

Historic eucalyptus at Magee Park falls due to the strong winds on January 31

This eucalyptus tree was over 100 years old, and was located at the corner of Carlsbad Blvd. and Beech Ave. A number of these trees were planted when the first streets of the first Land and Water Company were laid out. An accidental result of this loss is that the park and house are more visible from Carlsbad Blvd.



Recent History of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon

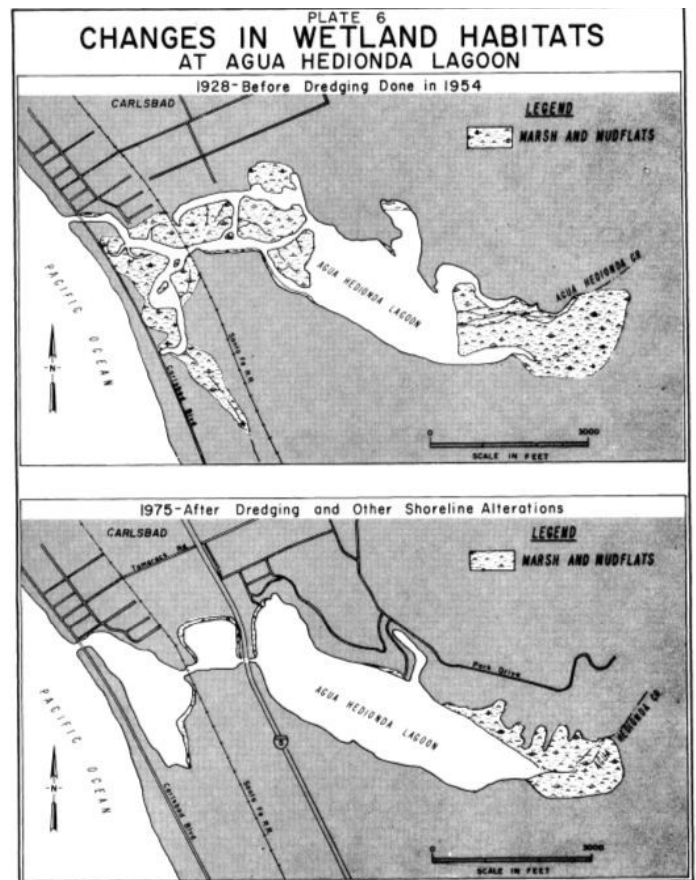
San Diego Gas and Electric Company acquired 600 acres of land on the south of Agua Hedionda Lagoon when they decided to build the power plant in the early 40s. The lagoon was dredged and several flats (or islands) were removed. Entrance and exit for the water to cool the power plant were also constructed. The lagoon has been dredged every two years since 1954.

Other than the power plant, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon is the home of a YMCA Aquatic Park, Hubbs-SeaWorld Fish Hatchery, the Desalination Plant, Carlsbad Aquafarm, Recreational Boating, and several recreation areas. It is already an important nature habitat. The

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East end is protected by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

A new power plant will begin construction this year, and the old plant will be dismantled next year. Since the closure of the San Onofre power plant, the need for additional emergency power plants has dictated that Carlsbad's power plant will not close in the future.



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New update to School Tours Aid

We are publishing a 2016 revised version of the children's book titled "**Beckett's Walk Through Carlsbad's History**", By Susan Gutierrez and Ann L'Heureux, 1997. This will be given to the third grade classes to assist with their preparation for the school tours. The book follows the adventures of an inquisitive cat that walks around the early streets of downtown Carlsbad and gets inside the Shipley Magee house.

A look at current events through the eyes of a historian – Susan Schnebelen Gutierrez

Recently two events occurred in Carlsbad that had me reflecting on their similarity to previous important historic Carlsbad events. Both are very reminiscent of the original citizen debate and activism.

Measure A, or the Agua Hedionda South Shore Initiative (AHSS), decided the fate of the west end of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. The question to build a proposed mall or not was a very emotional vote on February 23, and had me reflecting on the similar divisiveness when the City incorporation vote occurred in 1952. In both cases, residents waded in voicing their opinions in a big way.



In both cases much community discussion and division occurred when the proposal to incorporate as a city began in January of 1952, and similar to the Measure A special election, they both moved along at a fast pace. Pros and Cons divided the village of Carlsbad. What sparked the incorporation debate was a fire. In 1952, the residents of Carlsbad were dependent on county

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services for fire, police, roads, and library. On January 1, 1952 a house fire started, and a call went to the State Forestry crew based in Carlsbad but they were out on another call. The local Carlsbad Volunteer crew responded but had no equipment. Finally, a call went to the Oceanside Fire Department. They responded and left when they thought the fire was extinguished. However, that wasn't the case and it restarted. By the time the State Forestry crew returned, the house had burned down.

From this event the citizens divided into three camps to decide how Carlsbad could obtain better services. Those in favor of incorporation, those in favor of annexing to the City of Oceanside, and a rural citizens group who wanted to maintain the status quo. Informational meetings were held, editorials were printed in the local Carlsbad Journal newspaper and inflammatory accusations were made by all sides. Two elections were held, the first for annexation to Oceanside and was defeated. The second for incorporation was successful. Similar to the 85/15 SSAH plan, the annexation or incorporation votes were organized and voted upon within months and similar to the 85/15 SSAH, the vote was very close. June 24, 1952 the incorporation vote tallied the final count 781 in favor to 714 opposed. Interestingly, one of the Rural Citizens opponents of incorporation later became a City Mayor; Charles Ledgerwood.

We are currently collecting memorabilia from the 85/15 election. If you have anything interesting please send it to our email address.

Georgina Cole Library

With the Reopening of the Georgina Cole library I was reminded of the controversy of the original 1967 construction, some even called it a Taj Mahal and thought it was much larger and more expensive than our city actually needed. During the grand reopening of the remodeled Georgina Cole library on Saturday, February 27, 2016, I wandered around the building reorienting myself to the new space, and took a moment to reflect on the building and its changes and the women who inspired it all. When it first opened in 1967 it was simply known as the Carlsbad Library, and it culminated years of planning, and community involvement to achieve its construction. Georgina Cole, the first Carlsbad City Library Director, moved to Carlsbad in 1953, working as the SD County librarian

for our area. By 1956 she had convinced the city of the need for their own library system, one that reflected our own community needs. And by 1963 she had gathered support from city officials and residents for a permanent city library building. Formation of the Friends of the Carlsbad Library, helped lead the fight for the new library, promoting the bond issue that financed the construction of the library which passed with 75% approval.



Georgina Cole Library Reopens

Georgina wanted the library to be more than a collection of books and periodicals. She cultivated young readers, activities for summer reading programs, cultural events that featured musical performances, art exhibits and community gatherings. According to Geoff Armour, former Deputy Director of the library, "Georgina pushed cutting edge technology with computers. Carlsbad was the first library to go into automated systems by getting rid of the card catalog." We took the lead and were the first in the area."

Another former employee, Margaret Miesse stated in 1977, "When the library first opened there were no specific jobs- everyone did everything, including sweeping the floor." After seeing the newly automated self checks, the centralized information desk where

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circulation staff, children's and adult reference all work together, the designated teen room and the wonderful new Friends of the Library bookstore, I think Georgina would be amazed how her dreams have taken shape.

Release Event -*Legendary Locals of Carlsbad* by Cynthia Mestad Johnson

April 10, 2016 @ 2:00-4:00 pm.

St. Michael's by-the-Sea, Parish Center

2775 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad 92008

(Parking lot entrance located on Beech St. directly across from Magee Park)

There will be a short talk followed by a question and answer session with an opportunity to purchase books.

For more information contact the Carlsbad Historical Society at cbadhistory@yahoo.com or [760-434-9189](tel:760-434-9189).

Other Programs

TBA May 2016 Bob Watson, survivor of D-Day on Omaha Beach and long-time Carlsbad resident. St. Michael's Parish Hall, in partnership with Optimist Club.

Thursday, June 23 at 7 pm Friends of the Carlsbad Library Annual Meeting and Tour of the Magee Museum

New Docent -Elizabeth Dale

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new docent representing the Carlsbad Historical Society. After leaving a career in education, I decided to transition into a different field. As graduate student completing an internship as part of my final degree requirement, it has been a great pleasure spending the last few months immersed in Carlsbad history. Besides providing guided tours to weekend visitors, I am currently constructing an educational curriculum designed to enhance the field trip experience for our local students. In addition to this, I am also working on a complete audit of all artifacts held within the collection. I am loving the opportunities provided to me by the Carlsbad Historical Society and am enthusiastic to begin my career as a professional historian with such an amazing organization.

New Members

Elsbeth Cosart - welcome back!
Lynn Forbes and Ralph Muncaster

Julie Ann Bandfield
Sally Solum and Walt Peale
Debbie and Kevin McCann
Elisabeth Beck
Joe and Angela Bear

New Life Members

Elena Gastelum
Elisabeth Beck
Marvin Sippel and Mary Scherr

Do you recognize these faces?

Last fall we were given a wonderful scrapbook containing many photos of Twin Inns Restaurant owners, staff and guests. These two photos have no identification on them. We'd like to put names to these faces, so if you recognize either of these men, or the woman, would you please send us an email or give us a call? Thanks!



Annual Dues

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Volunteers are welcome for any of these areas:

- * Friday Docent
- * Third grade tours
- * 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 pm. 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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