



This mural shows Main Street, Ventura (looking east) at about 1885. The streets were dirt but wide enough to turn a horse and buggy.

#### The Artist:

Marguerite Hardeman was born in Fullerton, CA on August 31, 1911, lived most of her life in Ojai, CA and died on March 10, 1990 in Corning, CA.

She was a member of the Realistic Painters Group in Ojai and attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church there playing the organ and piano.

Ms. Hardeman taught at Ventura College in the 1960's and did these murals and others in the late 1960's. Some were displayed at the former California Bank in Ventura, CA.



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This view ca. 1964 shows the town of Ventura from the hills above. Mission San Buenaventura is at the extreme right middle. The coast line and Channel Islands are beyond.



"The cows are coming home"

Cattle ranching was the backbone of Rancho Life here in Southern California. Great herds roamed the hills and plains.

## Exhibit at the Adobe: Murals and Roses

Date: May 17, 2009  
12 noon to 3 p.m.