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VaRRA News

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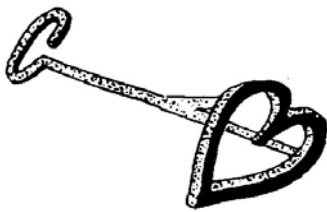
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“Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Historic Vail Ranch Headquarters.”

Little Temecula History Center is Open on Sunday — In Red Implement Barn next to Kohl’s At Margarita and Temecula Pkwy.

Sundays 12 - 5 pm
Or by Appointment

Come see the results of Our efforts, and perhaps Volunteer to be a docent.



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Recent Acquisitions

VaRRA to Display Ralph Love Works

By Rebecca Farnbach

The Vail Ranch Restoration Association honors and celebrates Temecula’s rich history through the collection of artifacts and by the retelling of stories that enrich understanding of the past. Recently we acquired an oil painting by Ralph Love, “the painting preacher”, who had a humble studio, The Art Shack on Old Town Front Street in the 1950s where Baily’s Restaurant’s courtyard now displays a bronze plaque placed by the Temecula Valley Historical Society in 2005.

While some people walk to the beat of a different drummer, Love painted brush strokes to the beat of classical music and kept his violin close at

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Two venues are kept running by knowledgeable VaARRA volunteers: The Little Temecula History Center, at the corner of Wolf Store Road and Redhawk Parkway, and the Cookhouse at Vail Headquarters.

The History Center, a rustic museum with hands-on displays suitable for adults and supervised children, is open Sundays 12 - 5.

At the Cookhouse, open Sundays 11 - 4 and Tuesdays 9 - 1 pm, there are antiques, collectibles, books and T-shirts available for purchase, plus tickets for rides on the little train that runs through the property.

If you have questions about local history, we can usually answer them.



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hand in case he felt compelled to brush his bow against the strings to play a melody stirring his heart.

Although his most famous subjects were the Grand Canyon and California landscapes, here Temecula residents most value recognizable local landscapes of Old Town, the Roripaugh barn, Lake Skinner area and nearby desert scenes.

Love painted on commission and also from inspiration. Senator Barry Goldwater owned several of Love's Grand Canyon paintings. Author Erle Stanley Gardner commissioned Love to paint his ranch.

For a while Love also taught painting. Roy Morrissey was his student. Marion Roripaugh and Virginia Wilkinson gathered for painting classes.

Each afternoon Love would go to the Swing Inn for coffee and pie and some socialization. Some Sundays he would fill in for local pastors. At times he would paint during his sermon and offer the painting to the attendee who had brought the most visitors that day.

Love's work is still widely collected since his death in 1992. His work has won many prestigious awards and is exhibited in many collections and sold in museums.

The work that VaARRA recently purchased was acquired from the estate of Keith Johnson, a well-loved banker who died too young. When Keith worked at Mission Bank he proudly displayed Love's painting of Old Town where bank patrons could enjoy it. We feel that in displaying the painting in the History Center we honor both the artist and the previous owner. They were both good men who gave a lot to our community.

This new Love piece joins another recent acquisition shown below which was purchased from an individual in Northern California. A very nice piece depicting the Wolf Store.

A Ralph Love Painting of the Wolf Store, his title of painting is "Autumn Gold".



Headquarters

Bits & Pieces

■ Did you know that everywhere you see an old wagon wheel and a slab of granite there is an informative plaque. Take a walk around the property and you will learn a lot from the plaques. We are sometimes asked why we don't have informative brochures. The plaques are a way to eliminate paper waste.

■ We are always in need of new or used children's books for the Little Free Library at Vail Headquarters, which is located between Cheflavor and the old Vail cookhouse. You may place the books inside or set them by the cookhouse door, where they will be collected on Sundays & Tuesdays.

■ Would you like to volunteer to help with our student tours? We have several scheduled in April and May. Let Rebecca Farnbach know. Her e-mail address is sunbrook@hotmail.com.

■ A Spring Jamboree with fun children's activities will take place at Vail Headquarters from 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday, March 31.

■ Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 21 — 11 am to 4 pm At Vail HQ with many activities and demonstrations for a responsible ecology of our planet.

■ Each first Sunday of the month except for Easter Sunday we offer free special performances at 2:30 pm at the Little Temecula History Center. Members of the Temecula Valley Historical Society give dramatic depictions of historical women and men of Temecula's historic past. The groups called the Notable Women of Temecula and Notable Men of Temecula present enjoyable and polished performances.

■ We love hosting Farmers Market each Tuesday morning. It is a smaller group that makes for a quick shopping trip and a comfortable and personal option for interacting with farmers and artisans.



Students from Pauba Valley Elementary School get a fun ride in the back of the Ranch Model A pickup. A favorite of student visits.

(Editor's Note: The letters below are from students who attend Pauba Valley Elementary School. We had a total of 120 students on 2 separate days visit in early December, 2017. Being reproduced here without editing.)

Dear Historic Society Volunteers,

Hello my name is Bianca I am in the 5th grade me and my classmates as well as aother class were just on a field trip there at Vail Ranch Restoration Association. I had a blast visiting you guy and learning all about Temeculas history and I want to thank you for dedicating you time to tech us all about are history and in this thank you note I will thank you. I will also tell you all my favorit parts.

First, you guys had so many good stashens my favorit was the garden I like gussing the plants. I was on a roll with guessing the plants the lady that was running it was super nice it was my favorit station. Also I really liked riding in the car we went really really fast and it was really fun when we went full speed over the speed bump I think it was amzing to donate your time to give us that supper fun field trip and show us aroun the area. I liked washing the close and lerning about all the chores that some of the kids had to do back then. I am also glad that I know how that poster was about the Magnificent seven. Thank you for the amzing field trip.

Sincerely, Bianca

Dear Vail Ranch Docents,

Thank you for helping us learn about the Vail Ranch Headquarters. I learned alot about Native Americans skin clothing the chuck wagon blacksmith oh and also the toilet chair haha that was funny but how did they get privicy. I loved the ride it was so fun. The name Cookie is funny. But I did not like all the wind when we got back it was so wendy that Pre's backpack flew away now it is lost. I had alot of fun thank you.

Sincerely, Shyla



Matthew Oliphant, shown above, is one of the blacksmiths who volunteers at Vail HQ on Sundays. He and his fellow craftsmen Jeff, Arlie, and John are happy to visit with people and to talk about their work while they are demonstrating at the smithy. The items they craft, like the ones in the photo are available for purchase. They also are willing to make custom items at a reasonable cost. Stop by to hear the clang of hammer on metal and the sizzling of hot iron cooled in water.

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***Be sure to “Like” VaARRA
And Vail HQ on
Facebook to receive
updated
Information about events.***

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***Also be sure to visit
www.vailhq.org***

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Dear Vail Ranch Docents,

Thank you helping us learn about the Vail Ranch Headquarters.

I learned a lot about how people used to wash their cloths. Also how a man named Cookie made food.

First wemon would wash the colths. You hand wash. You would have to change the water often. It took three days for one loud.

Another thing a man named Cookie travold and he brought a mobell kitchen with him. He would mack the food. He had to be by water. The reason is because people had to drink it. Cookie and the other men did not have beds. They slep on the ground they also used 1 blanket. There only was the stars. In the morning they would be so eger to have cofie. Cookie had to grind the cofie beens and cook it over a stove.

That is what I learned about Temeculas history.

Your best friend, Taliyah

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Dear Vail Ranch Docents,

Thank you for helping us learn about the Vail Ranch Headquarters.

I learned about how life was back then, the ranch car truck I got to ride in, how blacksmiths made horse shoes, the bell, what chores kids had, the Wolf Store, that cowboys wore shaps to protect their legs, the Magnificent 7, lye soap, the stage coach, what the building here used to be, and how people did laundry.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Christian

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Dear Historic Society Volunteers,

Hello, my name is Annie and I am a 5th grade student at Pauba Valley Elementary School. My class just addended the Historic Society for a field trip and I wanted to thank you for all my favorite parts.

First, I’m going to thank you about the car ride it was so much fun and bumby! And sorry that we were screaming it was fun.

Second, thank you about the coffee it smelled so good! And it tasted so good! But I didn’t really like it.

Last, thank you for EVERYTHING it was amazing and super nice! I loved every bit of it!

Sincerely, Annie

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Dear Historic Society Volunteers,

Hello my name is Samson, and I am a 5th grade student at Pauba Valley Elementary School. My class just attended the historic society for a field trip and I wanted to thank you for all favorite parts.

First, I loved when we learned about the cowboy named Cookie. Cookie was the nick name for the cowboy that makes coffee for the others while round cattle. Cookie was usually a cowboy that was not in condition to work. Not only I like learning about Cookie but I also liked riding in the car. It went really fast and it was really fun. Part of it was because I sat in the very back were the trunk door is and when we hit the speed bump I flew for a second. Finally, my favorite thing was the stage caches. There was 2 that we got in and they were fun. I felt like I was living back then and traveling. Thank you for an amazing field trip.

Sincerely, Samson

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Dear Vail Ranch Docents,

Thank you for helping us learn about the history of the Vail ranch headquarters.

I learned a lot about the past compaired to the present. I loved learning about how my chores are much more different than the other kids chores back then like they did kindling and long long lawndry. I actually liked the lawndry it was very fun! I keep wonder why the soap burns.

Sincerely, Angie