

# Wilton History Group NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**

**President Lorraine Robinson**

**S**o far this year we have played Bingo and walked two conservancies (Valensin Ranch & Deer Creek Hills). We are planning the annual History Day which has been scheduled for the second Saturday in October. Bonnie Rose is the chairperson this year and has some excellent ideas. We will be featuring life in the early 1900's, with three rooms for your viewing pleasure---kitchen, parlor, and bedroom.

**T**he inventory committee has been busy assisting Bonnie in planning the History Day Event; inventorying donated items; and assisting Judy Cassity with pricing of yard sale items for the sale on April 10th at the Wilton Christian School. The proceeds from the yard sale will go toward restoration of the farm truck....which is nearing completion. The Truck Restoration Committee has worked long and hard on the 47 Dodge Farm Truck. They are also planning another dinner, as a fundraiser, scheduled for June and tickets are now on sale. Kass Bergmann has been busy recording the memories of Wilton and Jim Ring Jr. has been busy transferring recordings to a permanent media.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**W**e extend a warm welcome to Mildred Davis, Bruce MacFarland, and James Rocque and hope to see them at future meetings.

## **SUCCESSFUL EVENTS:**

**By Eugene Rose**

**T**he Wilton History Group tour of March 13th of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, located at Deer Creek Hills, was both educational and very much enjoyed. The docent, David Scharlach, did a superb job in sharing the history of the area which included information on the Miser Family Ranch (the focus of the tour). History Group Members in attendance were: John & Gayle Plummer, Bruce MacFarland, George & Sharon Nittka, Eugene & Bonnie Rose, & Gary Adams. Other members of our community joining the tour included Ruth Drescher-Brown, Vern Brown and Bob Boyd. Also joining our group was River Valley Times Reporter Andrew Green.

**T**he sunny weather, after the previous day of rain, showed the green fields, running creeks and wild flowers. Over hills and through small valleys we visited ponds, hills of quartzite, grinding rocks and all along the way were privileged to hear the story of

**SUCCESSFUL EVENT (Con't from Pg 1)**

the Miser Family and the early Indian inhabitants of the area. Each area visited was distinct and breathtaking....it was easy to place ones self in an earlier time.

**UP-COMING EVENTS:****(MARK YOUR CALENDAR)****MARCH 27**

Friends of Wilton Youth, Spring Fling Festival at Dillard School, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast, Egg Hunt, Vendor's and Crafts. Wilton History Group will have a booth with membership applications, brochures, advance ticket sales for Truck Restoration Dinner, and sales of T-shirts, cups and posters.

Truck Restoration Bingo Night at 12217 Keating Rd., 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$10.00 for 10 games. Prizes and Cash

**APRIL 10**

Wilton History Group Annual Rummage Sale at the Wilton Bible Church Parking Lot, 9697 Dillard Road. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is available with proceeds to benefit the Wilton Christian School Senior Class.

**APRIL 16**

Friends of Wilton Youth Drive-Thru Tri-Tip Dinner, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wilton Fire Station. Advance tickets/\$30 feeds four. Call 208-3372 or 208-4201.

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**MAY 31**

The memorial Day Service at the Wilton Post Office is always respectful, meaningful, and a touching salute to those men and women who served our country. The "Rose Garden" should be beautiful and many Wilton organizations will participate and contribute to the day's event. The Wilton History Group will have a booth honoring Wilton Service men and women. There will be additional information in the newspaper and on the Community Events Board located at Dillard Store.

**JUNE 12**

The Truck Restoration Group has planned a Tri-Tip/Chicken Dinner for Saturday, June 12th, 2010. There will be a live auction before dinner with many exciting items, including antiques, collectibles and farm items available to be bid on. Advanced tickets are on sale at \$25. Call Gene Rose at 687-6349 for information and tickets.

**OCTOBER 9**

**WILTON HISTORY DAY** is our way of thanking the community for sharing their memories, allowing us to copy their pictures, and being caretakers of the Wilton that we are proud to live in; in the past, present and in the future. Every member has a skill, idea or creative talent to share for this day. This year we will be looking at life in Wilton from the 1890's to the early 1920's. In addition will be the famous Rooster Crow Contest, Spelling Bee, Essay Contest, Over 80 Recognition Birthday Party, and What's It Contest. Live Music will be provided by the George Cecil Trio.....local music at its best.

## **LOOKING AT THE HISTORY OF WILTON:**

By Eugene Rose

### **FORMATION OF THE COSUMNES RIVER BASIN AND SURROUNDING AREA.....**

**A**bout three hundred million years ago during the Paleozoic Period a depression in the earth lay where the Sierra Nevada now stands. Into this depression were washed the sediments from the adjoining area. Later these sediments were subjected to such pressure from both sides that they rose in folds to form mountain ranges and foothills. After a long time the lower ranges and foothills were gradually worn down into a plain and the plain sunk into the sea.

**T**his was followed by the Jurassic Period in which a second age of pressure and folding occurred. During this second folding, molten granite was intruded from below and great fractures occurred in the overlying folded sediment. Up through these fractures leaked hot gases and liquids that condensed on the sides of the fractures in the form of quartz and gold, that had been virtually distilled from the magma below.

**T**he above actions led to changes which would impact the region and eventually draw various forms of life and the eventual inclusion of "man" into the equation.

**I**n our next issue we will discuss the geology of the Cosumnes Basin.

### **EDITOR'S COLUMN:**

**T**his is my first endeavor at producing a newsletter for our membership and to share with the Wilton Community. We are a very active History Group; as many other Historical Organizations have commented on and complimented our Group for our membership involvement and efforts to preserve and protect our history. Because we involve all of the membership in the decision-making process, listen to suggestions and recommendations and invite non-members to attend and present historical lectures and presentations; I believe we are a very special organization and represent our community in the best possible way.

**T**hank you for allowing me to be the first editor of our newsletter. We need a catchy, descriptive name for the newsletter and I am asking you to enter a contest; **"Name the Newsletter"**. Not sure what the prize will be except the honor of naming our historic newsletter!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Rose