



# Antelope Horn

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

March, 2017

## Meetings:

**General Meeting:** Thursday,  
March 9th; at the Wanda  
Kirk Library, 3611  
Rosamond Blvd.,  
Rosamond, CA, at 5 pm.

**Board Meeting:** no  
meeting until Thursday,  
May 25; at the Sladek  
Ranch, 5 pm.

## March General Meeting:

It's the time of year when people are speculating about the wildflowers. Has there been enough rain? Did it come at the right time, etc.? This month Gretchen Winfrey will present information about Jane Pinheiro, an Antelope Valley resident who was instrumental in helping to establish the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. She was also a self-taught artist who spent hours in the desert creating botanically correct pictures of the poppies and many other native plants. So as you start looking for wildflowers this spring, remember Jane. And plan to be at our March meeting on the 9th, to learn more about her and what she did to 'preserve' the native plants here in the Antelope Valley.

## Looking Ahead:

April Meeting: Erik Conway,  
JPL Historian - history of  
Cal Tech and China Lake  
Also Election of Officers.

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*The following is an interesting excerpt from ArtPlantae about some of Jane's paintings.*

### **Jane Pinheiro's Watercolors: A Collection Lost and Re-Found August 4, 2010 by ArtPlantae**

Upon her passing in 1982, Pinheiro's family donated dozens of additional paintings to the Foundation [Theodore Payne Foundation], providing a rich body of work for our art program. The original 100 paintings and several of the later acquisitions were large paintings depicting species in a natural landscape setting. Most of her later works were smaller unfinished studies and drawings.

A decade later, financial woes at the Foundation forced us to sell about 70 of the initial 100 paintings. It was a difficult decision, and one not taken lightly. The Foundation is in a much better place today, and we've been able to recover several of these paintings from generous individuals. In 2005, seven Pinheiro works from our original collection were offered at auction, and we placed the winning bid!

Enter our newest heroine, Helen Moore, who had purchased 34 of our Pinheiro paintings during our very lean times. Sadly, Helen passed away in 2009. In May of this year [2010], her family chose to return those paintings to the Foundation. And so it was that this group of remarkable botanical illustrations made its way back to Sun Valley. Most are still in their original frames with the original, though slightly faded labels, on their glass.



*Jane Pinheiro was a truly unique character. She is pictured here with her colorful shawl, which she crocheted herself.*

from: [artplantaetoday.com/2010/08/04/jane-pinheiro's-watercolors-theodore-payne-foundation/](http://artplantaetoday.com/2010/08/04/jane-pinheiro's-watercolors-theodore-payne-foundation/)

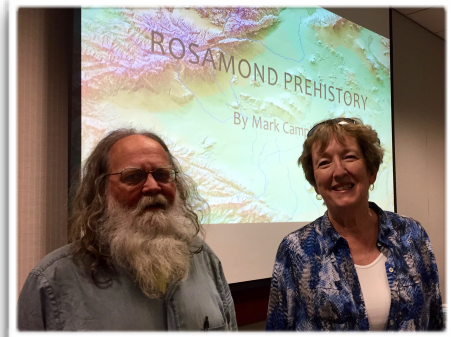


Above and right - some of Jane Pinheiro's work.



The Visitor Center at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, named in honor of Jane Pinheiro. The Reserve has just opened for the 2017 wildflower season. Although there aren't many flowers showing yet, there is still time for a good bloom.

**Mark Campbell, archaeologist, and Gretchen Winfrey, in front of the opening slide of his presentation, "Rosamond Prehistory." Mark is extremely knowledgeable in his field, his main interest is in "the area of the Antelope Valley/ Western Mojave Desert prior to 3,000 years ago." He sparked an interest in the artifacts of ancient dwellers in our backyard, so to speak. A field trip, led by Mark, has been suggested to visit some of the sites he has studied.**



**Notice of Officers Nominated:**

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- President - Gretchen Winfrey
- Vice President - Delores Julian
- Secretary - Janet Winters
- Treasurer - Brenda Yardeen

Directors At-Large:

- George Fisher
- Chavonne Sladek
- Kathy Smith

These nominees for the 2017-18 year have been named by committee, according to the bylaws. Nominations may be made by any members at the March general meeting. Elections will take place at the April meeting. Officers will be installed at the May meeting and the terms of office begin June 1.

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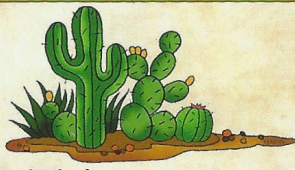
  
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#### General Meetings:

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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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