



RIO VISTA MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Message from Museum President Peter Hamilton

This month the Rio Vista Museum has another anniversary. On June 24th the Museum will have its 40th Hamburger Barbecue. The first barbecue was held in May, 1985, and with the exception of the two COVID years, we've had one ever since. The first few years the Museum itself served as the location of the BBQ. Since the Museum was fairly new, the BBQ was a way for Rio Vistans to see the Museum's collection. Unfortunately, as that same collection has grown, the location has had to change. This will be the second year we are having the event in the courtyard of the First Congregational Church.

The Hamburger BBQ is an important fund raiser for the Museum. Yet to me it's more than that. The BBQ – and other events like it – is a way we create and maintain community. One of my favorite parts of the BBQ is seeing people come at the beginning of the event and practically stay until the end visiting with the other people at their table. Social media is nice and a great way to keep connected with friends and family. However, in my opinion, nothing beats face to face interaction – especially if it involves good food and a good cause. Luckily Rio Vista has a number of events where people can connect – the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, the Congregational Church Harvest Festival, and new events like Hog August Bites to name a few.

So, in the words of former Museum president Irwin Anderson, I extend to all members and friends of the Rio Vista Museum a cordial invitation to attend our 40th Hamburger Barbecue on Wednesday, June 24. It will be held in the courtyard of the First Congregational Church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you cannot attend in person, we do have take-out.



Images from Hamburger BBQs from the 1990s



Riverview Middle School held a retirement party for two of its teachers at the Rio Vista Museum on June 3. Board members Janet Blegen and Josiah Tingey participated in wishing happy retirement to math teacher Jacquie Walrond and English teacher Sefia Rounds.



The Rio Vista Museum will be offering a Summer Raffle Basket containing an amazing collection of gift certificates and items donated by local business owners. The raffle basket can be viewed at our upcoming barbecue event on June 24th at the Congregational Church. Tickets can be purchased from any museum board member or by contacting Jeanette Williams at 707-291-0226. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the museum building fund.

There are a limited number of 50th Anniversary T-shirts available at the museum. The price has been reduced to \$25 per shirt. Come down to the museum to get yours! We can arrange to mail a shirt by request.



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***Rummage Sale coming during Hog August Bites!
Saturday, August 22***



Rotating Collection Displays

If you have visited the museum anytime in the past couple years, you might have noticed a collection of items in the display case near the front door. There was a miniature furniture display and a display of beautiful cobalt blue glass items.

Currently on display is Mary Ann Peterson's collection of antique miniature shoes. Collecting antique ceramic and porcelain shoes goes back as far as the 17th century. A small pottery pair was even found in an Egyptian tomb.

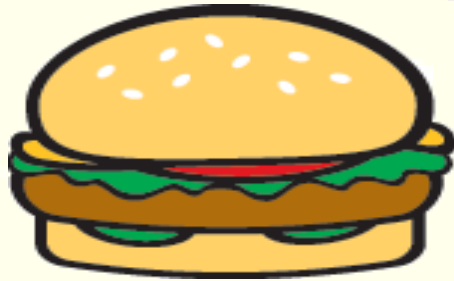
Mary Ann's collection started at the age of 16 when her aunt gave her a small German-made Elfinware shoe. "My aunt was a lady of many collections, and I have followed in her footsteps. My collection consists of glass, metal and earthenware. I have a metal pair of boots from Harrods in England. I even have a 1939 World Fair's boot with a mouse on top from New York."

Please come and check out Mary Ann's collection of shoes from many eras, places and lands.



Our window decorated for Memorial Day. We love to recognize and honor Rio Vistans who have served our country. We have several displays in the back room that honor some of these heroes, such as Adam Kinser and George Nelson.

40th Rio Vista Museum Hamburger BBQ



Donation: \$15.00

Date & Time: June 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Place: First Congregational Church
230 Sacramento Street**

Use courtyard entrance off N. 2nd Street)

Dine In or Take Out

Rio Vista Museum
16 N. Front Street
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