

VIV VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEERS

Winter warmth exuded from the Museum's Freight Room on Thursday, January 17th as fifty docents, greeters and store committee members gathered around the aroma of coffee, the sweetness of morning buns and crunchy fresh fruit to hear the new plan for 2008. Added to the volunteer tasks will be the category of a *Downstairs Docent* who will give the guided tour of the waiting room, Station Master's Room and lead guests to the *Freight Room Docent* who will continue the Museum tour with introduction to **Jack Hamel's** frieze encircling the room, the current exhibit and the permanent collection. The greeters will continue to welcome and sign in guests as well as selling items from the Store.

Greeters and docents have been asked to contribute another three hours per month to the volunteer activities at the Museum. Interest generated at the coffee found six wonderful volunteers willing to add this time to this new position! We thank **Jerry Warren, Nancy Goreth, Stan Johnson, Elaine Stevens, Betty Cumpston, and Millie Day** for being the first to sign up! If you are willing and able to volunteer three more hours each month we need you! Call **Alice Brydon** 837-1339 for docents and **Camilla Ewing** 855-0454 for greeters and let them know when and how you can help.

Volunteer hours for the year 2007 should be turned in to the Museum Attn: **Carmen Curtis**. Please fill out a *Volunteer Form*, available at the Greeter desk. If you are not sure of the exact number, estimate. For the year 2008, a suggestion is to jot the number of hours on your calendar in the day you volunteer, record the month's total at the bottom of the page, and then next January you can just add up the hours per month giving you the year's total. This wonderful information will validate the volunteer hours that **Joanne Haukland** uses when writing grants for us. The award this year for turning in their hours first goes to **Jan and Arnie Habinger, Joan and Don Kurtz, Joanne and Dale Haukland, and Eloise McTigue!** Thanks to all those of you who turned in your hours at our recent Coffee, and let's hear from the rest of you!

Jerry Warren, new Steering Committee Chair, presented a request for all of us to approach our friends and neighbors to join our Museum family as members. The meeting concluded with a video review of the use of the Defibrillator that is attached to the wall of the Museum in the Store area for use in case of an emergency. We hope there is never a need to use this machine, but it is comforting to know that we have the equipment and capability of using it if necessary.

We were so pleased with the many volunteers who came to hear about the Museum's program and participated so willingly! Future coffees are planned for April/May and September with a focus on a walking tour of the Town in the Spring and the Cemetery tour in September. Plan to join us!

Carmen Curtis, Volunteer Chair

New Volunteers

New Volunteers to the Museum are **Carol Anderson, Bruce Garner** and **Penny Needham**. We welcome you to our Family! Special thanks to **Sonya Seyler** who has accepted the position of *Assistant Greeter Chair*.

Do you have Computer Programming Skills? The Museum needs a volunteer proficient with *Dreamweaver* or similar software to prepare a small HTML program to log visitors at the Museum. Contact Victor Georgiou at victor20@pacbell.net

Dedicated Voluteers

A hearty Museum thanks goes to volunteers **Don Wood** and **Ralph Cozine** for their dedicated work in producing the amazing *Agriculture* Exhibit. Ex farmer Don gathered up an astounding number of artifacts connected with everyday farmers' activities while Ralph used his precise eye to mount and display hundreds of photographs depicting the Valley's farmers at work. Thanks must also go to **Mari-
anne Wood** and **Marilyn Cozine**, along with many of their family members and friends, who pitched (pun intended!) in and helped set up the exhibit. Those bales of hay, bags of grain, tools, and huge barn wood walls are no light items!

Don Wood prepares a picture for display in the Museum's current exhibit.



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