

## Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election on Sunday, October 2, 2016

Please join us for the Carlsbad Historical Society Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 2-5. We will be touring two historic adobes before we enjoy an Ice Cream Social and vote on our slate of candidates. We'll meet at the original Rancho Agua Hedionda Adobe located on Sunny Creek Road, and later caravan to the Allan & Katherine Kelly Adobe on Hemingway Drive to vote on our slate of candidates and create our ice cream sundaes. No cost, but an RSVP is a must. Both properties are private residences and a real treat to visit. Once you've confirmed, addresses will be provided. This tour of historic adobes is open to Historical Society Members and guests. Please RSVP at [cbadhistory@gmail.com](mailto:cbadhistory@gmail.com) or 760-434-9189. Car pool if at all possible.

The recently donated 16x8 feet oil painting of Carlsbad that was done in 1953 will be displayed at the **Hilltop House**. And we will have some musical entertainment gracefully provided by the Patti and Kenny Langen family.



*Allan and Katherine Kelly's Hilltop Adobe*

Allan & Katherine Kelly constructed their adobe on Evans Point. It is the official repository of the

Allan Kelly Family. Come learn the significance of this property, and the curiosities of the adobe.

**Rancho Agua Hedionda adobe** (photo below) was originally built by the first Land Grantee Juan Maria Romoulo Marron in the 1840s. The adobe eventually became the home of Robert Kelly. Upon Robert's death, it became the home of Mathew Kelly Jr., who was the son of Matthew Kelly, the homesteader of Los Kiotas now known as Carrillo Ranch.

The Rancho Agua Hedionda Adobe underwent renovation by Pat and Karen Kelly.



*The Rancho Agua Hedionda Adobe*

*This photo was taken in 1937 by Henry F. Witley as part of the Historic American Buildings*

*Survey. The photos are part of the Library of Congress Digital collection.*

## **Fallbrook Historical Society Tracks Down the Original Fallbrook Land Grant**

A recent article in the San Diego Union Tribune about Fallbrook founders Vital and Amelia Magee Reche enforced the idea that you never know where you'll find a tidbit of information to add to your understanding of history. Through determination and curiosity, Lauren Kelly-Hill, a history buff and Camp Pendleton Marine's wife, used clues held by the Fallbrook Historical Society to track down the original Fallbrook land grant patent Homestead Certificate for Vital Reche and his wife Amelia Magee Reche. What is amazing is how she followed clues held by the Fallbrook Historical Society to a distant relative on the east coast. Daniel Magee Beach III who actually had those documents in a box in his closet, is the great grandson of Angelica Church Magee, and great grand nephew to Amelia Magee Reche. Angelica and Amelia had two brothers, Henry and John Magee, who came in the 1850s to California with the United States Army. The brothers met Vital Reche in San Francisco and discovered they were all from the same area on the east coast. When Reche returned to the east coast on business he stopped by and met their sister Amelia, who eventually became his wife.

Angelica remained on the east coast with her husband who became the family attorney for the Magee Family estate. Three of her siblings moved to San Diego County.

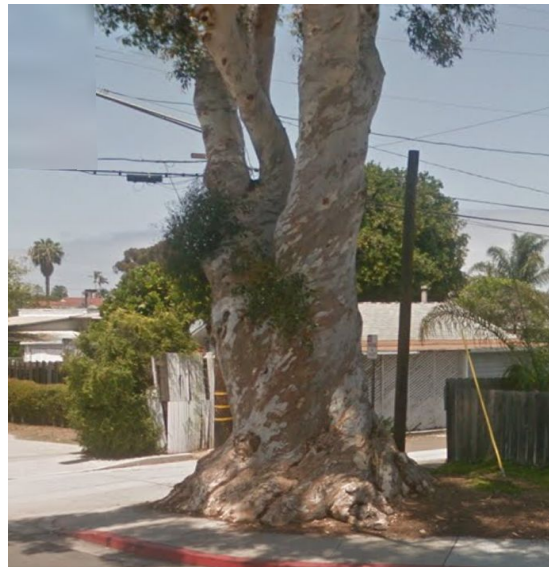
So why is this information important to the Carlsbad Historical Society, and how does it add to our understanding of Carlsbad History? Hugh Magee, husband of Florence Shipley Magee, was the son of Henry Magee, and nephew to Amelia Magee Reche. This little tidbit gives us a clearer understanding of the family and presents another avenue of research. It is part of our goal as an organization to recognize these connections and

make it known that Carlsbad History is not an isolated island.

Anyone interested in reading the entire article can look at the San Diego Union Tribune, July 29, 2016 on page B3, "History Buff Finds Original Land Grant." More information can be found on our website. Read the entire story in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008 Carlsbad Times Lines.

## **Historic Trees of Carlsbad**

When the first Carlsbad Land and Water Company laid out the first streets in our town, they also planted eucalyptus trees and many have survived until today. There are two in front of the Shipley-Magee House, one across from the Twin Inns, and one on Oak Street. This latter one was saved through the efforts of Mrs. Kay Christiansen.



*Eucalyptus at Oak Av.*



*One of two Shipley-Magee House Eucalyptus*



Another historical tree is located in the yard of the Army-Navy Academy. This is a Morton Bay Fig and it dates from the 1920's when the property was originally developed into the Red Apple Inn.



*Morton Bay Fig at Army-Navy Academy*

Holiday Park, our city's first park has several very old trees. Created in 1954, the land was purchased from San Diego County for \$300. The county used this area as a highway maintenance yard. Once purchased by the city, many citizens donated trees and time to plant them. Rumor has it that several of the more exotic trees were donated by Leo Carrillo himself!

### **Passing of Betty Maerkle**

Long time resident Betty Maerkle passed away July 7, 2016. Some of you may remember Betty from the many years she worked at the Carlsbad Library. Betty was one of the first Carlsbad City Library employees. Though she eventually reduced her schedule, she continued working part time until 2008. When Betty and her husband Fred moved to Carlsbad in 1954, they immediately became involved in the community. Fred served for decades with the Costa Real Municipal Water District which later became absorbed by the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. A recent reservoir dedication in east Carlsbad is named for Mr. Maerkle. The Carlsbad

Historical Society will always be thankful to the Maerkles, because in 1998, Betty and Fred donated the Coffin Feed Store Safe and Carlsbad's "First" Bank which we now have in the barn. The Maerkles used this safe for many years in their own business Carlsbad Building Materials.



*First Carlsbad Safe*

### **Welcome New Members!**

- Tim Wrisley – Life Member
- Jackie and Gary Wrench
- Amy Wrench and Steve Dans
- J.V. And Victoria Ward
- R.D. And Gail Walker
- Bill and Grace Spore
- Roland and Leslie Saldana
- Carl and Pat Miller
- Mauri and Mary Masthay
- Roger and Betty Fox
- Jim and Leslie Brubaker
- Nancy and Joe Hart
- Marty and Mary Rombotis
- Marie and Carol Kelly
- Julia Pasek
- Mitchell Pasek
- Cameron Kelly Sippel
- Patrick and Charlene Sippel

Greg and Michele Sippel  
Katie Sippel  
Grant Sippel  
Zac Sippel  
Emily Sippel

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

Volunteers are welcome for any of these areas:

- \*Friday Docent
- \*Third grade tours
- \*Private tours with Victorian teas
- \*Carlsbad history research
- \*Photo collection management

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

All members are welcome to attend our bimonthly Board of Directors meetings.

Meetings are held in the Magee House meeting room at 4pm on the third Monday of every other month. Meetings are held in the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

### **Annual Dues**

Our annual dues are collected by the end of each year. Individual membership is \$25, family

memberships are \$35, and business memberships are \$50. Please consider upgrading to a Life Membership for \$250.

### **CHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Ginny Unanue  
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Private Tours with Tea are given  
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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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