



Olivas Adobe Newsletter

A Monthly Publication for the Olivas Adobe Historical
Interpreters and Friends of the Adobe.

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MARCH 2010

Important Events

March 3, 2010, Wednesday
General Meeting @ Exhibit Hall
5:30 p.m. social time
6:00 p.m. meeting

March 7 & 14, Sunday
History Training
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March 21, 2010, Sunday
House Tours Training
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March 23, 2010, Tuesday
OAH Board Meeting @ Exhibit Hall
1:00 p.m.

March 27 & 28, Saturday & Sunday
Quilt Show @ Exhibit Hall
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 28, 2010, Sunday
House Tours Training
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Letter from the Vice President:



Thank you to all docents and friends of the Adobe for your generous support of our book sale/fundraiser on February 20 and 21. We had books galore and also quite a few CDs and videos for sale. A special thanks to Marilyn, Mara, Danny and

Ross for helping to set up. Also a big thank you to Glenna, Sue, Jeannine, Betty, Mara, Danny, and Ross for being there at the actual sales days. Virginia brought some coffee and Sharon some very good cookies, thanks. One of our junior volunteers, Ashlee Price, also came to help.

Glenda Jackson and Richard Senate came as promised to sign their books, which were for sale in our gift shop. We all had a good time. We are able to make a nice deposit to our Trust Account.

Now planning is in progress for the upcoming quilt show on March 27 and 28. Jerry Ferguson will again be on hand and show her quilts. Two other local ladies have promised to also show quilts. If you would like to display some of your own quilts please let me know. I will need volunteers to attend the show.

Our own Mary Thompson has graciously agreed to make a quilt for us, which will be raffled off. The winner does not have to be present for the drawing.

I hope to see you all at our docent meeting on March 3rd; refreshments at 5:30 pm, business meeting at 6 pm, with the program starting at about 7 pm. Ms. Alice Lord will show and tell us about the art of weaving. It should be very interesting.

See you then !
Ilse Lang

MARCH **Happy Birthdays to:**



Doug	Friedland	3
Johnnie	Goen	6
Jeanee	Grist	7
Sue	Pench	28





**WELCOME HOME
OLIVIA AND PAPA OWL**

The swallows come back to Capistrano, but the Great Horned Owls return to the Olivas Adobe. They were first sighted last month in the

Courting Tree (the eucalyptus furthest from the wall). Papa Owl is still spotted in that tree but Olivia is in the nest. We're not sure exactly how long she's been there, a couple of weeks at least. As a rule these birds lay two to four eggs, rarely more. In past years Olivia has successfully raised three owlets. Only the mother sits on the eggs during the incubation time of 26 to 35 days, she never leaves, the male feeds her during this time. And he's likely to bring her a huge variety of offerings after his nighttime hunt. Owls will take almost anything available to them including prey two to three times their weight. Rodents and small rabbits are taken whole, larger prey will be brought back to the nest and ripped apart. The best way to look for our owls is to search the ground below the trees. Look for large, dark grey pellets, they can be 3 to 4 inches long, compact and as much as 1 inch thick. Poke them apart and you'll find fur, feathers, bones and even tiny whole skulls. Look up and you may spot Papa Owl. Check out the display in the exhibit hall for some fine examples. These pellets are regurgitated six to ten hours after eating. The white splashes on the ground are the other kind of waste.

We'll keep our eyes on the nest and in the next several weeks we should be rewarded with the sight of broody Olivia and then those adorable little white fluff balls. After six or seven weeks they will have grown a lot and will start exploring the nearby branches—that's when they're called "branchers". Makes sense...They won't fly well for another ten weeks or so and even then they continue to be fed by their parents for several more weeks.

The whole family will remain in the general area all summer, then the youngsters fly off in the autumn. Although we won't see them again until next year, the adults are never very far away. And we are so very pleased to have them.

Lola Lynch

(The owl picture is an older picture from my files. Editor)

Food Share

Thank you for your support with our new undertaking for the Ventura County Food Share in 2009. We did a great job donating; we filled the barrels several times.

I feel we can do even a better job this year with our donations to help our Ventura County neighbors.

We are back to holding our meeting at the Exhibit Hall that makes it really easy to drop something in the "Big yellow barrel".

Make it your goal to put something in the donation barrel each time you are at the Olivas Adobe.

We can make a difference to some family that needs our help.

Give from your heart. ☺

I just received a Thank you note from Food Share, the OAHF gave 384 pounds of goods to the group in 2009.

I would like to challenge all the OAHF docents for 2010, lets give "1,000" pounds this year.



**Ode to My Wife, the
Quilter:**

Author unknown, Found by Jeannine Covault

She learned to quilt on Monday,
Her stitches all were fine;
She forgot to thaw out dinner,
So we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday;
She says they are a must.
They really are quite lovely,
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler.
She says stippling is fun.
What highlights! What shadows!
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her patches were on Thursday,
Green, yellow, blue and red.
I guess she was really engrossed,
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday,
In colors she adores.
It never bothered her at all,
The crumbs upon the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday.
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away;
The house will still be neat.

Well it's already Sunday.
I think I'm about to wilt.
I cursed, I raved, I ranted.
The MAID has learned to QUILT!

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Historical Interpreters

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 General Meeting 10:30 am	4	5	6 House Tours Rosalee Calvillo Gift Shop Jo Ann Jackley
7 House Tours Sharon Whitaker Gift Shop Merilyn Thompson	8	9 Outreach Rosalee Calvillo	10	11 Outreach None	12	13 House Tours Judy Widmer Gift Shop Grace Bowens
14 House Tours Jody Stutzman Gift Shop Merilyn Thompson	15	16 Outreach None	17	18 Outreach Ilse Lang	19	20 House Tours Carl Wade Gift Shop Betty Nilmeier
21 House Tours Sue Pench Gift Shop Syrie Hope	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Outreach None Board Meeting 1 pm	24	25 Outreach None	26	27 House Tours Jerry Leckie Gift Shop Margaret Schwabauer
28 House Tours Syrie Hope Gift Shop Virginia Bowens	29	30	31			

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* See related notes

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The Mission of the Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters is to interpret and preserve, in collaboration with the City of Ventura, the history and heritage of the Olivas Family and Rancho San Miguel as part of the Rancho Period of California History.

Tours every Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Gift Shop Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Grounds open daily

Docent meetings are the first Wednesday of the month.
Odd months in the evening at 5:30 p.m.
Even months in the daytime at 9:30 a.m.

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