



# The News Drogher

Spring 2024

## DPHS Annual Meeting Held February 5

A Mardi Gras theme greeted our members and guests at our 2024 annual meeting and potluck held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Mayor Jamey Federico installed our board members after approval by the membership. Following the annual report and meeting adjournment, Mayor Federico spoke on the City of Dana Point's plans for 2024.



*New and returning board members for 2024 include L-R: Jeff Lander, Rocky Parker, Jim Proett, Elizabeth Bamattre, Nancy Jenkins and Bob Minty. Mayor Jamey Federico, right, installed the board.*

Despite a very rainy day, over 50 members and guests attended the February 5th Annual Meeting at Gloria Dei



Lutheran Church. The bountiful buffet was crowded with delicious potluck dishes, including a spiral-cut ham, chicken, side dishes, pasta, beer, wine and desserts, thanks to our members in attendance. Many thanks to our volunteers who set up and returned items to storage afterward.

## Sunday, April 28th Vintage Redo Market

Are you interested in volunteering at our booth for the upcoming Vintage Redo Market on Del Prado? Please call or email our Outreach Booth Coordinator Gary Macrides if you are available for two hours: [gmacrides@surterreproperties.com](mailto:gmacrides@surterreproperties.com) or 949-370-6827. You will also have the opportunity to see all of the other interesting booth displays, which include the "Spirit Garden" and various food vendors, before or after you volunteer. We also invite all of our members to just stop by the booth to say hello! We look forward to seeing you.



## Springing Into a New Season!



Welcome to our Spring 2024 edition of the News Drogher. As announced at our February 5th Annual Meeting, your Historical Society is progressing into the digital age. The Board of Directors is currently assessing our abilities to use our website, email and social media to keep members apprised of our events. As of January 1, the U.S. Postal Service changed how bulk mail is processed, and along with the cost of printing and mailing, the Society feels utilizing electronic resources might be a better use of your dues and donations. We will keep our members updated regarding our decisions and how they relate to *The News Drogher*. Please be sure we have the email addresses (each member is allowed two) you wish to have on file in our membership so that you will receive up-to-date information from the Society. Members who do not have computer access can receive our newsletter in the mail. Information regarding the Society's events will also be printed and available in the museum to visitors.

Earlier this year we emailed a *Save the Date* for our Monday, February 5, Annual Meeting. A Mardi Gras-themed Annual Meeting invitation followed with the details, including the guest speakers and the officers to be elected. Additional invitations were emailed for a special reception at the Moulton Museum, our Society's activities for the Festival of Whales and another for Bruce and Marlene Beal's Celebration of Life on the Curlew and at Wind & Sea. **If none of these announcements are familiar to you, please send your correct emails to [events@danapointhistorical.org](mailto:events@danapointhistorical.org) or call 949-248-8121 and leave a message, or talk to a live docent Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday 1 - 3:00 pm.**

Dana Point Mayor Jamey Federico installed new and renewed officers and directors with an impressive combination of an oath of office based on our bylaws and the U. S. Armed Forces Commissioned Officers oath of loyalty to the U.S. Constitution. We welcomed two new members as Directors, Jeff Lander and Rocky Parker.

Artist and Historical Society member Timothy J. Clark, a 2023 recipient of the Sister Cities and City of Dana Point's first Cultural Excellence Award and a 40-year resident of Capistrano Beach, was congratulated and asked to speak. Timothy invited Jared Mathis, Moulton Company CEO and Moulton Museum Director, to join him in speaking about his upcoming exhibit, "Reflections," at the Moulton Museum. Jared and Timothy invited all Society Members to a wine reception at the Moulton Museum later in February. The invitation for February 17th was emailed to all our members and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The exhibit featured oil and watercolor paintings, many inspired by local history, parks and beaches. If you couldn't attend the Reflections exhibit, Philanthropist Mark Hilbert announced at the exhibit's closing that another showing of Timothy's paintings is planned for later this fall at the newly expanded Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University in Orange.



Artist Timothy J. Clark, left, speaks to some of the DPHS attendees at the Moulton Museum.



Visitors enjoy the walking tour led by Elizabeth Bamattre and Gary Macrides on Sunday during the Festival of Whales.

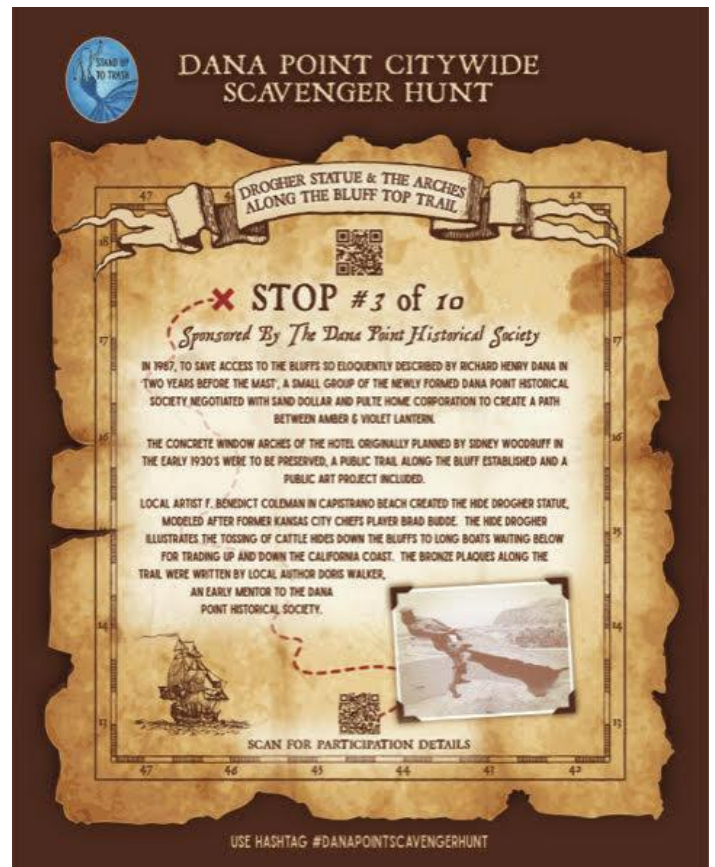
discuss Dana Point's history. Special thanks go to Elizabeth Bamattre and family for chairing the outreach booth both days and to Elizabeth for leading the walking tour on both days. In addition to our dedicated Board of Directors, we want to thank DPHS members Bill Bamattre, Nik Bamattre, Michael and Trish Guthrie, Kat Wallace, Ryan Colopy, Nancy Smith, Vicki Lander, Gary Macrides, George Miller, and Barbara and Bob Wilson for volunteering. We had 16 volunteers for Saturday and 15 on Sunday for all these activities—kudos to the nine members who volunteered both days!

At our March 12th Board Meeting, Gary Macrides was appointed and approved by the Board of Directors as our new Outreach Booth Chair. Gary will be enlisting volunteers to help us with the Historical Society's Outreach Booth at the April 28 Vintage Redo Market on Del Prado. Gary is a Realtor with Surterre Properties in Dana Point and is very interested in local history.

On March 2nd and 3rd, the Historical Society was involved in the Festival of Whales including Saturday's parade with Bob Minty's classic 1929 Woodie Oldsmobile Station Wagon, DPHS Banner carriers and whale watcher enactors, our DPHS Outreach Booth and the Historic Walking Tour in Lantern Village. Rain interfered on Saturday with a downpour during the 2 p.m. walking tour and again on Sunday morning's outreach booth set-up. Despite the rain, we had over 30 volunteers for the parade, outreach booths and two walking tours. People enjoyed the festival and 41 people attended our walking tours. Many stopped at our booth to

## DPHS Participates in Stand Up To Trash Scavenger Hunt

The Bluff Top Trail Park will be one of the featured stops of the 2024 Citywide Earth Day Scavenger Hunt organized by Stand Up To Trash, as featured in the City of Dana Point LOOKOUT Magazine, Spring 2024 Community News Recreation Guide on page 11. The Scavenger Hunt will be held April 1 through April 22, and will explore stops around our city from Salt Creek Beach to Doheny with stops in between. The Historical Society is sponsoring Stop #3 – The Hide Drogher statue and The Dana Point Inn Arches on the Bluff Top Trail. This stop is dear to us because the Historical Society was formed in 1987 during the effort to save public access to the Bluff Top Trail when developers were preparing the area for a residential condominium complex. Other



stops will include the Richard Henry Dana Statue, Hansen Courtyard at Dana Wharf, the Nature Interpretive Center and Acjachemen Kiitcha Huts, the Palisades Gazebo, Youngs Beach Shack at Salt Creek, Doheny Beach Aquarium and Butterfly Garden, and Killer Dana Beach. Go to [www.standuptotrash.com](http://www.standuptotrash.com) click on events, then Scavenger Hunt for more information on how to participate in this family-friendly activity.

## Society Mourns Death of Bea Reed

By Elizabeth Bamattre



Bea Reed poses with plaque honoring her as the 2011 Founders Day recipient.

The Dana Point Historical Society is saddened to learn of the death of Bea Reed, one of our earliest and most loyal supporters of what was originally the Dana Point/Capistrano Beach Historical Society. Bea was an avid supporter and served as Corresponding Secretary for the Society from 1997-1999.

Bea was a proud resident of her home town and a civic leader in the Capistrano Beach Community Association. She was honored by our Society in May 2011 as the recipient of our Founders Day award, an honor given out annually that seeks to recognize community members who have played an integral part in the development of Dana Point. At the Founders Day event, former Mayors Karen Lloreda and Harold Kaufman detailed Bea's involvement and support of the incorporation of the City of Dana Point.

We celebrated Bea's 90th birthday at Doheny State Beach (pictured right, with DPHS board member Judy Henderson at right) during our 2015 Scholarship Picnic at Doheny Beach. Bea was a classy, fun lady who loved her home in coastal California.



# Sister Cities Delegation Visits Dana Point Historical Society Museum

By Barbara Johannes

Sister Cities Delegates from Sorrento, Italy (pictured below), visited our DPHS Museum, escorted by City Manager Mike Killebrew, while touring City Hall on February 28th. Our 1924 Dana Point exhibit displayed the early influence Sorrento had on Dana Point investors J. L. Beebe and his wife, H. Eva Beebe. Dr. and Mrs. Beebe were impressed with the similarities of the natural



harbors and the headlands of Sorrento and Dana Point. A 1928 Woodruff realtor's photo album from our archives includes the photos of Sorrento that inspired Sidney H. Woodruff's hotel designs to attract investors to the 1930 Dana Point Inn, which included an elevator shaft inspired by the Sorrento-style resorts, such as The Imperial Tramontano Hotel that Keith and I visited when in Sorrento last October. Luigi Di Prisco, president of the Sorrento City Council, offered to send us photos of present-day Sorrento and he is now in the process of emailing them. Our thanks to Enzo Scognamiglio, pictured far left, Brio restaurant owner and DPHS Life Member, who translated for

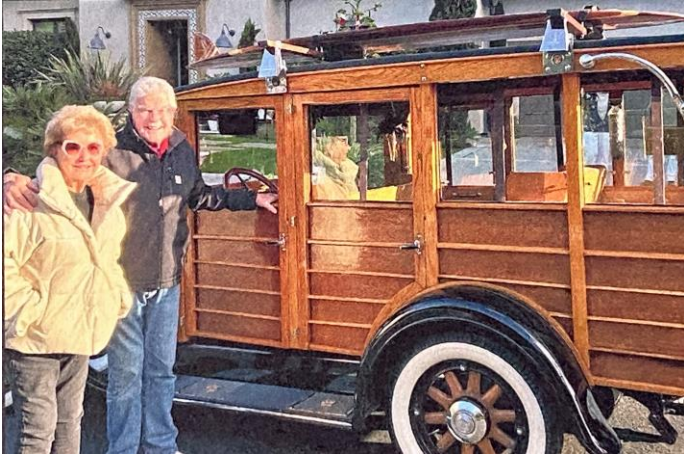
those Italian visitors who didn't understand rapidly spoken English. Also pictured are Luigi D'Elise, Luigi Di Prisco, Silvana Gargiulo and Rossella Savarese. Currently, Dana Bay Gallery on Del Prado has extended its Sorrento Sister Cities Art exhibit, featuring oil paintings of Sorrento by Antonio Di Viccaro, a well-known Italian artist who paints with a palette knife. The exhibit also includes works by local artists whose paintings were displayed last October at the Cloisters in Sorrento. All DPHS members were invited to attend the exhibit on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the invitation still stands while the paintings are there until the end of March.

## Endless Summer

Be sure to check out the Endless Summer Dana Point Film Festival May 2 – 5, 2024, at Salt Creek Beach State Park. You can get tickets at <https://www.danapointfilmfestival.org/>.

## Membership

Please welcome new members **Shannon Beresford** and **Gina Hansen**. And a special welcome to new LIFETIME MEMBERS **Joe & Ellie Dunn!**



Ellie and Joe Dunn are pictured with DPHS board member Bob Minty's 1929 Woodie Oldsmobile Station Wagon. Joe celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by increasing their membership level in the Society.

As a reminder, the annual dues for 2024 were due in January. The membership categories are:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$25 annual</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30 annual</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>\$50 annual</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$100 annual</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>\$500 lifetime</b>

Please remit your dues at this time either via mail at P.O. Box 544, Dana Point, 92629; at our museum Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.; at one of our scheduled meetings or at events when our outreach booth is present.

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

Questions? Contact Membership Chair Marsha La Russo at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com).

## Calendar

April 1 - 22:	<i>Stand Up To Trash</i> Scavenger Hunt
April 28:	Volunteer Outreach Booth at Redo Market on Del Prado
May 2-5:	<i>Endless Summer</i> Film Festival at Salt Creek Beach Park
May/June	TBA DPHS Program and Meeting