

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

“For what is the present, after all, but a growth out of the past.” – Walt Whitman

NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 40, NUMBER 2

DECEMBER 2020

President's Notes

Merry Christmas and hopes for a better and healthier new year. Our society has been on hold as well as many other organizations feeling the impacts of this deadly virus.

I want to thank all for being patient as we hope to begin some kind of programs for the New Year. We will start out probable in February with virtue programs that can be watched on a zoom format. I will be working with Maryellen to make this possible.

Hopefully by May or a little later we can get back to a regular schedule to have an election meeting and pot luck program dinner. Until then the board will continue on with the same officers and directors.

Our society wants to thank Esther for getting out the new 2021 calendars and keeping the resource center active during these hard times. If you haven't bought one now's the time. I am currently working on creating DVD's of our past programs that were videoed. In the future these will be available for purchase at our resource center for a small fee. Take care and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Tom Herzog, President

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &

POTLUCK

Will “hopefully” be held at our **May Meeting** 5/18/2021



Circa 1936 The Pear Price Had Just Been Announced

By Katherine Graham Hutchinson

Picture taken by William Hutchinson, Jr. from the small upper story of Barry's Store (today the Big Store). The business below became Brown and Meyer insurance. Previously occupying the premises had been the office of Al Schumacher, bean dealer (later Schumacher & Darsie). Myron Brown a principal of the insurance agency had also dealt in beans. The Photo location is in front of the Bank of Alex Brown. The fellow in the white cap is Bob Graham, Sr. and the fellow wearing dark glasses and a straw fedora is Russ Graham, Jr. Can you identify any others?





Spezia's Flying Service

Spezia's Flying Service was owned and operated by Vic Spezia of Walnut Grove. Located on upper Andrus Island, Spezia leased land owned by Russ Graham Sr. and subsequently his heirs. Primarily an agricultural service (crop dusting, seeding, etc.) Spezia occasionally flew local residents to various destinations in his more comfortable passenger airplane Society.

Obituary



Lee, Dayly
August 19, 1926 - July 29, 2020

Dayly Lee passed away peacefully on July 29, 2020 at the age of 93. He was born on a farm near Isleton on August 19, 1926. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Jean, his beloved children Chris (Rachel), Daryl (Christy) and Cyndy (Jeff) LaFitte, and his adoring grandchildren: Kyra, Trent, Tyler, Kenna, Maddie, and Trevor. He is also survived by sisters May Lee of Sacramento and Virginia Fong of San Francisco. He is preceded in death by sisters Nancy Lee, Ruth Gee, Edwina Fong, Almo Shim and brothers Hanford Lee and Dr. Edwin Lee. Dayly attended the Isleton Oriental School and graduated from Rio Vista High School. Following high school, Dayly enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. He was stationed on the USSLS-702 naval ship in Subic Bay, Philippines until the end of the war. Later, he was sent to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Occupational Force. He returned from military service and took over his father's farming business in the Delta. His passion for farming included a 50 year partnership with August Correia, farms in Isleton, Walnut Grove, and Courtland and a variety of different crops. Dayly finally retired from farming in 2013 at the age of 87. Dayly loved traveling, cheering on his favorite teams - SF 49ers and the SF Giants, watching any NFL game, and spending time with his family. Above all, he loved delivering fruit and vegetables from his farm to family and friends. Known for his generosity and kindness, Dayly will be loved and missed by many. Following a private family service, Dayly will be laid to rest at East Lawn Memorial Park at 4300 Folsom Blvd in Sacramento, CA. A celebration of life will take place at a safe time in August 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ACC Care Center at 7801 Rush River Drive, Sacramento CA 95831.

Books of Interest

History of Thornton by Charlotte Cameron
 (available from the Galt Historical Society)

Three books by Sally Moser Small who grew up in Walnut Grove, the daughter of the late Nancy and James Moser

Pear Season

Two Sloughs

Quixote's Island

FROM THE ARCHIVES
 Courtesy of Galt Area Historical Society

COPYRIGHTED 1912
 A. E. PATTEN LAND Co. San Francisco, Cal.

Western Pacific Railroad Depot

A photo from 1912 shows the Western Pacific Railroad Depot in Thornton. It hasn't been around for years, but it was located on North Midsection Street across the tracks from the Thornton Cannery. First, the depot and then the town was named after Arthur Thornton sometime after 1878. Thornton helped secure government funds for the improvement of the Mokelumne River for navigation and the building of bridges and roads. He also donated a right-of-way for the Western Pacific Railroad through his ranch and obtained additional rights-of-way in the area. Western Pacific named the new depot Thornton in honor of his efforts. The photographer shot this photo looking northwest. Midsection Street is behind the depot.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 | The Galt Herald

Courtland High School 1925-1963



SRDHS 2021 SCHEDULE

January 19.....General Meeting Canceled
 February 16.....Board Meeting ??
 March 16.....General Meeting ??
 April 20.....Board Meeting ??
 May 18.....General Meeting & Annual Potluck
 June 15.....Board Meeting
 June Newsletter
 July/August.....Summer Break
 September 21.....General Meeting
 October 19.....Board Meeting
 November 16.....General Meeting
 December.....Board Meeting
 December Newsletter

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Remember to send in your order and check for the *NEW* 2021 SRDHS Calendar featuring 12 new labels from the late Jim Dahlberg’s collection. Also available is the Pear Perfection Cookbook. Just fill out the order form on the last pages of this newsletter and send it to us.

The Jean Harvie School (location of the SRDHS Historical Center) had been closed by the county since the Covid shutdown. We hope to offer some virtual programs to our members but we would like to have your emails to be able to get in touch with you. Hopefully sometime next year we will be able to have our programs in the auditorium. Many of you have responded and sent your emails and we thank you! For other members, just email your email to us at srdhshs@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank all those who made memorial contributions to the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society.

CONTENTS

President’s Notes.....1
 “May” Potluck Notice??.....1
 “1936 Pear Price Announcement”.....2
 “Spezia’s Flying Service.....3
 Obituaries..... 4
 Books of Interest.....4
 Thorton Western Pacific Railroad Depot.....4
 Courtland High School Sketch.....4
 SRDHS 2020 Schedule.....5
 Resource Center News & Notices.....5
 Memorial Contributions.....5
 New Members.....5
 2021 Calendar order form6
 Pear Cookbook order form.....7

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Locke Foundation from Walnut Grove
 Les & Liz Lyman from Walnut Grove
 Stuart Walthall from Walnut Grove

**DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
 THIS GREAT PUBLICATION???**

*Then make sure you pay your 2021 dues –
 Use this form or one of our handy dues envelopes*

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

I’m paying Annual dues for the following year(s):
 2021 2022 Other _____
 \$25.00 a year for Annual Membership

I’ve enclosed \$150 to become a Lifetime Member

I’d like to register as an Honorary Member – Free to members 80 years and older

Please mail this form with a check payable to SRDHS to:

SRDHS Membership
 P.O. Box 293, Walnut Grove, CA 95690

INFORMATION

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society web site is srdhs.org. Please view and enjoy the information. If you wish to email the resource center, the email address is srdhshs@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor.....Kathleen Hutchinson
 Design/Layout.....Esther Koopman

*The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society publishes the Sacramento River Delta Society

Here is the cover of the delightful 2021 Calendar representing more Labels from Jim Dahlberg's Collection. Each month shows a different Label that has not been published before from his wonderful collection. The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society's Calendar for 2021 will be available at the Resource Center and at the Society Meetings when the Covid 19 is under control. You may now purchase the calendar by filling out the form below and mailing it with your check to:



SRDHS
 P O Box 293
 Walnut Grove, CA 95695

The price for each 2021 calendar is \$15.00 plus postage
 2012 thru 2019 calendar price is \$10 each plus postage

If you wish to have the calendar(s) mailed **PLEASE** add the following postage:

1 Calendar \$2 postage

2 Calendars \$3 postage

3 - 6 calendars \$7.75 for priority mail (2 to 3 day delivery)

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society Calendar Order Form

Please send _____ 2021 calendars @ \$15 per calendar

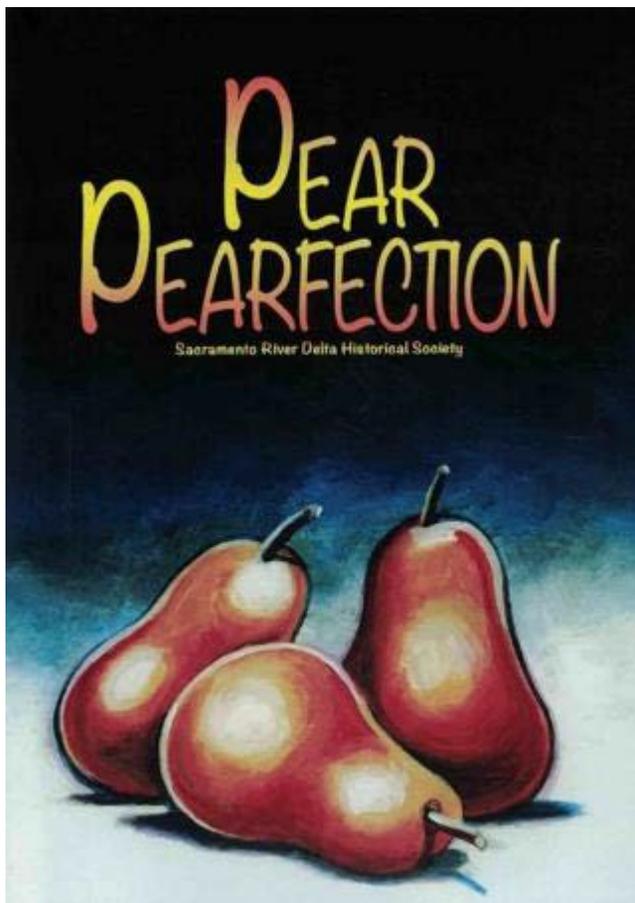
___2012___2013 ___2014___2015 ___2016___2017___2018___2019___2020___ calendars @ \$10 per calendar

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$_____ (include postage in total)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



PEAR PEARFECTION cookbook full of delightfully tasteful recipes using pears which our Delta is known for producing. It is a revised Pear Cookbook done by Barbara Dahlberg in the 1970's for the Pear Fair with many delicious added recipes

You may purchase the cookbook at the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society Resource Center or at the Society Meetings when the Covid 19 closure is lifted. You may now order the cookbook(s) by filling out the form below and mailing it with your check to:

SRDHS
P O Box 293
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

The price for each cookbook is \$15 plus postage if mailed.

If you wish to have the cookbook(s) mailed please add the following postage:

1 Cookbook	\$2.75 postage
2 Cookbooks	\$3.30 postage

3 - 5 Cookbooks \$7.75 for priority mail (2 to 3 day delivery)

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society Cookbook Order Form

Please send _____ Pear Pearfection Cookbook(s) @ \$15 each

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$ _____ **(include postage in total)**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____