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Holiday Issue November/December 2017

The Dana Point Historical Society cordially invites you to a holiday reception on Sunday, December 10, from 2-5 p.m. at the Society's museum, Dana Point City Hall, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 104.



We will have our annual slide show featuring pictures from this year's events and programs.

Please be sure to join us for this afternoon of holiday cheer and friendship as we reminisce about our successes over the past year!

This is the time of year we give thanks for all of those who give their time and energy to the Society in myriad different ways. We have museum docents, booth and outreach volunteers, technology and graphic design experts and board of director members. In alphabetical order we wish to extend our gratitude to Ken Boyd, Bill Bamattre, Nick Bamattre, Marlene Beal, Judy and Brad Brandmeier, Lead Docent and Archivist Mary Crowl, Grant Earl, Pete Hammer, Paul and Susan Hinman, Carl Iverson, Fay Kristjanson, Rich LaRusso, Linda Moore, Georgelean Olvera, Willa Porter, Jim Proett, Lee Walsh, Wayne Wallace, Kevin Van Fleet, Robin Valles. We also thank our hardworking Board of Directors: Elizabeth Bamattre, Bruce Beal, Joel Bishop, Max Brown, Judy Henderson, Rod Howorth, Heidi Hyde, Sandie Iverson, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara and Keith Johannes, Marsha LaRusso, Bob Minty, Kirsten Reynolds, Terry Walsh and Kat Wallace.



Save the Date of January 24 for our Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck

Our annual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, at 6 p.m. at Gloria Dei Church**, located on the corner of Stonehill Drive and Ocean Hill. Plenty of parking is available and the banquet space is at the very back of the complex. Anyone wishing to arrive closer to 5:15 p.m. may tour the new sanctuary and complex, which was completed this year. Be sure to bring a potluck dish, and donations of wine or beer are always appreciated.

President's Message, Holiday 2017



November is the month set aside by the United States to give thanks for our blessings. On Veterans Day weekend we thank and honor veterans and active duty service members for their service to our country. We lay wreaths and place flags on the graves of veterans who served and those who sacrificed their lives defending our freedom around the world. We also would like to thank first responders who protect and help us when accidents, crimes and disasters occur.

Our November 10 visit to the USS battleship *Iowa* provided a timely opportunity to honor our veterans. As we gathered to board the bus, veteran David Kristjanson reminded us that the day was the US Marine Corp's 242nd birthday. After arriving at Los Angeles harbor we learned that we had a total of 10 veterans with us who would be admitted without charge, a holiday gift to the Historical Society.



One of our USS Iowa docents describes the ship as we get ready to board.

As we toured the *Iowa* with service veterans who volunteer as guides, we learned she was commissioned in February 1943, and had the honor of transporting President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic to Europe in 1943 for meetings with our allies, which included the Teheran Conference. We visited the suite specially outfitted with a tub for the paralyzed President. There is an expansive exhibit in the museum beneath the main deck detailing the *Iowa*'s history from 1943 until its acquisition by the Pacific Battleship Center in San Pedro in 2011. Among the displays were the photos of the 47 crewmen killed when an accidental powder explosion ripped through a 16-inch gun turret on April 19, 1989, during a gunnery exercise. The incident was one of the Navy's worst casualties during peacetime and changed the powder-handling procedures for battleships.

The tour of the Los Angeles Fire Station 112s Fire Boat, the *Warner Lawrence*, was a perfect example of first responders coming to the rescue. In this case it was because we had not been informed that the "Old Fire Station 36s Museum" had closed due to Veterans Day. The *Warner Lawrence* crew paused their maintenance activities and "saved our day" by offering us a tour of the boat and the harbor and showed us the boat's impressive maneuvering capabilities during the crew's lunch break. Yet another example of why we appreciate our first responders. Everyone enjoyed the excursion and we applaud our committee's efforts to accommodate last-minute changes and provide refreshments on the return to Dana Point.



DPHS members get ready for a ride aboard Fire Boat No. 2, the *Warner Lawrence*.

Our October 25 meeting was a success thanks to Joe Dunn and Wayne Schafer, who presented Dunn's book, *Indian: The Life of Osage Waterman Wayne Schafer*. It was entertaining to learn the motivation for the book and to hear Wayne's stories. Wayne's description of his Osage grandfather's funeral is unforgettable.

Thanksgiving is the second November holiday set aside for counting our blessings and to remember and thank others. The Historical Society is blessed to have an *active* Board of Directors, docents, volunteers and donors who have contributed to make 2017 an interesting year with new acquisitions, events and the celebratory launch of our 30th Anniversary year. My sincere thanks to each of you! Have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Let's get together for the Society's museum reception on Sunday, December 10, and share in some Holiday Cheer!

~~~ Barbara Force Johannes

## On the Water! Our Field Trip to the Battleship Iowa and a Surprise from the Firefighters of the Los Angeles Fire Department!



Over 30 members and guests of the Historical Society attended our annual November field trip. This year's excursion was a tour aboard the battleship *USS Iowa*, located at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro. Attendees were greeted by docents who escorted us throughout the ship including upper decks and, following lunch in the Officers Mess, below deck through galleys, machine shops, enlisted men's berths, and the ship's museum.



Joel Bishop and members of our group listen to fireman John Donato, left.

The "plan" for our second stop on our trip was to visit "Old Fire Station 36," housed in one of the oldest buildings in San Pedro and just steps away from the battleship *Iowa*. But the station was closed because of the Veterans Day holiday. Fortunately for our group, Bill and Elizabeth Bamattre (shown lower right with fireman Daryl Bennett, center) were part of our tour and Bill, with his many years of service with the L.A. Fire Department, arranged an on-the-spot tour of the NEW harbor station Number 112s, which was dedicated in 1995 and houses the spectacular Fire Boat No. 2, the *Warner Lawrence*. Put into service in 2003, the boat is the premier workhorse of the Port of Los Angeles Fire Department.



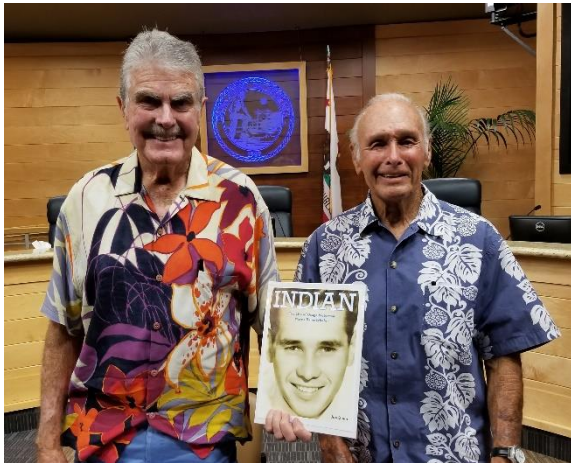
Entering Station 112s, many Society members audibly gasped at the size of the boat and the fire station. We were given an impromptu tour of the boat and, best of all, our entire party was given a ride on Fire Boat No. 2 through the harbor, during which the captain of the boat showed us some of the boat's maneuvering features. Beautiful weather accompanied our harbor tour, which featured water views of the decommissioned Merchant Marine Ship *Lane Victory*, as well as the *Iowa*, from which we had just disembarked.



Many thanks to field trip coordinators Joel Bishop, Heidi Hyde and Kat Wallace, and to the Bamattres and the crew of Fire Station 112s for making our field trip to the Port of Los Angeles so memorable!



## Tremendous Turnout Greet Joe Dunn and Wayne Schafer



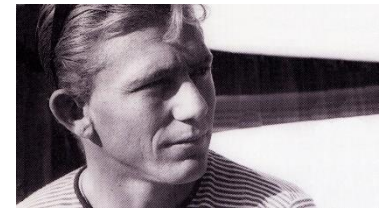
On October 25, our membership meeting presented Joe Dunn's new book, *Indian: The Life of Osage Waterman Wayne Schafer*. Both Joe and Wayne, pictured left, were present to tell their stories about Wayne to look back at the beginning of surfing in the Dana Point area. Following the program, our members met for a book signing and refreshments in our museum.



## Museum Receives Gift from Local Author

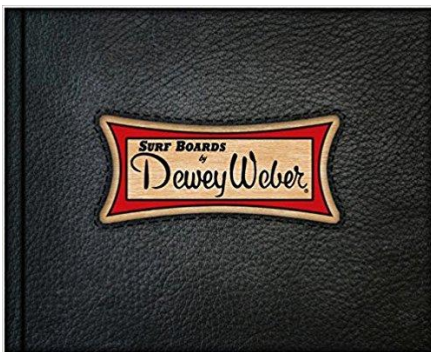


Gerald Derloshon, left, a Dana Point writer, started surfing in 1963 and continues today. He has donated a boxed version of his 2012 book, *Little Man on Wheels, Surfing Legend Dewey Weber*, to the Society's Oceanic Library.



*Dewey Weber*

According to Dewey's wife, Caroline Weber, "Gerald Derloshon has captured a time in our social history that will never be again. Never again will such a small group of people have such an incredible impact, one that found its way around the globe. I feel blessed to have been in the thick of it and equally as blessed to have such a fabulous storyteller share the magic of those years and the wonderful character that made it all happen." We of Dana Point are also blessed, living in the area where the modern surfing lifestyle and industry arose. ~~~ Bruce Beal



*Little Man on Wheels, Surfing Legend Dewey Weber* is available from Amazon.

## 2017 Donations

DPHS would like to recognize the following individuals for their donations to our museum and our organization in 2017: Tom and Bonnie Bistline, Damian Collins (Waterman's), Grant Earl, Mike and Christina Grant (Coastal Kitchen), Steven Guy, Keegan Hicks (Harbor Grill), Jim Miller (Coffee Importers), Donna Kalez (Dana Wharf Sportsfishing & Whale Watching), Jack Loconsolo (Jack's), Blake Mellgen (Craft House), Jim Michael, Bob Minty, Greg Mortimer (Cannons), Jack Saunderson (Lucy's El Patio Café), Linda and Terry Sonntag, Jay Styles (Wind & Sea) and Steve Zdrakas (Proud Mary's).

## 2017 Speakers and Program Contributors

The Historical Society is grateful for those gave of their time to meet with our members and presented programs or contributed to our events this year: Joe Dunn, Don Hansen, Diane Lewis, Faith Lawson, Julian Miller, Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Carlos Olvera, Sergio Prince, Kelly Reenders, Wayne Schafer, John Underwood and Tom White.

## City Honors Longtime Resident Artist Mary Carmen



*Left to right: Toni Nelson (CapoCares), friend Gilda Davis, Mary Carmen (with flowers), her husband Dr. Walter Henry (holding proclamation), Barbara Force Johannes (DPHS President), and Debra Lewis (Mayor, City of Dana Point).*

On October 17, 2017, at the Dana Point City Council Meeting, the Dana Point Historical Society participated in the presentation to recognize Mary Carmen (professionally known as *Maria del Carmen Calvo*) for her contributions to the city through her fame as a world-renowned impressionist painter and as an art instructor. Together, Mary Carmen and her husband, Dr. Walter Henry, were also celebrated for their willingness to share their magnificent home through charity home tours and community events in Capistrano Beach. Since 1985, Mary Carmen has transformed their simple ranch-style home into a unique, eclectic European manse that reflects her classical Spanish fine arts training and international influences. Rather than tearing down the original house, Mary Carmen transformed it into a painter's canvas. Her attention to detail and the artistic genius behind her whimsical approach to design delights the senses with color, unique finishes, artful enhancement of light and shadow and

furnishings that range from priceless antiques to industrial-style artifacts with a surprising mix of objets d'art.

The home and extensive gardens (entry shown below, right) have been featured in many art and design publications and numerous articles describe Mary Carmen and Walter's home as a romantic masterpiece, "*a painterly oasis as concrete as the clouds,*" and "*an ongoing journey where art, garden and home merge into the whole of a trinity, where each aspect of one informs the others.*"

The city's official proclamation ends: "*On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Dana Point, I, Debra Lewis, Mayor, hereby recognize Maria Del Carmen Calvo, a quintessential artist in every fiber of her being, for her artistic contributions to the world; her magnificent home and gardens, and her contributions to the community at large. Mary Carmen's contributions to the City of Dana Point and the world at large will surely lead to the future designation of her property as a historic resource to be preserved for years to come. The City of Dana Point thanks her for her outstanding artistic talent, accomplishments, and contributions to Dana Point's history.*" ~~~ Sandie Iverson



### Historic Photos and Merchandise Sale Will Be Held on Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Society Photo Chair Sandie Iverson will be promoting prints from our historic photo collection just in time for the holidays. Stop in to our museum at City Hall and pick out a special photo for a special someone. Or, show up with your frames and let Sandie help you compose a montage of historic Dana Point sites to grace a room or breakfast nook. Sandie guarantees all photos will be printed and available for pickup before the holidays.



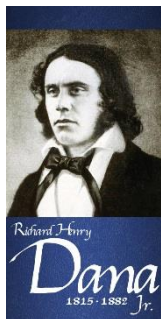
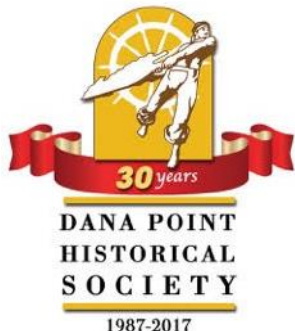
We will also have other DPHS merchandise available including our limited-edition ornament featuring our city seal (left).

This holiday season will also be your last chance to view the current museum exhibit featuring the Time Capsule contents from 2016. The exhibit will

be returned to the Orange County Historical Society to make way for a new exhibit, which will be installed after the first of the year.



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## 2017-2018 DPHS Calendar

**Dec 10** Holiday Open House 2-5    **Dec 16** Historic Picture & Merchandise Sale    **Jan 24** Annual Meeting & Potluck

## Membership

**As a reminder, the annual renewals for 2018 will be due in January.** The membership categories are as follows:

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

Also, please check to make sure we have a current email address for you. You can send your email address to me at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com). REMEMBER that all contributions are tax deductible as the Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Marsha LaRusso

## Historic Tax Credit in Jeopardy!

Keith Johannes, DPHS Preservation Chair, reports that the tax reform bill introduced in the House of Representatives this November would eliminate the federal Historic Tax Credit program (HTC). The program, which encourages the redevelopment of historic and abandoned buildings, has, according to analysis from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, been used to renovate more than 40,000 structures and channel \$117 billion in private investment since being enacted 1981. Reports state that for every dollar in tax credits, the program created \$1.20 in construction activity, business taxes, income taxes and property taxes.

You are urged to visit the **California Preservation Foundation** website for information on saving the tax credit: <https://californiapreservation.org/tax-credit-2017/>

Also, contacting your congressman (in Orange County, either Darrell Issa or Dana Rohrabacher) will help to add voices to those who oppose this change.