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Joint Effort'**

# **Adelante**

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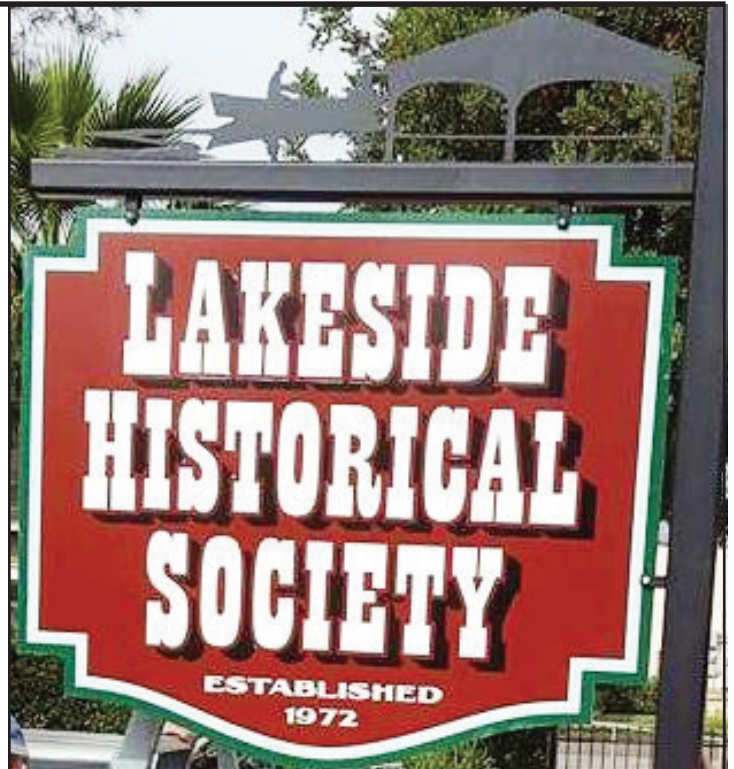
## **Renew your CoH Membership for 2019-2020**

It's time to renew your Congress of History membership for 2019-2020. This new membership year began on Mon., July 1 and continues through June 2020. If you're not sure if you (or your group) need to renew, contact the Membership Chair Helen Halmay (contact info. on pg. 3).

The Congress of History is a networking organization that brings together representatives from the historical societies, archives and other history-related groups in San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.

Our motto is: **"Unity and Joint Effort."** Our goal is to assist one another and find strength in unity. We meet every other month, usually at the museum of an organizational member. Meetings are announced in *Adelante* and are open to the public. CoH board members vote at board meetings. All CoH members are encouraged to vote at the *Annual Meeting* held every February.

*Come enjoy all of our history-related meetings!*



## **The President's Column**

Dianne Cowen, President  
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Local Fourth of July celebrations, held recently, reminded me of the impact that the 200th anniversary of our nation had on the development of local historical societies. It seemed that every community wanted to be a part of the *Bicentennial* events.

Citizens began years in advance to learn more about their own founding fathers and mothers. Historic locations and museums were spruced-up. Organizations and governments joined efforts to remember the linking of 13 newly-independent colonies into what would eventually become the fifty United States of

America. Fundraising, speeches, exhibits, and dinners culminated on July 4, 1976 with the national

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## **Next CoH Meeting is *THIS Sat., July 20* at the Lakeside Historical Society**

The next board meeting of the Congress of History (CoH) will be held ***THIS Saturday, July 20*** at 10 a.m. at the **Lakeside Historical Society** (LHS), located in the home of that group, the Olde Community Church, at 9906 Maine Ave., Lakeside 92040. Look for their colorful, new, red sign (above) created by society members. It's hung outside the church (on the Maine Ave. side).

Business conducted during this CoH meeting will include a report from the Planning Committee for the 2020 CoH History Conference, "Remarkable Women," to highlight the history and influence of local women.

Free, on-street parking. All are welcome to attend this CoH meeting and lunch afterwards; bring a friend!

Following the meeting, those in attendance may tour the Lakeside Museum, located in the old, original

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## **July is Parks & Recreation Month**

## Adelante Deadline

**NOTE: The deadline for articles and flyers for the September/October edition of *Adelante* is Aug. 24, 2019.** Please e-mail them to: hghalmay@aol.com. E-mail an article as a Word document; a flyer as a PDF, and a photo, logo (or other artwork) as a JPG file. *OR*, surface-mail hard copies to: Helen Halmay, Congress of History, PO Box 1346, Lemon Grove, CA 91946. (Electronic submission is preferred.)

Thank you! *Helen Halmay, Editor*

## The President's Column

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celebration of our nation in Washington, D.C. In San Diego most of us saw the televised version from the comfort of our homes even as we enjoyed the local events before and during East Coast celebrations. . . .

This year the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association is celebrating the centennial of the San Diego and Arizona Railway with talks scheduled at many locations throughout the year. Driving from my Los Peñasquitos Ranch House Docents meeting directly to the San Diego Archaeology Center on June 8, I was able to hear most of Reena Deutsch's presentation on the construction of the SD&A. What an amazing feat that men of various ethnicities and backgrounds accomplished as they tunneled, built bridges, and laid track across the inhospitable lands from El Centro to National City. The online San Diego and Arizona Railway Centennial page lists the schedule of events which vary in time of day, location, and cost, with many being free.

As Helen Halmay, editor of *Adelante*, noted in her column, "*Hue and Cry*" (in the conference edition of *Adelante*) many of our Congress of History organizations have significant anniversaries this year. Check current and past *Adelante* newsletters for information. Even if specific events have already passed, individual museums' anniversary exhibits will continue for months. . . .

I am looking forward to being in Lakeside on July 20 for the next Congress of History Board Meeting. Our host, the Lakeside Historical Society, has the Olde Community Church on the corner of Maine Ave. and Parkdale. An E Clampus Vitus historical marker faces Maine Ave. Limited off-street parking is available on Parkdale between the Lakeside Museum and the church. Street parking on Parkdale has some shade. Join us for the meeting, museum tour, and lunch at a local nearby eatery. I always bring a hat and wear sunscreen for the outdoors. . . .

Our family has had several gatherings over the past few months as we said goodbye to our 98-year-old mother, grandmother, and aunt. Mother loved history



The Lakeside Inn advertised boating and fishing on Lindo Lake. The Boat House (symbol of the LHS), with boating & fishing, are shown above in wrought iron on the top of the LHS sign (see on page 1), created by LHS members.

## Next CoH Mtg. is **THIS** **Sat., July 20 in Lakeside**

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"manse" parsonage. The museum is located at 12418 Parkside Ave., adjacent to the church.

### History of the Lakeside Historical Society

Lakeside became a town site in 1886 as a tourist destination with the building of the Lakeside Inn. The large Inn was known as the "Hotel Del of East County," because of its similarity to the Hotel Del Coronado. The Inn advertised boating and fishing on Lindo Lake, hunting, and just plain old relaxing. The Inn continued to operate until 1916, despite a fire severe enough to require a partial reconstruction. When the old building was torn down in 1920 it was only to make way for a new hotel, which was never built.

The Lakeside Historical Society was founded in 1972 and is dedicated to the preservation and education of Lakeside's diverse history. The home of the society is the Olde Community Church, the town's first church, located in the heart of the historical district of Lakeside. This district covers most of Maine Ave. and includes buildings of all eras, from the 1890s to the 1920s, up until today.

Constructed in 1896 and never moved from its current location, the historic church was originally a Presbyterian Church. In 1962 the Presbyterians moved to a new sanctuary building in Lakeside. The LHS met at the old church and eventually purchased the Maine Ave. building and began restoring it. The society's "manse" museum was acquired later, restored, then opened in 2004.

and was a longtime member of the Lompoc Historical Society in her community. When traveling, in years past, she also enjoyed visiting local historical sites and museums. Many family members continue to share her interests.

I hope to have a little more time to visit more of the Congress of History member locations this year. In the meantime, our family has enjoyed celebrating our own history and sharing memories and photos. May you enjoy family and friends in your life.

Hope to see you soon,

**Dianne P. Cowen**, President



## Adelante

News of the Congress of  
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### MEMBERSHIP

- **Our Membership Year is July through June**
- **\$20 Individual;**
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- **\$25 Family, or Organization, or Business;**
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■ **MEETINGS** are always held on the third Saturday of: these six months: January, February – our Annual Meeting, (March is our Annual History Conference), May, July, September, and November.

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## **FREE** Temecula Program about *'The Murder of Mrs. Platt,'* offered by TVHS on Mon., July 22 at 6 p.m.

Temecula Valley Historical Society (TVHS) invites the public to attend a free presentation about "*The Murder of Mrs. Platt*," to be offered on Monday, July 22 at 6 p.m. in the Little Temecula History Center, located in



the red barn at the corner of Redhawk Parkway and Wolf Store Road (next door to the Kohl's store).

The presenter will be Oscar Muñoz, M.A. (see his photo, left). Muñoz is a public historian for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians and a Ph.D. student at the University of California, Riverside. The program will cover the 1894 murder of Mary J. Platt, the teacher at the Pechanga school (see the black and white photo, top of the next page).

Muñoz, who researches Native American history of Southern California, will discuss the documentary evidence as well as traditional oral narratives and will analyze possible motives that led to the murder of Platt and the destruction of the Pechanga schoolhouse on September 20, 1894.

He will tell how news of the event spread throughout  
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## HUE AND CRY

Editor's Column - by Helen Halmay

## Vail Ranch Restoration Association and Temecula Valley Historical Society to merge in September

I hear from Rebecca Farnbach, president of the Temecula Valley Historical Society, that on Sept. 1, 2019, the Vail Ranch Restoration Assn. (VaRRA) and the Temecula Valley Historical Society (TVHS) will be merging their two organizations into one.

The two groups are located very close to each other, with one at the ranch headquarters and the other at the big red barn (separated by a modern Kohl's store), all located in the Little Temecula Valley.

I think this merger is a great idea, since most of the officers of one history group are also officers of the other group. So, with this merger, they will effectively cut the number of their meetings in half! For an article and a photo of the Vail Ranch Hdqs., see the bottom of page 6.

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The Pechanga school house, in about 1890, with the teacher, Mrs. Mary Platt, seated in the center (wearing puffy, white sleeves), surrounded by her students. Both photos courtesy of the Temecula Valley Historical Society

## ***‘The Murder of Mrs. Platt,’ Mon., July 22*** *(Continued from Previous Page)*

Southern California, the public outrage that ensued, and the investigations that resulted in three court trials and the arrests of five Indians, including the Pechanga reservation’s Captain.

The public is welcome to attend this presentation at no charge at the Little Temecula History Center. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a social time, with refreshments.

Questions regarding this presentation may be directed to Rebecca Farnbach, (951) 775-6057.

(Note: See an additional article about the Temecula Valley Historical Society on page ?? in this *Adelante*.)

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## ***THIS Friday, is Summer in the Park, a FREE Music Series in S.D. Trolley Barn Park, 6 p.m.***

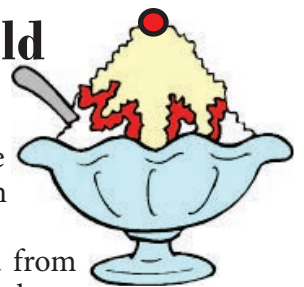


A series of live music events are being offered this summer when the **University Heights Historical Society (UHHS)** joins with other community groups to co-sponsor a fun and free *Summer in the Park Music Series*, being held from July through August, on Fridays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Trolley Barn Park, on Adams Ave. at Florida St., San Diego 92116. Free street parking (arrive early for closest parking). Bring your own seating, blankets, food, etc.

This series offers family-friendly evenings of summer entertainment: **THIS Friday, July 19**, Sally & The Souljahs, R&B, Funk, to Soul & Reggae; **July 26**, 8 Track Highway, Classic Rock Sounds from the 70s & 80s; **August 2**, Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra, Boogie Woogie & Swing. **Mark your calendar!**

Come enjoy a picnic at the park (bring your own blankets, chairs, food, soft drinks, cooler, jackets, etc.). Also, buy ice cream treats from the mobile vendor, on-site. Or, eat before the event, at near-by University Heights restaurants, or buy food to-go, to bring to the park. Please no alcoholic beverages, no glass containers, and no unleashed dogs at these events. The University Heights Historical Society is part of the non-profit University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC). Visit their website at: [www.uhcdc.org](http://www.uhcdc.org) for more details about this music series.

## ***Annual Ice Cream Social to be held at Vista Historical Society on Sat., July 27, 1p.m.***



In the heat of summer, come relax in the cool shade at the *Annual Ice Cream Social*, to be offered by the **Vista Historical Society (VHS)** on **Saturday afternoon**, July 27 in the garden of the society's house museum, Rancho Minerva, 2317 Old Foothill Dr., Vista 92085.

Unlimited ice cream, root beer floats, and other non-alcoholic drinks will be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come visit with friends and take a food-free tour of the society's historic Rancho Minerva House Museum. Exhibits include historic clothing, furniture, artwork, and a display about the *Vista Press* community newspaper. **As occurred in previous years, crafters and others will have booths at the social**, offering unique items for sale. Arts & crafts booths will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost for the social is \$5 for adults, and only \$3 for children under 10; pay at the event. For more details call the society at: (760) 630-0444, or see their website: [www.vistahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.vistahistoricalsociety.com).

(NOTE: For information on the VHS's August *Summer Barbecue*, see the article on page 13, in this *Adelante*.)

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## **After Renovation, Gallery Area in Gaslamp House Museum opens to the Public with New Exhibit; Walking Tour is offered**

Congratulations to the Gaslamp Quarter Museum, in the Davis-Horton House (located at 4th & Island, in downtown San Diego), for their good news! After two damaging floods and almost a year of being under construction, their Mary Joralm-on Gallery, downstairs, finally reopened to the public last week (on July 10). Lots of hard work and expense were involved, but it was well worth the effort!

The gallery's new exhibit "Notable Women of the Gaslamp Quarter" focuses on eight women who shaped the Gaslamp's history, from the past up to the present – from the "first lady" of New Town San Diego in the 1850s, Maria de Jesus Estudillo Davis, to the modern day change-maker Dorothy Hom. Learn about the impact of the early professional and entrepreneurial women who are essential components of



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## Respond **NOW** to the First Ever *San Diego Archives Crawl*; It will be held on Sat., Oct. 5; **Deadline is Friday, August 23**

**PLEASE READ NOW** – On Saturday, October 5, **San Diego History Center** in Balboa Park will host the first ever *San Diego Archives Crawl*. This event is a chance for all types of archives, including historical archives (both inside Balboa Park and throughout San Diego County) to educate fellow information professionals about each other's archival resources, research services, and to promote and highlight examples of materials in their collections.

Event activities will include completing an Archives Crawl "passport," to encourage participants to visit the different archive organization tables and tour site locations. There will be prizes for completed passports, raffles, and more!



There are many ways to participate in *San Diego Archives Crawl 2019*. If your organization is outside of Balboa Park, you are invited to host an informational table representing your organization in the History Center's atrium. If you are an institution inside Balboa Park, you are invited to host a tour of your archives and/or research library.

Additionally, the *San Diego Archives Crawl 2019* will create a website including a Master Calendar of Events. This calendar will promote archives and community-history-related programming from all participating sites throughout the month of October, as part of *American Archives Month*. The Archives Crawl will culminate in an archivist mixer – a chance to meet, mingle, and network with fellow information professionals from across San Diego County.

Whether you participate onsite or just through the Calendar of Events, your participation in the *San Diego Archives Crawl 2019* will allow your organization to gain visibility and celebrate the valuable work that you do!

**Please review the response form (on page 20 of this *Adelante*)** that describes the different ways that you can participate. Indicate your level of participation for this event on the form and send it back. **The payment form is on page 21. To ensure your organization is included in promotional materials, please respond by Fri., Aug. 23.**

## An Upcoming Merger will Soon Blend Two Sister Groups

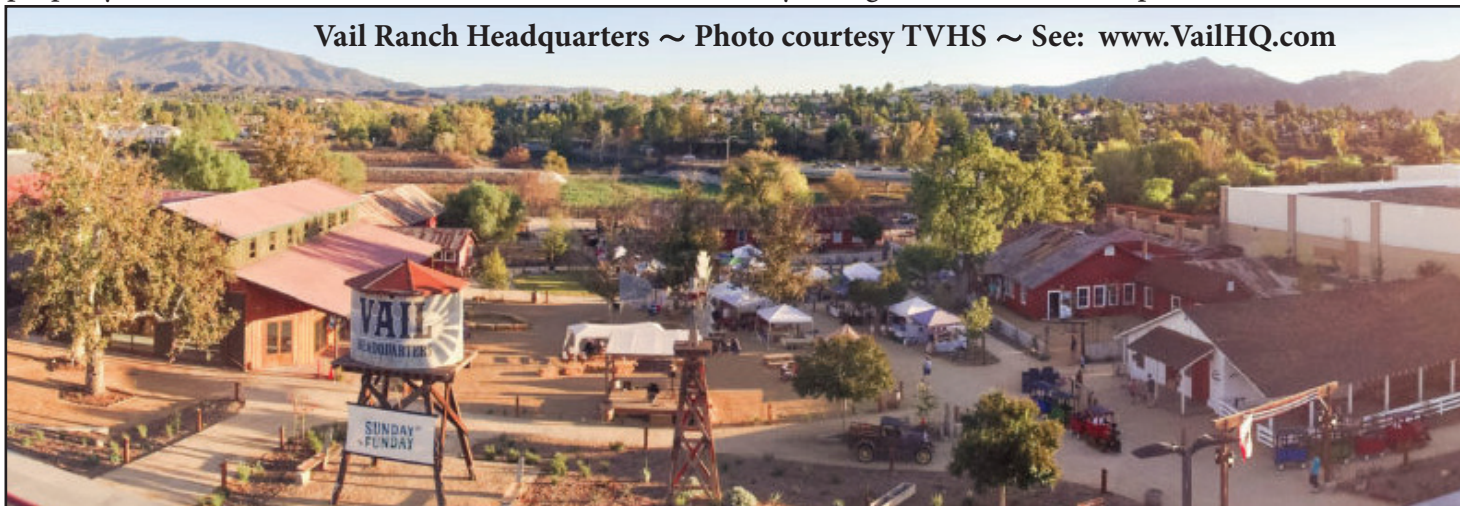
by Rebecca Farnbach, President, Temecula Valley Historical Society

Many of you are familiar with the complementary relationship between the **Vail Ranch Restoration Association** (VaARRA) and the **Temecula Valley Historical Society** (TVHS). Originally, this area had no historical society, so when there was a real threat of demolition of all the buildings at Vail Ranch Headquarters (except the Wolf Store) in the mid-1990s, the VaARRA was formed. That started the long process to save and protect the Vail Headquarters and to develop it into its current, living history site [that's located east of the red barn, that's at the corner of Redhawk Parkway and Wolf Store Road, next door to the modern Kohl's store, in Little Temecula; see photo below]. In 2000, many of those same people (with the addition of others) decided there was a need for another historical group with a broader vision of historical entities to protect. As a result, they formed the Temecula Valley Historical Society.

A couple of months ago, with the Vail Headquarters site nearing the completion of its restoration, the VaARRA board of directors asked TVHS to consider merging into one organization, the Temecula Valley Historical Society. After a legal consultation by representatives from both organizations, VaARRA has asked TVHS to file a "Doing Business As" (DBA), thereafter doing business as the Vail Ranch Restoration Associate, effective September 1, 2019. This is beneficial in several ways, especially in financial savings and the reduction of duplication of efforts. Starting immediately only one newsletter will be produced, containing news of all aspects of the consolidated organization.

TVHS will gain responsibilities in taking care of the Little Temecula History Center (in the red barn, previously the responsibility of VaARRA) and there will be a VaARRA committee to continue watching-over the historic ranch property. Both boards of directors welcome these as necessary changes and believe it is a positive move.

Vail Ranch Headquarters ~ Photo courtesy TVHS ~ See: [www.VailHQ.com](http://www.VailHQ.com)





## ~ Summertime Sailor Days ~

### Maritime Museum of San Diego; Fun for the Entire Family; **NOW** thru Sept. 2 (Labor Day Monday)

The **Maritime Museum of San Diego** (MMSD), home to one of the world's largest collections of historic vessels, from sail to steam to submarine, announces *Summertime Sailor Days* for a limited time on **week-days only** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., from NOW through Labor Day weekend (ending on Monday, September 2, 2019, Labor Day Monday). Boatloads of fun await and best of all, the extra treats are included with general admission ticket purchase.

*Summertime Sailor Days* Maritime Museum visitors will experience firsthand traditional sailor activities including knot-tying, arts and crafts activities, with the freedom to explore a host of amazing historic vessels including tall ships, submarines and fascinating below-deck exhibits. Children can also participate in a special scavenger hunt throughout the Maritime Museum vessel collection to learn about history and choose a special prize from the Gift Shop treasure chest.

General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors 62+, military and students 13-17 and \$8 for children 3-12. Admission tickets may be purchased online in advance or at the Museum ticket booth located at 1492 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego 92101-3309, located on the north embarcadero, between Grape and Ash Streets.

For visitors wishing to spend time on the water, historic bay tour tickets will also be available at the Museum (day-of only, first come/first served) for only \$10 (after purchasing the general admission ticket).

### ~ About the Maritime Museum of San Diego ~



The Maritime Museum of San Diego experience includes admission to a world-class collection of historic sailing ships, steam-powered boats, and submarines, each offering entertaining and educational exhibits. The 501c3 non-profit Museum enjoys an international reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining, and operating historic vessels including the world's oldest active sailing ship, *Star of India*. Maritime Museum of San Diego is ranked as one of the nation's top attractions offering self-guided tours, docent guided-group tours, tall ship charters, year round public events, educational programs, and a distinctive venue for corporate/private events. The Museum is open daily along Star of India Wharf at 1492 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101-3309.

# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF **FREE STAGECOACH DAYS** IS CELEBRATED THIS SUMMER IN OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK



Celebrating the 12th Anniversary of *Stagecoach Days* during 2019, in **Old Town San Diego State Historic Park**, the park is offering events on Saturdays in July and August, sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes, **Boosters of Old Town**, Wells Fargo, and the County of San Diego.

Mark your calendar now to experience one, or more, of these **FREE**, fun, educational events (especially when you include children or grandchildren).

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is celebrating travel and transportation from the era of real horsepower during “Stagecoach Days,” that kicked-off on July 7. Come join in **FREE** old fashioned fun of the mid-1800s from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August. These events feature a different theme each Saturday, such as: “Trades that Shaped the West,” “Women of the West,” and the ever-popular “TwainFest” (see more details below).

Attendees of all ages will enjoy afternoons filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through living history activities and demonstrations, stories and songs, visitors will view early modes of transportation and scenes of daily life.

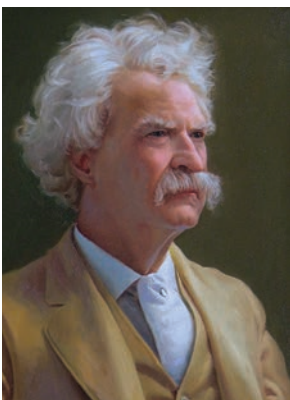
## Stagecoach Days Schedule:

- **July 27** (Noon to 4 p.m.) — “Women of the West” - Women played an important role in the development of the West. Their contributions and skills will be shown through living history activities and demonstrations with special emphasis on quilting, spinning, cooking, and basket making.
- **August 3** (Noon to 4 p.m.) — “Trades that Shaped the West” - As towns developed in the West, so did the need for specialized trades and artisans. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will present 19th Century trades that helped shape the community of San Diego.
- **August 10** (Noon to 4 p.m.) — “Soldiers and Citizens” - The military has been part of San Diego since the inception. Following the Mexican-American war, the soldiers of many cultures had an impact on life in San Diego. See San Pasqual Battlefield soldiers in historic uniforms, weapons, demonstrations, and listen to the soldier’s stories.
- **August 17** (11a.m. to 5 p.m.) — “Twainfest” - This wildly popular festival celebrates literacy and the literary works of Mark Twain and other 19th Century authors. Excerpts from famous works will be depicted by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day. (See more information in the article below.)

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the Boosters of Old Town, the County of San Diego, Wells Fargo, and Fiesta de Reyes, is proud to support these free activities for visitors of all ages. The park is on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street in San Diego, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available at the CalTrans headquarters, just two blocks from the park at 2994 Sunset Street.

For more information, go to [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego) or call (619) 220-5422.

## **FREE** TwainFest to be held on Aug. 17



As part of *Stagecoach Days*, on Saturday, August 17, in **Old Town San Diego State Park**, the life and work of America’s own Mark Twain will be celebrated from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the **FREE** TwainFest. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the **Boosters of Old Town**, will offer **FREE** games and activities for adults and children.

*TwainFest* is a celebration of Mark Twain (see photo, left), and other writers of the 1900s. Literature comes to life through games and activities in the park, as well as through excerpts from famous works which will be presented by costumed San Diego actors at different areas within the park, throughout the day. Summertime Old Town Park hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The park is located on San Diego Ave. and Twiggs St. Consider taking the trolley to this free event, as there’s an Old Town Trolley Station within close walking distance of the park.

For details, see the site: [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego) or call: (619) 220-5422.

## ***Geomicrobiology Experiments on Desert Varnish, Rubification, and Encrusting Caliche on Rocks & Artifacts in the Anza Borrego Desert to be Topic of SDCAS Program on Sat. Evening, July 27 at Los Peñasquitos***

*Geomicrobiology Experiments on Desert Varnish, Rubification, and Encrusting Caliche in the Anza Borrego Desert* will be the topic of a program presented by Eleanor “Norrie” Robbins (US Geological Survey-retired, SDSU-retired) at the next summer meeting of the **San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS)**, to be held on Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. outside, in the patio of the Los Peñasquitos Adobe. The meeting/program is free and open to the public.

NOTE: During just the summer months, SDCAS’ Summer Saturday Meetings will replace the usual fourth Tuesday programs. There will be **no** fourth Tuesday meetings/programs in July, or August.



The public is invited to arrive early and bring a picnic dinner, chairs, and drinks. It can get cool in the canyon at night (even during the summer), so long-sleeves, jackets, and/or blankets are recommended. Bug repellent is also recommended. Please bring your own chairs. SDCAS will provide dessert.

The evening’s topic concerns experiments on a trio of substances found on rocks and artifacts in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Black/brown desert varnish composed primarily of manganese oxides is the best known. But the undersides of artifacts often have red iron oxide which is called *rubification*. Furthermore, some artifacts have a rim of white calcium carbonate that is otherwise called *caliche*.

Having a geomicrobiology background, Robbins tends to focus on “sterile” chemical reactions that are supposedly devoid of life. Instead, these three substances (desert varnish, *rubification*, and *caliche*) are catalyzed by bacteria.

“Elusive timing for these reactions in the desert makes it a challenge to run microbial experiments,” Robbins explains. “For example, research is suggesting that desert varnish may be related to ice-age climatic regimes when the desert was subjected to much more rainfall and colder weather. The closest we can come to this ancient regime is to run experiments over very long time scales that include many rainy seasons and winters.

“With that caveat, (when researching desert varnish) I used a microbial ecology technique of putting out microscope slides on boulders and rocks in the desert. I put (the slides) out in 2002 and studied the microbial populations that colonized them since then. Mn-oxidizing *Leptothrix discophora* is present on several sets I pulled in 2016. So Mn-oxidizing bacteria do participate in Mn fixation in desert varnish.

“Rubification experiments started in 2019 have not yet yielded any results. But my hypothesis is that water standing under rocks and artifacts during the rainy season supports iron oxidizing bacteria that are reacting to reduced iron minerals in the sediment.

“Calcification (*caliche*) experiments started in 2019 have not yet yielded any results, either. But my hypothesis is that water standing around the rims of rocks and artifacts is ideal habitat for photosynthetic cyanobacteria that precipitate CaCO<sub>3</sub>. An interesting observation is that white quartz and feldspar pebbles and artifacts have green rims from colonizing cyanobacteria. It will be interesting to compare species entombed by *caliche* with those forming dark green rims.”

The public is invited to arrive early and bring a picnic dinner, chairs, and drinks. It can get cool in the canyon at night – especially when the evenings are damp – so long-sleeves, jackets, and/or blankets are recommended. Bug repellent is also suggested. The program begins at 8 p.m., but the park is open before that.

The Los Peñasquitos Adobe is located in the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, off Black Mountain Rd.; drive beyond the Canyonside Community Park playing fields, to the end of the road. Parking is on gravel, near the barn. For directions, or more details, call the society at (858) 538-0935, or visit: [www.sdcas.org](http://www.sdcas.org).

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The August *Summertime Saturday Meeting* of the San Diego County Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, August 24 at 8 p.m. at the Los Peñasquitos Adobe County Park (see above for directions).

Both the topic and the presenter are To Be Announced (TBA). For more information on August’s lecture, or other details, call the society (closer to the August 24 date) at (858) 538-0935, or visit their website: [www.sdcas.org](http://www.sdcas.org).

# Annual August Potluck Picnic and Country Fair Auction to be offered by the Spring Valley Hist. Soc. on Sat., Aug. 4, 5 p.m.

An *Annual August Potluck Picnic* is being offered by the **Spring Valley Historical Society (SVHS)** on Saturday, August 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Bancroft Adobe Ranch House Museum in Spring Valley. The event honors those who have served in the past as Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for the Spring Valley community. (Unfortunately, due to lack of willing participants, new ambassadors are no longer being elected by the Chamber.)



The picnic will be held outdoors on picnic tables, at 5 p.m. (which is earlier than the historical society's usual potlucks). **Please remember to bring a jacket or sweater, as there's usually a light breeze blowing in the evening.**

The society will provide grilled, 100% beef hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, and eating paraphernalia. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite picnic salad, side dish, dessert (or whatever), to share.



In addition to the potluck, a *Country Fair Auction* will be held as an auxiliary fundraiser for the nonprofit organization. For those of you who have gardens with way more fruits and vegetables than your family can use, the society asks that you bring the surplus to their *Country Fair* event, to donate to the society, to be auctioned-off.

The auction also will include other donated items like baked goods (cookies, brownies, pies), canned preserves, and craft items – the kind of items you might see at an old-fashioned country fair.

Of course, if you're not up to baking/canning, you can always donate purchased goodies, too. (Just make sure your *Country Fair Auction* items get put on the Auction table, so they won't be accidentally eaten during dinner!)

The Bancroft Ranch House Museum is located at 9050 Memory Lane, Spring Valley (off Bancroft Dr., between Campo Rd. and Kenwood Dr.) 91977. For details, see their website at: [www.svhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.svhistoricalsociety.org).

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the Gaslamp's story. This exhibit will be on display until Fall 2019. It's included in museum admission, and free to GQHF members.

In celebration of the re-opening of their Gallery and the "Notable Women" exhibit, their historian, Sandee Wilhoit, will lead special *Notable Women of the Gaslamp Walking Tours*, highlighting some of the historic buildings that have a connection to the women featured in the exhibit.

The upcoming dates for these tours are: Wednesday, July 24, at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. This special tour is free for Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation (GQHF) members; the public is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students.

Please RSVP in advance for the tour by calling the museum at (619) 233-4692 or e-mailing them at [jlaird@gaslampfoundation.org](mailto:jlaird@gaslampfoundation.org).

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## Attending the SOHO People In Preservation Awards

Congress of History President Dianne P. Cowen and I enjoyed attending the SOHO *People In Preservation* awards ceremony, held on a lovely Thursday evening, May 30, in the beautiful formal gardens of the historic Marston House, at 3525 Seventh Ave., San Diego. The reception featured delicious hors d'oeuvres and a wine and beer open bar, followed by the presentation of the awards.

The gardens were filled with enthusiastic people who support local history and preservation, and were in attendance to honor the like-minded awardees. It was so nice once again seeing preservation folks that I've known for years, and visiting with them.

Dianne and I sat at a small table, which (fortunately, as it turned out) was round. I really enjoyed talking with her and catching-up on our news. Most of the time when we see each other it's at meetings, where we're both busy! Anyway, the event was so well-attended that when one of the

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## National City offers its **FREE 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Automobile Heritage Day Festival & Car Show** to the Public on Sat., Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



National City's 28th Annual Automobile Heritage Day Festival & Car Show will be offered to the public on Saturday, August 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each summer, approximately 200 entrants display their custom vehicles at Kimball Park in National City and compete for awards in various classes ranging from Turn of the Century production cars to classics, muscle cars, race cars, motorcycles and even custom bicycles!

Great food, available for purchase from food vendors, and live music will help energize the event, which is **FREE** for spectators.

Bring the whole family to Kimball Park for custom cars, delicious food, and lots of entertainment! With a variety electric vehicles and new car test drives (on the Mile of Cars) there's something for everyone. Over 3,000 people are expected to attend the show and enjoy live music by the Navy Band Southwest, The Idea's Rock & Roll Trio, and more. The Victorian Ladies from the **National City Historical Society** will put in an appearance, in their beautiful dresses and hats.

Bring the kids! The

*Festival & Car Show* will have a children's area with lots to do. Children can enjoy kiddie train rides, animals, face painting, virtual reality simulators, and much more.

This popular, annual event is created by the National City Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Heritage Day Committee, with numerous additional sponsors. The event site is Kimball Park, located at 12th St. and D Ave., National City 91950.

Car registration, for competition, must be received before August 1. To register a car for competition, to become a show vendor/sponsor, or for details, see the festival website at: [www.autoheritageday.com](http://www.autoheritageday.com).



*The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents a Special Event:*

# SAN DIEGO CITY GUARD BAND AT THE GREEK THEATRE Saturday, August 17, 6 pm

Ocean Beach Historical Society (OBHS) continues the year-long celebration of its 25th Anniversary by presenting a **FREE Concert** on Saturday, August 17, at the beautiful Greek Theatre on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, which will feature the very popular *San Diego City Guard Band*.

Concert-goers are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy a picnic in this picturesque setting. Bring your own picnic or purchase popcorn, lemonade, or something else delicious from one of the food vendors who will be on hand.

OBHS has been working with the Heritage Band Society and its *City Guard Band* to present a concert of popular tunes and marches covering the last 100 years. The free concert will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

The relationship between Ocean Beach and the *City Guard Band* goes back to 1887, when Carlson and Higgins first started selling lots in newly-named and subdivided Ocean Beach. The developers realized that the best way to draw a crowd out to the remote stretch of sand dunes was to hire San Diego's most popular band, the City Guard Band, to play at several of their

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weekend events. In 1897, when Katherine Tingley laid the cornerstone for what became the Theosophical Estate, Lomaland, the City Guard Band played for the event. Only four years later, Madame Tingley opened the first Greek Theatre in North America (San Diego's oldest remaining and most-iconic venue) which will be the site of the August 17 concert.

The present day City Guard Band stands as a memorial to one of the first San Diego bands. In the 1800s, the City of San Diego supported a volunteer community militia as protection against the risks associated with life in the early days of the city. The group was referred to as the City Guard (later included in the California National Guard).

The City Guard Band was an auxiliary unit of the militia, which eventually became part of the California National Guard. The Band served the needs of the city and as its emissary, around the state and across the nation. The Band gradually disintegrated in the wake of World War I, with many of the musicians moving to other local groups.

In 1980, one hundred years after the initial formation of the City Guard Band, a group of local musicians who were interested in preserving "turn-of-the-century" band music formed the Heritage Band Society, a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Society re-established the City Guard Band to keep alive the musical heritage by performing period music (1880 to 1950) in its library of nearly 3,000 compositions.

Ocean Beach Historical Society maintains an expanding archive of books, maps, oral histories, photographs, artifacts and publications which is open weekly for public research and investigation. They are proud to continue their tradition of active involvement with other community, civic, business, municipal, educational, charitable, and faith-based groups in Ocean Beach. Now, in 2019, OBHS is in the 25th year of offering their well-received series of monthly lectures and special community events, always well-publicized and always free to the public.

Plenty of **FREE** parking will be available on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, Pt. Loma, San Diego. For more information, see the OBHS website at: [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org). (See also the event flyer on page 19.)



## ***Last Two Dates* for the **FREE** 2019 Villa Montezuma Tours**

***Mark Your Calendar*** – The interior **FREE** tours of the Villa Montezuma Museum in the Sherman Heights Historic District have been very popular and these tours are continuing in 2019. The last two tour dates this year will be on these Saturdays: **August 17**, and **October 19**. Preregistration is suggested. Groups are welcome.

For more information see the **Friends of the Villa Montezuma, Inc.** (FOVM) website at: [www.VillaMontezumaMuseum.org](http://www.VillaMontezumaMuseum.org) or send an e-mail to: [FOVM@VillaMontezumaMuseum.org](mailto:FOVM@VillaMontezumaMuseum.org).

## ***Open Tower Day at Cabrillo National Monument to be Aug. 25***

***Plan Ahead*** – Sunday, August 25 is *Open Tower Day* – a day when Cabrillo National Monument allows the public to tour the old San Diego lighthouse on Pt. Loma, from the basement all the way to the top of the lighthouse, through the lantern room and on to the gallery (from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

This is one of only three days each year when the tower to the Old Point Loma Lighthouse is open to the public. This special *Open Tower Day* is in celebration of **Founder's Day** (Aug. 25) for the U. S. National Park Service.

Come and celebrate over 100 years since the National Park Service was established. Living-history reenactors will be on hand during this event. For more details call: (619) 557-5450, or see their website: [www.nps.gov/cabr/](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/).



# North Park's **Final Car Show** will be held on Sat., Sept. 7

**Plan Ahead** – The 10th Annual North Park Historical Society Car Show, hosted by the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) and the Balboa Tennis Club, will be held on Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The FREE event will be held in the parking lot of the Balboa Tennis Club, 2221 Morley Field Dr., San Diego 92104.

**“This will be the final Car Show put on by the North Park Historical Society so don’t miss it!”** says Steve Hon, NPHS president.

“We welcome the public to come enjoy this free, fun event,” Trophies will be awarded to First, Second, Third, and People’s Choice. All exhibitors who pre-register will receive participation certificates. The non-refundable fee for entering a car in the show is \$10 for one car and \$20 for two or three cars. More event details, and the registration form, are on the NPHS website: [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org). **Please register car entries before August 31, 2019.**



Entrants are asked to arrive from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., for set-up, and to remain until 1 p.m. (Limited to the first 60 cars pre-registered; pre-1990 cars are encouraged.)

Family fun and surprise prizes will be offered, with on-site food for sale at the Balboa Tennis Club. Held in a park setting; bring a picnic!

Proceeds from this car show will benefit the non-profit North Park Historical Society. The mission of the society is to preserve North Park’s cultural and architectural history, through research, education, and outreach.

For more information about this event call: (619) 294-8990, or see the NPHS website at: [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org). **Don’t miss this last NPHS car show!**

# Pit Barbecue to be at Vista HS Museum on Sat., Sept. 14

**Plan Ahead** – For the eighth year in a row, the Vista Historical Society (VHS) will hold an *Old Fashioned Pit Barbecue* at their museum. The fundraising event will be offered on Saturday, August 24, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the grounds of the Vista Historical Museum, at the historic Rancho Minerva, located at 2317 Old Foothill Drive, Vista 92084. Freshly popped popcorn and sweet cotton candy will greet those attending.

As in the past, the barbecue will feature brisket of beef, by “Pit Master” Frank Lopez, also pulled-pork and hot dogs. Side dishes will include: homemade coleslaw, corn on the cob, ranch beans, rolls, and dessert, with water or lemonade to drink. Beer and wine also will be available, for an additional \$3 a glass.

There will be fun activities for kids, including a bounce house. There will also be the traditional raffle.

The *Apple Dessert Contest* will offer prizes. Bring your favorite apple dessert to enter the contest, and possibly win \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Cost for the event will be only \$25 per person, for anyone 11 years old and older. Children 10 and under will be \$5 each.

Sponsorships for this event are available starting at \$100 each, which includes two free admissions.

For more information, to purchase tickets in advance, or to become an event sponsor, please call the museum office at (760) 630-0444, or send an e-mail to: [vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:vistahistorical@gmail.com). (Note: See also the VHS *Ice Cream Social* on page 5.)



# Awards presented at Our 2019 History Conference

*by Louise Torio, Co-Chairperson, 2019 Congress of History Conference*

Each year the Congress of History asks our members to nominate people or organizations that have done extraordinary work preserving the history of our region. (Not every award is given every year.)



**2019 Conference** – Half of the audience, in Portuguese Hall, Pt. Loma. Photo by Pat Louis, CoH photographer.

Each of the people and organizations honored has a passion and love for what they do. Because of their efforts, our knowledge of the history of our area is enriched. The following were recognized at our March 2019 Conference.

1) An **Award of Merit**, given for outstanding effort in the preservation of local history by an organization or society, was presented to the **Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation** for the Sycuan Cultural Center, represented by Carl Shipek, for fulfilling the vision of creating a home to house the special collection of the late Dr Florence Shipek and for Kumeyaay Community College to better educate tribal members in Kumeyaay language, culture, and philosophy. In December 2016 the Sycuan Band unveiled a new facility that centralizes and secures

an enormous amount of ancient Kumeyaay artifacts, museum-quality collections, and a vast array of scholarly research, including the collection of Dr. Shipek. The Cultural Center is a gathering place to host presentations on culture and history and to promote thoughtful dialogue. A wall-length timeline and pictogram serve as a striking summation of more than 12,000 years of Kumeyaay history over the ages and into the modern era. And the Kumeyaay Community College, which opened in 2005, was established to fulfill the wishes of Dr. Shipek to receive the archives, so that the knowledge gathered in the modern era would never be lost. For this outstanding accomplishment, we presented the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation an Award of Merit.

2) The **Special Project Award** was presented to a person or group that has achieved something special for the history of the region. That award went to the **Community Coalition of University Heights (CCUH)** for facilitating the preservation and adaptive reuse of two historic structures located on the Education Center site in University Heights. You've probably seen the Teachers Training Building Annex 1 from the road, where over the past 20 years this stately building has suffered serious neglect despite being on the National Register of Historic Places. (The University Heights Historical Society and historian Alexander D. Bevil were responsible for the historic designation in 1999.) The Community Coalition brought together community members, elected officials, and decision makers within the Board of Education. They convinced the Board that the November 2018 \$3.5 million dollar bond measure to redevelop its Normal Street campus should include preservation and adaptive reuse of not only the Teachers Training Building but also the Alice Birney Kindergarten Annex 2. They convinced California Senator prop Tem Toni Atkins and San Diego Unified School Board Trustee Richard Barrera to support their recommendation. Thanks to the Community Coalition of University Heights this made it onto the ballot. Then, in November 2018, thanks to the voters, Measure YY was approved by 65% of the voters. After more than 20 years of effort, the Community Coalition made it happen and we can't wait for the restoration. For amazing success with this special project and dedication to the history of San Diego, we presented the University Heights Community Coalition with the Special Project Award.

3) This year we presented a second **Award of Merit**, given for outstanding effort in the preservation of local history by an organization or society, this time honoring the **Barona Cultural Center and Museum** for their outstanding programming and community outreach that, in the words of the federal Museum and Library Service, "touches the lives of individuals and helps communities thrive." If you've been to see the Barona Museum in Lakeside you know of the band's dedication to the traditions and language of the Kumeyaay, and to many fun and interesting hands-on learning opportunities for people all over the region to be taught by experts. We at the Congress of History have always thought that this museum was a special place, and now the staff's dedication to the museum's mission has been recognized at a federal level. After we recognized their achievements back in March, the Barona Cultural Center and Museum received the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Services and traveled to Washington, D.C. in June to accept the award. It's the nation's highest federal honor given to museums and libraries for public service to the community, and recognizes that museums serve as vital community resources. For their

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strong community involvement with innovative, exciting programming, we honored the Barona Cultural Center and Museum with an Award of Merit.

4) The Congress of History presented the **Mary Ward Memorial Award for Historic Archives and Records Management** (given to an organization for outstanding archival work) to the **Lambda Archives of San Diego**, for the creation of an archive that allows for a depth of research and understanding of a community whose history was (until not so long ago) not documented nor recorded. The Lambda Archives, founded in 1987, serves as a place for dialogue and discovery, a place to “preserve and teach our history.” The *Out at the Archives* series brings speakers to share on a variety of topics. The recording of LGBTQ+ history allows youth to learn that they are not alone and they can learn about others whose history can inspire them. It’s a place to build upon the trailblazers of the past. At the Museum of San Diego History (at the S. D. History Center, Balboa Park) through January 20, 2020, you can see the groundbreaking exhibit “*LGBTQ+ San Diego: Stories of Struggles and Triumphs*,” the result of the collaboration between the Lambda Archives and the San Diego History Center. For the creation of an archives that acknowledges and celebrates gay history and the people who fought against intolerance and for equality, we honored the Lambda Archives of San Diego with the Mary Ward Award for Historic Archives and Records Management.

5) The **Award of Honor** is given to an individual for outstanding effort in the preservation of local history. The Congress of History recognized the accomplishments of the amazing **Leon Williams**, who was instrumental as an elected official in preserving San Diego’s historic downtown and turning it into the “Gaslamp Quarter,” who as a City of San Diego council member successfully represented the community’s fight to have the Villa Montezuma Museum become a City-owned historic resource, and for bringing his insight and wisdom to various boards by serving organizations like the San Diego Historical Society for many years. Leon is known as one of the most successful, resourceful, and effective elected officials we’ve ever had in San Diego, having served the City as the first African-American council member, and then the County as a County Supervisor. Leon also ran the Metropolitan Transit Development Board for many years as chair of the board. The San Diego State University trolley station is dedicated to him, and the Mid-Coast trolley line extension that is currently under construction (going from Old Town Station to the UTC area) is a direct result of his many years of hard work. Leon has brought about consensus on difficult topics, and we can look to how he always respected people and reached across the aisle to win major gains for the preservation of history for the region. A kind, smart, charming man, Leon has been a leader for most of his 97 years. For a lifetime of community dedication and caring about the history of our region, we celebrated Leon Williams with an Award of Honor.

6) Our highest honor, the **Ben Dixon Award**, is named after one of the founding historians of the Congress of History. We don’t give out this award lightly, nor do we give it out every year. This year we honor a historic “power couple,” **Jack Larimer and Sharon Larimer** of the **Vista Historical Society**. Sharon was born in Caracas, Venezuela

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Presentation of the Congress of History’s 2019 Ben Dixon Award, above. Left to right are: Louise Torio, CoH Vice President and Conference Co-Chair; Sharon Larimer and Jack Larimer, award recipients; and Dianne Cowen, CoH President and Conference Co-Chair. Jack Larimer is the Director of the Vista Historical Museum. He and Sharon both work to find and preserve local history, then share it with their society members and the public. Photo by Pat Louis, CoH photographer.

to American parents working in the oil industry. They returned to the US when Sharon was nine years old and settled in Vista. As an adult, Sharon worked for the City of Vista for 36 years.

Jack Larimer was born and raised in Vista. He earned his degrees in economics from SDSU and from UCSD. Jack worked in the Vista Planning Department for 30 years. Since 2002 he's been the Director of the Vista Historical Society Museum.

Married for many years, this history-loving power-couple have worked tirelessly to explore, research, record, and share the history of their area. Most places have easily-defined boundaries. Not for Vista. The large rural area was called many names by many people over time; and sometimes history that happened there wasn't easy to lock-in without understanding land issues. This is where Jack's expertise from the Planning Dept. was a big help.

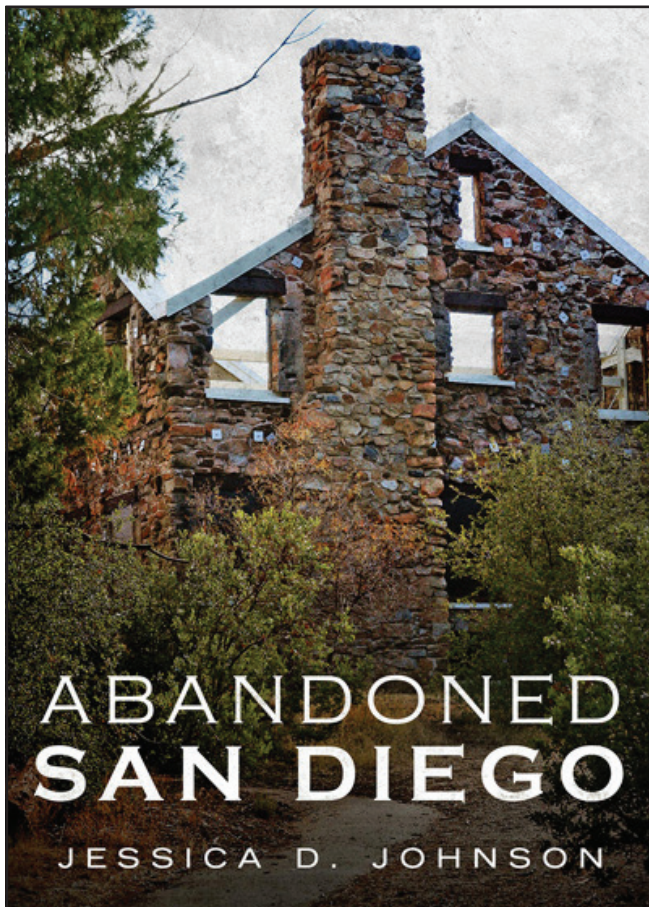
The Larimers are skilled at building partnerships and fostering community, so others may experience and enjoy the history of Vista and the beauty of Rancho Minerva. For all that they have done to uncover, promote, and share the history of our region, we honored Sharon and Jack Larimer with the Congress of History's Ben Dixon award.

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awardees, Jessica Johnson (see photo, right, courtesy of SOHO), and her parents arrived somewhat late (due to traffic), they couldn't find seating at a table. Dianne asked if they'd like to sit with us, and they gladly accepted her offer. The hors d'oeuvre plates were small, so several of them fit on the round table, and we were soon gathered snugly around it, chatting and discussing history with Jessica and her parents. They were delightful.

Jessica explained that she was there to receive the *Town Crier Award* for writing about historic preservation and encouraging countywide exploration. She specializes in social media on the web, but also writes newspaper articles, and has a book on that topic, *Hidden San Diego*, that's been published. The book's title is the same as the name of her original website, which she began in 2010. Soon after that, she expanded to writing on Facebook and Instagram, both online.

She photographs and writes about irreplaceable, little known, majestic, or designated historic sites and buildings (some of which were



saved by SOHO). She explains that her goal is to help her readers to never let go of their inner-child. "A child-like wonder and curiosity is what keeps life fresh," she states on her websites.

Since I'm also a writer, and a retired journalist who's in love with history, we discovered that we had a lot in common and found much to discuss. When Jessica was honored, Dianne and I, along with her parents, clapped extra loud.

According to her *Hidden San Diego* website, she now has another website, *Hidden California*, and a new book, *Abandoned San Diego*, which has just come out (see photo, left, courtesy of SOHO). Jessica is one busy lady!

Her websites offer locations or buildings to visit, or one may purchase more specific information from her with a membership. For more details, check out both sites!

I was also especially happy to be at these PIP awards because the Lemon Grove Girl Scout Junior Troop #6786 received the *Stewardship Award* for their renovation of the two columns about which I've already written (twice); see the photo on page 18. I'm really proud of those gals!

(Details about all 11 of the SOHO award winners are in the article starting on page 17.) . . .

Well, that's all for this time.  
Hope to see you soon!

*Helen Halmay*  
Editor



## SOHO Showcased 11 San Diego Projects at the Recent 2019 People In Preservation Awards

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), San Diego's countywide preservation group celebrating its 50th anniversary year, recently presented 11 *People In Preservation* awards for outstanding projects as varied as the restoration of a Spanish Colonial Revival home on a Mission Hills canyon, the meticulous rehabilitation of a 1926 bungalow court, and a definitive survey of the architectural and cultural landscape history of UC San Diego's campus.



In this its 37th year, SOHO's preservation awards ceremony saluted 23 individuals, groups, or entities on Thursday, May 30, during *National Preservation Month*. SOHO's preservation heroes this year ranged in age from strong, industrious 13-year-olds to the energetic octogenarian John Henderson. The winners excelled at six residential and commercial restoration projects and several unique accomplishments.

- The Lifetime Achievement Award, SOHO's highest and rarely-given honor, was bestowed on John D. Henderson, FAIA, a devoted preservation architect who has spent nearly 40 years restoring and rehabilitating San Diego's crowning historic icons as a full-time professional and a volunteer. This honor is especially fitting during SOHO's 50th anniversary celebration because Henderson helped launch the group. He was also at the forefront of the Gaslamp Quarter renaissance, helped to write the California Historical Building Code, and researched, wrote, and edited two seminal San Diego architecture guides, among many other contributions.

- Restoring historic homes can be highly rewarding and challenging. Just as Tammy Manse and A. E. Miller were about to restore and rehabilitate their 1927 Spanish Colonial Revival style home inside and out, fire badly damaged the property. Despite this traumatic setback, they went ahead with the removal of misguided 1980s alterations, such as a tall wall that hid the front of the house and a bay window on the canyon side. They restored key architectural features, including scalloped living-room ceiling beams that were salvaged from the fire and reworked; an arched fireplace with a terracotta hearth (both obscured by Victorian tiles); and wood-framed windows. In the canyon behind the home stands a wood cabin where the original owner, Alan Le May, wrote *The Searchers*, which became a John Wayne movie. The restored house, the cabin, and the formerly-overgrown canyon now work together to enhance Miller family life.

- The intimate Gordon M. Wells Bungalow Court, now overshadowed by new, multi-story housing near downtown San Diego, was restored outside, and transformed inside, for "the boutique urban lifestyle" by Jonathan Segal, FAIA, a San Diego architect and developer. The 280-square-foot, stand-alone cottages, which SDLofts, Segal's leasing company, bills as studio apartments, boast desirable hardwood floors, abundant windows for fresh air and natural light, and new appliances. Improved indoor-outdoor connections expand the compact living space with new French doors to private patios, and fresh landscaping. SOHO commends Segal for preserving an example of popular San Diego housing history, and foregoing new, high-density architecture where it would have been permitted.

- The University of California at San Diego, founded in 1960, now has an important campus survey and evaluation of its architecture, landscape architecture, and cultural resources. The work of Architectural Resources Group of Los Angeles, Neu Campus Planning, Paul V. Turner, and UCSD Campus Planning will aid and inform the growing university in protecting and preserving its significant buildings and features, and establish its place in California architectural history. The report hails UCSD for "its extraordinary collection of intact, high-style Modern buildings and landscapes that form the backbone of its distinctive sense of place." Citing designs by some of Southern California's most esteemed Modernist architects—Irving Gill, Robert Alexander, Lloyd Ruocco, Robert Mosher, William Pereira, A. Quincy Jones, and others—the report concludes that "virtually every [architectural style and] phase of the Modern movement in San Diego ... is represented on the campus."

- Jessica Johnson of Poway has earned the Town Crier Award for imaginatively promoting historic preservation and countywide exploration on social media, in newspaper articles, and a book. She launched her website Hidden San Diego in 2010, and soon expanded to Facebook and Instagram. She writes enticingly about irreplaceable, little known, majestic, or designated historic sites and buildings, some of which were saved by SOHO. Johnson provides her own arresting photographs to illustrate her enthusiastic narratives and intriguing posts. She has turned the internet into an entertaining and informative preservation tool available to all.

- Four 13-year-old members of Girl Scout Junior Troop #6786 of Lemon Grove and Spring Valley received the Stewardship Award. They are among the youngest of more than 400 *People In Preservation* honorees selected over 37 years. Working with co-winners, the Lemon Grove Historical Society (LGHS), they spent more than 300 hours repairing, restoring and re-stuccoing in vintage style two circa 1912 pillars that mark Lemon Grove's first mod-

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ern subdivision. Scouts Lianne Alforque, Danika Cuellar, Cher Flores, and Jordyn Gresham completed this strenuous, gritty Heritage Project in 2018, the centennial year of the San Diego County Girl Scouts.

With troop leader Courtney Cuellar, and historical assistance from the Lemon Grove Historical Society, especially Helen Ofield, LGHS president (see photo to the right; Ofield is center, just left of the pillar; photo by Sandé Lollis, courtesy of SOHO), the young preservationists worked on the restoration project and completed it. At the time of receiving the PIP award, the Junior Girl Scout troop members had already been honored with County Girl Scout Silver Awards and saluted by Lemon Grove's mayor and city council.

- Klone Kunzel and the La Playa Trail Association were recognized with the Keeper of the Flame Award. Formed in 2005 to continue a civic project begun during the 1930s, founder and president Kunzel and members continue to promote the rich history of the La Playa area of Point Loma in a concrete fashion. They raise funds to repair or erect monuments and plaques marking historic sites along La Playa Trail, that was first blazed by Kumeyaay Indians, then 18th-century Spanish explorers. The trail stretches from the San Diego harbor entrance to Mission San Diego de Alcalá in Mission Valley, and beyond. La Playa Trail Association has also published a pictorial history book about Point Loma.

- In addition to the Millers in Mission Hills, three more couples were honored for the outstanding restoration of their historic homes in San Diego and Del Mar. Michael and Rebecca Murphy are the third generation of Murphys to reside in their Mission Revival style home. They repaired its circa 1928 concrete foundation wall and porch roof, repainted the exterior, and restored its handsome mahogany windows. Now this Mission Hills residence is ready for more Murphys to come.

- Dr. Craig Salt and Haruko Salt returned their two-story Prairie style home in North Park to its original appearance with the help of a single black-and-white photo taken circa 1920, when the house was new. Over the years, it had suffered alterations and indignities, such as shutters added to the sleek, modern picture window; a front door from a "big box" store; and a pair of artificial stone pillars holding a gate across the driveway. Now its 28th Street façade is again as the first owners, Jesse and Dora Fleming, knew it: a spare, geometric design with a simple front porch, a second-story balcony, and a hand-crafted wooden front door resembling the original.

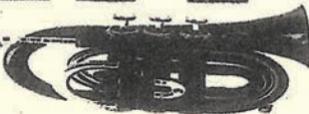
- In Del Mar, Barbara and Joe Harper restored and renovated their neglected, derelict Mission Revival style home. Sited on a large lot, the 1927 house might have been demolished and replaced with two or three new homes by a different owner. Its design represents the sophisticated yet simple elegance of the 1920s, when Del Mar was the playground of Hollywood stars and wealthy families. SOHO applauds the Harpers for investing heart, soul, and treasure in this charming historic home that will be admired and appreciated for many years to come.

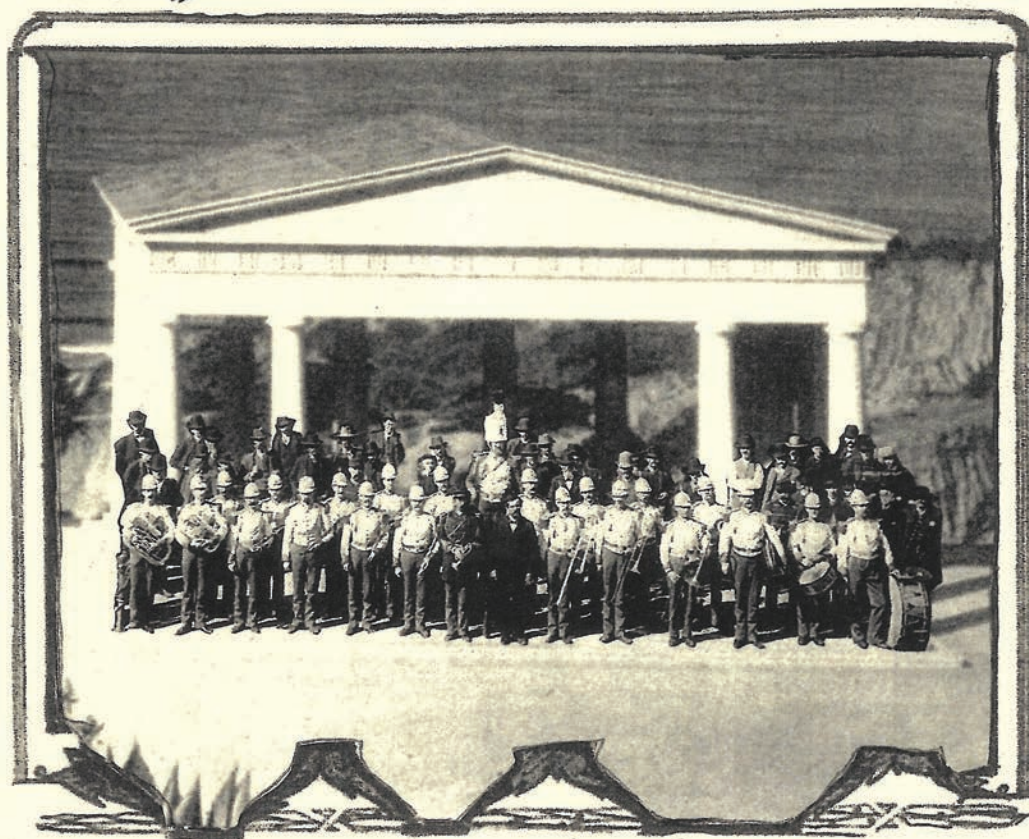
- The Wilkinson Block, a prominent two-story, Mission Revival style building in Normal Heights, was restored practically brick by brick and window by window by owner, SRM Urban. Built between 1926 and 1929, this Adams Avenue building houses apartments with generous windows above several street-level storefronts showcased by large plate-glass windows. Although the intact building was designated a City of San Diego historic resource, a previous owner unfortunately removed the original wood-framed windows. SRM had them rebuilt and all the bricks were repointed. In addition, a city-required seismic retrofit secured this landmark for the future.

SOHO's *People In Preservation* awards ceremony was held on Thursday evening, May 30, in the historic Marston House formal garden, 3525 Seventh Avenue, San Diego. The reception featured hors d'oeuvres and a wine and beer open bar. The gardens were filled with enthusiastic people who support local history and preservation, and were in attendance to honor the like-minded awardees. See more details about SOHO, membership, its historic sites and museums, and historic preservation advocacy and education programs at their website: [www.SOHOSandiego.org](http://www.SOHOSandiego.org).





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