

We had our first **Board of Directors** meeting on January 16. Starting this year our paid docent will cover Saturday and Sundays from 11am to 3pm, while the same times on Friday will be handled by volunteers. Thank you to those that have signed up, including Murray Levy, Marjorie Monroy and Garretson Dulin. Saving payroll for one day will almost put us in the black. Last year we went in the red by several thousand dollars. We discussed our agenda for 2012, and a tentative schedule is always available on our website. Aside from a lecture series, we will have several field trips, ice cream social, sundowners, and a holiday decorating party.

The **CINCH** (Council Interpreting North County History) meeting was held on January 30th at the newly renovated museum in Fallbrook. After the meeting we also visited the historic house, and it is very attractive, with wall paper in every room, and nice furnishings. Carlsbad invited CINCH members to contact us to coordinate lecture series at the **Carlsbad by the Sea**. Thanks in large part to a grant, all CINCH members have published a "rack card" that will be distributed at popular spots like the airport, large hotels, and Visitors Centers. This card contains a small picture, address and contact information for most historical sites in north San Diego County. We have some at the Shipley-Magee House.

Our first of a four part series on **Exploring Carlsbad's Past** was a great success, with a full house at the wonderful meeting room at

Carlsbad by the Sea. The lecture of February 12 was the first of two parts on the history of California. It is being presented by Murray Levy, Ed. D., who was a historian for Pasadena and the Tournament of Roses. His presentation was unique in that it connected California with the rest of the country, first during the acquisition of California, and later during the United States Civil War. We learned that if it was not for the Civil War, there was a chance that the state would have been split into Northern and Southern Californias.

The second part of this series deals more with Southern California, starting with California's incorporation into the Union, lawlessness, growth of the railroads, large waves of immigration, economic booms and busts, and into the 1920s and the growth of the movie industry.

All lectures are at 2pm on Sundays. Here is the remaining schedule:

**\*March 11-** The Railroads, Boom & Bust to Early Hollywood, by Murray Levy

**\*April 15-** Retracing Carlsbad's Past, by Susan Schnebelen Gutierrez

**\*May 20-** History of Oceanside, by Kristi Hawthorne

**House repainted** - If you have visited the Museum recently you will have noticed that the City did a great job painting the outside of

the house. This was a big job because there was damage to some of the wood and windows. Parts of the railing around the deck porch were totally redone.

**Museum Displays** - In order to provide a more chronologically easy to follow presentation, our posters have been moved around some. The "school display" that was in the distribution hall, is now in the back of the house, while the hall now has the posters that detail the beginning history of our town. The small "mud room" still displays a collection of gifts from former Mayor Bud Lewis, plus objects from our sister cities, Futtsu, Japan, and Karlovy Vary, Bohemia.



**New Historic Postcards on sale** - An artist and photographer, Merima Helic, made a number of large postcards for sale and they are available at the museum. These are really beautiful and "fresh". Often visitors ask for historic photographs, and this is a first step to provide something they can take with them. The cards include: Smith-Shipley-Magee house, two of the barn (one with the Chicken), the horse buggy (in Sepial), old Saint Michaels Church, The Twin Inns (Ocean house), and the Train Depot. We are selling them for \$2 which will provide a small income (the photo shoot was paid by a donation).

*Carlsbad Time Lines*

**Rose Garden** - about a month ago the North Coastal Rose Society did their annual deep pruning of the hybrid roses. Now they are growing quickly, and be prepared to see them in full glory in mid to late April.

**Coming up in our calendar:**

**April**

15 History of Carlsbad Lecture

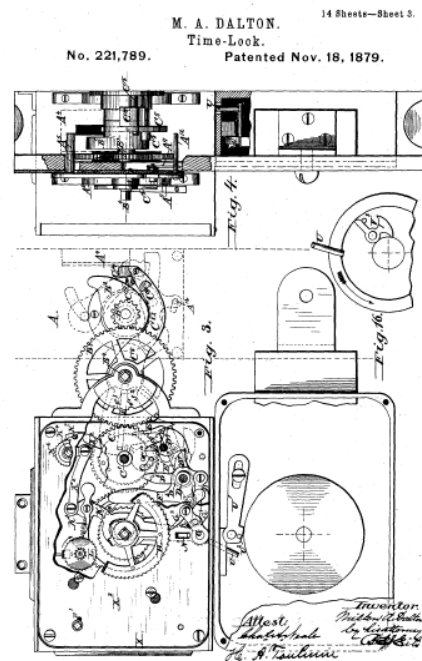
**May**

20 History of Oceanside/Carlsbad Lecture

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**June**

Sundowner to welcome new members

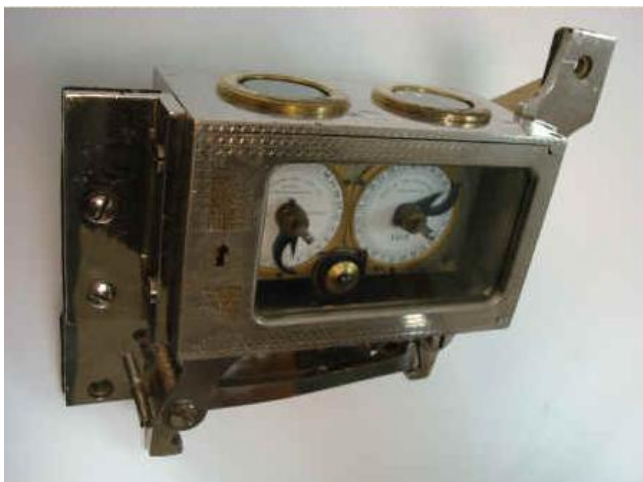


M. A. Dalton's patent, November 1879

**The Safe in the Barn** - This was probably manufactured in the late 1800s and contains a Consolidated dual movement time lock. The safe does NOT have a combination lock and cannot be opened from the outside! It only opens when the timing mechanism reaches a preset time. The reasoning behind this is that in small towns the bank owner was afraid that he could be held up at gun point in the middle of the night and asked to go to the bank and

open the safe. With a time lock there is no way to open the safe except during normal working hours. The lock mechanism is protected by multiple patents and one of these safes cost as much as \$500 dollars in 1887! The locking mechanism shown in our safe was patented by M. A. Dalton; his company was acquired by Consolidated Time Lock Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, in the early 1900s. It seems that there is a strong winding mechanism that had to be wound up before the door was closed. The reason for the dual movement clock seems to be to support multiple operations and backup security. Thanks to **Mace Mason** for his help with this. More information can be found at the site below:

<http://www.my-time-machines.net/>



The time lock found in our safe

**New Docent** - Welcome Coral Pope. She is originally from Carlsbad and has completed two years at Miracosta and will be starting a four year college in September. Coral has been helping us with the Magee House Docent Guide and with the preparation of signs. She is also trying her hand at hypertext markup language HTML for the internet website.

We have a returning member that has made his membership a lifetime one: **Kip McBane**. He used to be president of the society in the mid 80's. Kip had several suggestions, one of which is to get some grant money from charitable organizations.

**Display Committee** needs a volunteer. Anyone interested in working on displays is welcome to contact us at the Magee house (please leave a message with a phone number), or send us an email at [cbadhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:cbadhistory@yahoo.com). Thank you.

Here are a couple more of our postcards:



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## ONGOING PROGRAMS

-Volunteers welcome in any of these areas

- \*Third grade tours.
- \*School presentations with audiovisual display and trunk show.
- \*Private tours with Victorian teas.
- \* Carlsbad history research
- \*Photo collection management

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## BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

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