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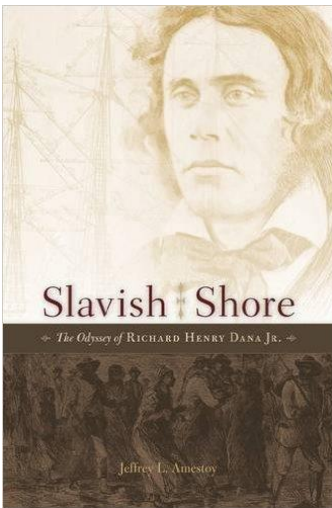
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Author Jeffrey L. Amestoy Discusses His New Biography of Richard Henry Dana Jr. on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 PM



Mark your calendars to attend this well-timed program. On September 16, Jeffrey Amestoy will present his new book *Slavish Shore: The Odyssey of Richard Henry Dana Jr.*, the first full-length biography of Dana in more than half a century and released on his 200th birthday.

Amestoy, a former Vermont Chief Justice, will present his discussion at **Dana Point's Ocean Institute in the Samuelli Conference Center** at 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive. A reception will follow.



Jeffrey Amestoy; photo by Matthew Cavanaugh

You can read and watch more about the former state Chief Justice and his interest in Dana in his Boston Globe newspaper commentary and in a television interview on Vermont's channel WCAX, both found here:

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2015/07/25/jeffrey-amestoy-new-book-profiles-century-abolitionist/jOmgK407aOW7Hx2tkUtd6H/story.html>

<http://www.wcax.com/story/29672677/former-vt-chief-justice-adds-new-chapter-to-career>

Volunteers Needed for the Toshiba Tall Ships Festival

The 31st annual Toshiba Tall Ships Festival is coming September 11-13. Our DPHS booth will celebrate Dana's Bicentennial as part of our community outreach with books and gifts featuring Dana Point's history. Volunteers are needed to remove items from storage and help set up the tent at noon on Friday, September 11, and to remove it and store merchandise after 5 PM, Sunday, September 13. We also need people to man the booth on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and Sunday in two-hour shifts from 10 AM through 5 PM. **Please donate a couple hours of your time by contacting Keith Johannes at 949-683-6877 or email at kjohannes1@cox.net.**

President's Message



Our August 1, 2015, Dana Birthday Celebration was indeed a “once in a lifetime” salute to our namesake, held in collaboration with the Ocean Institute and with the efforts of those who organized, presented and donated to create a unique event. My sincere thanks to Elizabeth Bamattre for directing a well-organized program, and to Tracy Kirby, Ocean Institute, for organizing the venues (please view page 5). The Toshiba Tall Ships Festival gives the Historical Society the opportunity to take our Dana Bicentennial Celebration to the public on September 11, 12, and 13 and we hope you can assist as a volunteer in this outreach.

A number of articles noting Dana's Bicentennial have appeared recently including the July/August Smithsonian magazine. The Boston Globe and The Los Angeles Times have featured Jeffrey L. Amestoy, author of the new Dana biography, *Slavish Shores, the Odyssey of Richard Henry Dana Jr.* We are honored to welcome Amestoy as our featured speaker on September 16. Amestoy's observations on Dana's courageous advocacy, at a cost of his own social standing, will impress you. His book gives new insight on the influence *Two Years Before the Mast* had on Dana's career and life. Amestoy is currently a Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics. This meeting is a must!

From Dana to Doheny! Our annual June Fiesta Scholarship Picnic was another successful collaboration with Doheny State Beach and the DSB Interpretative Association. We featured guitarist Arturo Echarte in support of his *Acoustics for a Change* program benefitting musical instruments for students and, with the donations of members and guests, we managed to finance our scholarships for two deserving graduates. I want to recognize Scholarship Chair Heidi Hyde and her committee, Jack Saunderson of Lucy's *El Patio Café* and all our Fiesta Volunteers for their worthwhile efforts in memory of Lucy Chavarrias Saunderson and Doris I. Walker.

The theme of our 2015 Home Tour celebrates Capistrano Beach history. Edward L. “Ned” Doheny Jr. is credited with advertising his 1920s development as ‘Capistrano Beach’, a Doheny family effort to diversify their investments. The Doheny House # 1 (1928-1929), built for Ned Doheny, was first in a series of homes designed by Roy C. Kelley and was the first Doheny home placed on the City's Historic Register. This is just one of five Doheny homes plus two gated treasures and gardens to be visited Sunday, October 11, as part of the Society's 15th Annual Home tour in support of preserving our history. The Home Tour Steering Committee has been meeting with the homeowners since June and we need and welcome your help as tour sponsors and docents. Please contact Linda Hardy, lindahardyabc@sbcglobal.net or 949-554-5140 regarding donating or obtaining a sponsor, and Sandie Iverson, sandieiverson@yahoo.com or 949-463-0819 to volunteer as a Home Tour Docent.

I look forward to joining with you at the Tall Ships Festival, the DPHS September 16 meeting and our October 11 Home Tour.

Barbara Force Johannes

Fiesta Scholarship Dinner

We had a beautiful evening on Wednesday, June 24, to host nearly 90 people at our annual scholarship fiesta dinner at Doheny State Beach. We appreciate the help provided by Denise Estrada, Doheny State Beach Special Events Coordinator, and Jim Miller. Jack Saunderson and his *El Patio Café* crew prepared and served the delicious Fiesta Dinner once again to raise funds for the scholarships in memory of his mother, Lucy, and author Doris Walker. The Society also celebrated the 90th birthday of our beloved member Bea Reed. DPHS thanks this year's Scholarship Committee, comprised of Heidi Hyde (Chair), Georgelean Olvera, Judy Henderson and Fay Kristjanson, along with those who helped make the evening a success: Lydia Terry, Bill and Elizabeth Bamattre, Paul and Susan Hinman, and Jim Hyde. Raffle prizes were provided by DPHS board members as well as Ricardo's Place Restaurant, Woody Hut, Berenika Schmitz, Georgelean Olvera, Mary Crowl and Fay Kristjanson.



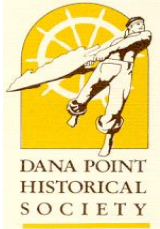
Birthday gal Bea Reed gets ready to cut her cake, assisted by Judy Henderson.



Scholarship recipient Julia Lisle



Scholarship recipient Stephanie Watt



Dana Point Historical Society

2015 Home Tour

Sunday, October 11 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Historic Homes & Hidden Treasures of Capistrano Beach

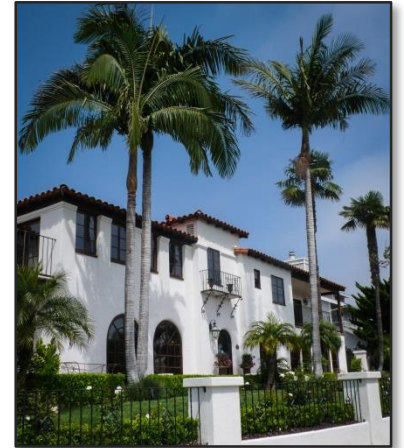
Visit the charming tree-lined streets of Capistrano Beach and six of its historic homes and gardens. You will go behind the gates and through private doors and into hidden gardens for special views of these lovely homes treasured by their owners.

The famous Doheny Cottage (pictured below) and Gep's Folly, built by the well-known antiquarian Gep Durenberger and now owned by a proprietor of *Whim* in San Juan Capistrano, are both open for the tour — a truly wonderful treat to walk through the delightful garden and into these two unique and lavishly furnished and decorated homes.



A charming Doheny cottage

Other homes and gardens on the tour will showcase restored and remodeled homes and included in the tour is a stroll through the gardens of the very special Doheny House #1 on the palisade with its striking view of the coast and houses below. Docents along the way will inform you of items of interest in the houses.



A grand Doheny house

Refreshments will be served at an afternoon reception at one of the homes. The Tour is self-driving so you may proceed at your own pace once you have registered at Tour Headquarters. Further information about the Tour and directions will be sent to all ticket buyers. Order tickets with the form below.

Dana Point Historical Society 2015 Home Tour Ticket Order Form

Member(s): \$30 (or \$25 each for two or more in advance). Non-member(s): \$35 (or \$30 each for two or more in advance). Tickets will be available at the event for \$35 each.

Please send _____ tickets at \$25 (2 or more only) _____ tickets at \$30 _____ ticket at \$35
Name/Business: _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____
Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ 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) _____

Detach and mail to: **Dana Point Historical Society, P.O. Box 544, Dana Point CA 92629**
Reservations and sponsorships will be confirmed by mail with directions to the event.
Gifts of dollars or property may qualify as a 501(c)(3) charitable tax deduction: Tax ID#33-0359288.
Contact the Historical Society at 949-248-8121 or communications@danapointhistorical.org
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2015 Sponsorship & Promotional Opportunities

Please use the form below to make a sponsorship donation. All donors will be recognized in the program. For more information please contact Linda Hardy at lindahardyabc@sbcglobal.net (949-554-5140).

Founding Sponsor – Dan Raphael/Coldwell Banker
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Event Sponsor - \$2,000

- Up to 20 event tickets (\$600 value)
- Full-page (4.75 x 7.75") b/w display ad in Home Tour Program
- Prominent listing on event signage at all homes and at tour headquarters
- Recognition in Home Tour Program, newspaper ads, newsletters, and website

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

- Up to 10 event tickets (\$300 value)
- Half-page (4.75 x 3.75") b/w display ad in Home Tour Program
- Listing on event signage at all homes and at tour headquarters
- Recognition in Home Tour Program, newsletters and website

Golden Sponsor - \$500

- Up to 5 event tickets (\$150 value)
- Quarter-page/business card (4.75 x 1.8") b/w in Home Tour Program
- Listing on event signage at all homes and at tour headquarters
- Recognition in Home Tour Program, newsletters, and website

Silver Sponsor - \$250

- 3 event tickets (\$90 value)
- Listing on main signage at tour headquarters
- Recognition in Home Tour Program, newsletters, and website

Bronze Sponsor - \$100

- 2 event tickets (\$60 value)
- Recognition in Home Tour Program, newsletters and website

Dana Point Historical Society 2015 Home Tour Sponsors

Yes, I would like to be a sponsor:

- \$2,000 Event \$1,000 Platinum \$500 Gold \$250 Silver \$100 Bronze

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Richard Henry Dana Jr. Birthday Celebration, August 1, 2015

By Elizabeth Bamattre

On a perfectly calm evening August 1, 2015, the Dana Point Historical Society marked the bicentennial of the birth of Richard Henry Dana Jr.



An enthusiastic crowd gathers aboard the Pilgrim and on the dock to hear the evening's program. Photo by Andrea Swayne, Dana Point Times.

More than 80 guests and presenters arrived for the reception alongside the brig Pilgrim to the sounds of sea shanties sung by Bill Dempsey. State Senator Pat Bates, Mayor Carlos N. Olvera, OC Dana Point Harbor Master Brad Gross and newly retired Ocean Institute Director Dan Stetson joined DPHS President Barbara Johannes in welcoming guests and introducing the evening's program.

Continuing our tribute in 2015, Barbara Johannes announced the release of a new biography, *Slavish Shore: The Odyssey of Richard Henry Dana Jr.* by Jeffrey L. Amestoy. The book has been released for the 200th anniversary of Dana's birth and Amestoy will be featured at the Society's meeting on September 16.

Bob Minty had suggested the Society read excerpts from Dana's 1915 Centenary Celebration at Sanders Theatre, Harvard University. Wayne Rayfield, as Bishop William Lawrence, read the role of moderator; Bob Minty, as Professor Bliss Perry, read *Dana as a Man of Letters*; Les Hawthorne, as Moorfield Storey, read *Dana as an Anti-Slavery Leader*; and Mike Harris, as the Hon.

Joseph H. Coate, read *Dana as a Lawyer & Citizen*. Dr. Milt McMenammin closed the program with a superbly delivered dramatic tribute relating how Dana's experiences before the mast led to his work defending sailors and slaves and his participation in some of the most important legal decisions of his time. There was much to learn about this courageous and inspiring man beyond the words so familiar to us in *Two Years Before the Mast*.



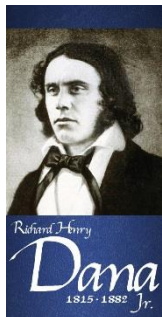
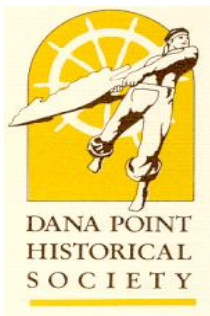
Bob Minty reads from the 1915 program.

With sponsorship by the City of Dana Point and proceeds from the evening's event, the Dana Point Historical Society raised \$3,700 for the Ocean Institute's *Before the Mast* program. Thank you to all those who helped make his unique event such a success: Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, the Ocean Institute, OC Dana Point Harbor, City of Dana Point, Orange County Parks, Dana Point Community Services & Parks, Elizabeth & Bill Bamattre, Joel Bishop, Max Brown, Judy Henderson, Rod Howorth, Heidi Hyde, Carl Iverson, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara & Keith Johannes, Tracy Kirby, Marsha & Rich LaRusso, Ann McMenammin, Georgelean Olvera, Drew Reynolds, Kevin Van Fleet and Bob Wilson.



Left to right: OC Dana Point Harbor Director Brad Gross, DPHS President Barbara Johannes, Mayor Carlos N. Olvera and State Senator Pat Bates. Speakers Wayne Rayfield, Les Hawthorne, Mike Harris, Dr. Milt McMenammin, DPHS Board Member Elizabeth Bamattre and Daniel Stetson, Retiring President & CEO of the Ocean Institute. Photo by Andrea Swayne, Dana Point Times.

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2015 DPHS Calendar

Sept 11-13 Tall Ships Festival

Sept 16 *Slavish Shore*/Amestoy Book Program

Oct 11 Home Tour

Membership

Please welcome new members **Lance & Donna Jost, Linda Hardy, Gerlind Kennedy, Toni & Gary Nelson and Robbie Roberson**

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

Oceanic Heritage

By Bruce Leonard Beal

Commencing in the 1930's, Dana Point and surrounds increasingly became populated by persons, originally known as "Watermen," defined as those who were "comfortable in a wide variety of ocean conditions and had a broad store of oceanic knowledge; more specifically applied to those who are accomplished at a particular set of surfing-related activities, including diving, swimming, sailing, bodysurfing, fishing, spearfishing, surf canoeing, and oceangoing rescue work." This *Oceanic Heritage Outline of the Surfing and Oceanic Heritage Projects of the Dana Point Historical Society* commemorates these Watermen, and now Waterwomen, who inhabited, and still inhabit, Dana Point. You can view the outline on our website by going to <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/oceanic-historical-outline-by-bruce-leonard-beal-2014/2387/> or by simply searching for "Oceanic Heritage" on the Home Page.