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DPHS Program Meeting with Guests Randle M. Biddle and Jeff Rosaler on April 22

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 22, at 7 pm, at the City Hall Council Chambers** at 33282 Golden Lantern, above the DPHS museum, for an in-depth presentation about the brig PILGRIM. Many of us are familiar with Richard Henry Dana, Jr. and his voyage in the brig PILGRIM to Alta, California, in 1834 from Boston, and of his return in the ship ALERT in 1835.



However, much of what has been presented about the PILGRIM since the 1840 publication of Dana's story turns out to be incorrect in many respects. Guest speaker Randle M. Biddle (shown at left) shares the findings of his extensive research directed toward reconstructing the most probable appearance of the brig. Learn more about her history, before Dana's voyage and after. Randy, in collaboration with the late Raymond Aker of Palo Alto, constructed a new set of model plans of the PILGRIM drawing heavily on the 1830 portrait of the brig and using more recent fine



scale model interpretations. Randy will be joined by Jeff Rosaler (right), former First Mate and Chief Rigger of the *Ocean Institute's* brig named the PILGRIM II to discuss how that vessel came to be and how it compares with what we now know of the first PILGRIM, built in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1825. **Reception follows at the DPHS Museum.**

Mr. Biddle's overnight accommodations graciously provided by the Dana Point Marina Inn.



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A Special Founders Day on Wednesday, May 13, To Honor Judy and Buck Henderson

The Dana Point Historical Society is pleased to announce our annual Founders Day honor is being awarded to Judy and Buck Henderson. Married for 42 years, Judy and Buck have contributed tirelessly as a team to the benefit of their community through their work with the DP Civic Association, creation of the City of Dana Point, creation of our Historical Society and their activities in Fire Authority, PTA/PTSO, 4H, Animal Rescue and Guide Dogs. Please join us on **Wednesday, May 13, at 6 pm at the Community House** for a reception and program to celebrate their lives and history in Dana Point.

President's Message



Based on all reports received, our March efforts to take Dana Point history to the public were a success, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Visitors from Texas (including a distant relation to both S.H Woodruff AND the wife of Richard Henry Dana, Jr.) wrote: *"We appreciate the time that you gave up on your weekend so that you could give us a 90 minute walking tour of Dana Point on March 14, during the last weekend of the Festival of Whales. We found the tour to be very informative and extremely interesting . . . Your tour was one of the highlights of our trip . . ."*

Did you see the Richard Henry Dana, Jr. Bicentennial Exhibit for March at the Dana Point Library announcing the Fifth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast*? Our entry in the March 7th Festival of Whales Parade, in collaboration with the California Fire Museum, was a hit. The restored 1964 Crown Coach Fire Engine displayed DPHS banners advertising the Fifth Annual Reading of *TYBTM*. The fire engine also attracted many children who were thrilled to climb into the driver's seat before the parade started.



Pictured are California Fire Museum Director David Hensel, Elizabeth Bamattre, Barbara Johannes, Judy Henderson and CFM President Don Forsythe.

project in our effort to salute the author whose 1840 bestseller made California and this coast well known. The City of Dana Point plans to install a permanent version of the Dana banner artwork on the Del Prado archway now under construction near Blue Lantern.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our April 22nd program, 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. Maritime historian Randy Biddle is driving from Valencia to give us a "Fresh View of the brig Pilgrim" and Jeff Rosaler, Chief Rigger of Pilgrim II, will contrast how the later vessel compares with the original. A museum reception will follow the program.

The note from our Texas visitors concluded: *"We feel that there are individuals such as you within Dana Point who are real treasures to the community. Among these I would include Bob Minty whose talks about "Moby Dick" and "Two Years Before the Mast" we enjoyed at the Ocean Institute . . . I only wish I could be in Dana Point this coming weekend when volunteers read Two Years Before the Mast. Thanks again for being so generous with you time and sharing with us the wonderful history of Dana Point. Sincerely, Linda Loomis."*

As president, please allow me to echo Linda's words to our Board of Directors, Historical Society members, Dana Bicentennial sponsors, volunteers and guest readers. You do give up your time, donate your support and you are the real treasures of Dana Point who preserve and share our heritage with tourists, residents and students. Thank you for your generosity.

Barbara Force Johannes

Thank You, Dana Bicentennial Banner Sponsors!

The Historical Society's Dana Bicentennial Banners were installed on city light poles on March 16 in anticipation of the Fifth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* the last weekend of March. We are especially grateful to The Strand, CR&R, the Docent Society of Mission San Juan Capistrano and all the individuals who contributed to the purchase and maintenance of the 42 banners. To date, generous sponsors have offset nearly half the cost of our banner project. Our deep-blue banners will be installed again this July/August for Richard Henry Dana's birthday on August 1, 2015, and again each spring, for the Annual Community Reading held near the time Dana first sailed to our shores in 1835. **If you wish to add your name to those who have donated \$125 or more to this cause, we invite you to join us in wishing Dana a happy 200th birthday this summer! Remember, each banner donation of \$125 is a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation. For information, contact Elizabeth Bamattre: FairviewT@aol or leave a message at 949-248-8121.**

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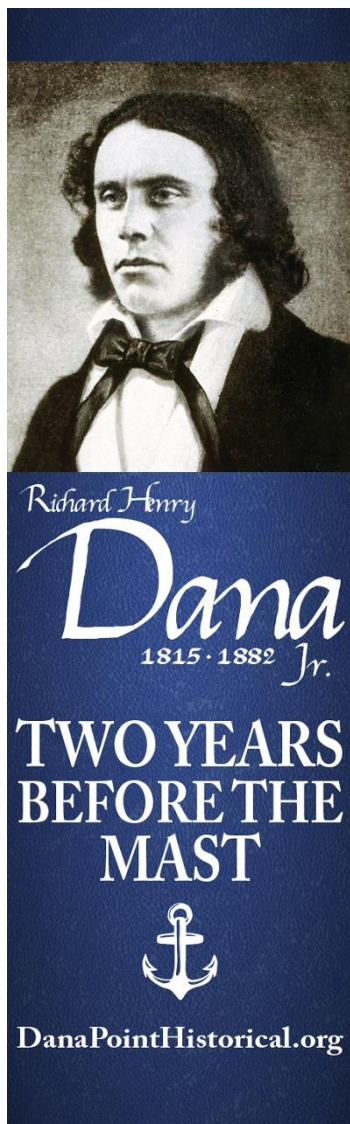
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Fifth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast*

March ended with our extremely well-organized marathon reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* at the Nature Interpretive Center. Mayor Olvera launched the reading that included a cross section of officials, residents and guests. Over 125 readers and volunteers were part of the 15-hour event beginning Friday afternoon, throughout Saturday and ending at noon on Sunday. Photos of the readers, TYBTM Committee, watch officers and volunteers can be seen on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Two-Years-Before-the-Mast-Dana-Point/320831868112830>, on our web site and have been mailed to each reader who participated throughout the three days.



A celebration was held at the DPHS museum for all of our March volunteers and members at the conclusion of the reading on Sunday afternoon. The museum's Dana Bicentennial Exhibit was admired by Dana cousins and guests and will be on view throughout 2015. Pictured are some of the *TYBTM* participants. Left to right, front row seated, are Sid Wittenberg, and R.H. Dana descendants Kathy Carlisle, Faith Lawson, Jane Lawson with DPHS President Barbara Johannes in between them. Second row standing are Willa Porter, Liz Claus, Judy Henderson, Elizabeth Bamattre, Michele Kaufman, reception chair Lee Walsh, Alice Anderson and Les Hawthorne. Third row standing are Howard Leibowitz, Rene Cortez, Paul Hinman, Georgelean Olvera, *TYBTM* chair Ann Leibowitz, Nancy Jenkins, Harold Kaufman, Heidi Hyde and Terry Walsh.

Newly Restored Doheny House to Host *Pink Gala*

In celebration of the restoration of the historic Doheny House and to congratulate the owners, the Dana Point Historical Society has sent Pink Gala invitations to city officials and local society members for a May 2, 2015, philanthropic event to be held at the home. The black-tie evening will feature live performances, fine dining and dancing. For more information about the event, call 949-387-8711.

When the Doheny House was purchased by developers in 2005, concerned Capistrano Beach residents approached the Dana Point Historical Society to advocate for its preservation. For an article on the historic significance of the Doheny House, see The DPHS News Drogher article: <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/doheny-house-2/30/>. The unveiling of the newly restored Spanish Colonial Revival house is a perfect introduction to the Historical Society's upcoming Sunday, October 11, Home Tour. Our 2015 home Tour is entitled "From Dana to Doheny" and will feature unique and historic Doheny built homes. Be sure to save the date for a wonderful look at the Capistrano Beach community and its lovely houses.





Save the Date

DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, at 6 PM at DOHENY STATE BEACH

ENJOY THE DELICIOUS FOOD PROVIDED BY LUCY'S EL PATIO CAFÉ.

TICKET ORDER FORM WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S *NEWS DROGHER* AND WILL BE
AVAILABLE ONLINE AS WELL.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING DONATIONS OF GIFT ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLE DRAWING. PLEASE
CONTACT HEIDI HYDE at 949-248-8121 IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE.

UPCOMING EVENT



*Plan on joining us on Saturday, August 1,
to celebrate the 200th birthday of
Richard Henry Dana, Jr.*

*Arrangements for the celebration are underway
and plans will be announced this spring.*

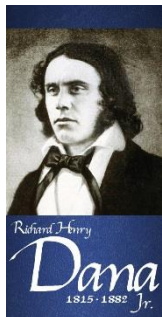
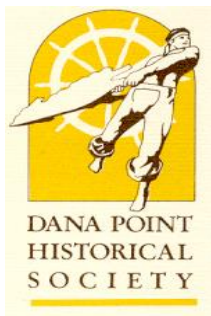


Ahoy, Mates! The Toshiba Tall Ships Festival at the Ocean Institute is on September 11, 12 & 13, 2015. We are looking for volunteers to organize and man our merchandise and outreach booth. If you are interested in representing the Society during The Year of Dana, please volunteer for this festive event by leaving a message at the museum: 949-248-8121.

Please remember to sign up at Ralphs to have a percentage of your grocery bill passed onto the Society through its community participation program. All it takes is a bar-code swipe from a copy of our registration letter. This is easy, free money for the Society, so the more people signing up, the better. Stop by our museum to pick up a copy of the letter, or email us at DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com and we'll drop one in the mail to you.



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2015 DPHS Calendar

April 22 PILGRIM Program **May 27** Founders Day Meeting **June 24** Scholarship Dinner **August 1** Dana Birthday

Membership

Please welcome new members **David and Amy Hanacek**.

Membership Dues

Your membership dues are important. Our activities, such as the newsletter, program meetings, collection and preservation of documents and photographs, are funded by your dues.

Annual dues for 2015 were due in January. The membership categories are as follows:

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

Look on your address label to see if you have a date of 1/15. If so, please remit your dues at this time.

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

Marsha LaRusso

We Need YOU!

Please remember the Society is always looking for volunteers for our various projects and events. Presently we have a great need for museum volunteers, Scholarship Fiesta Dinner volunteers and Home Tour volunteers.

Please contact DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering at the museum for a two hour shift.

Others interested in volunteering for the Scholarship Fiesta Dinner in June or the Home Tour in October should leave a message at the museum: 949-248-8121.