

2014 Annual Meeting and Election

Please join us, Saturday, October 25, 2014 for the Carlsbad Historical Society Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election. We will meet at Heritage Hall, directly behind the Magee House in Magee Park, from 10-12 am. The Village Pie Shop will provide a catered brunch: Quiche, fresh fruit, muffin, coffee and fresh orange juice - & chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

The cost is \$15.00 per person; please see the attached RSVP form. All RSVP forms and check must be received by October 15th.

We are so looking forward to our Guest Speaker and local author Taffy Cannon.



Taffy Cannon

Many of you will be familiar with Taffy as a noted mystery author. Her most recent work is featured in the new anthology "San Diego Noir!" Taffy, grew up in Chicago, and graduated from Duke University in North Carolina.

She is the author of fourteen published novels. Her work includes series and stand alone mysteries, an Academy Award-nominated short film, and "Convictions: A Novel of the Sixties". Her books have been finalists for Best Novel in the Agatha, Macavity, Left Coast Crime Western Regional, and San Diego Book Awards.

She lives in Carlsbad and runs the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Taffy was honored with a President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award for her more than 4000 hours of community service to the library. "San Diego Noir", is one of the popular series from Akashic Books, and features Taffy's unforgettable short story, "Instant Karma."

Our annual meeting will also include the **Annual Board of Directors Election**. Please consider placing your name on the ballot. We have the following offices open: President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Our current By-Laws state that each office may be held only for two consecutive two year terms by any one individual. Please consider placing your name on the ballot. The Board of Directors Ballot for 2014 will be posted by September 6, 2014. **Please notify us before that date if you are interested in running for office.** Send an email to cbadhistory@gmail.com or leave a message on the Magee House answering machine, 760-434-9189.

Donations to the house

Thank you to James and Gary-Ann Rogers for their donation of fine furniture from the early 1900s. This accession will have a significant impact on the layout of the house, as well as the quality of the period furniture that corresponds to what the Shipley's had. The furniture we accepted for inclusion in Magee House, dates from 1880 to 1910, and has a Southern California provenance that is in the same Eastlake style as Magee House. Charles Locke Eastlake published in 1868 "Hints on Household Taste, In Furniture, Upholstery and Other Details": He promoted the idea in architecture and furniture of "simplicity, rectangularity and honest craftsmanship."The

Magee House is one of the best examples of Eastlake style found locally and noticed in the incised rectangular lines on the side of the veranda columns.



High School Yearbooks for sale

Once our busy docent inventoried all the Carlsbad High School Lancer yearbooks, we discovered many, many, many duplicates on certain years and huge gaps in other decades. We are offering the excess copies for sale at \$45 per book plus postage when necessary. So far we have advertized only on our CHS Facebook page (friend us if you haven't already) and made three sales. We also plan to place them on our website for sale. The funds will go towards purchasing other missing yearbooks for our research collection (we also accept donations, if you have any Carlsbad High yearbook, from decades 90s, Valley Junior High, St. Patrick's, La Costa Canyon or Sage Creek High).

Archival work

Our recently renovated displays have spurred us on to update and organize our archival files. We are organizing and reviewing our files for accurate filing location and cross correlation. We have a first goal of electronically indexing all our files, and then making them available to outside researchers because the number of questions that we get at our email address; related to history of Carlsbad, is increasing. The age and configuration of our website, has created a direct path to our resources for electronic historic researchers. Search engines are now reading into our PDF files. Just try searching for a specific topic and you will invariably hit on our website in the top three hits.

We are responding to questions about once weekly. Not only are we being asked questions related to our history but we are receiving relevant and interesting information from other history researchers. A few of our recent collaborations included Alexander Shipley and his trip as a young man to New Zealand, the 1890s Carlsbad Hotel fire and the planting of Guayule during WWII.

Dictation from John A. Frazier

A recent web search turned up a Bancroft Library microfilm holding containing two 1887 transcribed interviews with John A. Frazier, noted mineral water founder.

Below we've included some excerpts of these transcripts.

Campbell, James Robert. Interviewer Recorded for H.H. Bancroft 6/27/87

Mr. Frazier was born in R.I. in 1833 his ancestors both on his father and mothers side were sea faring men and Mr. Frazier commenced the same life at the early age of 13 years; becoming after a few years master of a vessel. He visited almost every country of the earth, has been as far north as 76 degrees and south to 66 degrees. Becoming tired of this life in 1860 he came ashore at San Francisco; was considered with a wholesale house in Sacramento for three years; there followed mining for several years and finally settled in Carlsbad in 1881. He had a find of land there and in seeking for an artesian well discovered the mineral water which is determined to make their ??? and his name famous.

Mr. Frazier was an invalid from kidney troubles and at this time he had no idea of the properties of the water he had gotten in his well until he found himself cured of his kidney troubles by the use of water. He then sent the water to Professor Hilgard and had an analysis made of it. The Prof. reported it to be almost identical in analysis to the celebrated water at Karlsbad, Germany [modern day Czech Republic].

With a view to making a great sanitarium at this place Mr. Frazier associated with himself several

gentleman of wealth, and the name of Carlsbad Land and Mineral Water Co of which company Mr. Frazier is now the general manager.

Dictation taken from Captain J.A. Frazier 9/12/1887 Carlsbad CA

Mr. Frazier was born in Rhode Island July 18, 1830 and lived on a farm until he went to sea with his uncle Captain Elias Sainders (Sanders?). He left his uncle in New York and went to sea in a ship bound for Labrador. He remained in Labrador eighteen months and drove a team of sixteen dogs, these were the only domesticated animals he saw while there. His friends had supposed him lost and were agreeably surprised when he again appeared in their midst.

After returning he attended school one year. This was the extent of his educational advantages but being possessed of an excellent and almost phenomenal memory and having great energy and determination he achieved more in the educational line than many who have had twice the opportunities he has had. When twenty years of age he was mate of a fine ship and when twenty three, his uncle offered to make him captain of a vessel, but he preferred being mate as there was less responsibility attached to that office.

The narrative of his life is full of daring feats and thrilling adventures. Many of his friends have tried in vain to persuade him to publish an autobiography.

Mr. Frazier left the sea in 1860. He came to San Diego County in 1881 in December. He realized the fact that the lands along the coast which had been hitherto untouched were very fertile and hastened to obtain a piece of land where the town of Carlsbad now stands. Some of the old fogies told him he was crazy to attempt to raise anything so near the coast, but these same individuals bought their hay from him that same year and came miles to get his vegetables.

The only thing which troubled him now was the scarcity of water and he believed he could obtain that by boring. He bored down till he struck rock then drilled. He sent for Mr. Mull an experienced

well driller. Mr. Mull worked on it for a while then said he could go no farther, but Mr. Frazier was still confident and bought the machine, determining if possible to get a good supply of water and at a depth of over four hundred feet struck a flow of mineral water. He continued on and seemed to strike a kind of cave which appeared to be filled with a kind of gas it made such a roaring sound that it attracted the attention of everyone in the immediate vicinity. The engineer came up to see what the matter was and Mrs. Frazier came out of the house to see what was making such roaring. They filled up a few feet of the well for fear they would lose the mineral water which has proved to be of a great value. Two more wells were bored near within a few there and one of them has the very best of pure clear water in it the other is mineral.

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Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 to 3 pm.
Private Tours with Tea are given on
Monday through Thursday
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



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

September 14 Pine Park Fiesta
October 25 Annual Membership Brunch
November 16 Barrio Meeting
December 7 House decorating and singing

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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## RSVP

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Saturday, October 25, 2014

From 10-12 at Heritage Hall,  
Magee Park

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 per person Brunch Ticket

Total included \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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