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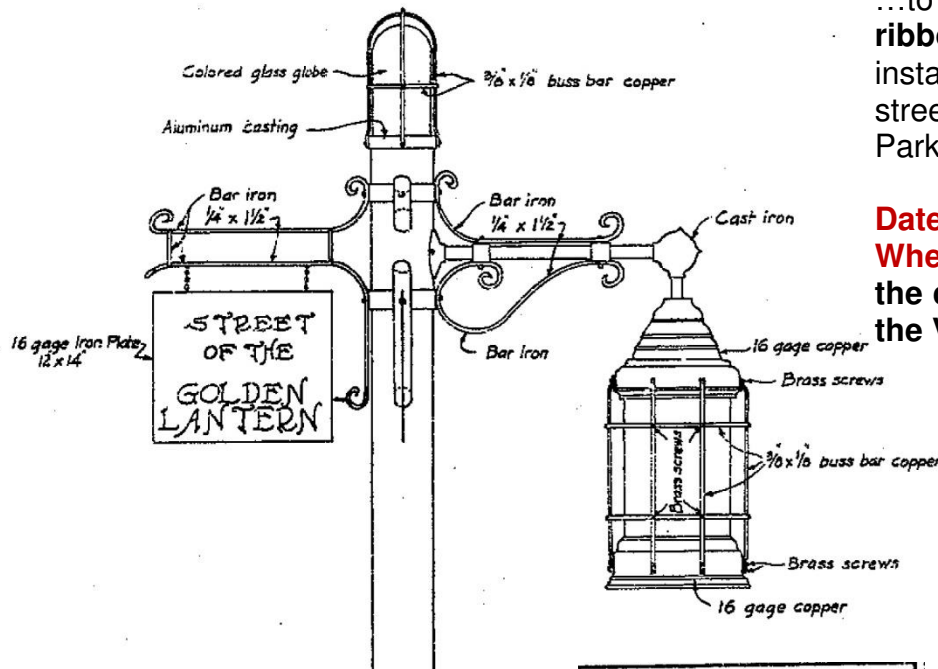


...to a holiday reception followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the installation of two original, restored Dana Point street lanterns in Lantern Village Community Park.

**Date:** Thursday, December 9 at 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Lantern Village Community Park at the corner of La Cresta Drive and Street of the Violet Lantern.

City officials will join the Dana Point Historical Society for a celebration of the lanterns and to share refreshments.

Pictured left is the original design of our street lanterns from 1928. The description indicates specifications as well as the style of the ornamental top, which should be a colored light or plain cap, depending on the location.



SHEET # 14 OF 15 SHEETS  
COUNTY IMPROVEMENT # 17  
ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
SCALES-AS SHOWN AUG. 1928.

Note: Ornamental ball cap is to be installed on top of all posts, with the exception of those posts where small lamps are specified on plan.  
Small lamp is to be used only at the intersection of those streets with a lantern name and glassware to be colored to indicate the name.  
On lantern named streets, the intersection standard, excepting lanterns, is to be Duco, or its equal, finished in the color indicating the street name; all other standards to be finished in black Duco, or its equal.  
Street names to be lettered in white.



*This is also the time of year that we like to thank all of the individuals and groups who give so generously of their time to help the Society. We'd like to thank the Dana Point City Council for allowing us to use council chambers for our meetings. We also thank the city council and the many city staff members who have been invaluable in helping us with our preservation mission as well as our special events honoring individuals throughout the year. Fifth District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and Sergio Prince, her Community Relations Advisor, were especially helpful to our nonprofit this year.*

*Without our volunteers and board of directors we would have a difficult time achieving our outreach mission to the Dana Point community. All of these people contribute their time to the Society through community involvement as merchandise salespersons, as museum docents, as accountants, as audio/visual technicians, as secretaries, as photo archivists, as member recruiters, as tile-wall installers and as event coordinators. We give thanks for all of these people and wish them the very best this holiday season.*

## President's Message



Our Thursday, December 9th annual Holiday Reception will be held at the Lantern Village Community Park to celebrate the installation of two original Dana Point Lantern Streetlights. The Historical Society will honor and thank the City of Dana Point for restoring the two original lantern posts. When the historic Street of the Violet lantern post was removed on February 11, 2021, due to its deteriorated condition, the city promised local neighbors that the lantern post would be restored and installed nearby. The Historical Society agreed to store the Violet Lantern post along with another original post and lantern that had been rescued from a Laguna Beach dumpster by Historical Society volunteers and stored for more than a decade. The city and the Historical Society subsequently agreed that the city would restore both lantern posts and install them in the Lantern Village Park. When the lantern posts were taken to South Coast Lighting and Design for rehabilitation, our fragile rescued lantern frame was used as a pattern to replicate two new copper lanterns. Both lantern posts were installed Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, on custom-made concrete foundations. This would not have happened without the City of Dana Point, the storage unit supported by our members' dues and those volunteers who saved one of the original lantern street lights. Please join us, the Lantern Village Association and City of Dana Point officials for holiday refreshments and a lantern ribbon-cutting. The City of Dana Point 2022 Calendar featuring Historical Society photos will be given out at the event.



*Photo Courtesy of Compass Real Estate.*

The Historical Society was pleased to learn that the City's Planning Commission designated the 1929 bluff-top home located at 24422 Santa Clara (pictured left) as a significant historical structure on the City's Historic Register at their October 25th meeting. The City Council approved the Commission's recommendation for Edward and Kathleen Lambert to enter into an agreement with the City for participation in the Mills Act Program. The Historical

Society supported the owner's application with a letter to the City Council and spoke in favor of granting the Mills Act designation at the November 16th City Council meeting. The Council approved the owner's request unanimously. According to the Community Development Department, the structure is the 43rd addition to the Dana Point Historic Resource Register. The home is among the Woodruff-era homes featured on the Historical Society's Walking Tour.

The Society's Board of Directors has received a number of recent gifts to the Museum. Susan and Paul Hinman visited our October Board Meeting to present a gift from Joan Sowden Deily of her book, *Alone On the Sea*. The limited-edition book chronicles the voyages her brother, John Mark Sowden (1920-1990), and the three separate times he circumnavigated the world in his 24'7" wooden boat, the TARMIN. For his achievement, John Sowden secured a place in the Guinness Book of Records. Joan and her family lived at 34401 Street of the Green Lantern. Joan lived in Dana Point from 1949 to 1954 and was one of 29 graduates in the Capistrano High School Class of 1952, the only high school in the district. Joan's parents lived out their lives in

Dana Point. Joan now lives in Montana where she resides on Flathead Lakeshore near the Hinman's home. You may want to stop in and review her book and her note about her memories of Dana Point in the 1950s. Our Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday hours may vary.

Don Merrill visited our November board meeting to present us with a beautifully framed



copy of the painting (pictured), "*Brig 'Pilgrim', the vessel on which R. H. Dana served in Two Years Before the Mast*" by prominent maritime painter J. Duncan Gleason (1881-1959). Gleason was born in Watsonville, California, studied art at the University of Southern California and many other art schools, and painted the Brig Pilgrim c. 1915. The current owner purchased the painting, formerly in the Richard Kelton collection of marine paintings and Don asked the owner, a friend of his son, to have a copy made for the Dana Point Historical Society and then delivered it to us.

We also wish to thank several generous people who have recently given or sent historical information to us to be archived, shared in a future newsletter, or possibly arranged as a future program.

Many thanks to Tom Blake, columnist and author, who spoke at our October 27 meeting about his new book, *Tutor & Spunky's Deli: A Dana Point Landmark*. Tom donated a copy of his book to the museum and shared his experiences as the founder of Tutor and Spunky's for an interesting review of 26 years of local history. If you couldn't attend, just Google "Tom Blake" and the video will come up on your browser.

Special thanks to David Matuszak, who fascinated members at our November 17 meeting with the research for his book *San Onofre: Memories of a Legendary Surfing Beach*. A lively reception followed as Dave signed his voluminous book for members and regaled us with more surfing stories. Dave's program was also recorded and will soon be available.

I am thankful for our Board of Directors, our members and our friends who have supported the Historical Society during this challenging year. Thank you for giving us your talent and time—we couldn't have managed without you!

Happy Holidays!

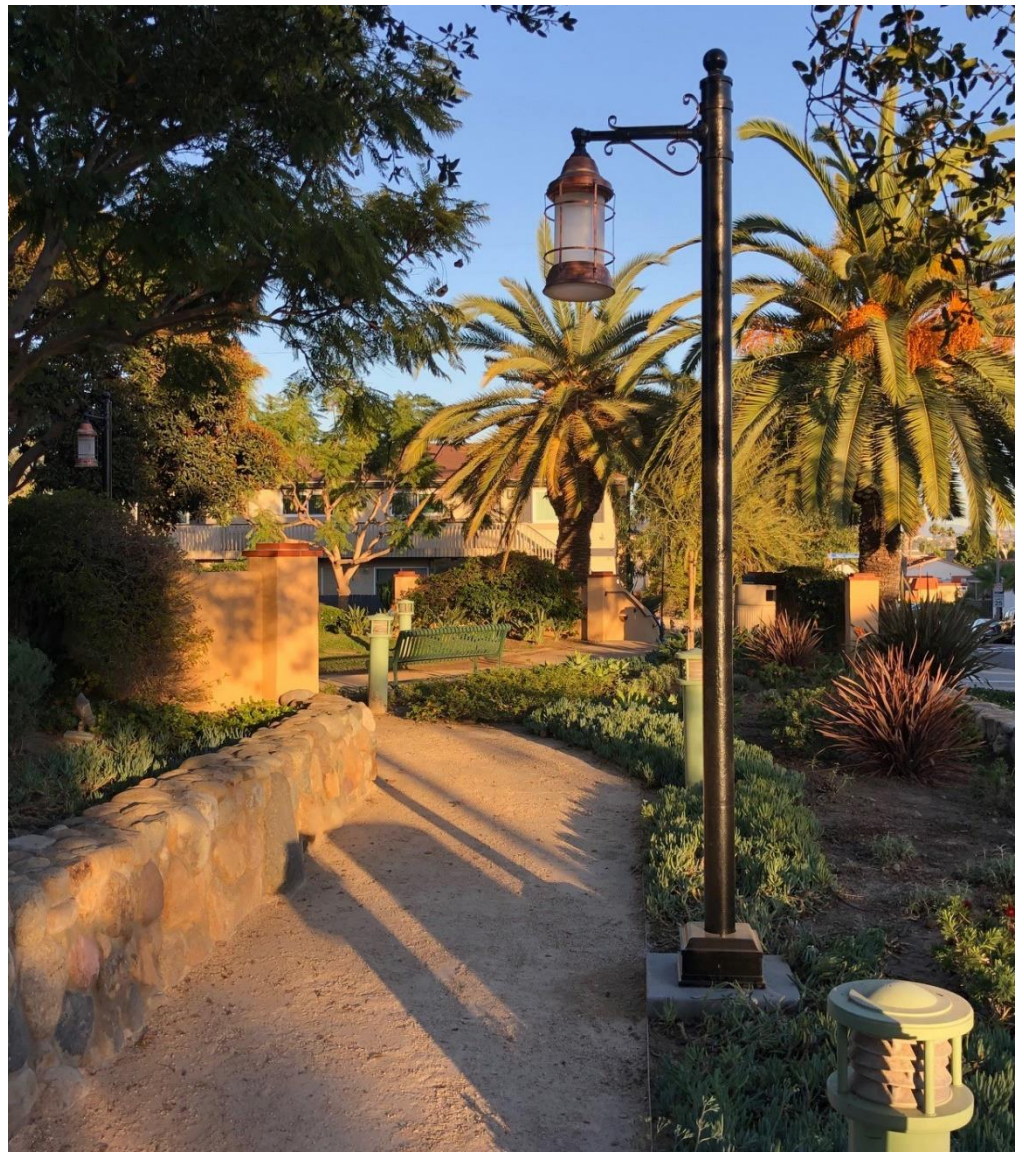
*Barbara Force Johannes*

## Historic Lanterns Find New Home in Lantern Village Community Park

*The Santa Ana Daily Register* on Friday, July 19, 1929 states “Following his address on July 18, 1929, Governor Young threw the switch that turned on the system of 400 ornamental lights illuminating the streets of Dana Point. The lights are unique in that they are made to resemble ships’ lanterns.”

Over 90 years later, two of those historic Dana Point street lanterns found a new home on the corner of La Cresta and Violet Lantern in Lantern Village Community Park this November.

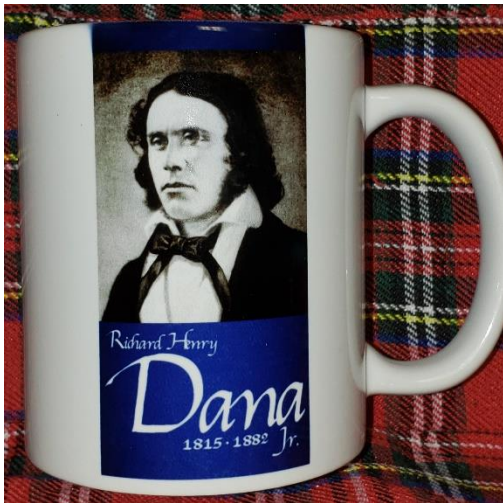
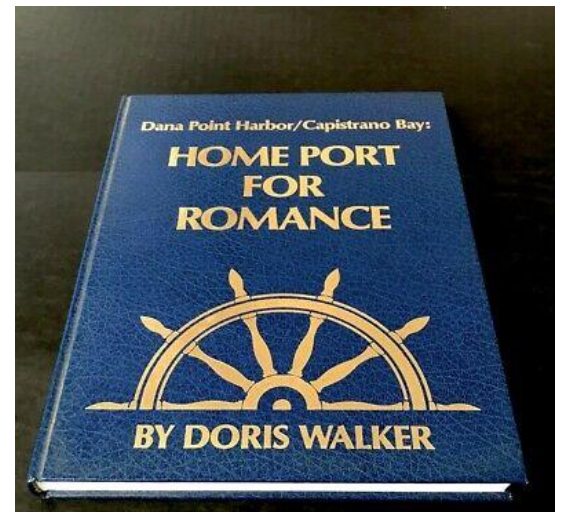
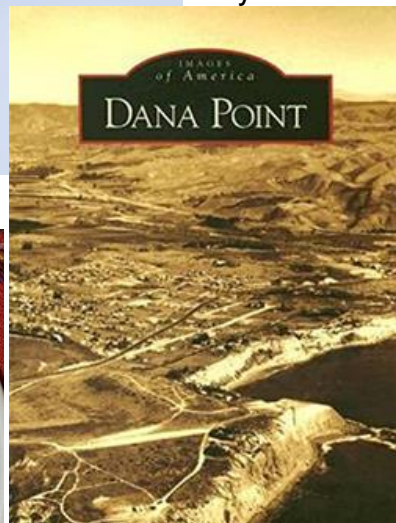
City Manager Mike Killebrew oversaw their restoration and engaged Gary Keller of South Coast Lighting to refurbish and rewire the lights. DPHS Preservation chair Keith Johannes worked with Matthew Sinacori, Director of Public Works and City Engineer, who directed the project. Doug Greek and his team poured the foundations and Jeff Miller was the electrician for the installation.



As mentioned on page one, the Historical Society will host a reception and ribbon-cutting on December 9 beginning at 3 p.m. to celebrate the installation. See page one for more details.

## Plan Your Holiday With Gifts From DPHS

This holiday season is a great time to share DPHS merchandise with friends and loved ones, especially those who live in Dana Point and the vicinity. Our gift-boxed one-of-a-kind ornament, featuring the Dana Point city seal, is always a popular choice, as are our hardcopy and paperback books that tell the history of Dana Point. Historic photos of Dana Point are also a wonderful gift, especially when framed or as a canvas print. A gift of a tile, for our tile wall at Baby Beach, is always a welcome present, and creates lots of fun for families to design their own tiles, paint them and have them baked in the kiln at **Fired Up!** in San Clemente before their installation at Baby Beach. We also offer our mugs, featuring Richard Henry Dana Jr., and our trademarked signature shirts and caps as well as Louise Leyden notecards.



## Annual Meeting and Potluck on January 26

Save the date of **Wednesday, January 26**, for the Society's Annual Meeting and Potluck. In addition to voting on our board of directors, the Society will view a presentation by students of the Interior Designers Institute, an Orange County College that awards degrees in interior and architectural design. The presentation features senior students exploring a restoration of the original Woodruff Tract Office on the corner of Del Prado and Pacific Coast Highway, last known as *UP Sports*. The dinner event will be held at **Community House, 24642 San Juan Avenue starting at 6 p.m.** Drinks will be provided but please bring a potluck dish to pass --- either appetizer, main dish, or dessert. Plates and plastic utensils will also be provided.

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**Upcoming events:**

**December 9** Lantern Ribbon Cutting

**January 26** Annual Meeting and Woodruff Building Program

## Membership

Welcome new members **Paula Soria, Noushin Entezam** and **Don Merrill**.

As a reminder, annual dues are payable every January. The membership categories are:

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.**

Thank you again for your support of the Dana Point Historical Society --- active since 1987!

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

*Marsha LaRusso*

**Remember  
Ralph's!**



We'd like to remind all of our members who shop at Ralph's Grocery Store that the company will donate from 1% to 4% of your eligible grocery bill to DPHS if you choose our organization as your designated community participant. It's free, but must be done every year.

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