

# People Preserving Peteetneet

## Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Arts Center

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*Thora Jean Jewett*

**TRIBUTE TO  
TO RETIRING  
PRESIDENT  
OF PEOPLE  
PRESERVING  
PETEETNEET**

Thora Jean Jewett will be retiring as the President of People Preserving Peteetneet in March of this year. She has faithfully served in this position for the last three years. It has been a privilege for the Board of Trustees of People Preserving Peteetneet to be associated with this great leader. We'd like to thank her husband, Duane, for sharing her with us.

Even though the volunteers and the

Board of PPP are of many different ages and have all kinds of jobs and interests, it is certain that we all have one thing in common: our admiration of an individual who never quits until the job is done. That individual, of course, is Thora Jean Jewett.

Many of us have known Thora Jean for many years. Some of us have known her since she was a young girl, others may have only known her since she became an adult or even when she became associated with the Peteetneet. We all admire Thora Jean for who she is and what she stands for.

As all of you know, Thora Jean is a native of Payson. She has had a great love for Peteetneet since she attended school here as a child. She has been very

supportive of the restoration of the building and grounds even before she became a member of the Board of Trustees of People Preserving Peteetneet.

We all know something else about Thora Jean. She doesn't just look around and see things that need attention. She takes action. We all see the same things that Thora Jean sees. There are jobs that need to be done, problems that need to be solved.

As we look at those and think about our busy lives, we most likely say to ourselves, "Somebody will take care of that." We mean well but we just don't get

around to doing anything.

Thora Jean has been the person who does something.

When we look at Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Arts Center – which was only a dream twenty years ago – many of us were in that camp that said “We really do need to save that beautiful old building. Somebody needs to do something.” Many individuals in our community stepped forward and DID SOMETHING. We will be eternally grateful to those individuals. Their dream and foresight have helped move us to where we are today.

Thora Jean has been a person, since becoming associated with Peteetneet, that saw possibilities where the rest of us saw need. During her tenure as President of PPP she has worked tirelessly with many of the other volunteers to help move many projects to completion. We thank Thora Jean for her service to Peteetneet. Even when she has been facing many medical trials in her life, she has always been trying to complete her duties as President.

With the hustle of the Energizer Bunny, Thora Jean’s enthusiasm gave the rest of us what we needed most – and that was

leadership.

She was one of the quarterbacks in a drive that has helped Peteetneet become the reality we enjoy today....the reality of this fine building we will enjoy for years to come.

So, Thora Jean, on behalf of everyone associated with Peteetneet, we’d like to say thanks for being an individual of action and not just words. You have been cheering us on and rallying many people to work together to make Peteetneet what is today. It would never have happened without you and many other “unsung heroes.”

So join us in giving Thora Jean a round of applause, a pat on the back, and a big thank you for the great job she has done while serving as President of PPP.

### **PETEETNEET ARTS COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **Annual Train Show**

The annual Peteetneet Train Show was a huge success again last month. Doug Lamb and his helpers had an outstanding show again this time. He had some new part of the display. His helpers did a great job of decorating the Art Room with railroad memorabilia. We had Santa visit on December 6. An added feature was a visit of one of his helpers,

Sparkle Plenty. She told stories and explained the true meaning of Christmas.

Those that attended the show had nothing but good things to say about it. If you missed it, make a note on your calendar for next December. Doug Lamb is already making plans for the next show in December 2009.

### **PETEETNEET ART GALLERY SCHEDULE**

#### **January-February**

The Peteetneet Art Gallery will have the Junior High School Art Show.

#### **March-April**

Local Juried Art Show featuring the art of local artists.

#### **May-June**

Carol Stevenson Laycock and Marion Wilson will be presenting a joint showing of their work. Mrs. Laycock will be displaying her cross-stitching work and Mrs. Wilson will have some of her many floral arrangement on display.

#### **June 15-July 1**

Annual Peteetneet Quilt Show.

## **PETEETNEET ART BOARD**

We have a wonderful, dedicated art board and appreciate all the they do here at Peteetneet to bring culture and great activities for the general public to enjoy. Most of the activities we plan are free to the public, and our only regret is that so many people miss out on the wonderful things that are offered because they are either too busy or neglect to take the time to see what is offered.

We are always open to suggestions of things you would like to see and do. We try really hard to keep our displays and programs current and informative as well as interesting. With the addition of the elevator and other on-going improvements at Peteetneet, if you haven't been by recently, drop by and enjoy the great exhibits and activities that are on-going. There is always something exciting and interesting to do during the long winter months.

## **CONCERT SERIES**

Lisa Hansen, a member of the Arts Council has been busy arranging our Sunday Night Concerts that are

held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Check our on-line Events Calendar at <http://www.peteetneetacademy.org> to see who the guest artists are for the upcoming concerts. Don't miss these great concerts.

## **VISIT OUR OUTSTANDING DISPLAYS**

We would like to invite you to visit our 12 rooms of displays as well the new displays on the lower level by the new elevator. We have host/hostesses available for tours from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM each week day. You will enjoy your visit.

*Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.*  
Alphonse Karr

## **CHIEF PETEETNEET**

*"Chief Peteetneet, a Chief who lives near Utah Lake, is perfect and I do not believe a better man lives on the earth. He will do good all the time and will not do evil if he knows it."*

A quote from Brigham Young

*Peteetneet's name is mentioned in the journals kept by the Mormon Church. On January 15, 1851 George A. Smith and*

*his company of 118 men (some with families,) were en route to the Sevier Valley when a band of Indians appeared. Chief Peteetneet and six Indians appeared, mounted on fine horses. They rode unhesitatingly up to the wagon train and wanted to smoke the pipe of peace. Four days later, on Sunday, Peteetneet and his men rode again into the Smith camp wanting to trade. Smith informed them that the Saints would not trade on the Sabbath, and invited them to come back the next day. Smith wrote in his journal that "Peteetneet instructed his men not to trade today as it was the 'good day'.*

## **WEDDING BACKDROP**

### **AVAILABLE**

Contact Marion Wilson at 465-3187 for more information.

## **PETEETNEET SPOTLIGHT**

The People Preserving Peteetneet would like to spotlight two outstanding individuals who are a vital part of the Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Arts Center. Irene Bautista and Reneria Guishahas are the two ladies one sees going about the duties of cleaning and maintaining the building.

## **Irene Bautista**



Irene was born and raised in the Philippines. She raised her family of four children. Her late husband, Feliciano P. Bautista, was an accomplished educator and public servant. He was a high school principal and a college dean. His involvement in local politics helped transform his home town from a local farming and fishing town into a city town. He helped nurture and develop his town to be the center of commerce, trade and education.

Irene, herself, is an educator and a business entrepreneur. She owned her own dress shop and hair styling salon.

Being a child from the ashes of World War II, she grew up valuing education and a strong work ethic. She and her husband opted to raise their four children on a farm so they could learn to work hard and develop skills in self-reliance, simple living, service and sacrifice.

Each of the four children went to schools in the big cities several hours

away from their ancestral home. The oldest child, Joel, is a merchant engineer traversing the world's oceans for a massive shipping company delivering goods to every continent in the world. He comes to the United States every few years. Her daughter, Elenita, has a degree in Mass Communications and moved to the United States when she married Adam Holdaway from Pleasant Grove in 1994. They live in Lehi.

Her second son, Jun, is an engineer working for a construction firm in the Middle East. Her youngest daughter, Eleanor, has a degree in Respiratory Therapy. She moved to Utah in 2005 and married Jose Flores. They live in Riverton. She has nine grandchildren.

Irene moved to the United States in 2000. She feels it is an honor to be a part of the Peteetneet. She feels she has become good friends with the people here and she treasures their friendship.



## **Reneria Guisihan**

Reneria was born in Tambuok, Inaganga Bohol, Philippines. She has three brothers and one sister. She was the second child in her family.

She married in 1959 when she was 16 years old. She has twelve children. She has one set of twins. Her first baby died of the flu when he was three years old. Her second baby was a girl. She has seven girls and four boys living. All of her children are married. She has two of her children here in Utah. One lives in Payson and one lives in Spanish Fork. She has one daughter living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and the rest of her children are in the Philippines.

She worked on their farm in the Philippines before she came to America. They planted rice, bananas, sweet potatoes, yams, coconut trees, vegetables, etc.

She came to

America in July 2005. She has been living in Utah for the last three years. She is currently working as a housekeeper at Peteetneet. She really likes her job here at Peteetneet. She said she really appreciates her supervisor, Helen.

She likes to go to church every Sunday. She likes to do yard work, working in the garden, planting tomatoes, corn, egg plants, green peppers, etc. She also likes to bake and cook Philippine foods.

Her hobbies are watching sports games, Jazz basketball, tv shows, playing cards with her neighbor and going for

walks.

As well as working inside the building at Peteetneet, you will also find her outside working in the flower gardens and on the grounds. She really has a green thumb with our grounds.

We really appreciate the great job that Irene and Reneria do here in our facility. Our building and displays always look clean and neat with the help they give in keeping everything looking as nice as it does. Thanks, ladies, you are great!

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have several outstanding displays arranged for the next five months.

During January and February we will have the Utah County Woodcarvers displaying some of their outstanding work. It will be a must see exhibit.

During March through May we will have a Salt and Pepper Shaker display by JoAnn Stevenson. She has been collecting for over 60 years. We will have a large display of many of her collection. It is always a treat to view collections like this one.

## BOOKING PETEETNEET

The Historic Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Center is available for the following:

Weddings	Seminars	Conventions	Plays
Reunions	Recitals	Concerts	Parties.
Banquets	Classes	Club Meetings	

For more information call Helen Scott at our office at (801)465-5265 between 10am and 4pm, Monday through Friday or you may FAX to (801)465-9427.

## COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

**Mark the last Sunday of each month on your calendars for our monthly Art Council Concert Series. Check on on-line Events Calendar at the following: <http://www.peteetneetacademy.org> to see the featured artist of the month. The concerts begin at 6:00 PM each Sunday evening. Don't miss these outstanding concerts.**