

Rotarians paint our museum

On April 26, the Carlsbad Evening Rotary Club painted the last white rooms in the Shipley-Magee house, last painted in the mid 1970s, and they cleaned and applied a water stain to the wood in the barn. The fake kitchen is now a light sage green, and the distribution hall (former kitchen) is a pale pink. We had about 20 hard working volunteers that carefully taped the edges and covered the floors, painted, and cleaned up after they were done. It was a perfect job. The barn looks great with the stain on the old floor and the overhead wood under the loft.

School Tour Held May 13

Kelly School third grade students visited the house and barn, and had a short lecture on horsemanship on May 13th. They also visited the Barrio Carlos Museum, Saint Michael's Church and Alt Carlsbad. Thanks go to Jim Landes, Laurie Boone, and Marvin Sipple.

Rose Garden Tea

The Magee Park Rose Gardens were outstanding this year and some of our members enjoyed them on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. In addition to the Rose Gardens our guests enjoyed warm and cold teas, and pastries, served by Ginny Unanue. We also got a chance to see the new displays in the House.

Lecture at Saint Michaels by the Sea

Ginny Unanue on May 18 gave a lecture inside the old Episcopalian church, covering the construction of the first church, enlarging it, and moving it to the land donated by Florence Shipley Magee. We also toured the new church and admired its beautiful architecture, its altar, and its organ. Following is a summary history from Ginny.



Old St. Michael's by-the-Sea

St. Michael's was the first, and for quite some time, the only church in Carlsbad.

In 1894, there was a fairly sizable English colony of people in the Carlsbad and Oceanside area. A small chapel was built behind the San Luis Rey Mission, All Saints Episcopal Church. People from Carlsbad rode in their horse-drawn buggies to church there on Sundays, which was quite a distance.

A family visitor from England noted that Carlsbad needed its own church, and gave \$500 towards building it. In 1894, a Carlsbad resident, Fred Ramsay, and his two brothers-in-law, the Shaw brothers, built the church at its first location, on Lincoln St., where the 7-11 mini-mall currently stands.

The congregation outgrew the small church, and Florence Shipley Magee donated a parcel of land across the street from her home, which fronted on Beech St. near Carlsbad Blvd. The small church was moved to its new location in 1957, and enlarged. Services were held there while the new,

large church was being built. The new church was dedicated in 1958, with Mrs. Magee being honored for her contribution of the land on which it stands.

The original church, now a chapel, is still located there, on Carlsbad Blvd., off Christiansen Way. It has been declared an historical site by the City of Carlsbad. Services are held in the chapel every day of the week, with morning and evening prayer services, and several communion services during the week. The large church is used on Sundays for church services. Visitors are welcome to visit, and wander the grounds, or sit in several of the scenic flowered areas for a quiet, peaceful time.

History and the City of Carlsbad Draft General Plan

In early May, the Carlsbad City Planning Department attended the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Meeting and presented some interesting information regarding the proposed changes to the Carlsbad General Plan. Several of our Carlsbad Historical Society members are also Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commissioners and attended this presentation. They thought it was an interesting presentation and wanted to share; thus providing our membership with the relevant contact information so that you too can read the areas that pertain to history. Every few decades the City of Carlsbad updates their General Plan, and this draft highlights the city's long term goals regarding our history. After careful review of the draft it appears that the City Library and City Historic Preservation Commission will be encouraged to become more actively visible in historic preservation and documentation of historic resources, with a strong emphasis on community education. This falls in line with decade long prior efforts and ongoing activities sponsored and arranged by the Carlsbad Historical Society.

To quote the city website "The General Plan is required under state law (Government Code Section 63500) and governs most land use approvals and development within the city. The city must make a formal finding that each of the

following is consistent with the general plan before it is approved: zoning, subdivision maps; building and housing regulations; master plans and specific plans; capital improvements; conditional use permits, strategies and in some areas, regulations regarding the distribution of land and its type and intensity of use, both public and private.

Under state law the document must address seven elements of major topics, with the option for the local agency to add to that list. Proposed General Plan amendments are reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by City Council through formal public hearing processes."

For more information regarding the connection between the Draft General Plan and history please review Chapter 7 - Arts, History, Culture and Education Element of the Draft General plan found at this online address :

<http://web.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/community/envision-carlsbad/Pages/Documents.aspx>

The Carlsbad City Library Reference department also retains paper copies of the proposed General Plan Draft. Please send any comments to the City Planning Commission or to Carlsbad City Council.

Magee House Museum New Displays

What do the following have in common: Gerhard Schutte residence, South Coast Land and Water Company rooming house and business, Twin Inns residence and restaurant, and Neiman's restaurant? They are all part of a new display at Magee House titled **2978 Carlsbad Blvd.** This is just one of the new and exciting displays currently on exhibit at the Carlsbad Historical Society museum. In all, we've got 8 new radically different museum interpretations. This spring it took some incentive to dive into many of our stored accessioned items, mix them up a bit and redesign displays into fun and informative educational units that encompass many areas of Carlsbad History never before displayed. The feedback has been very positive, especially from parents that

accompanied many of the school tours. After each school tour the museum has been heavily visited from the aforementioned parents on return trips. A few of the must see displays, 2978 Carlsbad Blvd., All Aboard- the importance of rail to Carlsbad development, and the Shipley Magee Sewing Room.

If you really want an informative and unique understanding of Carlsbad history and the people that helped shape it, come visit the new displays. Remember we are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to-3 pm. With all our summer visitors this is a special treat to share.

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting Brunch and Board of Directors Election

Join us for our Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 10-12 at Heritage Hall. Champagne brunch, a guest speaker (TBA) and general election will be held from 10-12pm. Tours of recently revamped and updated exhibits of Magee House Museum and Barn will be available from 12- 1 pm. The following Board of Director positions will be available for election: President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in filling any of these positions please submit your name by August 1, 2014. Send an email to cbadhistory@gmail.com or leave your name and desired position on the answering machine at 760-434-9189.

New Photographs

The History Room at the Carlsbad Library has published two pictures on-line that our members may have never seen. Also, we found a photograph of a young Robert Kelly when he was working in Rancho Jamacha, doing some surveying apparently.



"David Wadsworth's house, the Hotel Carlsbad, and John Frazier's well house from the southeast, pre-1896"



"Florence Muspratt Shipley circa 1896"



Robert Kelly at Jamacha

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Early Carlsbad History Presentation Available

One of our Spring Lectures given at the Carlsbad by the Sea featured early Carlsbad History. The PowerPoint file is available for anyone interested in giving presentations on our history.

Annual Dues

Our annual dues are collected by the end of June of each year. Individual membership is \$25 and family, \$35. Please consider upgrading to a Life Membership for \$250.

Upcoming Events

July 21 Board meeting
August 17 Ice Cream Social
September 15 Board meeting
October 25 Annual Membership Brunch
November 16 Barrio Meeting

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Volunteers welcome in any of these areas:

- * Friday Docent
- * Third grade tours
- * School presentations with audiovisual display
- * 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 4 p.m. on 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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