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## October 23 Meeting Features Authors Phil Brigandi and Eric Plunkett Presenting Their New Book, "The Portolá Expedition in Orange County"

Join us on **Wednesday, October 23, at 7 p.m.** when Phil Brigandi and Eric Plunkett will discuss their new book, *The Portolá Expedition in Orange County*.

The Portolá Expedition was the first Spanish overland exploration through what is now Orange County in 1769. It marked a turning point in the history of California and provides us with our first written descriptions of the area and its native inhabitants. The book includes brief biographies of Capt. Gaspar de Portolá and the other leaders of the march, a new interpretation of their route through Orange County, a new translation of the diary of Lt. Miguel Costansó, the expedition's military engineer, and details on the expedition's encounters with Indians, local place names, and the lasting influence of the expedition. Our featured speakers led the July 29, 2019, OC Historical Society tour to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Gaspar de Portolá's expedition.



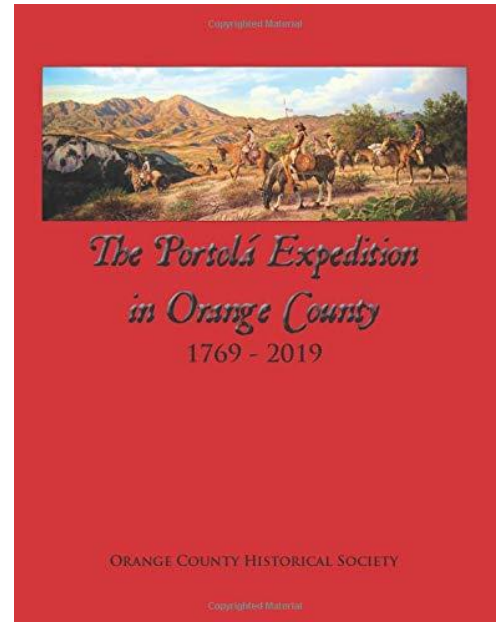
Phil Brigandi, top left, has been researching and writing local history since 1975, and is the author of more than two dozen books and hundreds of articles on the history of Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties. A native of Orange, California, he joined the board of directors of the Orange Community Historical Society at age 19, and became a member of the Orange County Historical Commission at age 23. He has served as Orange County Archivist, historian for the Ramona Pageant Association, and curator of the San Jacinto Museum.



Eric Plunkett, left, is a teacher and historian with a special interest in the Spanish and Mexican eras of California history. He has published several articles and maintains a history blog at [www.visionsofcalifornia.blogspot.com](http://www.visionsofcalifornia.blogspot.com). He was previously a guest speaker at the Dana Point Historical Society in February 2018. A native of Placentia, he graduated with a degree in history from California State University, Fullerton, in 2008.

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**We will meet in council chambers at Dana Point City Hall. A reception and book signing will be held in our museum immediately following the program.**



## Save the Date of Tuesday, November 12 For our Annual Field Trip

This year's excursion will be to the Workman and Temple Homestead Museum in City of Industry and to the Clarke Estate in Santa Fe Springs. The price includes motor-coach services, beverages and choice of boxed lunch on the Homestead Museum patio.

**See pages 3 & 4 for details and reservations.**

## President's Message

Summer has been filled with activities celebrating the past and planning for the future. Many of us attended the Bruce Brown Statue ribbon cutting festivities at Watermen's Plaza on September 19, where Dana Brown spoke about his father on behalf of their entire family. If you couldn't be there to hear R. Paul Allen, Robert "Wingnut" Weaver, Pat O'Connell, Dick Metz and others recall their film-making experiences with Bruce and his wife Pat, visit Jake Howard's article "Bruce in Bronze" in the September 13 issue of the Dana Point Times and the OC Register article, "Remembering the Endless Summer," on September 20 which describes the day's activities and the significance of the statues in Watermen's Plaza. A large colorful mosaic of *The Endless Summer* movie poster by John Van Hamersveld was also unveiled at the event (pictured below with Bruce Brown's



family). Van Hamersveld was hired to create the poster while a surfing art student in 1964. It was after meeting with Brown, his wife Pat and R. Paul Allen, his promoter, that Van Hamersveld drew a concept for a photo to be taken at Salt Creek Beach. Van Hamersveld created the sunset surfer silhouettes of Robert August, Mike Hynson and Bruce Brown silk-screened against a Day-Glo background and was paid a one-time fee of \$150 for his iconic work. Van Hamersveld went on to become very well known in advertising art, but *The Endless Summer* movie poster remains his best known work. The poster mosaic and Bruce Brown's statue join the statues of Hobie Alter and Phil Edwards. The city has future plans for more local surfing legends to be rendered in bronze by sculptor Bill Limebrook at Watermen's Plaza.



Our **October 23<sup>rd</sup> Historical Society Meeting** marks the return of two enthusiastic OC historians who have been on a speaking tour since publishing their book in June. Phil Brigandi and Eric Plunkett will trace the 1769 Portolá expedition and we will learn how an overland journey 250 years ago influenced the Orange County map and California history. Please call us at 949-248-8121 if you would like to order their book, to be signed at the reception afterward. The cost is \$20, or you may order it on Amazon if you wish to have it beforehand.

**Be a Part of History!** The Dana Point Harbor 2019-2069 Time Capsule has Society members involved in the planning committee for the **October 28** event. The Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Project will be officially launched with a celebration on the west side of Coffee Importers. The Dana Point Harbor custom clock tower will be located near the El Torito Restaurant, just above the staging area in the lower parking lot. When the clock is moved to its permanent location a few years from now, the time capsule will be sealed into the clock's pedestal. Until that date, it will be safely stored at Orange County Archives. Local nonprofit organizations have been invited to donate an item to the time capsule, which will be opened in 2069. If you, your family or a business would like to "Be a Part of History" and want to know more about this event, please call the museum or send an email to: [events@danapointhistorical.org](mailto:events@danapointhistorical.org). Please do this ASAP to meet the program printing deadline involved. (See page 4.)

My heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors and all the volunteers who have represented the Society over the past summer. See recognitions on page 5 for details. Volunteers load vehicles with tents, furniture and historical displays from our storage unit and our museum, set up the displays and then pack and store them again. Additionally, Bob Minty spoke to an evening gathering at Doheny State Beach that included a nautical display; Keith Johannes led a Dana Point bus tour of visiting Las Vegas seniors in July; and Lee & Terry Walsh led a walking tour for a UCI active senior tour in August. We also have docents who volunteer for two-hour shifts at the museum and, if interested, we would love to have you too!

Special thanks also go to the Scholarship Fiesta Dinner Committee which organized another successful June Scholarship Fiesta Dinner and Drawing that financed two \$1000 scholarships --- with help from all who attended.

As members of the Harbor Time Capsule Committee, Gary Prenovost, DPHS Treasurer, is currently tracking the finances of the Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Celebration while Elizabeth Bamattre and I are gathering contents for the time capsule from nonprofits and sponsors --- with additional help from DPHS members.

Joel Bishop and Heidi Hyde are planning our **November 12<sup>th</sup>** Field Trip to the Workman and Temple Homestead Museum and the Clarke Estate. See pages 3 & 4 for complete information.

Please mark these three October and November dates on your calendar!

*Barbara Force Johannes*

## November 12 Field Trip to the Workman and Temple Homestead Museum & Clarke Estate

Come and explore a hidden treasure like no other in Los Angeles. Located in the heart of a former Mexican rancho, the Homestead Museum's houses, cemetery and gardens are full of stories that will surprise you from start to finish. Located in the bustling City of Industry, the museum inspires visitors to become advocates for history as they explore what life was like in this region from the days of the Mexican ranchos to the Roaring Twenties. Aside from touring the houses, visitors can take self-guided tours of El Campo Santo, the family's private cemetery founded in the 1850s. The Walter P. Temple Memorial Mausoleum, completed circa 1920, contains many Workman and Temple family members, along with Pío Pico, the last governor of Mexican California and a friend of the Workman family.



The history of the site begins with William and Nicolasa Workman, who immigrated to the area from Taos, New Mexico, in 1841, while this land was still part of Mexico. The Workman House survives as a unique testament to the changing architectural styles and domestic tastes of the 19th century.

It originally stood as a simple three-room adobe, built shortly after the Workman family's arrival in November 1841. With the success of their cattle ranch, they continued to remodel the house by adding rooms. By the 1870s (pictured left), new wealth from vineyards and wheat farming allowed them to completely transform the Mexican-era adobe into a modern American house, building a second floor and adding a variety of decorative details (pictured today, center left.)

The fortunes of the Workman and Temple families, who were related through marriage, came and went over many decades, often losing their properties only to have later family members repurchase them.

In 1917, Walter P. Temple and his wife Laura used their wealth from an oil discovery to repurchase 75 acres of the family's original rancho. The Temples commissioned well-known Los Angeles architects to design



La Casa Nueva (interior, pictured right), or "The New House." Built between 1922 and 1927, this 12,400-square-foot Spanish Colonial Revival mansion is noted for its fine architectural crafts, including stained glass, ceramic tile, wrought iron, and carved plaster and wood.



Our second stop on our excursion will be in Rancho Santa Fe. The Clarke Estate (pictured left, under construction) was built as the home of Chauncey and Marie Rankin Clarke in 1919. A wealthy, socially prominent couple, they hired architect Irving Gill to build their country home on 60 acres of citrus groves in



Santa Fe Springs. Gill built this elegant house in an unusual style for the era. Using the feeling of Mediterranean and Mission Revival architecture, he designed this house without ornamentation. In describing his design philosophy, he wrote that architects "must have the courage to fling aside every device that distracts the eye from structural beauty." As a result of his philosophy, he became one of the most influential architects of this century. Completed in 1921, the 8,000 square-foot home is constructed of poured reinforced concrete (pictured above, today).



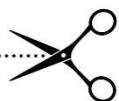
# Dana Point Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Celebration Will Be Held on Monday, October 28, at 3:00 PM



On behalf of 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point Harbor Partners LLC, OC Parks, the City of Dana Point, the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Institute, the Society cordially invites you to support the Dana Point Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Celebration. The Dana Point Historical Society is serving as the lead nonprofit organization of the event. Sponsorship opportunities are available and you will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become a part of history! As a sponsor, your organization, company or family name will be featured in the event program to be placed inside the new Time Capsule, which will be unveiled at a special ceremony in 2069. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to include an item inside the Time Capsule, depending on your sponsorship level.

The celebration will be held in the harbor at the East Basin Parking Lot below Mariners Village. Hundreds of community members and local leaders will be present to witness this historic occasion, which will also serve as the kick-off celebration for the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Project. Details of sponsorship levels, incentives and remittance can be found here:

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## RESERVATION FORM FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 FIELD TRIP TO WORKMAN AND TEMPLE HOUSES AND CLARKE ESTATE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. of RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$45 per DPHS member / \$50 per non-member) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BOX LUNCH --- Choose one for each reservation: \_\_\_Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich \_\_\_Turkey Sandwich  
\_\_\_Caesar Salad \_\_\_Heritage Ham & Cheese Sandwich \_\_\_Seasonal Green Salad

**The bus leaves from Strands Parking Lot (PCH and Selva Rd) promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Water will be provided. Questions? Call 949-248-8121. RESERVATIONS need to be received by Friday, November 8. We hope you will join us!**

## DPHS Outreach

### **Ocean Institute's Tall Ships Festival September 8 & 9**



Four of Sunday's DPHS booth volunteers at the Tall Ships Festival are pictured L-R: Pete Hammer, Willa Porter, Grant Earl and Lauren Boissevain. Additional volunteers were Alice Anderson, Elizabeth Bamattre, Nik Bamattre, Bruce & Marlene Beal, Judy & Brad Brandmeier, Heidi Hyde, Sandie Iverson, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara Johannes, Bob Minty and Jim Proett. Keith Johannes, Tall Ships Booth Chair, thanked Historical Society volunteers for making the 2019 Tall Ships Festival a great success. Volunteers answered a lot of questions and had positive conversations with folks who came to our booth. Books, Pilgrim pins, historic photos, and hats were among the items that interested visitors. Our thanks to the Ocean Institute for another successful Tall Ships Festival experience filled with maritime history, cannon battles and entertainment. ~~~ Keith Johannes

The Redo Vintage and Maker's Market was a unique new event sponsored by the City of Dana Point. The Historical Society was invited to participate at this debut event. Del Prado was closed down and packed from Golden Lantern to Amber Lantern with booths of vintage items and memorabilia, along with art, live music and vintage cars. The Society's booth got a lot of attention from people who weren't familiar with us or where our museum is located. Of special interest were our historic photos, which are available for reproduction in various sizes and styles. Many thanks to our booth volunteers. Pictured L-R are Sandie Iverson, Judy & Brad Brandmeier, Bob Minty and Heidi Hyde. Other volunteers included Keith & Barbara Johannes, Nancy Jenkins, Gary Prenovost, Carl Iverson and Bruce & Marlene Beal. Bob Minty came dressed in vintage attire and entertained everyone with his concertina. ~~~ Sandie Iverson

### **Redo Vintage Market August 25**



### **Orange County History Roundup June 8**



Orange County Historical Society celebrated their centennial in cooperation with the Heritage Museum of Orange County at the "Orange County History Roundup" in Santa Ana. County historical societies along with speakers and storytellers were available to entertain and enlighten the crowds. The DPHS accepted an invitation from the OCHS to share South Orange County history. Volunteers, pictured left, are, L-R, Rich & Marsha LaRusso, Bob Minty dressed as Richard Henry Dana, and Barbara & Keith Johannes.

### **Fiesta Scholarship Dinner June 26**



DPHS awarded two scholarships to two high school students in 2019. The \$1,000 Doris I. Walker Scholarship was awarded to Ashley Hudson of Dana Hills High and the \$1,000 Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson Scholarship was awarded to Celia Aguilar of San Juan Hills High. Pictured in front, L-R, are Blair and Brent Walker, sons of Doris Walker; Scholarship Chair Heidi Hyde; DPHS President Barbara Johannes, and Jack Saunderson, son of Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson and owner of Lucy's El Patio Café, who provided our wonderful fiesta dinner. Thank you to committee members and volunteers Elizabeth Bamattre, Nik Bamattre, Judy Brandmeier, Susan Hinman, Judy Henderson, Sandie Iverson, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara & Keith Johannes, Fay Kristjanson, Marsha & Rich LaRusso, Bob Minty, Willa Porter, Gary & Stella Prenovost, and Kat Wallace.

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## 2019 DPHS Calendar

**Oct 23** Portolá Expedition Program      **Oct 28** Time Capsule Event      **Nov 12** Field Trip and House Tour

## Membership

**As a reminder, the annual dues for 2019 were due in January.** The membership categories are:

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

**Please remit your dues at this time either via mail at P.O. Box 544, Dana Point, 92629; at the museum Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., or at our Fiesta Scholarship Dinner on June 26.**

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

Questions? Contact me at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com)

Marsha LaRusso

## *San Clemente Historical Society Fall Home Tour Saturday, October 12*

The San Clemente Historical Society is excited to sponsor the 2019 San Clemente Historic Home Tour on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The self-guided tour of outstanding "Ole Hanson" historic homes and commercial buildings includes complimentary food tastings prepared by San Clemente restaurants and caterers as well as live music. The properties may be visited in any order; signage will herald each location.

For information on the San Clemente Historical Society's Home Tour go to <https://sanclementehistoricalsociety.org/> or call Freda D'Souza: 949-374-4944 or via email at [owner@alwaysinn.com](mailto:owner@alwaysinn.com).