



Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the
Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560

November, 2016

Meetings:

General Meeting:

Thursday, November
10th, at the Wanda Kirk
County Library, 3611
Rosamond Blvd.
Rosamond, CA. at 5 pm.

Board Meeting: NO
meeting until Thursday,
January 26th at the
Sladek Ranch, 5 pm.

Looking Ahead:

November Meeting: Peggy
Ronning from Antelope
Valley Indian Museum to
speak.

November 19th Field Trip:
Saturday, Antelope Valley
Indian Museum, details
inside.

December Meeting: Holiday
Dinner, 5 pm, Thursday,
Dec. 12.; Greenhouse Cafe

November General Meeting

The Kern Antelope Historical Society is very pleased to be having Peggy Ronning, Museum Curator I, Antelope Valley Indian Museum (AVIM) State Historic Park, as our special guest speaker at the November 10th General Meeting. Peggy has been at the Indian Museum since 2007.



Among her accomplishments, Peggy Ronning earned a BA in Anthropology from UC Santa Cruz and a MA in Museum Studies from University College London. She has worked as a season archaeologist for the US Forest Service at Plumas National Forest and as an archaeologist for the Computer Sciences Corporation at Edwards Air Force

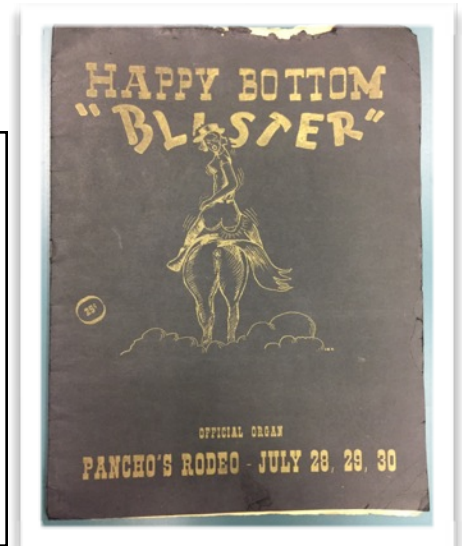
Base. She was hired by State Parks in 1999 to be the curator at the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. And she considers herself fortunate when, in 2007, she was hired as the curator at the Indian Museum as this has been her "career goal".



Peggy Ronning's presentation will include history of the AVIM (it first opened to the public in 1933 and has been a State Park since 1979), an introduction to the Antelope Valley trade network with evidence from the site at Barrel Springs in Palmdale and a virtual tour of the museum highlighting some treasures in the collections (which includes over 4000 objects made by American Indian peoples of southern California, Arizona and New Mexico). Peggy will also share other things the museum has to offer, including events and volunteer opportunities.



If you weren't able to be at the October meeting, you missed a fun and very interesting video about Pancho Barnes. She was a very colorful and influential person, for a period of time, with the pilots from Edwards Air Force Base at her Happy Bottom Riding Club. Also, one of the Historical Society members happened across some old programs saved from two of the rodeos held at Pancho's Club. It was fun to study these old documents and to see what was going on in and around the area in the 1940's. Gretchen Winfrey is in the process of digitizing these pieces of valley history.



Some interesting information about the Antelope Valley Indian Museum from the State Park website: avim.parks.ca.gov.

Howard Arden Edwards, along with his wife and teenage son built the original building as their home and a place to locate his collection of Indian artifacts. He was also an artist and located his workshop in the highest tower of their home. To reach it, he climbed a ladder that could be pulled up into the room and the trap door closed for privacy. Ask Peggy about the location of this room. Another tower was the bedroom of Arden Edwards, the son of museum founder H. A. Edwards. It is only accessible by a second-floor exterior door. Watch for this door as you approach the museum. The question is, how did he access the door? I have never heard about these rooms on any of my previous visits to the Indian Museum. It's great to learn something new.

The museum has quite an eclectic collection. "The artifacts represented in the Antelope Valley Indian Museum's electronic catalog show the avid if sometimes idiosyncratic interests of the original collectors. Many of the objects were acquired in the early twentieth century by enthusiasts rather than scholars and before current standards of archaeological provenance and record keeping were established. Most of the objects in the Antelope Valley Indian Museum were undocumented and many are identified as being created by cultural groups that are not the names used by peoples of those cultures. Serious research is currently taking place to identify these objects as accurately as possible and revisions are ongoing." (avim.parks.ca.gov)



Mark your calendar to attend the trip to the Antelope Valley Indian Museum State Historic Park Saturday, November 19th. Plan to meet Gretchen Winfrey at the south side of Albertsons parking lot (closest to the boulevard) in Rosamond, by 10 am. for carpooling. It would be good to email Gretchen (winfrey@qnet.com) to confirm you will be there or for more information. Comfortable shoes are suggested and a jacket. Also, you may want to have a snack before going into the museum. Cost is \$3 per person, kids under 12 years are free.

The Indian Museum is located in northeastern Los Angeles County. It is 17 miles east of the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Highway 14), on Avenue M, between 150th and 170th Street East. Go East on Avenue K or Palmdale Boulevard and follow the signs to the museum. Or exit Pearblossom Highway (138) at 165th Street East and travel North.



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The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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