



**PRESERVING OLD LA VERNE'S
ENVIRONMENT:
MAKING HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE**

LA VERNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hello LVHS Friends:

Spring is moving into summer and we are slowly opening up in La Verne. As businesses begin to open and people mingle in greater numbers both socially and physically, I urge everyone to practice safe behaviors such as masking and maintaining appropriate distance. Nothing would please us more than getting back to life as we knew it before the advent of the coronavirus. However, return to face-to-face social interactions must occur with mindfulness of each other and concern for our neighbors. I can't think of a better time to remember that "doing unto others as I would have them do unto me" applies. La Verne has experienced only 1 death due to Covid-19 and that is a proud statistic, especially when so many of our residents are seniors who are at higher risk from the infection. As much as I'd love to re-schedule LVHS-sponsored events, at this time there are no immediate plans for face-to-face lectures, tours, and other activities. HOWEVER, I am exploring a virtual tour of the Citrus Roots collection. Ben Jenkins manages this collection and thinks we can pull it off. I'll keep you posted on this project.

I need your ideas for the newsletter. As you know, there is a new LVHS logo being used at the top of the newsletter but it is time to give our newsletter a memorable name. The San Dimas Historical Society's newsletter is the *Mud Springs Messenger* and it would be fun to use something alliterative: *La Verne Lightsaber*, *Citrus Citizens*, *Preservation Sensation*....? Also, let me know if you have suggestions for "Lordsburg/La Verne Originals" features. Scubie Mills, Cecil Houdyshel, Rose Palomares, Delores Gonzales, Henry Marshall, Valentine Peyton, and Harvey Case come to mind. I "met" these folks while working on the *Images of America: La Verne* book for Arcadia Publishing, but it never hurts to refresh our memories about residents and their contributions to La Verne's history. Help!

T-shirts sales have been good and we have plenty more to sell. John and I are fostering four boxes of t-shirts, all individually packaged, in our living room. If you took delivery of your t-shirt consider sending me a selfie so we can post your image on Facebook. Please get out the word to others that t-shirts make great gifts. Proceeds from sales will go to restoring the 1938 International truck. I hope to sell t-shirts at downtown businesses as they open. I have a hope that the first time we actually have an in-person group event, everyone will attend wearing a LVHS t-shirt. Climb on board with your support.

T-shirts and books are available for \$20 each. Email Sherry Best at sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org or call her at 909/596-4679 to place your t-shirt or book order. To make a truck restoration donation, visit the GoFundMe link and click: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-1938-international-truck>

This President's message sounds a lot like the May message. Our days may feel the same, but the LVHS is moving forward with activities and planning to reinvent ways to engage members. Stay safe and well.

Sherry Best, LVHS President