



WANTED:

Volunteers: Help us preserve and share the history of our valley.

Members: Invite your friends and family to join us, even if they live out of the area!

Donations: 2 Surge 4' protectors, forever stamps, stories & photos.

Contact Shelley: 805-922-3130

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Hours of Operation

Sunday and Monday —Closed
Tuesday—Saturday
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed major holidays.

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<https://santamariahhistory.com>

Volunteers: JOIN US

Charla Jerry Lana Judy
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EVENTS

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$5 donation to win \$250 worth of fireworks, contact the museum to purchase or help sell. Winner chosen **July 2nd 8 pm.**

June 28 – July 4: Fireworks Fundraiser – please support our booth near Verizon and Panera on East Betteravia.

July 13: Pioneer Picnic, call the Museum for details

July 25: Board Meeting, 4 pm at the Museum

Aug. 10th: Open House: History for Schools, 11 – 4 pm, refreshments served. Please encourage teachers, friends and family to stop by.

Aug. 17th: Friends of SMVRR BBQ, www.friends-smvrr.org

Aug. 18th: Day in the Park, museum is participating

Aug. 22nd: Board Meeting TBA

Sept 26: Board Meeting, 4 pm at the Museum

Sept 28 – 29: Los Alamos Old Days, for information www.lavmc.org

Oct 8th: Volunteer luncheon, 12 noon, TBA

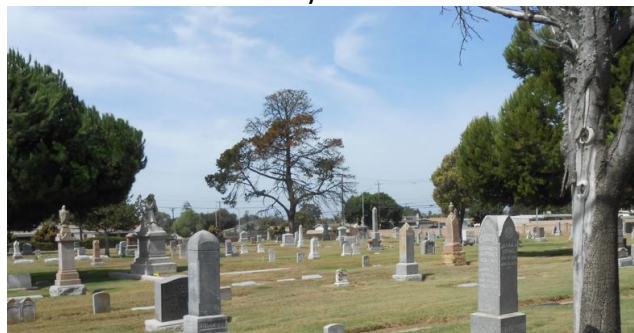
Oct. 19th: Presentation: Santa Maria Cemetery and sign-up for walk and talk tours. 11:30 a.m. at the museum.

Oct 24th: Board Meeting, determine slate of officers 4 p. m.

Nov. 9th: Presentation: Santa Maria Korean War Veterans, 11:30 a.m. at the museum.

SMV History Presents: The Santa Maria Cemetery

The first person to die in Santa Maria was Walt Rodenberg (supposedly cleaning his gun?). He was buried on his property (Jones, Lemon, Lincoln and Broadway) near John Thornburgh's property. Around 1882, the Hesperian Lodge #264 and the Odd Fellows began working on a cemetery 'out of town' on east Garey (now Stowell) Road. On July 9th, 1883 Gertie Buel Hopper died and was the first person buried in the Masons/Odd Fellows Cemetery. Bodies were moved from Thornburgh Cemetery to the new cemetery until 1887. In 1917, the Santa Maria Cemetery District was formed. Around that time, the mausoleum was built. In 1926, Mark Holgate Whitney became the cemetery superintendent. He transformed the mounds of dirt into the park-like setting we have today. Note: East Donovan Road was once Whitney Road in his honor.



PLEASE join us on Oct. 19th at 11:30, at the museum for the presentation: A Walk in the Santa Maria Cemetery and sign-up for an actual tour.

Battles Walkway News

The Recreation and Parks Department has received a grant to increase walking and biking paths and beautify the city. We were asked to help with the photos and the items of interest for the signage along the Battles Walkway. Here is a list of the topics: Smith-Enos House, Battles Plant, Pacific Coast Railway, Post Office, SMV Railroad, Minami Family, Battles Family, Pleasant Valley School, S. M. Cemetery, VFW Post, Coca Cola Building, Drag Strip, Buena Vista Park, SMV Railroad Round House, Ruben Hart Residence, Santa Maria Inn, City Hall, Veterans Building, Minerva Club, St. Mary's and Methodist Church and the Sisters' Hospital.

Guest Exhibit – Pioneer Association

For the months of April through July, we have our Pioneer Association Display. We are looking for names of those in the



1925 photo of attendees. Are you from a Pioneer Family? Do you recognize anyone? We are seeking to add more information and photos to the museum archives. Items can be scanned and returned.

News

Grant: We received a grant from Altrusa and will have our 1886 Grand Ball Newspaper restored. Thank you all.

HELP! We need more pictures and stories about WW2 and Korean Veterans so that we can include them in our Military Exhibit. We are planning a presentation about local Korean War Veterans. Please share and let us know if you can help present. 805 922-3130

Future Plans, want to help?

1. **RESEARCHERS**, we have several projects to work on. If you can give 2 – 3 hours a week, we can get these projects done.
2. **Pictures and stories** about local pioneer schools for a future book.
3. **Korean War Veteran** pictures, stories, speakers and artifacts for our future exhibit.
4. **Names of childhood sweethearts** for another book.
5. **Like Maps?** We need help with sorting and organizing our maps.

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Interesting Find

We had Ida Newlove Twitchell's wedding dress in our storeroom, but the tag was in the sleeve. When I found Fremont's wedding photo and family members, who attended the Pioneer Presentation, insisted we had the dress, so I began to look for it. I was able to find it, as it matched the photo.



This was Mr. Twitchell's second marriage (1890).

Pioneer Spotlight: Dr. Ormond P. Paulding

Dr. Ormond Paulding was born in 1845, in Iata, Mt. Lebanon near Damascus, to the first medical missionary in Syria. Back in Ohio in 1860, he later enlisted as a Private in the 69th Ohio Infantry and participated in General Sherman's 'March to the Sea.' After the war, Ormond attended the College of Medicine, University of Michigan, graduating in 1875. He opening a practice in Arrowsmith, Illinois where he married Flora Sacket around 1879. In 1883, he opened a practice in Arroyo Grande with his brothers Dr. Edwin Paulding and Dr. William Paulding. In 1892, with wife Flora, daughter "Ormie" and twins Litti and Mary he moved to 117 E.



Cook Street and opened his practice in Santa Maria. Dr. Paulding was one of the last surviving members of Santa Maria's Admiral Foote Post No. 89, Grand Army of the Republic. He was an active member of the community as a member of the, Lodge of Fraternal Brotherhood, Knights of Pythias (did you know he designed a poster for a ball?), Guadalupe Masons, Red Man, and the I. O. Foresters Court Sisquoc. He always participated in Memorial and Armistices Day activities. He was on the 1897 advisory board of The Ladies Literary Society (our Minerva Club). Dr. Paulding enjoyed hunting and fishing in the area.