PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a Summer for History!

Your Historical Society has not let the heat slow us down. Many of you have been involved in projects throughout the county. Santa Clara has made major headway on their historical plaza in the center of town, adjacent to the Relief Society Hall. Washington City Historical Society has published a fine book about the homes and properties of pioneer Washington. They have also completed the restoration of the Relief Society Hall and have built a monument and dedicated it at Adair Springs. Hurricane citizens have completed a wonderful historical park around the Bradshaw Hotel and they maintain a volunteer guide service there. Leeds citizens have continued their big project—the restoration of the CCC camp. These are just examples of historical restoration and celebrations in the spirit of the Utah Statehood Centennial.

"Historic St. George LIVE" was established in the historic district of St. George this summer. Two hundred community volunteers, including many members of the society, served as guides, actors/actresses, bus drivers, captains and civic supporters for the interactive tours to the historic sites. More than 4000 people took the tour between April and August. The county and state centennial committees sponsored the tours and St. George City officials, Bob Nicholas and Kent Perkins, were major supporters. Stephen Wade provided the bus, which was a great help.

This summer has seen the completion of office space in the basement of the courthouse to be used by the Historical Society and the Virgin River Land Preservation Association. Care has been taken to restore the area to its pioneer condition. Society members Alan Capon, Larry Eek, Luwayne Wood and others were instrumental in this effort. Lori Rose and Bill McMurrin of the Virgin River Land Preservation Association were especially helpful in enlisting many craftsmen to work in the basement. Several of them contributed their time and materials. These included: J&R Building Supply.

Sydney diVillarosa invited a group of quilters to prepare quilts to be hung in the upper chamber of the Courthouse. This will give the room a pioneer feeling and the quilts will complement the acoustics. They will be hung after the October Art Show and will be introduced to the society at its October meeting. The next phase of the restoration of the building will be to refinish the jail cells in the basement. We are fortunate that the City of St. George has allowed us to occupy the basement for our office. Even though we have worked hard on the restoration for a decade, we are pleased to have such a good relationship with St. George City and the other tenant in the building, the St. George Chamber of the Commerce.

The long-awaited history of Washington County by Douglas Alder and Karl Brooks made its appearance August 19th. Entitled "The History of Washington County: From Isolation to Destination", the book is part of a 29-volume series (one for each county) funded by the state legislature for the statehood centennial. The book is being distributed by St. George Magazine/Publisher's Place and is available in local bookstores. Alder and Brooks will officially introduce the book to the community on Friday, October 4 in the St. George Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. as part of Dixie College's Juanita Brooks Lecture Series. A signing party will be held afterwards at the Greene Gate Village.

The 10th Annual Pioneer Courthouse Invitational Art Exhibit will be shown October 14-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An opening reception will be on the 11th from 6-9 p.m. The paintings will be a retrospective of the last nine years that featured three artists each year. Karla Fox is the chair of the exhibit. Everyone is invited and the paintings will be for sale. Much of the money made through the exhibits has been used to fund the restoration of the Courthouse.

Monthly programs are under way again after a summer recess. The time remains the same, NOON ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. The place is also the same, the Courthouse upper chamber. The luncheon will be served as in the past for $5.00 per person, a bargain! The August meeting was held at the Snow Family Ranch near Virgin and Bart Anderson guided the group on a tour of pioneer structures in Virgin.

The new Art Museum that is nearing completion at the Pioneer Center for the Arts. This is another magnificent structure to enhance the historic district in downtown St. George. Many of you and others have donated funds to make this possible. It will be a marvelous compliment to the restored Opera House. One more major project remains to be undertaken at the Pioneer Center. The other warehouse, adjacent to the Opera House, needs to be transformed much as the Art Museum has been. It is almost hard to remember that the Museum looked like that warehouse just six months ago. We are searching for supporters to raise funds to complete the project by refinishing the warehouse north of the Opera House. It is intended to be a rehearsal hall, scenery building area and green room to support the theater activities in the Opera House. Please help us find donors for this project.

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**HURRICANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Hurricane continues to expand its Historical preservation efforts during the summer months. Among the activities that took place were:

1. Observance of National Historic Preservation week. Two nights of activity with Doug Alder and Bart Anderson giving excellent talks. They were well received by the local audience. A trek along the historic canal and the Honeymoon trail was enjoyed by a group. Pioneer Corner was dedicated by Robert Langston.

2. Plaques for the Isom/Wright home and the reconstructed pioneer hay barn, corral and manger were put in place.

3. National register Plaques for the Stanworth and Bishop Isom home were received.

4. The Pioneer Handcart Plaque, honoring those stalwart pioneers, was installed by the replica of the original handcarts at the Heritage Park.

5. A large plaque, with a map, giving recognition to the Historic Honeymoon and Temple trails south of Hurricane is waiting to be installed.

6. A pioneer type blacksmith shop has recently been built at Pioneer corner and will be equipped with the normal tools and machines of a typical Blacksmith Shop.

7. Hurricane's Historical Society was organized with Bill Workman as President.

8. Hurricane will have three representatives at the Governor's Conference on History & Heritage, in Salt Lake city on September 19 and 20.

9. Signs and banners denoting Hurricane's Historic District are being planned and will be installed in the near future.

10. A new gas heating and cooling system was installed in the Heritage Park Museum building.

11. A 45' x 15'' scenic historical mural is being planned for the outside wall of Graff store. This will be a sesquicentennial project.

**WASHINGTON CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Utah Heritage Foundation has nominated our Centennial restoration project will be making an award to Washington City Historical Society for the restoration of the Relief society Hall/Pioneer Gardens September 18, 1996 in Salt Lake City. We feel very honored to get this recognition.

The dedication of Adair springs monument, the Relief Society Hall restoration and the published book Utah Dixie Birthplace were the main accomplishments this year for us.

Our first Fall meeting is Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Cotton Factory will feature a musical 'Echoes of the Past' stories of the west from pioneer women's journals. It is put on by Nadine Smith and the Sue Lister Family.

The Relief Society Hall is available for small luncheons, business meetings, weddings/receptions etc. For reservations call Bill Paxman 673-6236, our building manager.

**QUILTERS**

Tuesday, October 29, Washington County Historical Society will honor 17 quilters (headed by Connie Ricks). This will be at the monthly luncheon meeting in the Pioneer Courthouse at 12 o'clock.

The quilters have made a "Lone Star" quilt in red and white. It will be hung in the courtroom. They worked 206 hours to make this beautiful quilt.

*We welcome you to come and see it.*

**LEGACY**

Centennial Publication LEGACY—Combines Art and History. This delightful publication recently published combines art and history. It contains twelve commissioned historical paintings with text by twelve noted local historians. The county committee for the statehood centennial and the St. George Arts commission sponsored this book...They are available at local book stores. They will also be sold at the signing party on October 4.
Santa Clara Swiss Days celebrates Utah’s Centennial, September 23-28.

FORT SANTA CLARA MONUMENT DEDICATION
Monday, Sept. 23, 7pm ~ Jacob Hamblin Home
Shuttle from church parking lot, bring folding chairs and blankets

MUSICAL READERS THEATER
Wednesday, September 25, Football Field
Centennial Half-time

FAMILY BASEBALL GAME
Thursday, Sept. 26
Sign ups at City Offices or 673-5679
Neighbor or family teams, slots limited.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
Friday, Sept. 27, 5-7 pm, Santa Clara park

EXHIBITION BASEBALL GAME WITH BRUCE HURST
HONORING: THE FIRST ROCKY MOUNTAIN BASEBALL TEAMS
Friday, Sept 27, 7:30 pm Santa Clara
Santa Clara vs. Ivins

HISTORIES AND DISPLAYS
Friday, Sept 27, 2-6 pm & Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 am-5 pm
Valley Chapel

WALKING TOURS
Friday, Sept 27, 2-6 pm & Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 am-5 pm
Start at the Historic Relief Society Building

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:00 am, Santa Clara Park

5K RUN
Call City Offices for sign ups ~ 673-6712

PARADE
Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 am Crestview Drive.

SWISS DAYS FAIR
Saturday, Sept. 28, 10-5 pm. Santa Clara Park

Joyce Whittaker

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Bart’s HIKES & LECTURES

All hikes are free and start at Out Door Outlet, 1062 E. Tabernacle. For more information call 628-6200 ext. 1302 or ext. 1343. Bring water and a snack. Hikes may be changed due to weather.

HIKES

SEPTEMBER 28, 10 a.m.
Nephi Canyon Petroglyphs
4 miles–easy
10 miles good dirt road.

OCTOBER 5, 7 a.m.
Mayor’s Walk
Starts at Bluff St. Park

OCTOBER 12, 10 a.m.
Hamblin Ghost Town
4 miles–easy
10 good miles good dirt roads

OCTOBER 19, 10 a.m.
Domínguez-escalante Trail
4 miles–mod.
15 miles good dirt roads

OCTOBER 26, 10 a.m.
Bloomington Cave
20 miles, good dirt roads
Bring a flashlight and hard hat

NOVEMBER 2, 10 a.m.
Upper Diamond Valley Petroglyphs
3 miles–easy
10 miles dirt road

NOVEMBER 9, 10 a.m.
Sand Cover Red Rocks
4 miles–easy to mod.
20 miles dirt roads

NOVEMBER 23, 10 a.m.
Lone Pine Arch & Petroglyphs
4 miles–easy to mod.
20 miles dirt roads

NOVEMBER 30, 10 a.m.
(Holiday Special)
Eagle Rock Petroglyphs
3 miles easy

DECEMBER 7, 10 a.m.
Canaan gap Petroglyphs
4 miles–easy to mod.
20 miles dirt roads

DECEMBER 14, 10 a.m.
Little Black Mountain Petroglyphs
1 mile–easy
15 miles dirt roads

LECTURES

The listed lectures are free and are held at the Old Courthouse, 97 E. St. George Blvd or the Opera House, 212 N. Main. All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. For more inf or call 628-6200 ext. 1301 or ext. 1343. Jean Marshall presents the pre-program.

NOVEMBER 2
Building the Zion Tunnel

NOVEMBER 9
"Romancing the Cotton"
The history of Cotton in Dixie

NOVEMBER 16
"Under God’s Spell"
The story of different churches in the West and St. George

NOVEMBER 23
How the Towns of Dixie Got Their Names

NOVEMBER 30
"High Spirited Women of the West"

DECEMBER 7
Mountain Men and Their Stories

DECEMBER 14
"Saints Without Halos"
Some Pioneers were saints and devils.

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ELECTIONS

Elections of officers for the Washington County Historical Society will take place at the November 26 membership meeting. Nominations from the membership will be accepted no later than October 29. Contact any of the following from the nomination committee:

Chairman - Karl Brooks, President Elect - Bart Anderson, President - Doug Alder, Anne Shaw.
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