

# Forestville Historical Society

Minutes for October 6, 2002

The meeting opened at 3:05 p.m. at Penny Hutten's home. Fifteen were present: Penny Hutten, Lavon Covington, Darleen Speer, Verna Blanc, Virginia Hughes, Lorraine Owen, Warren and Florence Templeman, Don Fulkerson, Dave Henry, Charles and Mona Evans and their children and our speaker, Evelyn McClure and her husband John.

After introductions the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2,208.24 in our account. This will be used in the future to publish our History of Forestville and possibly for newsletter funding.

Virginia reported on printing 300 of our 2003 calendars, and sales. Just 29 remain to be sold. They have sold *very* well at the youth park barbecue and other events, as well as in stores and businesses in town. Penny thanked Virginia for getting the sponsors and raising over \$1,000.00 to print the calendars.

There are a few books available of Sonoma County scenes. A bank promotional from some years ago, these soft cover books are free for those who would like a copy.

The Sonoma County Historical Records Commission announced the first annual Petersen Prize Competition (named for Bernice Petersen, County Recorder) to encourage the research, writing and publication of Sonoma County History. The winning manuscript will be awarded \$500.00 for Senior Division, \$250.00 for the Junior Division, and the guarantee of publication. The competition is divided into a Senior Division, open to all writers, and a Junior Division for high school students. Documentation to attest to extensive research must be included. Entries may range from 16,000 to 40,000 words, must focus on "some aspect of the history and culture of Sonoma County and must be submitted by January 1, 2003." Copies of the Guidelines for Submission and Procedures may be found on the Commission's website: <[sonoma-county.org/main/commissions.htm](http://sonoma-county.org/main/commissions.htm)> or may be picked up at the Recorder's Office, 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103F, Santa Rosa. For further information, contact the Secretary to the Historical Records Commission at (707)-565-3246 or write to P. O. Box 1709, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Don Fulkerson has offered to get involved in the end-of-the-trail museum in Forestville. He has several 'big old books of old photos' that he will share with us. There was discussion about the old electric train depot and some other old buildings.

Darleen suggested that we extend the summer hiatus for our meetings to include September. We voted to do this because few are able to attend at this time of the year.

Speaker Evelyn McClure was introduced. She is author of *Sebastopol California History, Homes and People. 1855 - 1920.*, and *Sebastopol Historic Cemetery.* She

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writes for the Sebastopol Times & News, and is a director of the West County Museum. We were treated to how and why Mrs. McClure came to write about Sebastopol.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Our next next meeting will be Nov. 3, 2002 at the Food for Thought Building.

Respectfully submlitted, Verna Blanc, Secretary.