challenge when he worked for Disneyland in the 1960s and 1970s and "did a lot a lot of goofy things then." His current job is comparable to "painting yourself out of a corner" he said. The building will have timber trestles in the center to give the room more of a barn appearance, Cowan said. The CCC workers can help with the heavy work, he said, but they aren't trained to work with saws or electrical equipment." What we have is one man – an old man at that - doing all the cutting and layout," he said. The outside of the large aluminum building has been covered with salvaged lumber from the Barnett barn, which was donated to the historical society last year. Woodward's goal is to have the aluminum building covered so the building will have a rural pioneer appearance in keeping with the other buildings on the property.

MYSTERY ARTIFACT:



Who can identify our June mystery artifact? The item is made of iron and is 8" long and 3 1/2" high. I would bet that even Bob Beer can't identify this item.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Austin Robison, a candidate for Eagle Scout is doing a total makeover of the covered seating area adjacent to the tombstones as his selected Eagle Scout service project. Austin planned and raised necessary funds to complete the project, and with his crew is doing all of the actual construction. Austin (in hardhat) and his crew are shown as they work on the project on Saturday, June 2nd.



REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT:

I'm truly honored to succeed Judy Nachazel as president of the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society. Judy has been president during the many years since the previous president, Geneva Woodward passed away. She has been very dedicated and successful in continuing the work and vision of both Geneva and Guy Woodward. You can be certain I will do my best to follow Judy's example. I plan to place major emphasis on increasing our membership, recruiting volunteers, and the preservation and maintenance of our buildings and artifacts. I also hope to greatly increase the number of paying visitors to our museum. To accomplish these goals, I will be working with a great team during the coming year. Mischa Dobrotin will continue as Vice President, Charlotte Hunsberger will continue as Treasurer and Alice Funk will serve another year as a Director. Mary Halliday will replace me as Secretary, and we are welcoming Denise Sothman as a new Director for the coming year. At our first 2018-2019 board of director's meeting I plan to recommend the board appoint Denise Sothman as Historian and Publicity Chair, Alice Funk as Membership Chair, and Jackie Foglio as Hospitality. All have agreed to serve in these critical positions. I also feel confident that Mischa Dobrotin will continue to schedule entertaining and informative guest speakers for our potluck dinner meeting during the coming year.

Let's all have a great summer and coming year here at the museum. I hope to see many of you at our potluck on the 19th. We have a great program scheduled and will also be hosting our 2018 scholarship recipient and her mother.