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November/December 2013

Please join us on Sunday, December 8, from 2-5 p.m. at the Dana Point Historical Society's annual Holiday Open House. We are asking members to bring an appetizer, dessert or bottle of wine to share. Gather with us to kick off the holiday season in Suite 104 at Dana Point City Hall.



DPHS Annual Meeting and Guest Speaker Slated for January 22



Our annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22. This will be a potluck supper starting at 6:15 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Stonehill Drive. More details will appear in the January *News Drogher*. Our evening's guest speaker will be Richard Deffenbaugh. Mr. Deffenbaugh has generously donated the RICHFIELD tower "beacon" to the Historical Society and will talk about the beacon and its relationship to the 125 ft. RICHFIELD sign that was dismantled in 1971. The 1928 tower was one of the first erected in what was to be a chain of 36 towers on Highway 101. Mr. Deffenbaugh has been in business here since the 1960s and has some interesting stories to tell. Please be sure to join us for a fun and informative evening, which will also include the presentation of the Pat Plepler Award for outstanding community participation.

President's Message



This is the season to count our blessings and thank **you**, our members, sponsors and guests, for your support in 2013. We have enjoyed interesting programs and speakers throughout the year including Dr. Dorian Paskowitz, Mickey Munoz, Eric Jessen, Jack Saunderson, Blair Walker, Joel Bishop and Ingrid McGuire, our Founders Day honoree. This September Linda Sadeghi welcomed 65 DPHS members and guests for a talk and tour of Casino San Clemente. In October, Orange County Historical Commissioner and preservationist Ilse M. Byrnes described nominating 13 local historic sites to the National Register from the Los Rios Street Historic District to Crystal Cove State Park. On March 27th, Mayor Steven Weinberg, the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce officiated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Museum's Grand Opening. Special guests included Jane Fernald and her brother, David Fernald, who donated portfolios of their father's Monarch Bay projects on display as part of the Knowlton Fernald Jr., AIA, exhibit; and Mrs. Dorothy Krill, who donated a Hal Akin watercolor in memory of her husband, Charles. Between scheduled monthly events, historical society board members, committees and volunteers were writing and mailing *The News Drogher*, updating the DPHS web site, moving items out of storage and organizing the museum. The TYBTM Committee, readers and volunteers orchestrated the public reading of *Two Years Before The Mast* and set up booths to exhibit history at the *Festival of Whales* in March. Still more volunteers organized the booth for the *Toshiba Tall Ships Festival* in September. Plans were confirmed for the 2013 Lantern Village Home Tour in March with meetings beginning in May. The Scholarship Committee advertised to schools, read applications and chose recipients. The Scholarship Fundraiser Committee planned the June "*Picnic Mexicano*" in Beverly Sel's memory, with Jack Saunderson's generous assistance, to raise \$2,000 for scholarships. Since the museum's opening, individuals have volunteered as docents each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, to answer telephones, sell merchandise and organize files and newspaper clippings. Shelley Furse volunteered to organize a museum inventory that our Board members can continue to update for organization and insurance purposes. We have been busy!

In addition to our generous Home Tour Sponsors listed in this issue, Keith and I, as co-chairs, are grateful to the Home Tour Committee, docents, volunteers and everyone who purchased a ticket and attended our 2013 Home Tour, a success that earned \$14,000 to meet the costs of preserving and exhibiting Dana Point's history. A tour of Historic Register homes could not happen without the homeowners and Stillwater Spirits and Sounds restaurant who had their beautifully preserved buildings on display.

We appreciate each of you who donate dues, underwrite projects and volunteer expertise, and thank the City of Dana Point, which has leased the DPHS a place to hold meetings and exhibit Dana Point history. My heartfelt thanks go to our Board of Directors and members who have chaired our projects and events this year. As an example, our November 6th field trip to the Huntington Library in San Marino was a perfect day thanks to Ann Shultz and committee. Yet another Baby Beach Tile Wall installation is scheduled for the near future and plans are in the works for our January Annual Meeting. Terry Walsh has formed the Pat Plepler Award Committee, which will meet in December. We look forward to celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Dolph House in 2014 and sharing the story of the woman who built the city's oldest extant building.

We will have photos of our year in review at our Sunday, December 8th, Holiday Open House and look forward to seeing you there. Until then, have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Barbara Force Johannes

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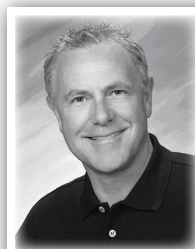
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Regina Barnes, Elizabeth Bamattre, Joel Bishop, Mary Crawl, Norm Denton, Rod Howorth,
Nancy Jenkins, Barbara Johannes, Keith Johannes, Christy Johnson, Marsha LaRusso,
Kirsten Reynolds, Ross Teasley, Mary Williams
and our historic building owners.

Ilse Byrnes Fascinated Us with Her Life-Long Love of Preservation



Above are DPHS President Barbara Johannes, Preservationist Ilse M. Byrnes, and City Councilman, former DPHS President and fellow OC Historical Commissioner Carlos N. Olvera, who provided our guest's introduction.

Right, members and guests attended a reception at the museum following Ilse's presentation in City Hall Chambers.



November Trip to Huntington Library and Gardens Delights the Senses

Our November 22 trip to the Huntington Library and Gardens proved a fun (and exhausting!) trip. There was so much to see that half a day was not nearly enough time. We started our day with a comfortable bus ride after which tour guides met us at our bus stop. We then separated into three groups and embarked on an extended tour of the grounds with our guides stopping in shady spots to describe how Henry Huntington's San Marino ranch became today's impressive library, art museum and gardens. Lunch and our choice of exhibits completed the afternoon. Numerous members commented that they will want to return to see the many exhibits and gardens we didn't have time to visit.

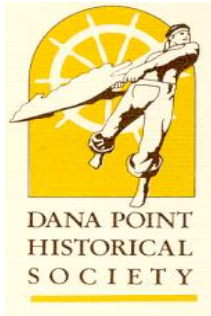


One of the three tour groups pauses in the beautiful English Garden with their guide, right.



Another tour group pauses to relax and listen to their informative guide, right..

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Jan 22 Annual Meeting

Feb 26 General Meeting

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Membership

Please welcome new member, **Vaughn W. Curtiss**, Public Accountant.

As a reminder, the annual dues for 2014 will be due in January 2014. Please refer to the front of your label to see if you need to renew your membership at that time. Don't forget that memberships make wonderful Xmas presents!

The membership categories are as follows:

Individual	-	\$25 annual
Family	-	\$30 annual
Business	-	\$50 annual
Patron	-	\$100 annual
Life	-	\$500 lifetime

All contributions are tax deductible as the Historical Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Regina Barnes

Festival of Whales

It's not too early to be thinking about YOUR part in the *Festival of Whales* March 1-9. DPHS will need help with our display booth, readers for *Two Years Before The Mast* and logistics help setting up tents for these events. Please plan now to find some time in your busy schedule to lend us an hour or two.

The Dolph House

In 2014 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Dolph House. However, little information remains about what happened to Blanche Dolph's estate once it was left to her companion, Lucilla McGoughey. Also, there are nearly no pictures of Blanche or Lucilla. If you or someone you know remembers these ladies, who started the Presbyterian Church in San Juan Capistrano, or has any information about the disbursement of the estate, or information about the estate's executor, O. Howard Lucy, please drop us a line at

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