STORY MAP

PAST · PRESENT · FUTURE

1 Fire and Rain
Al Timms

Three men take the measure of a boulder brought down from the mountain in the devastating debris flow accompanying the New Year's Day flood of 1934.

2 Elks Veteran Memorial
Al Timms

Chief Al Timms cooks for an event honoring the Veterans at California-Hawaii Elks Lodge.

3 My Hat
Al Timms

The food industry and public are always trying to improve on the common hot dog. Hot Dasher with my invention: Chili on a stick, its good "s*t hot without the pot!

4 Chili in Space
Al Timms

It is my hope that someday chili will touch the lives of all people, as it has mine. Chili will make the world a better place.

5 Tujunga 1960
Christian Kesperkoutitz

Fun times, new California Architecture, Japanese families.

6 Lake View Terrace the place that I love and where I live
Ole T Borman

Libraries are wonderful places and I am thankful that my poem can be found there

7 Moisture Control and Oak Tree
Corey Stein

The moisture control I found in the garage of my house. The oak fell a couple years ago.

8 Beaded Necklace and Barrettes
Corey Stein

I will be teaching a Native American Beading class at McGroarty Arts Center this Fall.

9 Stuffed Parrot
Corey Stein

The parrot I found in my driveway after it dropped dead from the oak tree. I put in the freezer and thought it would make a good gift. They would stuff it. They said only if it had a limerick, it did. It was $50 more to have it done with the wings open. Now it will live forever!

10 Monte Vista Park Hotel Business Card — 1908 to 1920
Craig Durst

In 1906 Anna and her husband Henry Grandstetter purchased the Park Hotel and a Dairy farm in Monte Vista. While Henry tended the farm, Anna cared for their home, the hotel and their 5 children. The eight-room structure, with four bedrooms upstairs and one bedroom and one bath downstairs, functioned as a hotel for almost 50 years. In the early 1920's, Anna and her married Sidney Jump and the doors of the Hotel stayed opened until the Jumps retired in the 1950's. She and Sid both passed in 1960. The Hotel was torn down in 1961 and the April 1977 earthquake caused irreparable damage that spelled the end for the oldest structure in Sunland.

11 Castle Hi Yan Ka Stereoview Cards — 1928
Craig Durst

In 1922 Raymond Sylvester Phillips purchased a two-acre ranch over Tujunga at the base of the Verdugos and named it Castle Hi Yan Ka. The "Hi Yan ka" , which according to Ray was the Tongva Indian word for "Welcome". The single handedly began construction of Castle Hi Yan Ka with the multitude of rocks found on the property. Assisted by his wife, Mary, Ray has established a wildlife sanctuary on the ranch, primarily for desert tortoises. The sanctuary eventually grew to include over a 100 tortoises by 1955, which is the largest collection of tortoises world-wide. Over the years, the castle drew over 100,000 visitors.

12 "Heart Potato Chip & LIFE Card" Eden Abbez — 1948
Craig Durst

Abbe, as I knew him, was born George Alexander Abarbanel during the Depression in Brooklyn, New York. He lived in a house with too many children and too little food as far back as he could remember. He went to foster homes and he also spent time in an orphanage. When he came of age he hit the road and at some point adopted the name eden ebbes, spelling it the way it sounded to him and "Only God and Infinity deserve to be capitalized". From the experiences of his travels and wrote a poem, "Nature Boy" and put it to music. Nat King Cole heard the song and recorded it but Nat King Cole because he liked his performance with a song. His recording of the song would eventually hit #1 on the music charts and stay there for 8 weeks. Unfortunately for Abbe, it did not make it to the late 50's or Sally Dog Recording Studios and he would always tell me stories in which the overall message was love. At one point he was homeless and living out of his car in Miami, which I kept to this day.

13 Sister Elsie's Rock
Craig Durst

Mount Lukens towers over Tujunga at nearly 5,000 feet high. Her peak is the highest in all of Los Angeles within the city limits. Her summit is also the location of his book, "Verde the Turtle". I recently climbed to the very top of Mount Lukens. Once there I found a small stone resting upon the mountain's peak. I have since named the stone as Sister Elsie's Rock. The stone came from the mountain and became, "Sister Elsie's Rock".

14 Piece of Old Methuselah
Craig Durst

Recently a large oak tree came crashing down on the former ranch of Tujunga pioneer Flora Morgan. The current owner of the home Craig Durst found the tree had been in his family for many years and was originally his grandmother's home. Since he was a child he knew the name his grandmother had given to the tree, Old Methuselah. Last month Trident, Sword of Damocles and Old Methuselah were their names. Trident and Sword of Damocles still stand tall while Old Methuselah is no more.

15 Abraham Lincoln signature book
Craig Durst

My most prized possession. Received as a gift from a client after 30 years of working together. Signed by the majority of Senators and Congressmen during the Lincoln presidency years and includes the great president's signature itself.
Unfortunately, Reckless

16 Model T Replica
Craig Durst

I am currently restoring a 1920 Ford Model T Touring car here in Tujunga. I am restoring it to the exact specs of cars to represent Dalton Hall Museum at events such as the 4th of July Parade. My T is a 4dr and her name is Clara. She is named after my mother in law who was also the scene contribution to the success of the early American auto industry. 15,000,000 Model T's were manufactured between 1908 and 1930. By 1920 more than half of all the cars in the world were Model T's.

17 Livit Virtual Reality Goggles
Craig Durst

Currently working with the developer of this 3D virtual reality-broadcasting platform to be viewed through a special viewer in conjunction with your smartphone. The broadcaster and owner of the goggles to be present LIVE at a concert, for instance, and is able to look in every direction to view what's happening there.

18 McGroarty Arts Center 1969
Dawn Valli Jenkins

Hana McGroarty Arts Center.
Dawn Valli Jenkins lived with horses on McGroarty in the 1960's and were took me there too. Over the years I've taken painting, comedy improv, jazz dance, ceramics, sculpting, mask making, and I've been a performer on the McGroarty Board of Directors and Chair of the Community Relations Committee.

19 Fritz the Sassy Service Dog
Don Roy

Fritz the Sassy Service Dog gets excited when we to go his favorite training parallax — the upper parking lot(not Villa Terraza Restaurant — that's my favorite, not his).
When I was a kid living in Sun Valley, I was intrigued with the rumors that the family's owner was a spy for Germany. Some 60 years later, I've developed a friendship (sometimes with the help of Fritz). My dog has shown me that people I might never approach will approach me.
My wish and dream for the future is to encourage people to use their smartphones to connect with people.

20 Sunland-Tujunga DOT Box Art Project
Gail Carlson

As a STNC board member I am chair of Beautification and spent hundred of hours creating a committee to improve community services. We got 85 trees planted, 10 community clean ups and the Sunland-Tujunga DOT Box Art Project® progress. 21 utility boxes will be painted along Foothill Blvd, some already are.

Top Image: Artist: Tony Campos
Bottom Image: Art submission and final version by Jennifer Bannon

21 Theodore Payne's seed spoons, 1940's catalog, 1950 centennial seed packet
Lili Singer

These items represent 1900 through 1950 and the early establishment of the foundation and its La Tuna Canyon location. Mr. Payne arrived in CA in 1903 at age 30s and opened his first shop selling native plants in downtown Los Angeles in 1903.

22 2016 Garden Tour Booklet, Seed collected with permits in Deukmejian Wilderness Park
Lili Singer

We are presently encouraging, teaching and supporting home gardeners and landscapers in their understanding and use of California natives. In that vein we have established a seed collection locally sourced plants to lend gardeners to support local ecology, wildlife habitat and resource construction, including water.

Seed in bottles: Eriophyllum confertiflorum/ Golden Yarrow; Salvia spiens/White sage

23 Seed Packet/ Seeds of Community
Lili Singer

Our seeds of Community Program encourages and invites the people of [illegible] — and engages them to appreciate our native plants, and plant them all over the region. Grow local. Plant native.

24 Hobers Sunland Pharmacy Inc
Lloyd Hitt

Hobers Sunland Pharmacy Inc. was owned by my wife Marlene Hitt's family. I worked as a pharmacist.

25 Dad's Ed's B'day, 1940
Lloyd Hitt

With our family and fellow merchants.

26 View from Our Home, 2000
Lloyd Hitt

Looking North towards the Big Tujunga Wash and mountains. The Oak Forest Canyon Municipal Golf Course was built. Mountains in background are the San Gabriel Mtns.

27 4th of July Parade 2002
Lloyd Hitt

As a Korean War Veteran I had an entry celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

28 My Horse
Lloyd Hitt

Early 70's — I rode my horse in the Rancho Tujunga rodeos before the 210 FWY ever existed.

29 Remember Tuna Canyon
Lloyd Hitt

I am currently working on "Only the Oaks Remain" a project about La Tuna Detention Station. This WWII site held over 1,000 Japanese, German and Native Immigrants and Latin American Hostages. Photo: Little Landers Historical Society and the Devil Scott Family.

30 Home, houses I lived in.
Marlene Hitt

31 What I don't like about my neighborhood
Marlene Hitt

This is our neighborhood's "curb appeal". Overgrown trees, trash, 50+ years, neighbor's yard on a large piece of property, 2 huge trucks, heavy machinery, 3 live in trailers, many cars, junk.

32 Interracial Marriage
Marlene Hitt

Portrait of my daughter in law Carol Rose and my grandson Anthony James Watson, 2018

33 Discovery Cube
Meredith Kyomura

Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education is the future! Currently, the lowest participation in STEM fields of any careers are women, especially those from minorities. STEM careers make up almost 30% of Life jobs and is ever growing. We want this to change.

34 Richard Nobles Painting, 1961
Michael Callahan

A few months ago, there was peace, and Richard Nobles was in the front of his house. Then the highway engineers came in September to widen the street. They pushed the street right to Nobles' property lines, and the front of his house is 10 feet above the level of his lot. "When I saw that gray wall for the first time, I got sick," said Nobles, an amateur painter. Gathering up his "odds 'n' ends," he began to paint something about it. Remembering his several vacation trips to Yosemite Park, he drew a waterfall, some snowcapped mountains, a lake and a forest of pine trees. Then he added a big sign over the like that by 16-foot wall facing his house. Valley Times Collection, December 16, 1961. Photograph by Allen Hyde.

35 Butterfly Park
Michael Callahan

Albert Carter was an inventor, mining engineer, butterfly collector, and special agent for the CA State Mother Lode. He and his wife Amy moved to Los Angeles some time prior to 1910. They lived in Boyle Heights, then Hollywood, and then Shadow Hills. The Carters lived at 6804 Wheatland and in 1928 they built a store at 6918 Wheatland that would become their home. The store sold Amy's many different varieties of butterflies for sale and trade and was well known among collectors. Since the making and sale of butterflies was a sideline for Mrs. Carter, the store was also responsible for managing the operation along with the help of two assistants. The park closed sometime after 1936.

36 Theater Play
Pat Kramer

Pat Kramer and star DeDanna Dickerson in the Community Theatre of Sunland-Tujunga in their performances of two of the town's most well - loved citizens Aunt Jennie Wannon and Parson Wannon in The Homecoming by Earl Hamner Jr. at the Little Landers Historical Society. Their performances on October 25, 2014 took place on the actual graveside of the Wannons at the Verdugo Hills Cemetery of Sunland-Tujunga.

37 My STNC Badge
Pat Kramer

I am part of the process of changing my community for the better as an elected member of the STNC board. I am a 21-year resident of Sunland-Tujunga. I am a homeowner, a mother, and a business owner. I also love the history of my community.

38 Start
Scott Froschauer

My present view of the Foothills District is one of focusing on the community. I feel that so much of my attention had been pulled away from the local environment. There are so many things that I can do (and dozens of around the world), but everything really starts at home. I create signs that are reminders of the importance of this moment, and this place, encouragement to be in the here. I place signs around our neighborhoods in an attempt to create a connection to place and time with the viewer. Undiscovered locations.

39 Coloring Book
Scott Froschauer

Newspaper article that I wrote for Crescenta Valley Weekly.

40 Police Searching for "Wolf Man" in Tujunga
Staff Michelle Portier

"LA Times and Record-Ledger article, Dec 30, 1960. The movie "I was a Teenage Werewolf" was released about the time of this story. Michael Landon acted as Werewolf.

41 The Record Ledger Newspaper
Regina Clark

The Record Ledger Tujunga Sunland Shadow Hills Times, Vol. 1, No. 1 was started in our area from 1922 to 1957 and was published every week. A small-time newspaper, such as the Record Ledger, documents the day-to-day events of the area. Pictured is the past. I consider Dalton Hall Museum's collection of this newspaper one of our most valuable artifacts because it shows and tells us the history of our beautiful community.

42 Mountains and Wildlife
Regina Clark

I love the beauty of the mountain and still life around me.

43 Care for Our Neighborhoods
Regina Clark

Teens found while walking around McGroarty Park. Sadly, many people now have so little respect for their surroundings, even when surrounded by beauty. I feel that a lot of this is their "trashy" behavior affects others and it is getting worse.

44 Oranges from 100 year old tree
Scott Froschauer

My house was originally built as a garage for farm equipment for the orange groves. One tree from those groves still remains in my front yard. It's around 100 years old I am guessing, and still produces oranges. It is my touchstone to the ancestors of my land.

45 No Home Depot
Sheri Smith

In 1998 I worked on the Foothill Redward Corridor Specific Plan for Sunland-Tujunga against building a Home Depot in our neighborhood.

46 Bolton Hall Museum
Sheri Smith

The 100-year-old building has served as a community center and gathering place for most of its lifetime. It represents the various newcomers and generations that have shaped its interests and culture, now served by Bolton Hall Museum.

47 Lake View Terrace Library Card
Vanessa May

The lake view terrace library is a great present- day hotel treasure and resources. It is a focal point in the community.

48 LVT Alcohol Outlets
Vanessa May

Found five liquor stores within 0.7 miles on Foothill Blvd between Van Nuys Blvd. and Osborne Street.

49 A zocalo for Lake View Terrace
Vanessa May

It's time for Lake View Terrace to have a Zócalo type meeting place. In short it is a place where the people can meet in fun, strong other peaceful parents. Living in a neighborhood with a local commercial and social center will encourage healthy physical activity and community ties. It is a place where a place where people can walk, bike or horse ride to where they can shop for necessities, visit with family and friends over a nice cup of coffee or beer. It is a place where we can create a "Gente Nuestra" in real life only way in which neighborhoods can be made safer and economically prosperous. TOGETHER, local government, civic groups and residents can implement projects are promote crime reduction and equitable economic development. Without displacement. TOGETHER we can invite positive businesses to come to our community. So, let's put our Zócalo on with a quinceneo!