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October 25 Statue Unveiling Honors Steve and Barrie Boehne



On **Wednesday, October 25, at 3 p.m.**, the City of Dana will honor local tandem surfing champions Steve and Barrie Boehne with the unveiling of a commemorative statue at Waterman's Plaza.

Steve and Barrie won multiple ASP World Tandem Championships and were featured on *ABC Wide World of Sports* and *LIFE Magazine*. They married in 1971 and together opened their new board shaping shop, *Infinity Surf Shop*, in an old gas station on 5th and PCH in Huntington Beach. They moved the shop to Dana Point to raise their children, Dave and Dan.

The statue of the duo is crafted by artist Bill Limebrook, who has been involved in the design of each of the bronze statues at Waterman's Plaza. Please join us on October 25 to celebrate our local legends.

Reserve Now for Our Tour of Historic Cottages of Crystal Cove State Park

Society members are invited to a guided tour of Crystal Cove State Park Historic Cottage District (pictured below) with Kate Wheeler, President & CEO of Crystal Cove Conservancy, on **Thursday, October 26, at 10 a.m.** The federally listed historic district is an enclave of 46 vintage rustic coastal cottages originally built as a seaside colony in the 1930s & '40s and nestled around the mouth of Los Trancos Creek. It is one of the last remaining examples of early 20th-century Southern California coastal development. The area is located off Pacific Coast Highway between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach.

The tour is limited to the first 30 members and sign-up is required. A \$5 donation is suggested, which goes to Crystal Cove Conservancy. To make a reservation, contact the Society at 949-248-8121 or at Museum@DanaPointHistorical.org by Sunday October 22. After reserving, individuals will receive directions and meeting instructions. Carpooling is encouraged and there is a charge for parking in the Los Trancos lot.



Photo courtesy of California State Parks

President's Message



Thanks to Chuck Bassett and Jean Pierre "The Fly" Van Swae, our June summer meeting and post reception were well-attended. After recalling his "barefoot misadventures in the golden age of surfing," Chuck signed his new book, *Doheny Crazyed*, in the museum while recalling even more memories with family and friends. If you missed the meeting, Chuck's book is available locally.

Dana Point Historical Society members were busy this summer as museum docents, tour guides and DPHS Booth volunteers. We had some excitement when two Dana cousins visited our museum. Todd Charles Dana from the Park City, Utah, area spent two hours with us in the museum, and Timothy Dana from Flagstaff, Arizona paid a brief visit. Todd Dana has done a great deal of research on the Dana family, including Richard Henry Dana Jr., and promises to keep us informed on his progress.

In July, Keith and I had the honor of accompanying members of U.S. Congressional Representative Mike Levin's staff during a portion of a 49th District Familiarization Tour. Donna Kalez of *Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching* hosted the harbor tour, where Levin's congressional team learned marine and historical facts. Their tour also included the Nature Interpretive Center and the Ocean Institute.

We also conducted a pre-arranged July 16th walking tour of Heritage Park, the Bluff Top Trail and the surrounding area for visitors to the new HōM Style furnishings store on Del Prado.

The Society's June 11 outreach booth at the Dana Point Art Fest was a success! With the guidance of Tile Wall Chair Randy Roberts, tiles were painted by children and adults alike. In July, Mike Choate joined Randy for a major Baby Beach tile wall installation of 62 tiles! Randy and Mike have received many thanks from those who had prepared tiles for the event. After many years, the Board of Directors reluctantly raised the cost of each tile to \$65 due to the rise of the cost of materials.

September's activities have also concentrated on community outreach. Our volunteers manned



our booth on September 9th and 10th and again at the Fall Redo Market on September 24th. The Society is indebted to our volunteers who transport our pop-up tent, tables, chairs and supplies from storage and our books, historic photos and merchandise from the museum, then return it all back again. Special thanks go to the Bamattre family and Keith Johannes for chairing our Maritime Festival Booth and to our volunteers: Jim Proett, Randy Roberts, Gary & Stella Prenovost, Kat Wallace, Robin Valles, Marsha LaRusso, Rocky

Parker, Nancy Jenkins, Heidi Hyde, Ellysa Marino, Bob Minty, Jeff Huston and Tricia & Michael Guthrie. Our September 24th volunteers included Jim Proett and Barbara & Bob Wilson (pictured above, l-r), as well as Bob Minty, Keith Johannes, Tricia & Michael Guthrie and Vickie & Jeff Lander. We could not have done it without you.

We look forward to seeing you for at least one of October's events. The city will unveil the Boehne tandem surfing statue (Page 1) and our Crystal Cove State Park tour (Page 1). Look for information on the City of Dana Point Arts & Cultural Trolley Tour planned for October 21st. Also, the Seaside Inn appears to be opening soon, possibly in November. Stay tuned for more news via email.

Barbara Force Johannes



Dana Point Historical Society is saddened to announce the death of former DPHS board member and Lifetime Society Member Bruce Leonard Beal, 75, in June. Bruce was chair of the Society's surfing and waterman history interests and together with his wife, Marlene, compiled and wrote a definitive history of watermen and women in our area entitled *SURF, PADDLE & SAIL! Oceanic Heritage Journal of Dana Point*. The journal is available on our website at DanaPointHistorical.org. Bruce was also an avid volunteer for many of our events, including our outreach booth and as a weekly museum docent. Additionally, he was responsible for procuring speakers for our evening programs on several occasions.

Bruce and Marlene were honored in 2016 by the Society at its annual Founders Day event for their contributions to Dana Point. The Society extends its sympathies to his family.

The Society also extends its sympathies to the family of Barbara Boyd, 86, who died in August. Barbara joined the DPHS Board of Directors in 1998 after retiring from teaching in 1997. She served as newsletter editor and also compiled annual journals featuring the events of the Society. She became Vice President in 1999 and continued as newsletter editor through 2004, retiring from the board of directors in 2005 as a Lifetime Member. While active, Barbara and her husband, Bill, were on the Inaugural Home Tour Committee in 2000 and their Woodruff English provincial-style home was the signature home of the 2001 Woodruff Home Tour. She served on subsequent home-tour committees and was both a home tour and museum docent. The Society will always be grateful for her dedication to our organization.



Historical Society Installs 62 New Tiles at Baby Beach

Tile Wall Chair
Randy Roberts announced that DPHS has placed a total of 62 new tiles at Baby Beach in various locations. Each tile is purchased and hand-painted by individuals and families who have an interest



in leaving a decorative remembrance to our community. Others interested in participating in this project can call the Society at 949-248-8121 or email Museum@DanaPointHistorical.org.

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Upcoming events:

October 25 3 p.m. Boehne Statue **October 26** 10 a.m. Visit to Crystal Cove **December (TBA)** Holiday Party

Membership

Welcome new members, **Todd Charles Dana, Wendy Helberg, Sharon Rhodes, Greg Sarkissian,** and new **LIFETIME member Mike Wolfe!**

As a reminder, annual dues are payable January.

The membership categories are:

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.

Thank you again for your support of the Dana Point Historical Society --- active since 1987!

Questions? Contact me at rmlarusso@msn.com

Marsha LaRusso

You Are Invited To Be a Museum Docent

Would you like to learn Dana Point history and volunteer to be a museum docent at the same time? Call the museum to indicate your interest and learn with another docent during our regular museum hours on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday 1 - 3 p.m.

Docents help visitors find books, pictures and information in our collection as well as take phone calls and messages.

An experienced docent is with you to guide you through the learning process, while you learn about our collection at the same time. Contact us at 949-248-8121 or email us at Museum@DanaPointHistorical.org.