

Carlsbad Historical Society featured in Magazines

You may have seen some of our board members featured on the covers of the zip code magazines: [08/10](#), [09](#) and [11](#) magazine, commonly referred to as the zip code magazine. The Zip Code publishers decided to focus on service organizations this year and approached our group with an extensive interview questionnaire. President Unanue and Secretary Gutierrez completed the questionnaire, and after many photographs were taken by the magazine's photographer we were featured in the January issue. The number of visitors has increased recently.



December 3rd grade school tours

Three classes from Jefferson School came to visit the Shipley Magee House and Barn in December. Third graders toured the house, the grounds and barn and St. Michael's Church. These kids were real little troopers having walked from Jefferson Elementary all the way to Magee Park. We love sharing our local history with these kids.

Power plant construction delayed

The 1st District Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the construction of the \$2.2 billion, 560 Megawatt power plant can proceed. Construction had been delayed because a number of environmental groups had sued. The new plant will feature natural gas fired generators that will come on-line very quickly, as needed by the grid; they will be air cooled, but will require some fresh water sprayed to improve the heat exchange. The current plant uses sea water for cooling, and has some effect on the environment. The Desalination plant next door uses power to produce fresh water, and takes in water from the ocean.

The power plant has played a significant part in our city's history as it was fundamental in gaining the necessary tax funds for us to establish our own city. Taxes from the power plant gave the City of Carlsbad operating funds in the 1950s. Many who grew up in Carlsbad and associate the power plant with "home" are promoting the idea of keeping the power plant smoke stack and painting an interpretive mural to document our history.



Carlsbad's Power Plant is 62 years old

Brief timeline of water in Carlsbad

Come check out our museum display on the significance of water in Carlsbad; here are a few highlights.

- 1883** John Frazier drills wells along coast; discovers artesian+ and mineral water
- 1886** The Real Estate Company; Carlsbad Land and Water Company formed.

1887 Land along rail line with available drinking water: creates real estate boom.

1890 Drought causes land bust; town stops growing

1906 South Coast Land Company purchases defunct Carlsbad Land and Water Company land holdings and runs redwood pipes from San Luis Rey River to bring needed water; purchase of land tied to stock in water company.

1919 Carlsbad Mutual Water Company formed

1942 Carlsbad Mutual Water Company creates Calavera Dam

1952 Carlsbad incorporates – tax bases allows connection to Colorado River Water.

1954 Municipal Water Company formed.

2015 The Claude “Bud” Lewis Desalination plan opens.

+artesian: relating to or denoting a well bored perpendicularly into water-bearing strata lying at an angle, so that natural pressure produces a constant supply of water with little or no pumping.

From the Archives:

Lots has been happening in our archival and research library at Magee. Our museum manager, Elizabeth Dale continues doing an excellent job using standard archival procedures for cataloging and inventorying our physical objects. She also has been tasked with organizing our research book library and we are happy to announce that items are now ready for check out. All CHS members in good standing are free to check out our local history books. What is good standing? You are a member with current dues paid. We ask that you take just one at a time as we have a limited collection, and return it in a timely manner.



Leo Carrillo and Connie Mack, Detwiler photo

We are very happy to report a huge increase in donations this fall. From Oceanside Historical we received a bankers box of negatives taken during the late 1940s and early 1950s by local photographer Detwiler. We are in the process of cleaning, and processing the collection, but it is safe to say some real treasures are coming to light. There are some very exciting photographs that will be added to our collection. Please see below a few that are ready.

Encinitas Historical sent us a few postcards of the Twin Inns and one of Alt Carlsbad. Carlsbad By The Sea Retirement Community donated Carlsbad Hotel fireplace tools, and they are now located in the barn.



Carlsbad Flower Show parade 1950 State Street, Detwiler photo

In addition to CHS continuing the effort of collecting items of historical significance we also are dedicated to preservation of those items. This leads to the next bit of exciting information. The El Camino Real Chapter of the Questers contacted our archivist and asked if we would be interested in their participation to pay for the repair and restoration of the two Twin Inns Guest Registers we received as a donation last year. The Questers located Margit Smith, known professionally as “The Booksmith”, and who is the retired head of cataloging and preservation at the University of San Diego, Copley Library. Secretary Gutierrez drove the registers to Mrs. Smith. After evaluation it was decided Mrs. Smith will need six months to restore them properly. The Questers voted unanimously to pay for all the restoration and repairs needed.

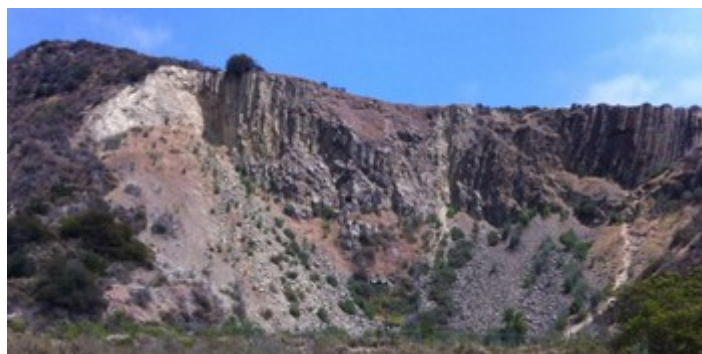
City Council Members sworn in

Congratulations to Carlsbad Historical Society members Keith Blackburn and Cori Schumacher who were recently elected to serve on the Carlsbad City Council. Both were sworn in at the Carlsbad City Council Meeting on December 13. A public reception followed at City Hall.

Carlsbad Mall renovation continues

The Plaza Camino Real Mall, now renamed The Shoppes in Carlsbad, is undergoing a \$300 Million renovation by the new owner, Brookfield Asset Management, that bought its previous owner, Rouse Properties, for \$2.8 Billion. The original mall was built 46 years ago, in 1971.

“Built on land deemed worthless for farming, the (tax) revenue derived from this multi million-dollar regional shopping center greatly enhanced Carlsbad’s budget. It provided a dependable source of commercial revenue for Carlsbad at a time when the downtown business district was in a financial downturn. “from Window’s on the Past, An Illustrated History of Carlsbad, California”.



Mount Calavera’s Volcanic Plug

If you have gone on a hike of the Mount Calavera trail you may have noticed the poster explaining the exposed magma core. This is an unusual geological formation. It is the result of an eruption that did not take place, and the magma, that was surrounded by soil tens of millions of years ago, solidified and crystallized in place. That is why one can see columns of rock, often hexagonal, or six-sided. The famous Devils Tower, in Wyoming, is a giant version of the core of Mount Calavera.

New Display at the Barn

The Carlsbad Historical Treasures sculpture that was featured in the November- December 2016 edition of the [Carlsbad Magazine](#) has been placed on permanent loan by local artist Bryan Snyder. It now resides in the barn along with other large items of historical interest such as; the Twin Inns Chicken, the Shipley buggy, the Coffin feed store safe, and the San Diego Natural History Museum loan of a fossil ammonite. This handcrafted sculpture depicts the well recognized Carlsbad attractions, and treasures such as; the Twin Inns, the Santa Fe Depot, the Flower Fields, and surfing.

La Posada de Guadalupe

This shelter has been in operation for almost 25 years and got a permanent home only in 2013. The effort to meet the need of housing migrant workers started in 1991. Currently with the explosion of homelessness in California, the Posada serves a diverse group of men.

“In 1993 the city also offered support for a Catholic Charities project called La Posada de Guadalupe de Carlsbad. Conceived as a shelter for homeless workers, state grant money was used to build and operate a dormitory where those in need could stay for three months, while attending job workshops and looking for employment. “from Window’s on the Past, An Illustrated History of Carlsbad, California”.

“La Posada is the only shelter in San Diego's North County region that provides emergency services to both day laborers and the general homeless population. Located in Carlsbad, La Posada is well positioned to help homeless men reintegrate back into society as contributing and productive members of our community.

The mission of Homeless Men's Services is to provide men with tools to improve their quality of life, retain their personal dignity and be welcomed back into their communities. “ from electrocardiographs

A related organization is the [Friends of La Posada](#) (Formerly Caring Residents of Carlsbad) that has for many years been raising money to support the Posada. They hold an annual awards dinner as a way to recognize the support they revive, and to request more donations.



La Posada de Guadalupe

Another organization in North County with similar mission is the "[Bread Of Life Rescue Mission](#)", in Oceanside. They have been operating since 1999.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Volunteers are welcome for any of these areas: and are urgently needed.

We are very grateful to all the monetary contributions that you, our members provide, but we need your help with volunteer activities. Currently our board is doing most of the work, with the exception of our docent and tour guide volunteers.

We suggest volunteering to help with showing the House during our operating hours, Friday through Sunday 11am to 3pm. We will of course give training.

We need help with the 3rd grade school tours; and we will train you during your first engagement.

If activities are interesting to you, we would love to have someone take charge of organizing historic field trips for our members and other member events at the museum, such as summer ice cream social, or spring membership tea.

New Memberships

Jay Huff
Carol Johnson
Bruce and Ann Mortland
Cori Schumacher

We currently have about 140 memberships. Around 62 are Life Memberships.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Meetings scheduled for the third Monday of every other month are held in the Shipley- Magee House meeting room at 4pm. Meetings are held in the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please call to confirm as the meeting dates sometimes are subject to change if necessary.

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

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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