



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society

October 2018 Newsletter.

OFFICERS

President: Jeff Funk
Vice President: Mischa Dobrotin
Secretary: Mary Halliday;
Treasurer: Charlotte Hunsberger
Directors: Arline Bartick, Alice Funk, Denise Ragsdale

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit: Vacant
Historian: Arline Bartick
Membership : Alice Funk
Publicity: Denise Ragsdale
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 & Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 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, email gwoodward8@yahoo.com or call the office at 760-789-7644.

OCTOBER POTLUCK DINNER:

The October 16th potluck dinner meeting will start at 5:30 p.m., and will be held in the Barnett Barn on the grounds of the Guy. B. Woodward Museum, 645 Main St. The public is invited to attend. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve eight.

Our guest speaker will be Norm Case, Ramona Vineyard and Winery co-owner. Norm is



the great, great grandson of Philo Case, a drummer boy in the Civil War. Philo drummed the long roll to begin the Battle of Shiloh, one of its bloodiest battles. The drum has been handed down to the eldest son every generation since, and now is in Norm's possession – protected by a safe in the tasting room at Hatfield Creek Winery. In addition to the drum, there are several other artifacts associated with it, and of course the provenance including news articles and photographs of Philo. Norm and his drum can be seen next season on Antiques Roadshow, but first you can see it and hear Norm's stories at our potluck on October 16th.



Beginning with this meeting, all potluck dinner meetings **will start at 5:30 pm**, rather than the previous 6:30 pm start time. The board decided an earlier start time would be better for all.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Boy it has been a long hot summer in Ramona, but I survived, and the museum has continued to prosper. As most of you probably know, I recently became President of the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society, having relieved Judy Nachazel at the end of June. Judy had served continuously as president since the passing of Geneva Woodward on July 12, 2002 and did a great job continuing Geneva and Guy Woodward's passion of collecting, preserving and displaying items depicting the history of the United States, and particularly California and the Ramona area.

The board of directors and staff worked hard all summer to make our museum an even better and more attractive local attraction. Specifically, we:

- **Audit:** We asked Historical Society Life Member Richard Wade to audit our records for fiscal year 2017-18. Richard is very knowledgeable of financial recordkeeping and has audited numerous other local non-profits. He found only one small discrepancy in our "Enhancement Fund" account and no discrepancies in our "General Fund" Account. Richard also made several recommendations for improving our operation, all of which will be reviewed by our board of directors for possible implementation. The audit report is filed with the 09/20/18 Board of Director's meeting minutes and is available for viewing by appointment with General Manager Bob Hailey. (Thank you, Bob Hailey for properly maintaining our financial records.)
- **Appointed several ad hoc committees:**

Budget Committee: Our Treasurer, Charlotte Hunsberger headed this committee to prepare a proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20. Other committee members were Jeff Funk and Mary Halliday. The committee's recommended budget was presented to the board on 09/20/18 and the board approved the budget as presented.

Artifact Committee to review certain duplicate items, and other items of dubious historical value to determine whether they should be kept, repurposed, or disposed of. The committee led by Mary Halliday is working with Alice Funk, Arline Bartick, and Charlotte Hunsberger. Mary gave a progress report to the board of directors on 09/20/18, and will present the committee's final recommendations to the board at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Procedures Committee to draft policies and procedures for our organization. I will lead the committee, and other committee members will be Mary Halliday, Charlette Hunsberger, and Denise Ragsdale. The initial procedures to be considered are for financial affairs, staffing, meeting room use, and photo opportunities.

- **New Employee:** Early this summer our handyman/maintenance Ed Bates left us. We have since hired Mike Drumright to fill the position. Mike is a retired machinist and also an experienced handyman. He is a welcome addition to our staff as he is an enthusiastic worker and is quick to notice things that need attention.

- **Maintenance and/or building projects.** Replaced roof and exterior wall on room previously used for storage. The room is being made into a library to house the Charles LeMenager Reference Library. Charles (Chuck) recently moved from Ramona to Arizona and left all of his research accumulated during his years of writing books about Ramona and the backcountry. The Kiwanis Club of Ramona's monetary donation will be used to have custom shelving made for this library.

TRAVELING WITH FRANCOISE:

The Guy B. Woodward Museum was recently visited by "Traveling with Françoise." Françoise Rhodes is the owner/producer of a travel show broadcast on Fox 11 KDFX TV every Thursday from Palm Springs. Our Operations Manager did an incredible job in answering all her questions while filming our museum.



From Françoise's website: "We hit the backroads to Ramona, California where I just finished filming a new episode of Traveling With Françoise TV. This is an interesting historic town that you should take the time to explore and enjoy!" Use the following link to watch this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQgipGnxbC4&t=18s> This episode does a fantastic job of showing the many attractions of Ramona and should attract many additional visitors to our town.

MUSEUM CURATOR: Our bylaws include a requirement that we have a volunteer Museum Curator. In recent years this position has not been filled. This is a great position for that Ramona Pioneer Historical Society member who has a passion for local history, and in preserving and displaying donated items related to that history. The following section from our bylaws sets forth details for the position.



7.01. Appointment: The Museum Curator is appointed by the Board of Directors from within the membership of the Society and serves in a volunteer capacity without monetary compensation.

7.02. Duties:

- (a) To be responsible to the Society President and coordinate with the President and Board of Directors in the design, preparation, and preservation of exhibits.
- (b) To be responsible for the cataloging and proper care of the clothing and clothing accessories acquired by the museum, and to provide proper storage for these items, exhibits of clothing, accessories, and home furnishing arrangement in the Verlaque House.
- (c) To be responsible for the logging in of all artifacts that are acquired by the museum."

Should you desire to volunteer for this position, or need further information, please call me at 760-789-5056 or email me at oldshipsclerk@yahoo.com. (Jeff Funk, RPHS President)

