



The
News

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HISTORY OF THE HEADLANDS IS OUR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, PROGRAM SET FOR 7 PM AT CITY HALL CHAMBERS

Our featured guests at our April meeting will be Lee Ann Carranza, Center for Natural Lands Management; Sean Vogt, Nature Interpretive Center; Robert Wilson, DPHS member, and Mel Pierce, DPHS member. Rene Cortez will moderate and emcee the event.



Each person will briefly discuss a period of Headlands history including Native American residents, the settlers and trade eras, WWII involvement and overall changes to the area leading up to the installment of the Nature Interpretive Center. The presentation will begin **promptly at 7 PM** in City Hall Chambers (33282 Golden Lantern Street) with a reception to follow at our museum. Be sure to join us for a look back at the Headlands from its known early days up to the present.

Save the Dates For Upcoming Events!

Join us for a very special **Founders Day** the evening of **Wednesday, May 28**, when we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dana Point's cityhood as well as honor a special resident of our city and long-time supporter of DPHS. Announcement of our honoree as well as event location will appear in next month's *News Drogher*.

The DPHS **Scholarship Fiesta Dinner** will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, June 24**, at Doheny State Beach. Jack Saunderson of *El Patio Café* will once again cater the occasion with his delicious Mexican food, so popular with last year's large crowd. Use the clip-out coupon in the May *News Drogher* so that you can come and meet our 2014 scholarship winners and enjoy the special tour of the newly reopened Interpretive Center at Doheny State Beach.

DPHS Board of Directors Discusses Change in Museum Hours

Due to the lack volunteers needed to maintain the 12-hour/ 3-day schedule at our museum, the current board is discussing reducing the hours to 8 hours per week. The new hours would be Tuesdays 1-3 PM, Thursday 1-3 PM, and Saturdays 11 AM-3 PM. Mary Williams, Docent Chair, is concerned that even the new hours will be a problem if the museum does not get more volunteers. "It could be we'll have to move to just one day a week...probably Saturday, if we don't get more volunteers to cover the hours that we are open," she said.

People interested in volunteering can go to <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/dphs-museum-docent-schedule/2032/> or call Mary Williams at 248-7164.

President's Message



March was a busy month for the DPHS members who organized and volunteered to make the fourth public reading of Richard Henry Dana Jr.'s *Two Years Before the Mast* an outstanding success. More than a 125 people volunteered to read, man the DPHS booth at the Nature Interpretive Center and lead DPHS tours as part of the Festival of Whales. Elizabeth Bamattre and committee are to be commended for organizing the three-day *TYBTM* reading. A terrific illustrated article, "Descending from Dana," appeared in the March 13th edition of the Dana

Point News, listing notable readers, including Mayor Lisa Bartlett and the cousins of Richard Henry Dana Jr. among others. Look at page three to find the link to this and other articles regarding history related to our area. The Historical Society was pleased to be a part of the 43rd Annual Festival of Whales which celebrates Dana Point's cultural heritage.

Many DPHS members also accepted the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society's invitation to hear Orange County Archivist Phil Brigandi at its March 26th meeting. Phil provided wonderful details to the historic events featured in his new book "Orange County Chronicles."

Later this month, Keith and I will represent the DPHS at the California Preservation Foundation Conference in Asilomar, California, where sessions will address the changes facing historic preservation. We will attend seminars and classes on these topics over three days to learn about state and national cultural heritage issues.

All the past conferences I have attended have had models for Dana Point. "Preserving Local Character: It is More than a Feeling" was the 2009 conference educational track whose sessions explored methods to *sustain local character*. The challenge for conference participants is to apply what we learn to our own communities and the messages of that conference are particularly useful now, as Dana Point moves forward with its Town Center Plan.

Dana Point is a beautiful coastal community known for its attractive harbor. Orange County and the Ocean Institute have emphasized the unique history of the harbor with a statue of R. H. Dana Jr., the *Pilgrim* and the Tall Ships Festival. We need to ask ourselves how the historic *buildings* in the City of Dana Point can also tell the story and establish the character of the city and its relationship to the harbor. How can our legacies of the Doheny Family and Sidney H. Woodruff further enhance the culture and economy of our community? Would preserving the charm of historic buildings, replicating the original nautical lanterns of Dana Point and creating a Lantern Village Historical District encourage tourists to stay longer, spend more money while visiting and create a desire to return? Sustainable tourism strategies include historic buildings, landscapes and roads that give a sense of our city's place in history and identify the collective culture of our community, contributing to its attraction as a unique destination. Many businesses can locate *anywhere*. How do we show that the local character of Dana Point can attract knowledge-based businesses to this seaside community?

Richard Henry Dana Jr., Hobie Alter and developers Sidney H. Woodruff, Blanche Dolph and Anna Walters, are all exceptional people in our history. How do we represent their legacies and use our remaining historic resources---such as the remnants of hotel arches along the bluff and the Spanish Colonial Revival commercial buildings scattered along Pacific Coast Highway---to highlight the rich history of today's Dana Point? Will Hobie's original Dana Point workshop receive a historic plaque on or near the building to celebrate our surfing culture?

The 2008 City of Dana Point Town Center Plan includes "guidelines" for the restoration and preservation of the historic buildings and elements in Town Center. As the work goes forward, is the city concerned with replicating the signature historic lanterns of Dana Point as symbols of our unique heritage for residents and tourists? Or, are we more interested in developers introducing the new, regardless of the expense to our history? Where is the balance? How will we relate the parallel development story of Capistrano Beach and the generous gift of Doheny State Beach?

Our April 30th meeting will feature another chapter, the History of the Headlands, and will highlight some interesting stories on the part of our speakers. Please join us.

Barbara Force Johannes

Dana Point History in the News

From The OC Register, Dana Point News, March 13, 2014: [Descending From Dana](http://www.ocregister.com/articles/dana-605497-reading-event.html)
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/dana-605497-reading-event.html>)

From The OC Register, Dana Point News, March 19, 2014: [Archway, banners to decorate Town Center entry](http://www.ocregister.com/articles/development-606180-city-council.html)
(<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/development-606180-city-council.html>)

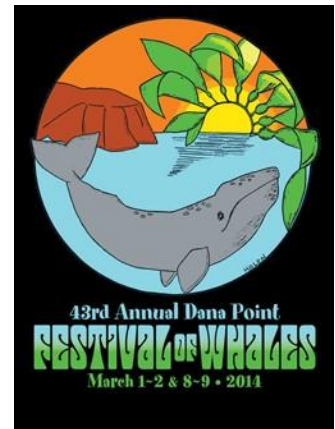
From the Dana Point News, March 27, 2014: [Downtown Signage Draws Questions of Historical Accuracy](http://www.danapointtimes.com/downtown-signage-draws-questions-of-historical-accuracy/)
(<http://www.danapointtimes.com/downtown-signage-draws-questions-of-historical-accuracy/>)

From LA Times, March 30, 2014: [Hobie Alter Dies at 80](http://www.latimes.com/obituaries/la-me-hobie-alter-20140331,0,3871167.story#axzz2xrPDQiF6)
(<http://www.latimes.com/obituaries/la-me-hobie-alter-20140331,0,3871167.story#axzz2xrPDQiF6>)

From Dana Point Times, April 5, 2014: [Rancho Boca de la Playa Plants Capistrano Beach Roots](http://www.danapointtimes.com/its-history-rancho-boca-de-la-playa-plants-capistrano-beach-roots/)
(<http://www.danapointtimes.com/its-history-rancho-boca-de-la-playa-plants-capistrano-beach-roots/>)

Thank You FOW Booth Volunteers and Walking Tour Volunteers!

Regina Barnes, Max Brown (FOW Booth Chair), Rene Cortez, Rod Howorth (Merchandise), Heidi Hyde, Barbara Johannes, Keith Johannes, Faye Kristjanson, Willa Porter, Ann Shultz, Robert Shultz, Lucy Siebert, Hank Thomas, Terry Walsh (Walking Tour Chair), and Lee Walsh.



At the FOW booth during the Fourth Annual TYBTM reading are Lee Walsh, Max Brown, Terry Walsh and Rod Howorth.

THANK YOU MARCH MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS AND DOCENTS!



ELIZABETH BAMATTRE, REGINA BARNES, MAX BROWN, RENE CORTEZ, MARY CROWL, BARBARA JOHANNES, KEITH JOHANNES, CHRISTY JOHNSON, MARSHA LARUSSO, LINDA MOORE, EARL WESSELL, MARY WILLIAMS (CHAIR).



Readers

Rosemarie Allaire
Stella Allen
John Amado
Marilyn Armstrong
Lisa Bartlett
Bruce Beal
Marlene Beal
Bob Becker
Maggie Bell
Ken Boyd
Conor Brough
Kaelan Brough
Michelle Brough
Max Brown
Gene Burrus
Jim Callahan
Cathy Carlisle
Liz Claus
Skyler Clifford
Troy Cox
Richard Curtis
Mary Devore
Joe Dunn
Steven Dunn
Melanie Durst
Denise Erkeneff
Richard Erkeneff
Candace Foster
Brad Fowler
Susie Gaare

Susie Gordee
Jack Grimshaw
Steve Hall
Pete Hammer
Pat Harkless
Mike Harris
Les Hawthorne
Rod Howorth
Christian Iepe-Mendoza
Sandie Iverson
Jesse James
Nancy Jenkins
Barbara Johannes
Christy Johnson
Andrea Jones
Patricia Kinner
Philip Krajewski
Rich LaRusso
Faith Lawson
Diana Leahy
Ann Leibowitz
Howard Leibowitz
Hannah Lewis
Bernice Mahoney
Joseph Kent Massey
Ingrid McGuire
Michael McLane
Jim Miller
Linda Moore
Kaila Nakano

Charles Nasser
Karen Oliver
Carlos Olvera
Karine Parry
Susan Pina
Christina Portillo
Wayne Rayfield
George Rendon
Ann Rhodes
Jill Richardson
Terry Rifkin
Jim Schmitt
Karin Schnell
Rick Schnell
Scott Schoeffel
Tom Scott
Ann Shultz
Julie Simer
Hank Thomas
Robin Valles
Sean Vogt
Amy Walker
Kat Wallace
Lee Walsh
Sue Walshe
Bonnie Wellbaum
Pat Wittenberg
Sid Wittenberg
Drew Wojciechowski
Noelle Wojciechowski

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Justin Wolcott

Two Years Before the Mast Reading Committee

Elizabeth Bamattre, Chair
Judy Henderson
Marsha LaRusso

Ann Leibowitz
Georgelean Olvera
Barbara Johannes, DPHS President, ex officio

Fourth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast*

Quickly becoming one of the Dana Point Historical Society's most treasured events, the annual reading of Richard Henry Dana Jr.'s classic took place for the fourth time over a three-day period on March 7, 8, and 9 during the second week of the *Festival of Whales*. Aside from relatives of R.H. Dana Jr. (see right) other notable readers included Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point Mayor; Ingrid McGuire, Former Dana Point Mayor, Gene Burrus, Dana Point Citizen of the Year; Christina Portillo, R.H. Dana Elementary School principal; Wayne Rayfield, President of South



Readers await their turns while others listen and enjoy the narrative.

Coast Water District; Susan Pina, Dana Point librarian ; Brad Fowler, Director of public works for Dana Point, and City Councilmen Carlos N. Olvera and Scott Schoeffel. Be sure to see the previous page for a complete listing of readers and volunteers.



Faith Lawson (center) with her daughter Sophie (right) and mother Jane. The women represent three generations of relatives of Richard Henry Dana Jr., namesake of Dana Point. Lawson was one of 94 readers at the Dana Point Historical Society's fourth annual reading of Dana's novel "Two Years Before the Mast." Sophie and Jane were there to support her.

CAST PARTY!

The *Two Years Before the Mast* cast party on April 6 was a fun, impromptu event and a success, thanks to everyone who attended and contributed. The Dana Point Historical Society Board and *Two Years Before the Mast* Reading Committee would like to recognize Denise and Rick Erkeneff for organizing and providing the Sea Ridge Clubhouse, with special thanks to Denise Erkeneff and Nancy Jenkins for coordinating the event, including flowers! The refreshments were delicious



Above, "**Broken Records**" band members, Harrison Moore-Kondo, guitar; Justine Ruiz, bass and vocals; Jesse Conlee, drums and vocals; Rachel Perry, guitar and vocals, are seen playing Led Zeppelin's "Rock 'n' Roll" with Scott Schoeffel, Dana Point City Councilman, on the electric violin.

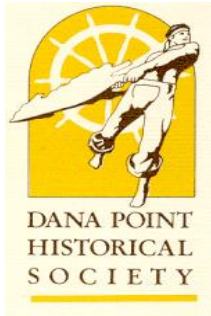
It was an honor to have Councilman Scott Schoeffel as our Master of Ceremonies and a pleasure to welcome Mayor Lisa Bartlett, Richard Henry Dana Jr. descendant Kathy Carlisle, SCWD Board members Dick Dietmeier, Rick Erkeneff, Bob Moore, Citizen of the Year Gene Burrus and wife Gladys, past Mayor Ingrid McGuire and DPHS Board members. Everyone relaxed, enjoyed music and shared an afternoon with folks who appreciate Dana Point's unique history. We look forward to the Fifth Public Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* next year and the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of R. H. Dana Jr.'s birth (August 1, 1815).

thanks to Julie Simer, Denise Erkeneff and everyone who contributed appetizers, cookies and drinks, including the celebratory sparkling wine provided by Mike McLane. Thanks to Scott Schoeffel for setting up the sound equipment for the evening's entertainment: the *Love in the Afternoon* band arranged by John Amado and the *Broken Records* band, coordinated by Scott Schoeffel. Thanks to Ann Leibowitz for emailing invitations and to Elizabeth Bamattre, TYBTM Event Chair, who decorated with posters commemorating Richard Henry Dana Jr.'s famous voyage.



Above, the "**Love in the Afternoon**" band comprised of Tim Dill, tenor & alto saxophones; John Amado, guitar & vocals; Daniel Cordaro, drums;; Michael Thomas Runyan, bass; Anthony Koprowski, vocals & guitar, with special guest Yukiko Amado, vocal.

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2014 DPHS Calendar

April 30: General Meeting

May 28: Founders Day

June 24: Scholarship Fiesta Dinner

Membership

Welcome new members **Anna Bryson, Mike Fair, Rick & Denise Erkeneff, Kathleen Walling Fry, Marilyn Moon, Mary O'Connor, Joseph & Susan Pina, and Taylor & Joey Robustelli**. A special thank you to **Jim Miller** who upgraded his membership from Business to Life Member.

Just a reminder for those who pay their membership dues annually. Your dues should have been paid in January. If you haven't paid your dues, now might be a good time to upgrade your membership to the Patron level or even a Life Membership.

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



**Dana Point Historical Society
Home Tour Committee
Announces 2014 Tour Site as
Niguel Shores Neighborhood**

Home Tour Chairs Mary Crowl and Suzanne Ennis have announced that the Society's 2014 Home Tour will take place in the gated community of Niguel Shores and is entitled "*Coastal Living Niguel Shores Style*." The tour will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2014. More details will become available throughout the summer.

**Paul Hinman replaces Christy Johnson
as DPHS Treasurer**

Paul Hinman is replacing outgoing DPHS Treasurer Christy Johnson, who is moving to Utah. The membership will be asked to confirm the Board of Director's unanimous choice of Paul at the next general meeting on April 30. We wish Christy well and thank her for all of her hard work for the Society.