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# Clayton Chronicles

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## Welcome New Members

Dinah Towns of Clayton

Gerald and Karen Koehne of Clayton



### HONOR ROLL

Tom and Sharon Duncan

*A big thank you for contributing between \$25 and \$500 over and above regular membership dues!*

## 2009 Gardens Tour

Reserve the date!

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>

Look for the sign-up sheet in an April issue of *Clayton Pioneer* or at the museum or in the box on the flagpole in front of the museum.



32nd Annual

## Camellia Tea

Sunday, February 8

1:00 – 4:00

The Camellia Tea traditionally honors the descendants of Clayton's pioneering families. Tea, coffee, punch and cookies will be served. There is no admission charge although donations are welcome. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Please come visit old friends and make new friends at the 32nd annual Camellia Tea!

### Calendar of Events

2009

February 2	Monday	Old Timers	11:30 Museum
February 8	Sunday	Camellia Tea	1:00 – 4:00 Museum
March 2	Monday	Old Timers	11:30 Museum
March 12	Thursday	CHS Board Meeting	3:30 Museum
April 6	Monday	Old Timers	11:30 Museum
April 12	Sunday	Easter	Museum Closed
May 2 & 3	Sat./Sun.	Art and Wine Festival	Museum Open 1:00 - 4:00 (Extra volunteers needed)
May 4	Monday	Old Timers	11:30 Museum
May 16 & 17	Sat./Sun.	Gardens Tour	10:00 – 4:00 (We'll be calling on the usual docents for help)



## President's Report from Dick Ellis

Well, here I go again. I think I was blindsided by our curator, Mary Spryer, when she asked me if I would help out with something. My natural response has always been, "Sure, what do you need NOW?" She replied, "Be President for one year." (Ah! My chance to teach again.) "Yes, I will do it."

So with the help of our approximately 60 museum volunteers we're ready to start our 35<sup>th</sup> year as an historical society.

### Executive Board:

President: Dick Ellis (Membership Chair, acquisition of supplies)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: JoAnn Caspar (Gardens Tour and museum landscape project)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ted Meriam (Information Technology and Website)  
Treasurer: John Rubiales  
Recording Sec'y: Sheila Driscoll (Membership) and Barbara Fogerson  
Corporate/Corresponding Secretary: Janet Easton (New Position!)  
Curator: Mary Spryer (Temporary Displays, Special Tours, Elementary School Tours)

### Board Members:

Barbara Allen (Museum and Society Decorations)  
Peggy Arundell (Gardens Tour and museum landscape project)  
Jeff Crady (Chair, museum landscape project)  
Sue Kelson (Constitution and Bylaws)  
Charmetta Mann (Old Timers, Cataloguing of historical information)  
Sally Turner (Memorials)  
Renée Wing (Assistant Curator, evening car show hours, museum landscape project)

To each of our docents and volunteers: enjoy the New Year, do what you can and please have fun and enjoy what you are doing for the Society.

## Curator's Message

Mary Spryer and I say a special thank you to all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. Without them there would be no open Wednesday and Sunday afternoons at the museum. In the past few months we have been blessed with many new greeters, so many that we are considering expanding our open hours. We'll keep you posted!

Be sure to come see the Kathleen Calhan (married to the great grandson of Joel Clayton!) handkerchief exhibit in our dining room. Other new items of interest are the Dorothy Pollock Blacksmith Collection, including hammers and tongs from Shadrach Jones' original Clayton blacksmith shop, and the Charles Evans Soldering Collection. Both of these exhibits are in our jail.

Another collection of interest is the Grove Collection, donated by Brad Ladd and the Zahn Group, the construction company responsible for our beautiful downtown park. (Has anyone ever heard of J. C. Port Costa Soda Works?) Mr. Ladd was kind enough to donate these items last year along with some of his own Internet research on a few of the pieces.

Our exhibits are changing and evolving all of the time. 2009 will see another three new exhibits in our museum. Plus, there are whispers of big things happening in the garden!

Come in and visit us soon!

*Renée Wing*

*Assistant Curator*

Clayton Community Library Foundation  
Semi-Annual Book Sale  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>