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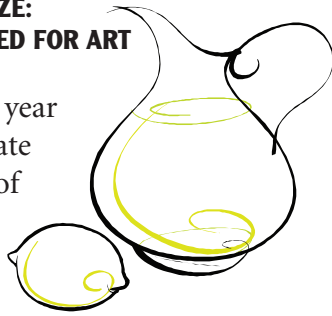
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**GIVE US A SQUEEZE:
LEMON AID NEEDED FOR ART
FAIR**

It's that time of year when, to celebrate the warm days of Spring, we sip an ice cold cup of the



Historical Society's famous Sierra Madre Lemonade. Made from a recipe developed by Sierra Madre's own **Helen Obizawa**, our lemonade is a combination of lemon juice and the "secret" ingredient, Rangpur lime juice. Rangpur limes are actually a hybrid acid mandarin, originally from Rangpur, in what is now Bangladesh.

The Society is accepting donations of lemon juice and Rangpur lime juice for the Art Fair on **May 1 & 2**. If you have a prolific lemon or Rangpur lime tree and will squeeze and freeze the juice for the Society's use, please call **Dane** at 626-355-3905.

Remember the date for the **Art Fair** has changed to the first weekend in May. **May 1 and May 2, 2010**. Look for our red-canopied booth. We'll see you there!

WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

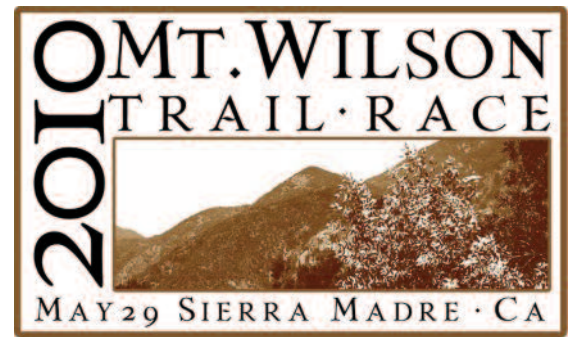
After over six years of focusing our attention on bringing out our book, *Southern California Story-Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre*, we can now bring our attention to other things.

At our last meeting the Board reviewed the Society's Mission Statement and discussed how to translate its objectives into attainable goals. Following a lively exchange, board members were asked to suggest specific projects or programs for the Society to undertake over the next year. Proposals included several ideas for programs, repairs to the Richardson House, and publishing material that did not make it into the book.

Members will return next month with written proposals for the Board to consider.

These will include a schedule, a description of what it will take to do the project, an estimate of the hours involved, and a budget for materials and any services required.

Planning ahead will allow the Society to use our resources efficiently, and to schedule our work in concert with activities taking place in the community.



DEBBIE GET YOUR GUN!

We are pleased to announce that the official race starter for the Mt. Wilson Trail Race on May 29 will be our own board member **Debbie Henderson**. Debbie is also in charge of the archives in the Sierra Madre Library. Debbie for many years has worked with the Trail Race securing archival photos for the race logo and the race graphics used for marketing purposes and race T-shirts. What a nice tie-in to a historical event.

PONY EXPRESS ANNIVERSARY

It's the 150th Anniversary on April 3, 2010 of the Pony Express. It cost \$5 to send a letter from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California, across 2,000 miles of open, hostile terrain. The 1860 fee of \$5 would be equivalent to more than \$100 in today's economy. While the legend of the Pony Express has lasted 150 years, the actual service was only in existence for 19 months. It's goal was to bring faster mail service to the West. It succeeded, but horse and rider could not outrun the telegraph, which brought the demise of the Pony Express in November, 1861.

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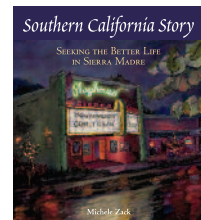
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L.A. TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS FEATURE-OUR BOOK!

The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will take place on April 24 & 25 on the campus of UCLA. The Huntington Library will have an exhibit and will feature Michele Zack, the author of Southern California Story Seeking the Good Life in Sierra Madre. For more information check out the website at latimesfestivalofbooks.com



Book Order Form

Table with 6 columns: Quantity, Description, Book Price (\$45.00 each), Sales Tax (CA residents \$4.39 per book), Shipping Option (\$10.00 per book), Total (Qty. x Price + Sales Tax + Shipping). Row 1: Southern California Story

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