



The
News

DROGHER

November/December 2014

Limited Edition Ornaments Selling Fast!

DPHS Board Member Kirsten Reynolds reported at the last board meeting that our limited edition ornament is selling well. So well, in fact, that more than half of our quantity is already gone, leaving just a little over 200 ornaments available. Interested members can purchase the ornaments at our holiday open house (as well as other stocking stuffers featured by DPHS) and can also purchase them by mail by using the form inside this edition of our newsletter on **page 4**. Members are encouraged to also give the order form to friends and neighbors who might be looking for holiday gifts.

The ornaments come attractively boxed with an inscription card that tells the history of the Dana Point city seal used as the inspiration for the ornament and also discusses the seal's designer, Rick Morgan.



*DPHS
Holiday
Open House*



Join us on
Sunday, December 7
from 2 pm to 5 pm
at our museum for
holiday cheer and
fellowship

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.
Be sure to bring some spending money for
purchases of our limited edition ornament and
other DPHS merchandise.

The ornament order form can also be found online: <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/files/2014/10/ornament-order-form.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DPHS ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK!

The Dana Point Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on **Wednesday, January 28 at 6:00 pm** at Gloria Die Lutheran Church, 33501 Stonehill Dr, Dana Point. In addition to asking the membership to approve the renewal or new appointments of board members, the Society will present its recipient with the annual Pat Plepler Award, which is given for outstanding involvement in our community.

President's Message



Kudos go to the entire Home Tour Committee for a very successful 14th Annual Home Tour. Special thanks to Mary Crowl, Suzanne Enis, Marilyn Moon and the homeowners and volunteers who made it happen. More than 300 people attended the tour. Air-conditioned shuttles transported guests and docents from City Hall to the beautiful homes of Niguel Shores. Another highlight of the day was the introduction of our first in a series of collectible ornaments. Thanks to Exhibit Chair Kirsten Reynolds, we had the opportunity to purchase the ornament and have the enclosed certificate signed by designer, graphic artist Rick Morgan. The buzz heard about the tour at the end-of-day reception

was enthusiastic praise for the variety and style of architecture presented as well as the beautiful ocean views seen from this year's homes.

The home tour is our major fundraiser, underwritten by our sponsors whose contributions advertise the tour, print the programs and contract the shuttles. We are indebted to our sponsors including our Founding Sponsor Dan Raphael, long-time sponsor Dana Point Nursery and this year's reception sponsor Trader Joe's, Laguna Niguel. We could not have had the tour without all of our sponsors, who provide the homes and whose donations made our advertising and printing possible. In-kind donations provided morning coffee (Coffee Importers), inspired guests to purchase tickets to win dinner at Cannons, a Casa Romantica membership basket, Dana Wharf Cruise & Whale Watching passes and Dana Point Symphony tickets among other wonderful prizes. All of our sponsors are listed in this issue and on our web site, www.danapointhistorical.org.



Left to Right: Home Tour volunteers Keith Johannes, Carol Yocom, Rod Howorth and Georgiana Emery.



The Sehgal Home: Left to Right: Hansa and Lakshman Sehgal, Homeowners; Pat and Dick Sargent, docents. The Sehgal's graciously gave us a personal tour of their home.

Please tell our sponsors how much you enjoyed the tour they made possible. We accomplished our goals to raise funds for the preservation of Dana Point history and to highlight the tour's theme, *Coastal Living, Niguel Shores Style*.

Our September meeting commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the City of Dana Point's incorporation was both entertaining and informative. Graphic artist Rick Morgan took us through the process of designing the city's official seal and former mayor Bill Bamattre, a member of the first city council, described the city's productive experience of working with Rick.

The presentation culminated with Mayor Lisa Bartlett, along with past mayors Bill Bamattre and Joel Bishop, presenting Rick with a Certificate of Recognition acknowledging his contribution to our city.

The Year of Dana awaits us. August 1, 2015, is our namesake's 200th birthday! Our year-long theme will celebrate Richard Henry Dana, Jr., which includes our fifth public community reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* in March.

Please calendar Sunday, December 7, for the museum's traditional Holiday Open House and the exhibit of Rick Morgan's 15 original drawings leading to the official City of Dana Point Seal.

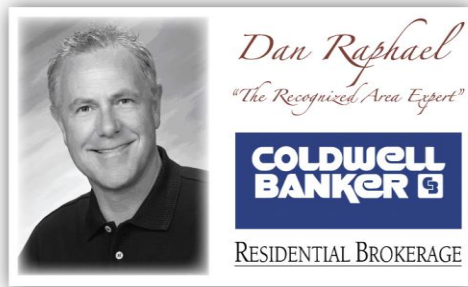
The Society's Board of Directors joins me in thanking each of you for your support to preserve Dana Point's heritage and to enhance public appreciation of our history. Wishing you all the joys of the holidays with family and friends!



September 24, 2014. Left to right: past mayors Joel Bishop and Bill Bamattre, Mayor Lisa Bartlett and Rick Morgan, designer of the Official City Seal of Dana Point.

Barbara Force Johannes

Thank You to Our 2014 Home Tour Sponsors!



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INAUGURAL ORNAMENT

**Commemorating the 25th Anniversary
of the
City of Dana Point's Incorporation**

Finished in brilliant 24K gold, proudly made in the U.S.A, and elegantly gift boxed with description enclosure, the ornament is a perfect gift.

\$25.00

(tax included)

Name/Business: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of ornaments purchased: (_____) X **\$25.00** each (tax included) = \$ _____

Check enclosed* OR: Please charge my credit card: Visa Mastercard

Account #: _____ cw Code _____ Expires (mm/yy) _____

Print name exactly as it appears on the card: _____

Signature (required on all credit card orders): _____

____ I will pick up ornament(s) at the December Holiday Open House at the DPHS Museum.

____ I will call to schedule an appointment to pick up ornament(s) during museum hours at the DPHS Museum.

Phone: (949) 248-8121 - 33282 Golden Lantern St., Suite #104, Dana Point, CA 92629

*Make checks payable to: **Dana Point Historical Society**

Mail form and payment to: Dana Point Historical Society

Attn: Ornament Program c/o Kirsten Reynolds

P.O. Box 544

Dana Point, CA 92629

For information contact the Historical Society at (949) 248-8121 or communications@danapointhistorical.org

www.danapointhistorical.org

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Date Order Received: _____ Date Payment Sent to DPHS: _____ Check #: _____

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Ornament(s) Received by: _____ Date: _____

Historic Preservation Update

Two historic buildings are scheduled for demolition inside the Lantern District. The mid-century modern building at 34135 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) will be demolished as part of the Majestic Housing and Development LLC project approved by the Dana Point City Council. The second proposed demolition is the historic Dana Plantation Motel at 34111 PCH. While the c. 1942-46 motel is on the city's Historic Resource Inventory and was recorded by the county on the California Historic Resource Inventory System, subsequent owners allowed it to deteriorate to the point where its condition and recent use did not bring together the support to save it. Some of the reasons given to demolish this historic building could be applied to any historic building currently on the City of Dana Point Historic Resource Inventory commissioned by the city in 1997. Neither the inventory nor the Historic Resource Register has been updated to identify historical resources that have changed, reached or will soon reach the 50-year age threshold for consideration as potential historic resources. In addition, Dana Point is not a Certified Local Government recognized by the California Office of Historic Preservation. The Historical Society is concerned that future plans for the remaining Woodruff historic buildings in the Lantern District Town Center are unknown. At a September meeting with the Community Planning Department, city staff indicated they would request approval for updating the city's Historic Resource Inventory in 2015. Thankfully, the Blue Lantern Fountain Lunch at 34091 PCH is on the city's Historic Register and is due to be restored. Our Preservation Committee met with the city and the building's restoration architect; we received positive responses to our preservation concerns.

Keith Johannes, Preservation Chair

2015 – The Year of Dana, His Bicentennial Year

With a spectacular mural of the Capistrano Bay coast as it was in Richard Henry Dana Jr.'s time as background, the fifth public community reading of Dana's *Two Years Before the Mast* will take place on **March 27, 28 and 29th at the Nature Interpretive Center, 34558 Scenic Drive.**



Over one hundred volunteer readers will read for eight to ten minutes each, completing the entire book in about 15 hours over three days. In addition, volunteers are needed to serve as "watch officers" to oversee and manage each watch (that means shift, to land lubbers).

The reading in 2015 marks the bicentennial year of our city's namesake. Richard Henry Dana Jr. was born on August 1, 1815. So come volunteer and join us – or just to watch and listen.

Reading times:

Friday, March 27, 1pm to 4pm

Saturday, March 28, 9am to 6pm

Sunday, March 29, 9am until we finish the book (around noon)

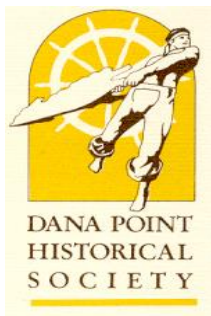
To volunteer, send an e-mail to twoyearsbeforethemastdp@gmail.com or call 949-899-0907. Please provide your name, e-mail address, a phone number and a preferred time to read aloud for eight to ten minutes or to volunteer for a two-hour shift.

To celebrate this landmark year and to thank our volunteers we extend an invitation to our participants to attend a reception on Sunday, March 29, around noon – just as soon as the book confirms that Dana is safely back in Boston harbor at the end of his voyage.



Follow us on Twitter [@2YRSB4theMastDP](https://twitter.com/2YRSB4theMastDP)

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2014/2015 DPHS Calendar

Dec. Holiday Open House **Jan.** Annual Potluck & Membership Mtg. **Feb.** General Mtg. **March** FOW & TYBTM

Membership

Welcome new members **Joy Stephenson, Allen & Donna Abersman, Rou & Janet Dohner, John Fischie, Allison & John Burk, William Hollingsworth, and Kevin and Janet Van Fleet.**

January is membership renewal month! Remember to renew your memberships for 2015.

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.

Marsha LaRusso



Remember to renew your Ralph's Community Participation Program, which must be done each year starting in September. Go to our home page at <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/> for instructions. We also have copies of the bar code letter available to you at the museum, which you can present to the cashier when you are next at a Ralphs supermarket.

THANK YOU MUSEUM DOCENTS!

A heartfelt thanks to all of our summer and fall museum docents: Mary Crowl, Mary William, Barbara and Keith Johannes, Joel Bishop, Rod Howorth, Elizabeth Bamattre, Sandie Iverson, Marsha LaRusso, Paul Hinman and Rene Cortez.

We are always looking for more people to volunteer for two hours a month. Please let us hear from you! Training is provided and it's fun to show off our exhibits and photo collection. Contact us at DPHNewsletter@gmail.com.