



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

LA VERNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Summer continues with heat and terrible fires that underscore our need to shelter at home. Breathing the air outside has been painful lately and I've given up on our vegetable garden until the fall. This will be sad news for the rabbit that has moved into our back yard and enjoys checking out the tomatoes and cucumbers.

Staying at home has re-focused me on getting a new edition of *Legacy Links* to LVHS members. Read the President's Message for changes that will enhance the newsletter as we move to six editions a year. We are adding a feature called "Just Ask Bill", which consists of selected responses by City Historian Bill Lemon to questions posed to him via our website. Bill is busy behind the scenes answering several inquiries each month. Those questions remind me that newcomers to La Verne (and I count myself among them), may not have the ability to reach back in memory to La Verne as it was years ago. I am awed by Bill's encyclopedic memory, detective skills, and attention to accuracy and detail as he provides answers to our questions.

Because we can't deploy the pocket museums around the city at this time, each edition of *Legacy Links* will feature the contents of one display with images; a sort of virtual visit. This edition will feature some of the contents of Jose Dolores Palomares' tool kit. Some of the tools continue to be manufactured and are practically indistinguishable from when Jose Dolores used them for building and managing a property in rural Lordsburg.

The La Verne Historical Society is a joint effort among residents who value living here. With the loss of a community newspaper and reduced interpersonal interaction, it is harder than ever to connect. However, connection is the spark that ignites and binds us together. Send your thoughts, concerns, musings, etc. to Sherry Best for posting in a "Letters to the LVHS" column. Your recollections and recommendations will be so helpful and act to strengthen our sense of community.

Stay safe, healthy, and connected.

Sherry Best, LVHS President

T-shirts and books are available for \$20 each. Email Sherry Best at sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org or call 909/596-4679 to place your t-shirt or book order. You can make a direct donation for funding the truck restoration by visiting the GoFundMe link and clicking: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-1938-international-truck>. Once rolling, the truck will be used throughout the year to foster community enjoyment and pride.