

## OXNARD HISTORIC FARM PARK FOUNDATION

# DOWN ON THE FARM



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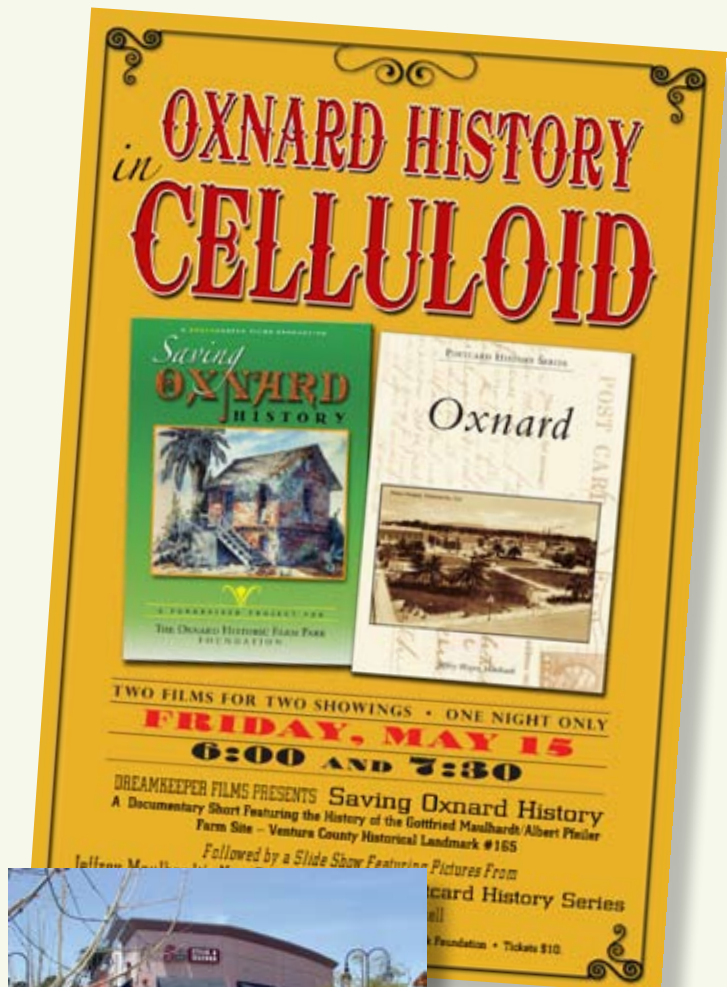
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# BIG SCREEN SUCCESS!

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.



Jeff Maulhardt inspects the troops - students from R J Frank Intermediate School - who helped make the two screenings a success.



Above: Event Marquee poster, and photo on left shows poster in front of the Plaza 14 Cinemas in Oxnard.

## A MESSAGE FROM JEFF



Welcome to our first volume, first edition of our Down on the Farm newsletter. I want to start by thanking my long time graphic artist friend, Frank Boross, whose efforts with me dates back to my Giants in Oxnard book in 1997. He is responsible

for the fabulous marquee poster, the flyers for the screening and the design of this collector's item. Also, thanks to my students over at R J Frank Intermediate School who have helped with this project year after year and dating back to our first open house in 2004.

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.

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*

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## Phase 1 Plans Ready



WEST ELEVATION (VIEW FROM COURTYARD w/ MAIN HOUSE)

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.



# BRICK SALES

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 Carrlejo

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 Schwabaurer

Viking Grads 1975

Abel – Bill – Billy – Kieth – Jeff – Sal

Johannes & Matilda Diedrich

John (Hon) & Katei Diedrich

Milton & Ella Mae Diedrich

The Milton Diedrich Family

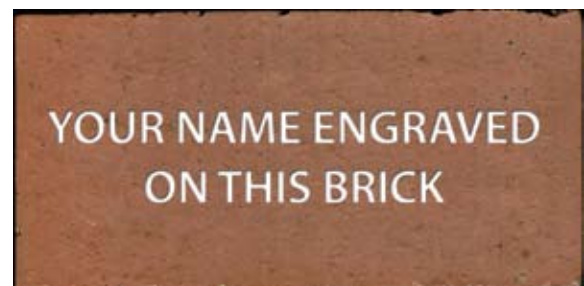
Art and Sue Thomas

Paul Thomas and Denis McMaster

Henry DeWitz "Best Friend"



Left to right - Students Vlad, Josh and Ky handling brick sales.



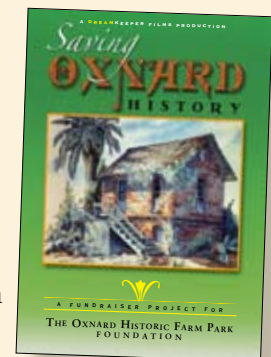
## *Pay with PayPal*

We are now working with PayPal to accommodate our supporters who chose to buy their engraved bricks with their credit card. Room sponsors can also chose to make payments online. We

are also offering the sale of our DVDs, Saving Oxnard History and Postcards of Oxnard – both for a small donation of \$10.00 each. Simply go to our website and access the store link.

The DVD's can also be purchased at Heritage Square Informational Center, 715 So. A St. or at Maulhardt Insurance, 916 N. Rice Ave., Suite 1A.

A big *thank you* to Chris Higgins for his selfless effort in creating and maintaining our website.



## *How can you reach us?*

We have a website:

[www.oxnardfarmpark.org](http://www.oxnardfarmpark.org)

or by email [info@oxnardfarmpark.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

