



# The Hourglass

## My Remembrances

by Anne Tuttle

Our Winter edition of *The Hourglass* newsletter listed the names of several of our members who have passed away. I would like to take a few minutes of your time to mention my memories of these wonderful members.

### William Asher

You will recognize the name “Bill Asher” as a producer, director, and writer of many successful TV shows and films. My most outstanding memory of Bill was his great smile, affable personality, and how much he enjoyed our annual picnics. I could always rely on him for a “How have you been?” and a big hug. What more could I ask for?

### Millie Bird

To know her was to love her! Millie was one of those people who worked endlessly for the community. She was a Historical Society long-time member and volunteer. She was a tireless worker for Friends of the Library and their book sale, plus she did book binding. Millie was always looking for ways to help the Historical Society. At our July 2011 Midsummer Madness Luau Potluck she donated her husband Harold’s Hawaiian shirts for our drawing. Buyers put on a style show. Great fun was had by all!

### Al Casino

Although I never met Al, I became acquainted with him through his wife, Evelyn, a long-time member and volunteer for the BJ Callahan Memorial Scholarship. He was a retired law enforcement officer and enjoyed the outdoors.

### Al Hastings

I have known Al for over 30 years. He was a great supporter of the Historical Society and was instrumental, as a Trustee of a small foundation in obtaining “seed” money for transportation costs to

bring 2nd graders from our six local schools to the museum for a lesson in Palm Desert history and early firefighting. His legacy is seen in the eyes of the students as they partake in this program.

### Jean Hanousek Martin

Jean was an avid supporter of the Historical Society, attending all of our events and bringing family members with her. She gave freely of her time doing light bookkeeping for us and would be available if we needed extra volunteers. I learned a great deal about early Palm Desert from Jean and many of her reminiscences would bring forth laughter and tears.

### John Marzicola

John was a member of the Historical Society for many years. You could always count on seeing John and his wife, Patricia, at the luncheons, picnics and lectures. I recall one picnic when John took several of the deviled eggs I had prepared and simply said, “my favorites.” Now, that is a great testimonial.

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#### Museum Hours

10 AM to 3 PM

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday, Saturday

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**Mary Safe**

Mary Safe, who was at one time a member of the Board of Directors, passed away in January. Mary and her husband Carl, who predeceased her, were long time members and supporters of the Historical Society I became acquainted with Mary and Carl my first year with HSPD. They were weekly volunteers and you could always rely on them to help out. They were very helpful in educating me about Palm Desert.

**Archie Sharp**

Perhaps you will recall (about seven years ago) the wonderful map displaying historic Highway 111 in Palm Desert designed and installed by Archie Sharp. The map was constructed in acrylic and mounted on the wall in the President’s Room. Archie used Match Box vehicles to show movement from various areas along Highway 111. This was one of our first historic displays.

**The Mission and Purpose of the Historical Society of Palm Desert (HSPD)**

To preserve, record and provide access to its historical collections.

To relate an on-going history of the City through exhibits, publications, media, programs and events.

To support, with volunteer efforts, activities sponsored through the Society and co-sponsorship with other private and public agencies.

HSPD is organized as a non-profit corporation that supports its mission and purposes in a responsible manner. The Society cares for the materials and pieces in its possession as unique and irreplaceable objects of local history and strives to protect and preserve its collections for posterity.

**Food For The Needy**

As you are driving down the highway and happen to notice a field of produce left behind after the initial harvesting, you might ask yourself, “What happens to all of the leftovers?”

We know. One of our members, Christy Porter, founder and executive director of Hidden Harvest, hires a crew of field workers to gather up what produce is left in the fields for distribution to those in need of healthy food but are unable to afford the purchase. Hidden Harvest has been providing free produce since 2001.

For the past three plus years, Hidden Harvest has also been holding free Farmers Markets twice monthly at seven senior housing complexes serving some 2,000 low-income and fixed-income seniors providing such staples as potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, leafy greens, and some kinds of fruit.

Christy receives support from such organizations as the Berger Foundation, Desert Healthcare District and individual donors and is most appreciative of any donations large or small.

The Historical Society is proud to count Christy Porter of Hidden Harvest, as one of our members.

**Executive Board**

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NEW MEMBERS

Harry & Doneta Brotchie  
Doni & Sidney Hubbard  
Diane Oliver  
Patrice Rathbun

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There are so many to thank and not enough time “thank you’s” to express my deepest appreciation TO ALL for the wonderful honor I received at our annual picnic, March 24th....a proclamation for my ten plus years of service with the Historical Society! An overwhelming surprise! I will long remember the lovely voice of Mayor Jan Harnik who read the proclamation and the accolades delivered by so many of those in attendance. The tears would not stop falling and, of course, the one day in many months that I wore eye makeup....I looked like “Annie Raccoon”....but no one seemed to mind.

The framed proclamation is hanging on the wall of my office and looking at it still brings tears to my eyes. How lucky I am to be so honored by so many friends! Again, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!!!



*Anne Tuttle*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On Thursday, April 12th, 2013 Brett Romer, the Past President of the Historical Society Board of Directors, received the Senior Inspiration Award from the Riverside County Foundation of Aging. Brett was one of the 11 exceptional volunteers to be chosen by their city councils and Fourth District County Supervisor, John Benoit.

Masters of Ceremonies for the crowd of close to 600 were Brooke Beare and Patrick Evans for CBS Local 2 and our Mayor, Jean Harnik, was Chairman for the event. It was very successful and several of our members were lucky enough to secure reservations.

Since 1992, twenty Palm Desert residents have received this prestigious honor. Four awardees, Deloris Driskel, Ginny Folkers, Jean Hollenbeck, and Hal Rover, are still active members of our Historical Society. Members who are no longer with us: Millie Bird, Bob Keedy, Marian Henderson, Dale Sharbutt, and Joyce White.

We are very proud that so many of our members have received this award and we are honored that the 2013 Senior Inspiration Award was given to an active member of the Historical Society.

## A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Our fourth Art Appraisal Day was held Saturday, April 13th, 2013. We were very fortunate to have certified appraisers, Kevin Stewart from Palm Desert/Santa Barbara, and Gary Fillmore from Cave Creek, Arizona. They gave freely of their time from 9 AM until 12 PM. The weather was

friendly (89 degrees) a bit breezy but comfortable. Kevin and Gary helped 34 scheduled appraisals and four non-scheduled who gladly waited for a turn. Piers Forbes, a friend of Christy Porter and Ann Japenga, assisted with the flow of traffic making sure the appointment schedule was followed.

Immediately following the Art Appraisal was a reception for Kathi Hilton. Kathi was in attendance and conducted a question and answer period emceed by Hal Rover. Adele Sandman, Board member, prepared all the food. Bonnie Bowie and Madonna Marman helped Adele serve and Sandy Craig was our receptionist. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers: Christy Porter took pictures, Brett Romer, Rose Romer, Don Graybill, Harry Quinn, Suzanne Breshears, and Carol Scany were all on hand to assist wherever needed. I hope I have not overlooked anyone, but if I have, please accept my apologies.

A great big “thank you” to Kim Housken and Ann Japenga who are responsible for the idea for an “Art Appraisal Day” and contacting the appraisers to schedule a time.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, Hal Rover parked our fire truck (displaying banners touting the art show) across the street, and, at closing time returned it to our driveway.

The success of our events are dependent on our volunteers. We cannot praise them enough nor thank them enough!

## Business Members

We are fortunate to have the support of several local businesses. We encourage you to visit these businesses and when you do, please let them know that you appreciate their support of our Historical Society.

*Backstreet Bistro*

*Casuelas Café*

*College of the Desert Alumni  
Street Fair*

*Desert Map and Aerial Photo*

*Hidden Harvest*

*Jeff Frisco for Hair*

*Jillian's*

*Robert D. Reed, D.D.S.*

*Shadow Mountain Resort & Club*

*The Inn at Deep Canyon*

*Wayne Connor & Associates*

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