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Washington County Historical Society NEWS



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MOST IMPORTANT NEWS HEADLINE

PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL

The Washington County Historical Society is comprised of individuals from throughout the area whose goal is to preserve, protect, restore and expound the historical treasures of the area. As time passes it becomes increasingly important to have full participation and representation within the Society representing every facet of the county.

Many historical facts, stories, legends and are being lost or forgotten. Many historically significant buildings and structures are deteriorating and crumbling and need our help. Planning decisions being made today may need

the help of historically pertinent information in order for today's planners to make appropriate decisions. Now is the time to join the historical society and become a part of this wonderful effort of preservation and restoration of Washington County's history.

Every geographical section of the county needs representation. Every cultural, demographic, religious and ethnic group needs representation within the society. The dues are nominal so hopefully they will never be a deterrent to joining. It's your participation that is

crucial. Join us, join us today. Please fill out and return the membership form on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

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Downtown Enhancement Committee representatives met with members of the Washington County Historical Society to solicit assistance in their efforts for revitalization of downtown St. George. The Committee feels that all of the houses within certain boundaries of the City should remain single family homes and not be converted to multifamily homes if not intended for that status originally. The Committee would like the Historical Society to participate in this effort by sending a letter, a copy of which they provided to the Society Board, to the Executive Director of Color Country Housing. Further study is being given to this request and its consequences.



It is the hope of the Washington County Historical Society to reinstate the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. While 2003 will be done in April, September and December every effort will be made to prepare the Newsletters on a regular basis beginning in 2004. In order for this to come to fruition, your editorial staff requests that submission to the newsletter will be

made 30 days before publication, i.e. August and November. This will be gratefully appreciated by the staff. So, God willing and the creeks don't rise, we will expect to see material from the members of the Society in August of 2003 for the September issue.



Immediate Past President Mike Empey has decided to try his hand in political matters again.....until he gets it right. As a former Mayor of Leeds, Utah, he has moved on to being a valuable asset to Representative Matthews in said Representative's local office. Good luck, Mike. We look forward to your continued support of the Historical Society as you continue upward and onward.



"THE MAIN THING IS TO MAKE HISTORY, NOT TO WRITE IT."

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of February 28, 2003 \$19,544.12

Dues are currently due and may be submitted to Mr. Fred Armbruster at the following address: Washington County Historical Society, P. O. Box 404, St. George, Utah 84771. We encourage you to assure the continued work of the Society by a timely submission of your dues. And we thank you for your interest.

TOQUERVILLE – Bob Olsen reported that contractors are making bids for work on the office and museum.

LUWAYNE WOOD noted that entry arch to the Quarry Trail will be approximately \$6000.

It was noted that the Transportation Meeting with regard to St. George Boulevard reconstruction has been put on hold.



to Donald Wirth, Computer Wrangler Extraordinaire!

WORDS..WORDS..WORDS

FROM LUCIA CHRISTENSEN

St. George

With the Tabernacle clock on Main Street Scheduled for repairs, the heartbeat of the City will soon start ticking again. What will the rest of downtown St. George become?

Will it be an inviting and appealing place for the casual browser and shopper alike? Will it have trees to clean our air, protect us from the summer sun and beautify our City? What about a gathering place with benches, bistros, cafes, antique shops and art galleries.

With the current buzz words "nostalia" and "retro" in mind, perhaps it will be a St. George that is truly timeless, something that reflects Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

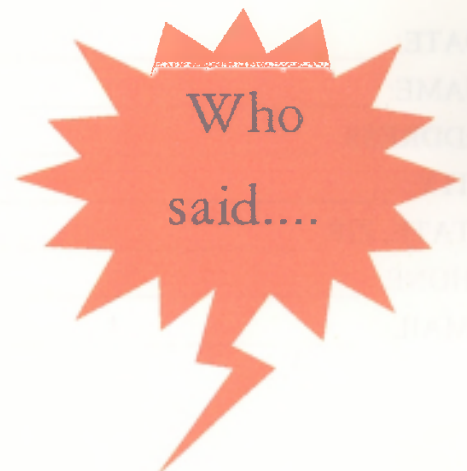
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JOYCE WHITTAKER OF
SANTA CLARA

Plans for Santa Clara Swiss Days 2003 to be held September 26th and 27th are underway. The theme this year will be "The Fruits of Their Labors." Some exciting new events will be added. More information will be available in the next edition of the county newsletter and there will be a publicity brochure in the SPECTRUM newspaper on Sunday, September 21st.

The Santa Clara Historical Society is compiling a *HISTORY OF SANTA CLARA UTAH, a Blossom in the Desert*. We are working on the final draft and plan to have it published and available for Swiss Days. The book will contain about 500 pages, with approximately 175-200 photos. More information about the book can be obtained by contacting Joyce Whittaker at 628-0971.

The Santa Clara Heritage Square has been deeded to the City of Santa Clara. Weddings, Reunions and other events can be scheduled to be held there by calling the Santa Clara City Office at 673-6712.



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Otto von Bismarck

MIKE EMPEY – Leeds, noted that they are looking for a new representative for the Board, while he will remain as Immediate Past President.

HURRICANE – Phyllis Lawton remarked that it looks like the High School building, built in 1928 will be torn down. No support from the City to retain it.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yearly Membership for Couples	\$ 15.00
Yearly Membership for Singles	\$ 10.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Other Contribution	\$ _____

Please mail this form with your dues to:
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PO Box 404
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