On May 15, 2009, we premiered the documentary short “Saving Oxnard History” at the Plaza 14 Cinemas in Oxnard. We had two screenings and in addition to the documentary we previewed the “Oxnard Postcards” slide show with music featuring Mike Fishell. With help from former and current students from Robert J Frank Intermediate School, we were able to sell some bricks, books and DVDs. Theater managers Marcos and Ucadi, along with usher Carlos, provided us with two tables to display our wares and help set up for the evening. The night was documented by Paula Vasquez, who has been our photographer for the last two years.

Above: Event Marquee poster, and photo on left shows poster in front of the Plaza 14 Cinemas in Oxnard.
We need you to spread the word and help us raise the $250,000 necessary to open up our Visitors Center. From there, we can host events like craft fairs, farmers markets that will enable us to restore the house, create our community garden with crops from the past and eventually build our replica of the 1880s Colonia School House.

We hope this project serves as a model of how to save a historically significant site by not being a burden to the owners of the selling property, the city and the developer. This is our opportunity to build something new out of something old.

As we move forward with our endeavour, we look forward to working with the community in restoring a little piece of our rich history here in Oxnard.

Jeffrey Maulhardt
President, Oxnard Historic Farm Park Foundation

The Oxnard Historic Farm Park Board
Gary Blum
Eric Daily
Jeffrey Maulhardt

This project is a long time coming. Twelve years now from my first conversation with Bob Pfeiler, the last farmer of the property. From there I was in constant communication with representative from John Laing Homes and Michael Henderson from the city of Oxnard. And now it is our hands to make this thing work.

Our Farm Park architect, Barbara Ricketts, has been hard at work on plans for Phase 1 construction for the past two years. Phase 1 will include converting the 1890’s carriage house into a Visitor’s Center with restrooms, an office and a conference room. With this building completed, we will be able to hold regular functions that will allow us to raise enough money to complete the other projects at the site. Phase 1 will also include establishing our Courtyard of Memories so we can start displaying the bricks that have already been purchased. Don’t be left out.
Engraved brick sales have picked up with the release of our documentary. We are hoping to get names of as many Oxnard supporters as possible. We’d like to see a section in our Courtyard of Memories with names of old businesses as well as new businesses; names of old families from the area as well as new arrivals; groups like little leagues, classes from surrounding schools, professional sports figures who have come from the area or who live here now; and for loved ones who’s name will live on forever at the Farm Park. We want the diversification of names that represent Oxnard’s long and proud history as well as the names of those who are a part of our future.

**Recent brick donations:**

Arguelles Family – Antonio & Delores – Arrived 1932
Clare Carrelo
Craig Brainard / Kay Brainard
David Graves Maulhardt
Dorothy Marie Miner
Dan Traub & Sylvie Lariviere-Traub
   / Dreamkeeper Films
Donald Rogers
Fulkerson Family
Frank Owens and Anna Novetske-Owens
Henry DeWitz – Best Friend
In Memoriam – David Graves Maulhardt
Philip Schuss / Eula Schuss / Lincoln Mercury Dealers
Samuel Naumann Family
Swhwabauer Family / Moorpark
Mary Leavens Schwabauer
Viking Grads 1975
   Abel – Bill – Billy – Kieth – Jeff – Sal
Johannes & Matilda Diedrich
John (Hon) & Katei Diedrich
Milton & Ella Mae Diedrich
The Milton Diedrich Family
Art and Sue Thomas
Paul Thomas and Denis McMaster
Henry DeWitz “Best Friend”
How can you reach us?

We have a website: www.oxnardfarmpark.org or by email info@oxnardfarmpark.org or you can call Jeff’s office — 805 988-8810.

The Farm Park is located at the corner of Cesar Chavez Dr. and Pinata Dr., across the street from Brekke School. We are in the process of getting our address assigned to 1867 Gottfried Place, Oxnard CA, 93030.

Saving Oxnard History – The DVD

For those of you who missed our screening on the May the 15th, it is not too late to witness history. We are very fortunate to team up with Dreamkeeper Films to produce a professional history of our site and our plans for it. Dan Traub and his wife Sylvie Lariviere-Traub were more than generous with their time they dedicated to this project. Using rare photos, interviews and video of the area, Dreamkeeper Films has helped capture our dream of restoring the oldest structures on the Oxnard Plain that will be a part of an 1870s farm setting from the area.

In addition to the documentary short, we are also selling the Oxnard Postcards Slide Show DVD, with proceeds benefiting the Farm Park. Both DVD’s sell for only $10. Buy multiply copies for family and friends.

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