

Mark your calendar

La Mesa Historical Society's

*Quarterly History
Roundtable*

** Sat., March 11 **

Antique Street Faire

** Sun., March 19 **

Tea & Rose Celebration

** Sat., April 22 **

La Mesa Home Tour

** Sat., Nov. 4 **

Lookout Avenue



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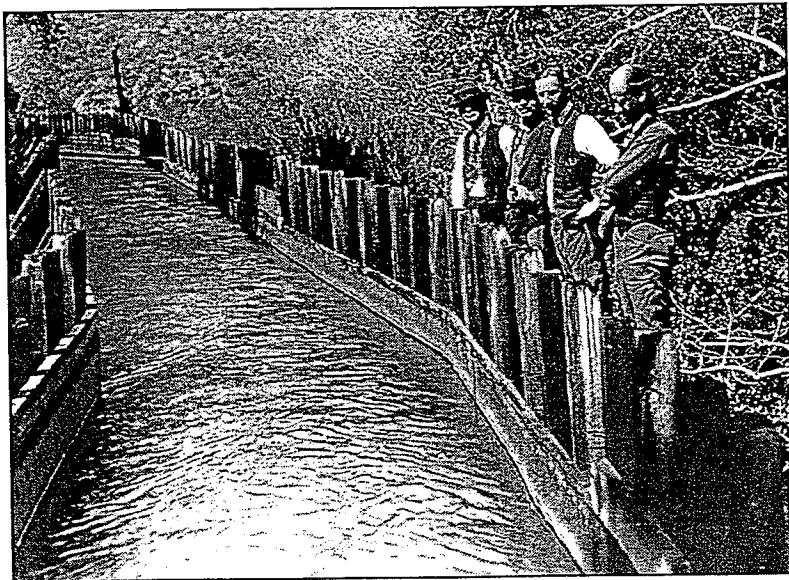
The Flume - just what is it?

Quick quiz: The Flume is...

- 1) a mountain in New Hampshire,*
- 2) a wooden structure that brought water into La Mesa or*
- 3) a hiking trail in Lake Tahoe?*

Actually, all three are correct. But at our quarterly history roundtable, we will focus on the Flume as a wooden structure that brought water into La Mesa.

***Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11th
at the La Mesa Historical Society, 8369 University Ave.
in the Palermo Archives Building
(directly behind the McKinney House museum).***



The Flume brought water into La Mesa in the late 1800s.

Photo courtesy of Helix Water District.

Bob Friedgen, retired general manager for the Helix Water District, will treat us to a special presentation on the development of the Flume to bring water to the La Mesa and San Diego areas in the late 1800s.

Can you still see remnants of the flume, the marks of its passage, where it came from and where it went? Who built it and what was its effect?

Please call (619) 466-0197 early with reservations. Leave your name, telephone number and names of any guests. A continental breakfast will be available at this free history roundtable.

A note from the president

by Gordon Jones



Take a look at our recently restored roof and the new front porch which replaced the old, disintegrating roof and dry-rotted, termite-eaten porch of our McKinney House. We are thankful for the wonderful support – thus far totaling \$4,375 provided by life members, especially that of the Kitzman

and Polak families. Other noteworthy contributors to the restoration fund include: American Legion Auxiliary, Patt Adloff, Donald and Charlotte Criswell, Steve Conner, Sharon Crockett, Newton Homer, Terrence and Pamela Hovland, Mary-Em Howard, Edwin Krummenacher, Carol Lockwood, Mary Lou McCleelan, Bill Robinson, Dennis Tuttle, and Dorothy Young.

As you read Lookout Avenue, consider volunteering if you see something in which you would like to be involved. Just leave a message at (619) 466-0197 and I'll get back to you.

La Mesa's first-ever Fall Historic Home Tour (with six sites) is slated for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, November 4 2006. Shuttles, ticket sales, displays and exhibits will be available at a central location in the Village of La Mesa. The initial organizing committee (more than a dozen of our newer members) is currently obtaining sponsors and developing other unique attractions for a significant event.

Board member Dave Kievit is chairing another new event, an enjoyable golf tournament to be held next spring at La Mesa's Sun Valley Golf Course.

LMHS welcomes its newest members

Linda Rankin and Rod Whitlow, Lisa Mekenas, Kristi Moorhead and Robert Clark, Barry and Ann Tarvin, Patricia Swaner, Kathleen Stone, Gloria Gudmundson, Sam and Char Sultan, Marcy and Terry Baugh, Joe and Michele McClung, and Ken Stinde.

It's great to have you with us!

La Mesa Historical Society, Board of Directors

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Students of the Lemon Avenue School, along with parents and teachers, get a history lesson from La Mesa Historical Society's Donna Niemeier. After the lesson, the students were able to take a tour through the McKinney House museum.

*Don't forget
to visit our display at the
annual La Mesa Antique Street
Faire on Sunday, March 19.
The Faire, which is sponsored
by the La Mesa Village
Merchants Association, will be
bigger and better than ever.*



LMHS board member Dr. Rienzi Haytasingh, above right, and guests enjoy (well, sort of) some old-fashioned games at the La Mesa Historical Society's booth at the annual Children's History Fallback Festival in the Gaslamp Quarter.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

The annual Holiday Open House was held on Dec. 10th. Many thanks to all the volunteers for their help and a special thank you to the Sing Along Group, the Needlework ladies, Darby Michaels and of course, Santa Claus.

A very heartfelt thank you to our local merchants for their continued support with raffle prizes – Risque Hair Design, Johnny B's Burgers & Brew, La Mesa Welfare, Grossmont Hospital Thrift Koral, Village Mercantile, K.C. Hair Productions and Cosmos Coffee Cafe.



McKinney House Rose Garden Commemoration

Each spring, the La Mesa Historical Society conducts a special ceremony at the Rose Garden at the McKinney House. The Commemorative Rose Garden's purpose is to recognize designated persons by the addition of their names on the Rose Garden plaque. Anyone may designate a friend or relative for inclusion on the plaque by the donation of \$50 towards the Rose Garden fund of the La Mesa Historical Society.

If you wish to honor an individual at our April 22nd celebration, please send your check for \$50 along with information below, to the La Mesa Historical Society, P.O. Box 882, La Mesa, CA 91944. Information and check must be received by April 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, contact Donna Niemeier, La Mesa Historical Society at (619) 466-0197.

Name of honoree:

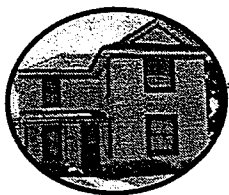
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The society depends on membership dues, bequests and fund-raising activities to support the restoration and preservation of local history.

The La Mesa Historical Society operates the Rev. Henry A. McKinney House, a 1908 house/museum located at 8369 University Ave. (at the corner of Pine Street) in La Mesa. Open 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday or by appointment. Group tours are available. Call (619) 466-0197 for further information. Lookout Avenue is the official quarterly publication of the

La Mesa Historical Society
P.O. Box 882, La Mesa, CA 91944

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