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# The Whittier Museum

## GAZETTE

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July 2013

### Mark Your Calendar!

July 20

Annual Flea Market

9 am-12 pm:  
Members Only  
12 pm-6 pm:  
Open to Public  
Whittier Museum  
Parking Lot  
**FREE to ALL**

July 28

The Magic Show's  
Grand Finale

Doors open at 1pm  
Show starts at 2pm  
Whittier Museum  
**FREE to ALL**

All of August

Closed for  
Renovations

Monthly Newsletter  
of the  
Whittier Historical  
Society & Museum

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Saturday & Sunday  
1 to 4pm

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## Hidden Heritage: Who was Pio Pico?

Written By Kellen Aguilar  
Museum Intern

Last month's Fiesta de Pio Pico celebrated California's Mexican heritage. Now that the mariachi band has packed up and the festivities have died down, we ask ourselves about the man of the hour - who was Pio Pico?

Pio de Jesus Pico was born to Jose Maria Pico and Maria Estaquilla Lopez on May 5, 1801 at the San Gabriel Mission. The legend was born when Pico answered a calling in politics in 1826.

In early to mid 19th century Mexico, revolution was the order of the day. Pico rallied the people against Mexico's tyrants. Remarkably, Pico found time away from *La Revolucion* to meet and marry his wife, Maria Ignacio Alvarado, in 1834.



Pio de Jesus Pico  
1801-1894

Pico's success brought him wealth and renown. He assumed governorship of California in 1845. He soon had a very accomplished record, but his streak would end with the outbreak of the Mexican-American War in 1846. Pico did not want California to be ceded over to the U.S., but lack of men, morale, and money forced him to capitulate in 1848.

The war stirred a change in Pico. It appeared that Pico caught something of the "American Spirit." Indeed, Pico became something of a capitalist, investing his

money in oil and establishing the Pico House, the first hotel with inside plumbing.

It was during the latter half of his life that Pico began to increase the size of his estate. He procured over 9000 acres of land, cultivating what is today Pico Rivera and parts of Whittier. His famous adobe mansion would stand the test of time and nature. Various floods threatened to destroy Pico's home, but under the directorship of Harriet Russel Strong in 1914 and the Whittier Historical Society in 1970, Pico's contribution to history has been preserved to the present day as the site of California's State Historic Park.

Pico's life met a fateful end when his beloved home was wrested from him by his pursuant creditors. Pico was forced to move off of his land in 1893 and died on September 11, 1894. His memory lives on.



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*A Chat with Rosalie*

It appears that summer is upon us. The summer months are when we try to catch up on those things that we have been waiting for better weather to take care of. Later this July, when the weather is bright and sunny, we are having our annual Flea Market. There may be a few new twists to the event, so you will surely want to stop by and peruse the many items that have been brought together for the discriminating shopper. You

don't know what you might find!

The museum, as usual, will be closed during the month of August for housekeeping duties (every once in a while you just have to give the old girl a little spit and polish). We have such a wonderful facility, and it is up to us to keep her that way and make her presentable to the public.

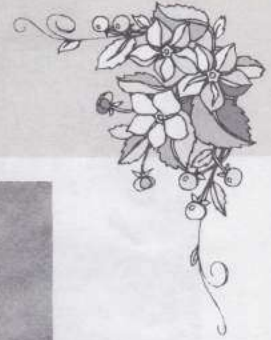
As we look to the beginning of a new year we are reaching out to you, our members, to play

a more active role. We are looking for members to join one or two of the committees that will be forming. If you would like to be involved in docenting, exhibits, programs, or fund-raising, call me at (562) 945-2308 or the office (562) 945-3871. This is your museum and it will only draw its strength from you, the members, so step up to the plate!

Have a great summer, and hope to hear from you soon.



*In Memorial*



**Vicky Solis**

Whittier Museum  
Office Manager

1981 - 2013



**Sally Coppock**

Bailey House  
Docent & Coordinator

1932 - 2013



# Happy 4th of July!

from the Whittier Historical Society

Wishing you a patriotic holiday weekend!

Honor the veterans of your community at the Whittier Museum Veteran's Honor Wall by creating a plaque in their honor.

To sponsor a veteran's plaque, contact the Whittier Museum at (562)-945-3871, or email us at [info@whittiermuseum.org](mailto:info@whittiermuseum.org).

"This nation will remain the land of the free, only so long as it is the home of the brave." -Elmer Davis

Got a friend who's not yet a member?

Bring them along!

Show off your WHHS Membership!

Bring this coupon to the WHS Annual Flea Market and your guest gains entrance to the Members Only hours (9am-12pm)

# The Magic Show's Grand Finale!

June 28

House Opens at 1pm: Show Starts at 2pm

Brought to you by the Society of American Magicians Hall of Fame

& the Whittier Historical Society

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Catch it before it disappears!

Like magic? Then this show has just the thing for you. Come watch spectacular acts of illusion and mystery as the Museum presents the last show of the Behind Smoke and Mirrors exhibit.





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Homegoods Glassware Jewelry Accessories  
Artwork Memorabilia Crafts Supplies  
Antiques Games Luggage Toys & Dolls

Donations accepted at the Whittier Museum! Tues - Fri. 9am to 4pm, Sat. & Sun 1 - 4pm

