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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### JANUARY 1997 NEWSLETTER

#### Program Plans for 1997

The regular Last Thursday programs at Magee House will continue this year. Cheryl Blaine has agreed to coordinate these interesting evenings with assistance and suggestions from other Board members and any Society members. If you have ideas for a good speakers, people who have some background or expertise in any topic relating to history (not just Carlsbad history), send them to Cheryl (729-8118) or phone them in to the Society number (434-9189). Information about these programs will be sent out as soon as we get a schedule of speakers. Margie Monroy will be coordinating field trips for Society members to area points of interest, including visits with other historical societies. She'll also be planning our annual membership program for next fall.

#### School Tours

On a related topic, the Society will be working closely with local schools in promoting walking tours to points of historic significance in downtown Carlsbad. Marge Howard-Jones will be arranging for docents to help at each of the designated sites. These class tours, for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, will take place during a single week next March. One of the ideas being considered is to open up the Society's vacant property behind Alt Carlsbad for "archaeology digs." The original Carlsbad Hotel, which burned down in 1896, was located on this general site and a number of interesting artifacts have already been unearthed in the area. We might arrange for "kiddie digs" on the lot to see what they can find.

#### Further Improvements at Magee House

Chuck Walden, the city Facilities Superintendent, has informed us that the roof leaks on Magee House have been located and repaired. The recent heavy

rains will probably be a good indication of how well the roof really is holding up. Chuck also has on his list of repairs, several parts of the front deck, the railing, and most of the window frames. We have located some antique light fixtures in one of the back storage rooms that appear to be part of a set used elsewhere in the house. Chuck thinks these can be installed in the front living room area, particularly by the front door. Other improvements that we have had a local carpenter handle for us include a map case, a portable "open" sign, two free-standing display cases, and one display unit that can be hung on any door. Char Kennedy, Head of Adult Services at the Carlsbad Library, has kindly donated a set of famous willow pattern dinner ware from the original Twin Inns. We already had a few bits a pieces but thanks to Char we now have quite a collection.

### **History Book for Elementary School Students**

Susan Gutierrez has recently completed a draft of a brief history of Carlsbad designed to meet the curricular needs of elementary school students, particularly 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who must study state and local history. The Friends of the Library some years ago published a coloring book, but it just doesn't have enough information to satisfy the needs of the students. And the more detailed histories, such as Marge Howard-Jones's SEEKERS OF THE SPRING, is too sophisticated. So at the request of the classroom teachers and the Children's librarian, Susan has a draft manuscript that, when photos are scanned in, will make a nice pamphlet of 15 to 20 pages.

### **Need for Volunteers**

As with most non-profit organizations of our size and shape, there is a constant need for volunteers to help with all sorts of activities. It's also a way of getting involved and not sitting back and letting the Board do everything. Right now there is a need for people to man a phone chain, a quick and personal way notifying people about rapidly unfolding events, upcoming programs, or getting help for special projects. We also need people to help with decorating the Magee House for seasonal events or special programs, and we could definitely use a group of motivated members to help provide refreshments for our Last Thursday programs and Sundowners. If any of you would like to get involved in these activities, call Susan Gutierrez (434-5308) or leave a message on the office answering machine (434-9189).

### **Odds and Ends**

Congratulations to our friend and former CHS newsletter editor Dot Muth on her recent appointment by the Mayor to the Historic Preservation Commission. She joins Gordon Bizieff and CHS members Joe Valenti, John Jones, and Judi Schwei on the Commission. We're hoping Judi can once again be persuaded to take the lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Art Contest, always a popular event during Historic Preservation Week.

Remember that the new schedule for Board meetings is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Magee House. Any interested members are invited to attend.

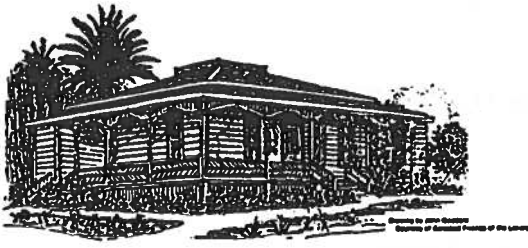
**WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE by Marge Howard-Jones**

January is the traditional time for wave as well as whale watching along the Carlsbad coast. Winter storms draw locals and tourists alike to the shore to scan the horizon for the great sea mammals on their annual migration. But it's the high surf of major storms, pounding the sea walls and beach bluffs, that brings out the crowds. One of the most memorable high water marks came after several days of heavy rains in January 1983, when Carlsbad Boulevard south of Tamarack disappeared into the sea, taking the parking lot with it. Folks watched from the end of Chinquapin, regaling each other with tales of even worse storms and more damage to the coast. One fellow declared he had once been able to fish off the west side of Hill Street in Oceanside!

That may have been a slight exaggeration, but it is true that an all-time record storm occurred in January 1916, when months of drought were climaxed by a five-day downpour. It washed out the railroad and highway bridges across the San Luis Rey river, isolating Oceanside and Carlsbad for three weeks. Food and clothing had to be shipped from San Diego, and boats docked daily at the Oceanside pier with basic groceries as well as coal for the Santa Fe Railway. Mail couldn't be delivered for two weeks.

This deluge was blamed on one Charles Hatfield, who had sold the San Diego City Council on his talents as a "moisture accelerator." Eager and anxious to end the drought that was ruining the important agricultural industry, city fathers agreed to pay Hatfield \$10,000 if he could make it rain. He built a 20 foot tower 60 miles east of San Diego and topped it with a large vat into which he poured various chemicals which he then set on fire. Rain began to fall the next day, but some expressed doubt that Hatfield had anything to do with it. So he mixed his brew again - triple strength, and soon dams all over the county were giving way, houses and horses were floating downstream, and it was definitely too much of a good thing.

Instead of collecting his fee, Hatfield had to leave town in a hurry to escape \$3.5 million in flood damage lawsuits!



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### **FEBRUARY 1997 NEWSLETTER**

#### **Upcoming Programs**

Our Last Thursday program for March (March 27 at 7 p.m.) will feature Connie Hubbard from the Vista Ranchos Historical Society. Tentatively lined up for April will be local archaeologist, Dennis Gallegos, who will present information about recent digs in the Carlsbad area. Remember that all Last Thursday programs will be held in the Magee House and that refreshments will be served.

The next membership tea will be held on April 6 from 2-4 p.m. at the Magee House. It will be an opportunity for those of you who don't get by all that often to see the new displays, to talk to friends, and maybe even to bring a new friend who might consider joining.

#### **Art Contest for Third Graders**

One of the most popular annual events sponsored by the city's Historic Preservation and Arts Commissions is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Art Contest. Students are given information through their classroom teachers about many of the most significant existing historic sites and buildings in Carlsbad and then go out and paint or draw them. Entries from all the elementary schools are then sent in to the current co-chairs of this event, Susan Pynes and Judi Schwei. Judges are currently being recruited to meet and evaluate the works on May 3 at the Senior Center. Connie Trejo will be representing the Historical Society as one of the seven judges. The three top entries from each class are declared winners, awarded special prizes, and are invited to a special presentation by the City Council during National Historic Preservation Week (the second week of May). The purpose of the contest, in addition to generating publicity and interest in local history, is to help young students gain a better understanding of their local heritage.

### **More on Third Graders**

Marge Howard-Jones and her team of docents will again this March be leading 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on a tour of historic sites in the downtown area. As part of the tour, plans are to have the kids do some amateur archaeological digs on Society property behind Alt Karlsbad. It was noted earlier that in doing some recent construction work on the Alt Karlsbad property, historic artifacts relating to the original Carlsbad Hotel, which was located on this site, were found. Maybe the kids will strike it rich with some interesting finds.

### **Arboretum Foundation**

Volunteers from the Arboretum Foundation have begun work bringing the garden area in front of the Magee House back to life. They will be doing an evaluation of plant sites and then plan to create three garden areas: an herbal garden, a garden representing plants of historic significance to Carlsbad, and a drought tolerant garden. Having these special gardens in this area will create a beautiful and interesting entryway to the Magee House. Our thanks to these volunteers for their efforts.

### **Scholarship Proposal**

At its last meeting, the Board voted to offer a \$250 scholarship award to the winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Society. The contest will be for graduating seniors at Carlsbad High and will require a 400 to 500 word essay on a topic relating to Carlsbad history. Offered through English and ESL classes so that both English and Spanish language entries will be accepted, the winner will be selected by the Society and the award presented at the annual Awards Night on June 3, 1997.

### **Flags for Magee House**

Many thanks to Ann L'Heureux for the colorful flags and flagpoles she made for use in front of the Magee House. The flags will go up whenever the house is open to the public, as a way of attracting a bit more attention than is presently available.

### **Congress of History Convention**

The annual San Diego Congress of History convention will be held March 7 and 8 at the Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego). The Carlsbad Historical Society will have an information booth at the event which will be staffed by Amelia Irvine. The convention is a good way to tune into activities and ideas coming from other historical societies in the county.

### **Need for volunteers**

A reminder that, as always, we are in desperate need of volunteers to help with such things as refreshments at programs, archival work, setting up displays and exhibits, seasonal decorations, and just general clean up work.

Anyone who would be willing to volunteer their valuable time to any of these activities should call the Society at 434-9189.

Welcome to new member Rosie Stephens

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING by Marge Howard-Jones**

News of the outside world was slow to come to Carlsbad in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The nearest newspaper, the **BLADE-TRIBUNE**, was published in Oceanside, but communication technology of the day meant that local events got the most attention. It often took weeks for the news of national elections, the progress of wars, or the passage of laws to be known.

Carlsbad correspondent for the **BLADE-TRIBUNE** was Hattie Reece Schutte, a popular, energetic school teacher. She covered births, birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, as well as all other social occasions in town.

For the "harder" news of what was being planted, farm equipment purchased, and a detailed analysis of the weather, residents could look to **OUR PAPER**, published by W.W. Borden. Borden was also a lay minister and founder of the Oceanside Christian Church, so his back page was frequently filled with his sermons. "Independent, but not neutral," was the motto on his masthead. In 1885 he changed the name of the paper to **THE PLAIN TRUTH**. His wife was Minnie Kelly, and when their Barham house burned down in 1893, they moved to Carlsbad. Publication had to be suspended during the move and building of a new home, but Borden was back in print by 1900, operating out of a small 5<sup>th</sup> Street (now Harding Street) house that had a red roof and purple, yellow, and green trimmed windows. Although considered out of town, the colorful building became a local landmark until 1916, when Borden moved his press for the last time to his new home on Chestnut Avenue, just west of El Camino Real. He continued publishing until 1922, two years before he died.



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## **CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **MARCH 1997 NEWSLETTER**

#### **Upcoming Programs**

Remember to mark your calendars for the Last Thursday programs coming in March, April, and May. All programs are held at the Magee House at 7 p.m. and are open to all members and prospective members. Refreshments are served. On March 27 Connie Hubbard from the Vista Ranchos Historical Society will be with us and on April 24 local archaeologist Dennis Gallegos will talk about significant findings in this area. For May 22<sup>nd</sup> our guest presenter will be Dave Drielsma, a professor at Mira Costa College who will be speaking on California History.

Remember also that the Membership Tea, also at Magee House, will be held on April 6 from 2-4 p.m. Invitations have gone out to members but we hope some of you will bring friends and potential new members. We want to let the community know that the Historical Society has a new board and a lot of new ideas about activities and future plans

#### **Historical Society Property**

Directly behind Alt Carlsbad is a 13,000 square foot lot which was given to the Historical Society by Kay Christiansen many years ago. Kay stipulated at the time that the land be used to build a museum and that the museum be compatible with the architectural style of Alt Carlsbad. To date, of course, no museum has been built, primarily due to a lack of resources and to a variety of legal complications. Also, the need for a museum at this stage is not that critical, since most Society artifacts and archives have been squeezed into Magee House. Before any future action is taken on the property, the board would like to hold a general membership forum to discuss the issues and to arrive at a vision for the Society in general and for the use of this land in particular. Such a forum will be arranged at some point in the not too distant future.

### **Arboretum Foundation**

We have just learned that the Arboretum Foundation will provide volunteers to replace the gardens in front of Magee House. What they are proposing is to create an herb garden in one area, an arrangement of plants of historic significance to Carlsbad in another area, including Ledgerwood seeds, and a third plot that would contain a variety of drought tolerant plants. The Foundation is providing its own funding source for this work and the Historical Society will help with a bit of "seed" money. Ongoing maintenance of the new garden once completed will be managed by the Foundation and volunteers from the Garden Club.

### **Congress of History Convention**

Amelia Irvine represented the Society at the annual San Diego Congress of History convention on March 7 and 8. Amelia reports that she managed a booth for the Society and, in addition to greeting a lot of old friends, managed to sell \$60 worth of T-shirts and tote bags. The tote bags in particular seem to be quite popular.

### **Odds and Ends**

- As the Flower Fields come into bloom, we are getting requests from tour groups to stop by the Magee House and other historic properties. The first of these has been scheduled for May 17. Usually the groups come to Carlsbad by bus, visit the Flower Fields, come up to the Village area for lunch, and then arrive at Magee House for a tour.
- A recent article in the NORTH COUNTY TIMES on the Historical Society has brought a lot of weekend traffic into Magee House. Our regular Magee House docent, Marie Flanagan, has been doing a great job with all the activity and will be taking a vacation for three weekends later this spring.
- The board voted to donate a Know Carlsbad T-shirt and tote bag to the Arts Associates for their raffle at the July 4 jazz concert.
- Margie Monroy and Susan Gutierrez have booked talks to local organizations and will focus on Society activities and interesting local history stories.
- At its March meeting, the board heard presentations from Ofie Escobedo and Tony Mata on the merits and demerits of the proposed Barrio Specific Plan. This plan will be going before the City Council at its April 1 meetin. Members who are not familiar with the content of the plan should read it. Copies are available at the main and branch libraries.

### **WALKING THROUGH HISTORY by Marge Howard-Jones**

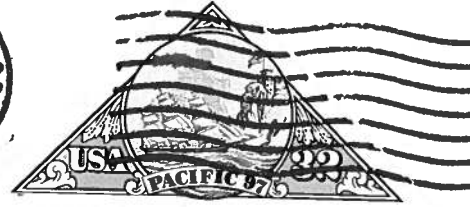
Carlsbad third graders marched through their community's history in the Annual School History Walk held last month. We again opened the Magee House, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, and the old Santa Fe Depot to classes



from five local elementary schools. New on the route this year was the Barrio Museum, where one school ordered ahead for quesadillas from Lola's market. The History Walk was timed to coordinate with the "Drawing on Carlsbad's History" art contest sponsored by the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commission. Children were encouraged to take notes and sketch details of various sites for later use in their contest entries.

When the school History Walks were introduced, we provided docents at each site who presented all the information to visiting groups. Part of the tour also included a showing in the Magee Park Granary of Alan Kindle's slide show, "An Introduction to Local History." As of last year, we also prepared a small syllabus of information about the sites for the teachers' use, so that children could be better prepared for what they were going to see. We have noted a lot of good questions being asked, although at Magee House, the children seem most intrigued by Juno's headstone and the small typewriter on the living room desk.

We are very grateful for the cooperation of Carlsbad CONVIS Bureau and to Diana Arons, who graciously greeted the classes at the train depot, and to Ann L'Heureux and Susan Gutierrez, who also filled in at that site. Dorothy Krepps and her team of hostesses from St. Michael's did a great job introducing the children to their small chapel. Ann L'Heureux, George Mason, and Marge Howard-Jones led the groups through Magee House and Ofie Escobedo hosted at the Barrio Museum.



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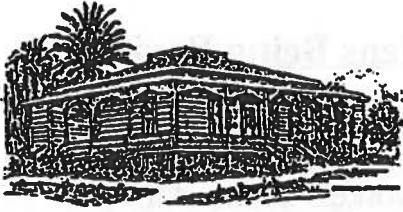
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**April 1997 Newsletter**

### **Sprucing Up Magee House**

Old-time homemakers would never think of letting the seasons change without a thorough housecleaning and re-decorating. Many visitors are charmed by the decor of the Magee House and now we have **Dorothy Krepps, Etta Hetherinton, Eleanor Call and Lillian Arlene Gardiner** who have volunteered to keep it tidy and refreshed through the year. In addition, we are delighted that **George Mason** has taken over as archivist to keep our historical files in order. George has a long standing interest in the life of Hugh Magee which he hopes to pursue while also helping others research Carlsbad's past.

At the same time, Carlsbad City maintenance official **Chuck Walden** is conferring with architectural historians and contractors in preparation for repairing our sagging front porch and re-painting the whole house.



### **Calendar of Historical Events**

#### **Thursday Night Lecture April 24**

Archeologist **Dennis Gallegos** will speak at the Magee House at 7 p.m. He has done many excavations in Carlsbad and San Diego county. He has many fascinating tales to tell about his findings.

#### **Heritage Park Trip May 15**

Carlsbad Historical Society trip at 11 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Call **Margie Monroy at 729-7242** for reservations.

#### **Living History Day May 18**

San Pasqual Battlefield Sunday at 10 a.m.

#### **Oceanside Historical Society**

Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Currently on display is memorabilia of Oceanside Police Captain Harold Davis.

## Membership Dues

All memberships for the coming year (1997 - 1998) need to be renewed by June 30th (1997) for names to be included in the *Carlsbad Historical Society's Annual Directory* that will be issued in August. A membership form is always included on the address page of this newsletter, but because of postage costs, no renewal reminders will be sent out.

Please send in your membership dues so that you may continue to receive this newsletter and other Carlsbad Historical Society information. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call **Lenore Bouras at 431-9445**.

## Another Successful Porch Party

The April 6th Membership Tea attracted many visitors. A tableful of delicious munchies and liquid refreshment was set on the front porch (out of the breeze) and more than 30 guests enjoyed exploring the new exhibits in the house and making new friends. Many thanks to all the members who brought refreshments and helped to make the day such a delight.

## Jazz In The Park

The first TGIF Jazz Concert will be June 27, so make sure that you really have a good time at these popular events by helping the CHS to sell food and drink to the masses. This is our major fund raising activity and it requires at least six to eight people for each of the eight concerts. Please call **Connie Trejo, 434-2191**, to sign on. TGIF schedules are available at the Carlsbad Arts Office.

## Magee Gardens Being Revived

The Rose gardens planted on the west side of the Magee House have been thriving since City workers trimmed the pine trees that shaded them. Inspired by this improvement the Rose Society project, members of the Carlsbad Arboretum Foundation have embarked on an extended project of their own to develop the five garden beds in front of the Magee House.

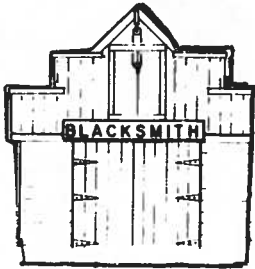
An Herb Garden, designed by **Katharine Chaffee and Judy Poole**, is the first of its kind to be planted. It is near the Coral Tree east of the House. Next will be a Red, White and Blue garden around the Time Capsule, featuring plants grown commercially in Carlsbad and /or drought resistant perennials. The same types of plants will be in two large beds on either side, with a small raised bed near the corner of the porch to be planted by **Don Miller** with seeds from Charles Ledgerwood, Carlsbad's legendary seedsman. The plan will be completed in October when **Nils Lunnerdal** plants California native plants in the western-most bed next to the Rose Garden.

Gardeners and helpers of any stripe are most welcome to join in this project. The soil around the Magee House is sandy and quick-draining, so its easy to work with, but needs frequent watering and weeding,. Please call **Marge Howard-Jones at 729-2054**, to get involved.



# The Carlsbad Historical Society Invites you to

## A Journey into the Past at Heritage Park Village and Museum in Oceanside



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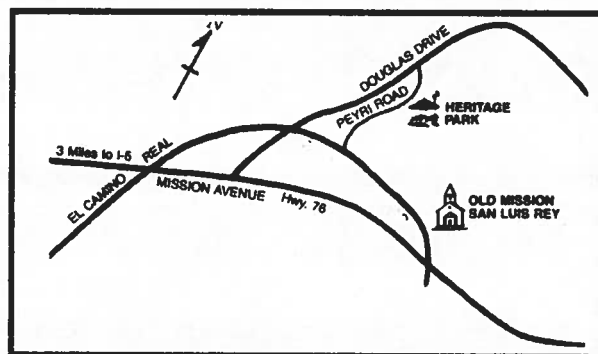


**Bring a bag lunch**  
**Beverages and desserts will be available for**  
**purchase at the park**

Heritage Park is a recreation of Oceanside at the turn of the century, using many historic buildings which were moved to this site as a part of the Oceanside bicentennial celebration. There is no charge for the tour but donations are appreciated.

**Make your reservations by calling**  
**Margie Monroy at 729-7242 by May 9**

**See map below for directions to the park**









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**May 1997 Newsletter**

### **At the Magee House**

The windows have been cleaned, thanks to **Chuck Walden** of the city Utilities and Maintenance Dept. He has also installed outside porch lights that automatically come on at night, which is a great improvement.

The Seasonal Decorating Committee will meet June 18 at 9 a.m. to plan for the rest of the year. If you would like to join **Dorothy Krepps, Arlene Gardiner, Eleanor Call, Etta Hetherington** and **Barbara Jensen**, please call our president, **Susan Gutierrez**, at 434-5308.

We want to welcome members of the Samuel Church Smith family when they hold their reunion at Magee Park July 26th. Please call **Margie Monroy** at 729-7242 if you can help keep Magee House open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., before our regular docent, **Marie Flanagan**, arrives.



### **Calendar of Historical Events**

**“Last Thursday” Lecture**  
**May 29**

**John McKaig**, Longtime Carlsbad barber, who knows all the Carlsbad secrets...and they're in his recently completed book. Lots of gossip and chuckles in store for this one. 7 p.m. at the Magee House.

**Western Day at Jacumba**  
**Saturday May 31**

Ride the Carrizo Gorge Railway. Call 478-9600 for more information

**San Dieguito Heritage Museum**  
**Barbecue**  
**Saturday June 14**

San Dieguito Heritage Museum Barbecue will be held on the Olivenhain Town Hall Grounds Noon to 5 p.m. Food served from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Keeping History Alive

### **With Donations From the Community**

Memorabilia from the lives of Carlsbad residents adds a personal touch to our Magee House displays. Most recently received are: a waitress's aprons, cuffs and collars from the Carlsbad Mineral Springs Hotel, donated by **Alma Davis**; books and papers belonging to former mayor and Carlsbad Historical Society founder, **Raymond Ede**, donated by **Dorothy Ede**; a 1937 calendar from Zona's Antiques, donated by **Pheobe Witzel** of the Oceanside Historical Society.

### **With Indexing Issues of *Journal***

If you are mysteriously attracted to old newspapers, you are needed to help index past issues of the *Carlsbad Journal*, the local weekly dating back to 1927. Contact **Cathy** at the Carlsbad City Library Reference Desk, 434-2870.

## CHS Essay Winner

**Jerimiah Cornwaite's** thoughtful survey of the history and local significance of the Encina Power Plant was awarded first prize in the 1997 Carlsbad Historical Society Essay Contest. Selected from a field of seven entries, the winning essay earned **Jerimiah** \$250. He is a Carlsbad High School graduating senior who hopes to spend the coming year in England before enrolling in a four year college.

## What's been Happening

The April "Last Thursday" Lecture with archeologist **Dennis Gallegos** was very successful. Over 25 people enjoyed his interesting presentation and we hope he will make a return visit soon.

The Japan Sister City tour brought about 30 visitors to Magee House April 25th.

The Rail-See Trip left Oceanside May 6th, with a send-off committee of **Geoff Armour, Cheryl Blain, Leonore Bouras, Susan Gutierrez, Margie Monroy** and **Connie Trejo**. They waved off the travellers bound for New Orleans and the Caribbean, whose tickets added a small but meaningful donation to the Carlsbad Historical Society coffers.

The Society was represented at the May 10th Grand Opening of the Alt Carlsbad Spa by Vice President **Margie Monroy**, who made a short speech and by members **Mari Andersson** and **Dot Muth**.

The CHS excursion to Oceanside's Heritage Park on May 15th was a treat for all. Our group was toured through the collection of old buildings by **Edith Swain** and other docent/members of the Friends of Heritage Park. Beginning in June, the park will be open every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and at the same time on the last Saturday of the month.

The San Diego Congress of History met at the Magee House on Saturday, May 17th.



## **Jazz In The Parks is Coming!!**

**Connie Trejo**, is lining up her troops for the upcoming summer jazz series at which Carlsbad Historical Society sells food and makes a lot of money.

### **She Needs People To Help:**

- ★ *Load her truck at 4:30 p.m.*
- ★ *Cook and sell food at the park during the 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. concerts.*
- ★ *Unload the truck at Lola's Market after the concert.*

### **Dates for the Friday concerts are:**

*June 24th*

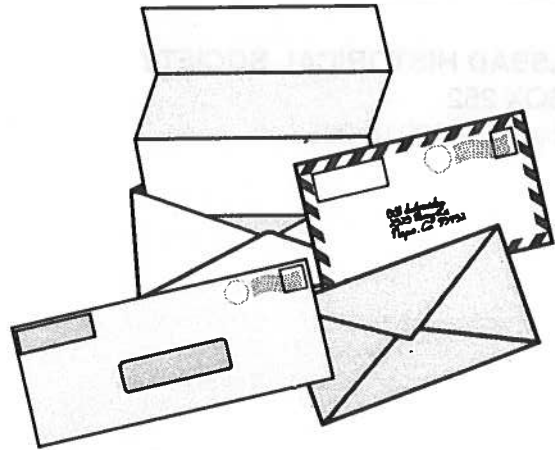
*July 11th, 18th, & 25th*

*August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd*

Please call **Connie** at 434-2191 to sign on for this very pleasant and worthwhile activity

## **A Job Well Done**

Many thanks to **Frank Sorvino** and his hard working team from "Join Hands - Save A Life" who did such a great job of clearing the weeds from our lot on Christiansen Way. And a special thank-you to Carlsbad Historical Society member **Don Christiansen**, who organized the necessary equipment, including pizza for all the young, enthusiastic workers.



## **Join Now!**

This is your last chance to join the Carlsbad Historical Society or renew your membership for the full 1997-1998 year. Please complete the membership form on the reverse side of this newsletter and send it in (with a check!) to:

**Carlsbad Historical Society  
C/O Leonore Bouras  
919 Melaleuca Ave. #E  
Carlsbad CA 92009**

## **New Members**

A warm welcome to new members **Chip and Terri Crowley**.



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## **CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**June 1997 Newsletter**

### **Jazz in the Parks**

Jazz in the Parks means Fun and Funds for the Carlsbad Historical Society. Our popular food booth has become part of the scene, but we need lots of eager helpers to make it a real success. We have a new banner to announce our presence and the hot dogs, cookies and pop corn will be as wonderful as ever.

The first three Friday concerts will be at Stagecoach Park in La Costa, beginning on June 27. On July 18 and July 25, the music will be on our doorstep in Magee Park. A new venue, Poinsettia Park, will be the site for the August 1 and August 8 concerts. The series will conclude at Calavera Hills Park on August 15, August 22 and August 29.

Please call Connie Trejo at 434-2191 to be on the helpers' list. (P.S.: Surprise drop-ins are also welcome, but Connie needs to know that at least seven people will be on hand to help).

For those who like to plan ahead, save August 29, the last concert date in this series, for our traditional all-member Pot Luck at Calavera Park. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share while we enjoy the music and the late summer evening filled with the sounds of Swing Jazz by the Big Time Operator Band.

### **Calendar Of Events**

**Leo Carrillo Ranch Park**  
**Open House**  
**Wednesday, July 23**

Plans for Carrillo Ranch as a city park presented at Carlsbad Senior Center  
4 - 8 p.m.

**Last Thursday Lectures**  
**July 31**

Professor David Driselms, speaking on "Southern California History" at the Magee House at 7 p.m.

**August 28**

Art Historian, Cheryl Blaine to be featured

**End of Summer Pot Luck**  
**Friday, August 29**

To be held at Calavera Park from 6 - 8 p.m.

**Annual CHS Dinner**  
**Saturday, September 20**

The Annual Carlsbad Historical Society dinner will be held at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave from 7 - 9 p.m.

## **Carrillo Ranch**

### **An Unveiling!**

Plans for Carrillo Ranch as a city park will be presented to the public on Wednesday, July 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at an Open House to be held at the Carlsbad Senior Center.

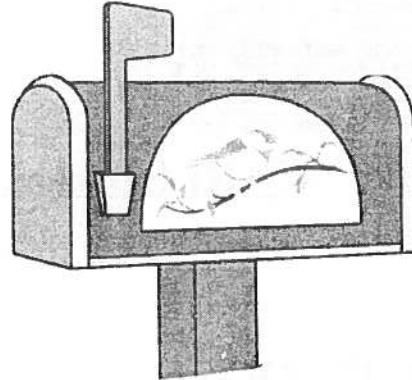
In addition to seeing films and artifacts about the famous actor's life, visitors will be able to learn about how the park will be developed. A review of the master plan for the park will be set off by a display of the flora and fauna of the ranch canyon and city officials will be on hand to answer questions and explain their vision of the ranch's future.

Door prizes, music and refreshments will be offered, plus an adobe-brick making activity for children.



### **Magee House**

Seasonal decorating gets under way in July, under the direction of Dorothy Krepps and her able committee. Work on the porch will commence as soon as historical architects and other experts have completed their consultations. The garden is also due to be planted soon.



### **Membership**

#### **Last Chance to get in for 1997-98.**

If your dues are due, now is definitely the time to send them in via the handy form found in this newsletter. Don't get left out of the new Carlsbad Historical Society Directory which will be out in August. June 30 is the absolute final deadline!

### **Last Thursday Programs**

Magee House overflowed with old and new friends of John McKaig when he presented his perspective on Carlsbad's history for the May Last Thursday program.

The series will take a little break in June but return on July 31 with Prof. David Driselms speaking on Southern California history.

Art historian, Cheryl Blaine will be featured in August.

More details on these last two programs will be available closer to the time.

**Join Now!!**

**Fill in form below.**

**Mail Today**

**\*Invite friends to become members too\***

**More people make more possible.**

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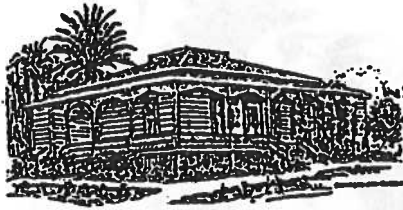
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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 1997 Newsletter

### Jazz in the Parks

Jazz In The Parks is off to a great start, thanks to the never-failing efforts of **Connie Trejo**, her daughter, **Stephanie Medina** and her friends, **Mechie Ortiz**, **Dave Packer** and **Richard Valdez**. They helped set up the tables. Connie still needs lots of help serving and taking in the money that is our main source of income for the year. Be sure to mark August 29 on your calendars so you can join us at the last Jazz In The Park. Our traditional Potluck Picnic will be at Calaveras Park, enjoying the sounds of Swing Jazz by the Big Time Operator Band.

### Annual Dinner

**Saturday, September 20**

**Faye Jonason**, archivist of the Camp Pendleton Museum, will be the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner, Saturday, September 20. As a relative newcomer to the base, she has transformed a huge collection of documents, photos and memorabilia into a rich historic resource. We will meet at the Carlsbad Senior Center from 6 to 9 p.m. for an Italian dinner before the program.

### Last Thursday Programs

We are delighted with the good response to this series. It will resume on July 31 when **Professor David Driselma** will speak on Southern California history.

Art History will be the focus of the August program which will feature **Susan Delany**.

In September, as school starts up again in September, we will welcome **Nancy Johnson's** presentation on writing children's novels that incorporate factual history.

The programs begin at 7 p.m. in the Magee House, 25 Beech Avenue Carlsbad.

### Membership Directories

The new 1997-98 Carlsbad Historical Membership Directories are ready to be sent to all of you who have renewed your memberships. They will hopefully be in the mail in August. New members to be included in the 1997-98 directory are:

**Claudia Fairbanks**  
**John Futrell**  
**Barbara Jensen**  
**June Johnson.**

## Magee House

Did you see all the red, white and blue festooning the porch on the Fourth of July? That was just the tip of the patriotic iceberg provided by our Seasonal Decorating Committee, now led by new member **Barbara Jensen. Barbara, Dorothy Krepps, Clenore Call, Arlene Gardener and Etta Hetherington** are having great fun playing house with all our wonderful treasures. They would welcome your help so call the Historical Society at 434-9189 for information.



## Magee Garden

With the planting of two flower beds in front of the Magee House, members of the Carlsbad Arboretum Foundation are taking time off to wait for cooler weather.

The red, white and blue plants around the Time Capsule have taken hold very nicely. Just west of the front walk, drought tolerant perennials and plants grown commercially in Carlsbad have recently been installed. A small raised bed near the corner of the porch has been planted with seeds from **Charles Ledgerwood**, Carlsbad's pioneer seedsman.

Come September, more drought tolerant shrubs will be planted east of the Time Capsule and native plants will go into the corner bed adjacent to the Rose Garden. The border of Germander in the Herb Garden will be joined by a circular pattern of aromatic and medicinal plants. To help with this project please call the Historical Society at 434-9189.



Photo courtesy of Carlsbad Library

## Where Is The Chicken?

The huge Twin Inns Chicken that we so proudly displayed in the Magee House is now undergoing restorative treatment and will soon return to its old haunt, now known as Nieman's Restaurant.

For those unfamiliar with this famous local saga, the Twin Inns Restaurant on the northeast corner of Carlsbad Boulevard and Elm Ave. (now Carlsbad Village Drive) was for many years the roost of large plaster chickens. When the restaurant changed hands in 1986, the chickens were deemed incompatible with the restaurant's soon-to-be-new image and they were put into storage, awaiting adoption.

Two were then installed in Rotary Park, but within months, they became victims of vandalism and theft. They were sawed off below the knees. The prank soon got old and the chickens were rescued, but somewhat the worse for "wear".

One was given to the Carlsbad Historical Society and we soon it up in a box so it's missing toes would not be noticed. Enter then **Kevin Kelso**, a former fireman and artist, who offered to weld the feet back on and repair the crunched Plaster of Paris wings. The work is about two months from completion and Nieman's newest owners have invited the chicken back for an indoor visit!

## Membership

Thank You--to all our faithful Carlsbad Historical Society members who have already renewed their memberships for our next year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998). Renewals are still coming in. We'd like to encourage you to invite your friends, whether they are newcomers to Carlsbad or old-time Carlsbad residents, to join us as we celebrate living in such a lovely town and one with a rich historic past.

Your Society is planning many upcoming events in the next year. Soon we will be issuing our annual directory, which will list all CHS members in good standing; it will also include other interesting items on Carlsbad, including the winning essay in the contest your society sponsors every year, open to all local graduating high school seniors, on some aspect of local history. This year the winner, Jeremiah Cornthwaite, won \$250 for his essay on the building of SDG&E's Encina power plant.

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## **CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **August 1997 Newsletter**

#### **A Quilted Tour**

##### **Of Historic Carlsbad**

Carlsbad's historic sites and significant persons are featured in the design of an exciting quilt project organized by **Barb Jamison** of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and **Helen Smith** of the Newcomers ABC Quilts Group. They are producing a beautiful and historically accurate quilt that will be on display in the Magee House Friday through Sunday, November 7 - 9 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 P.m.. It will then go on view at the San Diego Museum of Art and eventually be auctioned off to benefit St. Patrick's School.

**Ann L'Heureux** is coordinating the display at the Magee house and especially needs volunteers for the morning hours. This outstanding exhibit is sure to draw many new visitors to our door, so please call **Ann** at 729-7003 to sign up and be a part of it

#### ***Surf the Web***

*A calendar for all North County events, including the Carlsbad Historical Society, can be accessed on the internet.*

*The address is:*

*MTT P://www.NSDC CSN.ORG*

#### **Calendar of Events**

**August 28**

##### **Last Thursday Lecture**

Features **Susan Delany** speaking on Art History at the Magee House at 7 p.m.

**August 29**

##### **CHS Potluck Picnic**

At TGIF Jazz Concert by the Big Time Operators' Swing Band in Calveras Park 5 to 7 p.m.

**September 20**

##### **CHS Annual Dinner**

**Faye Jonason**, Camp Pendleton archivist, is featured speaker. At Carlsbad Senior Center 6 to 9 p.m.

**September 25**

##### **Last Thursday Lecture**

Features **Nancy Johnson** speaking on Writing Children's History Books. The Magee House 7 p.m.

**October 23**

##### **Next-to The Last Thursday Lecture**

Features **John Lamb** describing Ghosts of North County. Magee House 7 p.m.

**November 7, 8, 9**

##### **Historic Quilt Show**

Quilt displayed at Magee House 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**December 7 through January 4**

##### **Victorian Christmas Display**

To be displayed at Magee House.

## Final TGIF Concert Means A Potluck Picnic For CHS

Help celebrate the completion of another successful summer Jazz Series and our CHS refreshments operation by bringing a dish to share at a Potluck Picnic, Friday August 29 at Calaveras Park. The music begins at 5:30 p.m., but it is fun to get there a little early to get set up. The music will be Swing Jazz, provided by the Big Time Operators, so there's sure to be lots of dancing, too. Hope to see you there.

## An October Event

Our October Last Thursday event, which will be the last one for this year (no Last Thursday meetings are being planned for November or December) will be very appropriate for the Halloween season. **John Lamb**, a North county historian and retired Oceanside police officer, will speak at the Magee House, Thursday October 23rd 7 p.m. On "Ghosts of North County". Please, note the date: October 23rd. Since October has five Thursdays this year and Mr. Lamb was unavailable on October 30th we have moved our Last Thursday talk one week ahead for October only. Mark your calendars!

**NEW CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIRECTORIES ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE CORRECT! PLEASE CALL US AT 434-9189 FOR ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.**

## Annual Dinner

Don't forget our annual dinner to be held Saturday, September 20 at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 800 Pine Avenue. Wine and munchies will be served at 6 p.m., followed by an Italian dinner at 7 p.m. and a presentation by Camp Pendleton archivist **Faye Jonason**. This is always a very pleasant way to get to know each other and share a unique slice of local history. Reservations are required by September 15. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person.

For reservations call:  
**Margie Monroy at 729-7242**

## Looking For A Secretary

It is time for us to elect a Secretary for a two year term. We are very grateful to **Dee Morning** for her faithful service in this office, and are hopeful that another member will offer their services to succeed her. Please call **Margie Monroy 729-7242** if you can participate in this way.

## A Note Of Appreciation

Dear friends,

My family and I are deeply grateful to members of the Carlsbad Historical Society for the beautiful tree and accompanying plaque planted in Magee Park in memory of my youngest daughter, Patty. The tree, an Australian Willow, *Geijera parviflora*, is just north of the circular rose garden on Garfield Street.

As we watch it take hold and put out new leaves, we are much comforted by its expression of life and your most generous gesture of love and support.

Sincerely,

**Marge Howard-Jones**

*Jeremiah Cornthwaite's winning essay on the history of San Diego Gas and Electric's Encina power plant was inadvertently omitted from our Carlsbad Historical Society's Annual Directory, as previously announced. We are including it in this issue of our August 1997 newsletter instead*

## **DESERT TO PARADISE** **By Jeremiah Cornthwaite**

Carlsbad has been my home all my life. My father and grandfather are employees of the San Diego Gas and Electric Company. Yet, not until I began researching old newspapers for a topic for this report, did I realize what a profound effect SDG&E has had on the very existence of this community. It all began with a front page ad in the *Carlsbad Champion*, 1926 (1), which talked about the development of the power company, saying, "Thousands of acres of previously unproductive land have been placed under cultivation. Cactus covered wastes of a few years ago are now dotted with orange groves. Water pumped by electric power is to a great degree responsible for this transformation." This made me realize for the first time, how electricity provided for the pumping of large amounts of water into this desert region, transforming it into the beautiful agricultural community it has become. *The Carlsbad Journal*, Spring, 1939 (2), describes it, "But in Carlsbad...trees are bursting into new growth and the flowers are blooming. Strawberries are ripening. We have great fields of flowers, in all the colors of a rainbow. People come from miles around to see the Carlsbad flower fields."

Next, I began reading books on the history of Carlsbad, and what the newspapers suggested, a quote from Bill Baldwin, who chaired the committee that pushed for our city's incorporation, confirmed. He said, "If it hadn't been for SDG&E there never would have been a city of Carlsbad". (3) I realize this statement could probably be made about many things that have played

a part in our community's history, but I was very impressed none the less

Early Carlsbad growers such as Paul Ecke and Bill Cannon, (for whom Cannon Road is named) depended on power from SDG&E for irrigation to develop their businesses. Power provided for community growth, and this growth generated a need for more and more electricity. (4)

Not only did the supply of electricity provide for our village but the construction of the Encina power plant in 1952 (5), had a tremendous effect on our community. "Construction of the Encina power plant did more than anything else to get Carlsbad incorporated as a city." (6) Agua Hedionda lagoon was a perfect site for the plant. At that time, all the property taxes that were derived from facilities such as these went to the local jurisdiction. "Locals, recognizing the benefits of the power plant as a tax base, incorporated the area into the city of Carlsbad, beating back an attempt by Oceanside to annex the area. For the first 10 to 15 years that Carlsbad existed as a city, its prime source of revenue was the taxes paid by SDG&E." (7)

Today, Encina's five generating units supply electricity to about one million people. We have come to depend upon it for almost every aspect of our lives. Could you imagine life in Carlsbad without electricity? As the provision of gas and electric power developed, so did our beautiful community; the two are intricately intertwined.

### **RESEARCH SOURCES**

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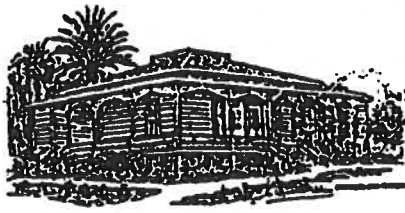
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### September 1997 Newsletter

#### Annual Dinner

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Our guest speaker will be the Director of Museums from Camp Pendleton, **Faye Jonason**. Wine and munchies will be served from 6 to 7 pm, and displays of the Carrillo Ranch plus a viewing of **Marge Howard-Jones and Ann L'Heureux's** new Video, *What we did for Fun*, will be shown. Please join your fellow members at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 800 Pine Avenue.

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Magee House—7 pm.

##### October 23

Retired Oceanside Police Officer and Author **John Lamb**. Come experience the thrill of Halloween when he tells us all about the ghosts of Carlsbad. Magee House—7 pm.

##### November 7, 8, & 9

Quilt Show, Magee House—10 am to 3pm.

##### December 7 through January 4

Victorian Christmas Display,  
Magee House, Saturday and Sunday,  
1 to 5 pm.

## November Quilt Show

Magee House will host a three day quilt show on November 7, 8, & 9, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Featured will be a new quilt designed and sewn by **Barbara Jamison** of Carlsbad historic scenes and people. Some of the squares will include Samuel Church Smith, the original Magee House owner and builder, a view of the Carlsbad flower fields, Twin Inns etc. This quilt will be shown for the first time at Magee House.

Mrs. Jamison, a member of the St Patrick's Parochial School parent association, has donated her time and skill to this quilt and once sold at auction the proceeds will go to the school.

Additionally, **Helen Smith** of the Carlsbad Newcomers Club, will present quilts sewn for at risk babies by ABC quilters.

Historical Society member **Ann L'Heureux** is coordinating the quilts of Society members that have historic interest. If you have an interest in greeting new visitors during this event please give us a

## Surf the Web

Last month we incorrectly included an address for surfing the web for North County events. The correct address is as follows: <http://www.nsdccsn.org> with this address you will be able to view all upcoming North County events, including the Carlsbad Historical Society.

## New Feature

Each month we will try to include some excerpts from past Carlsbad Journal articles. Please enjoy a glimpse of our past. This selection is from the Friday, November 22, 1929 edition.

## TO CELEBRATE HOTEL DAY

First House Warming of California-  
Carlsbad Mineral Spring  
Hotel Nov. 30

"The Spirit of Carlsbad" will be celebrated on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30, when the note will be taken of the many enterprises now under way in this community.

Topping the list of developments will be the construction of the magnificent 131-room resort hotel and sanitarium now well along on the ocean front.

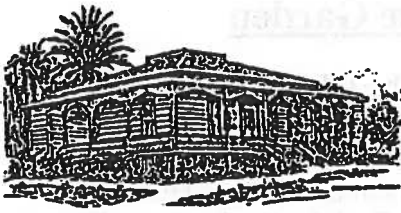
Included in the program of progress in this city will be the new \$60,000 sanitary system, the creation of the Carlsbad airport, the illumination of the business district, and a visitation to the wonderful Carlsbad avocado groves, flower and bulb gardens and greenhouses.

The ceremonies will be held in the commodious lobby enclosure of the new hotel where prominent speakers will be heard and visitors will be escorted through the various departments of the hotel. The building and city will be decorated in honor of the event, and special music will be provided as a source of entertainment.

Airplanes will be available at the airport for those who desire to view Carlsbad from on high, and visitors will be invited to inspect construction on the sanitary system and to get a glimpse first hand of the Home of the Avocado.

Flower growers who may desire to exhibit their products will be welcome on the hotel premises, and those having avocados or other fruits may also show the people what can be raised on Carlsbad acres.

This celebration is for the purpose of giving the world a hint as to what is going on in Carlsbad. Only a few communities along the coast are experiencing the development now under way in this city and it is the belief of the Chamber of Commerce under whose auspices the celebration is being held, that the public will be interested and stimulated in paying a visit to a community that is doing things.



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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Decorating Day

Once again the holiday season is fast upon us. December 6th is slated as our decorating day. Ann L'Heureux and Susan Gutierrez will gather the greens during the preceeding week and they welcome any and all to participate on that Saturday morning. Last year proved to be an enjoyable experience for those who joined in and it was a great way to begin the Holiday Season. For those of you who would like to participate but just can't make the 6th, we need helpers to welcome the school Children from St. Patrick's on Thursday December 11th at 10:45 am. They will decorate our tree with handmade Victorian ornaments.

### Annual Dinner A Success

The Annual Dinner once again proved to be fun and informative for those who attended. Lot of old friends were there to enjoy the excellent lecture from Faye Jonason, Director of History and Museums at Camp Pendleton. Several Society members were honored for their outstanding contributions of time and energy. Those honored were Geoff Armour, Orpha Froblom, Marge Howard-Jones, Ann L'Heureux and Connie Trejo. Once again, the Society thanks all of you who worked to make this the success, it was.

### Calendar Of Events

October 23

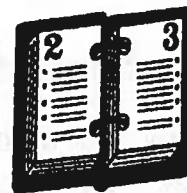
John Lamb, talks on the Ghosts of North County, with special emphasis on Carlsbad. At Magee House, 7 pm.

November 7, 8, & 9

Quilt Show— historic and new quilts on display. At Magee House, 10 - 3 pm.

December 7 through January 5

Victorian Christmas Display. At Magee House 1-5 pm.



### Calendar For 1998

The Historical Society Board of Directors met on October 8th, to organize a master calendar for the coming year. Copies will be mailed to all members in January. Please keep it handy and use it as a reference for upcoming events.

## Last Thursday Lecture

John Lamb finishes our Last Thursday Lecture series for this year. As he is a former Oceanside police officer, we can be assured of a factual and clear accounting of Carlsbad ghosts. Mr. Lamb in addition to writing on this subject also runs tours out of Old Town.



### Hours of operation

Tuesday - Thursday 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 2:00, 7:00 & 9:30\* p.m.  
Sunday 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Closed Mondays

Tours last approximately ninety minutes.

*For additional tour information, call*

**(760) 724-1789**

## Magee House Garden

As promised in the July newsletter, Marge Howard-Jones and the Carlsbad Arboretum Society members are again planting herbs and flowers at the Magee House that were a part of Carlsbad's history. Five flower beds are being planted in the formerly barren lawn in front of the Magee House. A variety of perennials representing the community's horticultural industry, including an herb garden and some of the area's native plants. *Justicia* (red) and *bougainvillea* pepper (white) can be seen in front of the front porch around the city's bicentennial time capsule that was planted in 1976 and will be opened in the 21st century.

On the west side of the House are *ranunculus* of Flower Field fame and *gladioli* that were brought to Carlsbad in 1921 by Los Angeles nurseryman Luther Gage. Also in this bed are *bird of paradise*, first grown by here by Clint and Elmer Pedley in 1934. At one time, fields of this large-petaled flower were planted in an old avocado grove on Magnolia Avenue and on land overlooking the east end of Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

There is a small raised bed for seeds from Carlsbad's legendary seedsman, Charles Ledgerwood. The native plant section has flowers that date back to the early 19th century, including *hydrangea*, *acanthus* and native Mexican evening primrose.

Most of the plantings have been donated from local flower wholesalers and Magee House yard beautification is coming to reality because of these friends and the gardeners who have such dedication. Marge Howard-Jones, Ann L'Heureux, John Suttrell and Don Miller were recently photographed hard at work by the staff photographer of the North County Times in an article from which this copy was taken.

## Quilt Show

Barbara Jamison, one of the participants of our upcoming quilt show was featured in the North County Times recently. Please see the following picture. We hope to see many members of the Society in November when we open our doors to the public. The Seasonal Decorating Committee has assured us of a fine background in which to present the quilts.



Jamieson, an Oceanside resident, is one of three women working on a Carlsbad historical quilt, where each square represents a chapter in the history of Carlsbad.

This Quilt will show Carlsbad historic scenes and people. Some of the blocks will include Samuel Church Smith, the original owner and builder of the Magee House, the flower fields and Twin Inns etc.

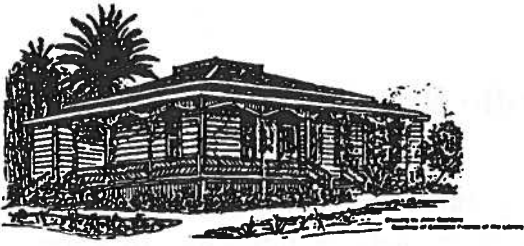
## Carrillo Ranch

Those of you who enjoyed the exhibit that Joan Kindle displayed for the Society Annual Dinner, will be interested to know that "The Park Master Plan" will be presented to the Arts Commission on Thursday, November 6th, the Parks & Recreation Commission on Monday, November 17th and the Historic Preservation Commission on Monday, December 8th. A Public Hearing before the City Council may follow immediately thereafter. The Kindles encourage CHS members to attend one or more of these meetings. This may be the last time any of us will have a chance to influence the outcome.

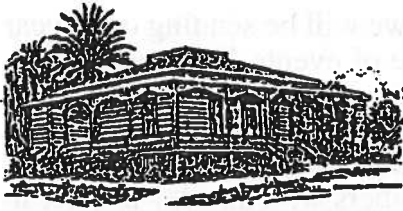
## Women From The Past

"Molly Pitcher" (1754-1832) who was Mary McCauley Hays, the wife of Private John Hays received her nickname because she fetched water for her husband and his gun crew during the exceptionally hot summer heat of the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. She helped the gun crew continue firing when her husband was wounded in battle. The story is told that a cannonball passed through "Molly's" legs and tore her petticoats away. After the war, Mary Hays became a scrubwoman and the Pennsylvania Assembly later granted her a \$40 a year pension.

Deborah Sampson (1760-1827), a former indentured servant enlisted in the Continental Army in 1782 under the name of "Robert Shurtleff". She was the only woman to serve formally during the American Revolution. She fought with the Fourth Massachusetts troops, and was able to keep her disguise until a fever finally unmasked her identity and she was discharged. The soldiers nicknamed her "Molly", before they knew she was a woman, because of her hairless face. She married and was later granted a small military pension. She began a lecture tour in 1802, recounting her experiences as a soldier and was one of the first women to do so. Congress granted her heirs a full military pension in 1838.—These two biographies are taken from a book entitled, *Don't Know Much About History*.



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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Victorian Christmas

Scheduled for December 6th, we will once again decorate Magee House for Christmas. We will meet on Saturday at 9 am and stay until the house is looking its very best. Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome to come and lend a hand. You can bring along things to decorate at the house or work on the evergreens and ribbons that we will provide. Last years' participants had a fantastic time and really got into the spirit of the season. So put it on your calendar and see you there! Also, remember to come and visit the house on Saturday or Sunday between 1 and 5 pm during the Holidays.



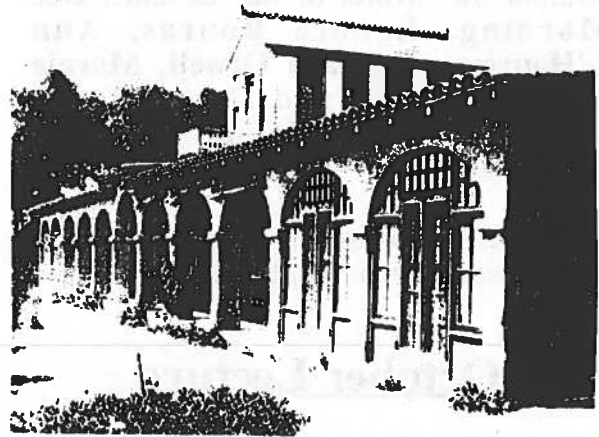
### Christmas Tea

On Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm there will be a Christmas Tea at the Magee House for Historical Society members and guests. Members are asked to bring appetizers. Drinks will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the Victorian Christmas Display and other Holiday decorations that will add to the festive atmosphere of the House and to join the Holiday cheer with old and new friends.

### Historical Society Field

#### Trip

For February 15th at 2 pm a field trip is being planned to Rancho Guajome, a pre-1850s Spanish California Rancho in Oceanside. The cost is \$2 per person and reservations are needed. Please call **Margie Monroy** at 729-7242. Further news about this interesting trip will be forthcoming. This is announcement, we hope, will be an early alert so can you mark your calendar and join us.



#### Lest You've Forgotten!

Christmas gifts in the form of books, t-shirts and tote bags are available for purchase at the MaGee House. Great ideas for friends and family.

## Quilt Show

With over two hundred visitors to Magee House this weekend, the QUILT SHOW was a huge success. A combined effort of several organizations as well as several committees from the Historical Society proved that we are able to fulfill our charter as an educational and informative group.

Many Historical Society members contributed valuable time and talents to accomplish our goal. **Ann L'Heureux** organized, gathered and tagged all the quilts displayed from the society, **Helen Smith**, our newest member organized the ABC Quilters and their contributions. **Barbara Jamison** from St. Patrick's provided the wonderful Historic Carlsbad Quilt.

The seasonal decorating committee members, **Barbara Jensen**, **Dorothy Krepps** and **Etta Hetherington** added the artistic displays that were the finishing touches to the Quilt displays.

The show would not have been possible without the efforts of our docents, **Dee Morning**, **Lenore Bouras**, **Ann L'Heureux**, **Barbara Otwell**, **Margie Monroy**, **George** and **Grace Mason**, **June Johnson**, **Helen Smith** and **Susan Gutierrez**.

For those of you unable to attend this time, you missed a great display of our historic past.

## October Lecture

**John Lamb** gave us all a good scare with his pseudo-scientific explanation of ghosts. John is an ex-policeman who, having experienced weird activities while on duty, now devotes full time to the investigation of ghosts. His tours of Old Town are very popular. Contrary to popular suspicion Magee House is **not** haunted.

## Calendar of Events

Next month we will be sending out a year long schedule of events. The cost of individual mailings to each event is very costly for the society. The Board of Directors feels that a master list of events will provide the members with an easy to refer to list and save the society money.

## Volunteer Upholsterer Wanted

The Carlsbad Historical Society has a sofa that we need to reupholster. Can anyone volunteer to do this? If you can call **Susan Gutierrez** at 434-5308.

## Magee House Closed

The Magee House will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend.



## Twin Inns Chicken

The Chicken has been returned with a welded base to keep it upright. It is now residing in the hallway and plans are underway to patch the holes in the chest and back. Anyone handy with plaster of Paris give us a call to help preserve the Chicken.

## Gardens

The Arboretum Foundation has done a fantastic job transforming the gardens in front of Magee House. If you haven't been by in a while make an effort to stop over and see their work. We now have a beautiful entrance to our house.

## A Special Thank You

The society owes a special thank you to non-member **Danny Gutierrez**. Without his help we would not be able to accomplish so much at Magee House. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to whatever needs doing.

## Reminder

No newsletter will be sent in December.

## History Book

Members **Ann L'Heureux** and **Susan Gutierrez** have finished the third grade curriculum history book. With the help of their husbands, **Hap** and **German**, the book is now ready for printing in English and Spanish. The Carlsbad Unified School District is willing to purchase a class set for each elementary school in Carlsbad. Copies will be available for purchase by the membership before Christmas.

## Donations

The Board has decided that because of lack of space at Magee House, people need to get approval from the Board before bringing donations to us. We can only accept things that pertain to Carlsbad. Examples are things made here or used by someone who lived here or are unique to the city.



**The Board of Directors  
Wishes Everyone a  
Very Happy Holiday**





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