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The historical moment came with the ribbon being cut by DPHS President Barbara Johannes with a cheer from recent past president, City Councilman Carlos N. Olvera, second row.

The Dana Point Historical Society culminated its month of many activities with the grand opening of the Society's new museum space in Suite 104 of the Dana Point City Hall complex on Golden Lantern on March 27. Our 'guesstimate' of attendees is nearly 100, the Chamber of Commerce's most attended ribbon-cutting. Several certificates of recognition were presented followed by the actual ribbon cutting. Afterward, Society members, Chamber members, and City Council members enjoyed refreshments along with an appetizer buffet.



Guests enjoyed refreshments and appetizers following the presentations.



A crowd gathered outside to view the presentations.



DPHS President Barbara Johannes relishes the moment with recent past president Carlos N. Olvera. Mayor Steven Weinberg and Ross Teasley look on.



Kirsten Reynolds, Museum Exhibits Chair, right, and Dorothy Krill pause by the Hal Akins watercolor of the Harbor Patrol building at the Marina donated by Mrs. Krill in honor of her late husband.



David Fernald with his sister Jane Fernald in front of our exhibit of their father's work. Knowlton Fernald, Jr., Ricardo Nicol and Arthur Schiller designed plans for the original homes in Monarch Bay, Monarch Bay Mall and Monarch Bay Terrace.



Architects Carl Iverson, left and Ricardo Nicol, colleagues of Knowlton Fernald, Jr. at the Laguna Niguel Corporation, attend the opening to view our new Fernald Collection.

The Doris I. Walker tribute dedication will take place on April 16 at 1 pm in Heritage Park. We hope you will join the rest of DPHS members at this event which honors Doris and her life.

President's Message

Our March 27, 2013, official opening of the DPHS Museum in City Hall was a huge success. An estimated 100 people filled the museum gallery and spilled outside onto the sidewalk on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Our board members and I were presented congratulatory documents for the Historical Society by Mayor Steven Weinberg and the entire City Council on behalf of the City of Dana Point; by Chair Terry Ross on behalf of the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce; by Councilman and former DPHS President Carlos N. Olvera on behalf of Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Orange County Board of Supervisors; by Amy Walker, representing U.S. Congressman Darrell Issa, of California's 49th Congressional District; by Heather Baez, representing California State Senator Mark Wyland; and by Jody Vaughn, representing Assemblywoman Diane L. Harkey.



The Chamber of Commerce staff, Heather Johnston and Vickie McMurchie, conducted the ribbon cutting ceremony, complete with the large bow and oversized ceremonial scissors to make the opening of our museum official. In addition to the above named VIPs and important city staff members, honored guests graced us with their presence, including Mrs. Dorothy Krill, whose recently donated *Hal Akins* watercolor was displayed. Jane and David Fernald, daughter and son of Knowlton Fernald, Jr., AIA, were present to view the exhibit of their father's illustrations and portfolios donated by the family. Also present were architects Ricardo Nicol and Carl Iverson, colleagues of Knowlton Fernald, Jr., who worked with him on Monarch Bay projects.

Our members and guests expressed interest in the museum gallery exhibits organized, researched and displayed by Exhibits Chair Kirsten Reynolds and her committee and enjoyed the appetizers and drinks provided by Program Chair Ann Shultz, Max Brown, Robert Shultz and Jim Miller. An entertaining door prize drawing was held and gifts awarded by Regina Barnes, Ross Teasley and Rene Cortez.

The grand opening of the museum gallery was a rewarding event, and the result of many hours of volunteer service to move items in and out of storage, and to clean, edit and organize. I am inspired by the hours volunteered by our members, the help City Manager Doug Chotkevys and the city staff have provided us, as well as the material and financial donations made by our members to make it all happen. Donations, including a watercolor, architect's papers and funds earned by the Dana Point Youth Board, demonstrate faith in our mission to preserve Dana Point's heritage for future generations. The DPHS Board and I hope you are inspired to volunteer to be a museum docent and to help with the October Home Tour, our major annual fundraiser. In the meantime, remember to enjoy our newly updated web site at danapointhistorical.org and we hope to see you at the dedication of the Doris I. Walker Tribute in Heritage Park on April 16 at 1 pm. My thanks for all you do in supporting our mission.

Barbara Force Johannes

April 24 Program: "A Historical Overview of Regional Parks and Open Space in Dana Point"

Join us at **6:30 pm** on **April 24** to hear a presentation by Eric Jessen, a 45-year Laguna Beach resident and longtime Board Member of the Laguna Beach Historical Society. The Jessen family settled in Santa Ana in 1869 and moved to Laguna in 1915, where they founded the first insurance company in town. In 2005, Eric retired as chief of the County of Orange Harbors, Beaches, and Parks Department. Prior to that employment, he was a landscape contractor, during which time he designed and executed the historic landscape restoration of the Laguna Beach National Historic Landmark, *Villa Rockledge*. He has also served the city as Chairman of the Historic Advisory Board that performed the original survey of historic buildings in Laguna Beach, and was also president of the South Coast Water District. This presentation will be given at the **Dana Point Marina Inn** in the Dana Point Room. Refreshments will be provided.



And be sure to check out Eric's *complete* biography on our website at WWW.DANAPOINTHISTORICAL.ORG.

Museum Docent Volunteers Needed

The grand opening of our new museum naturally requires that we make it available to those interested in our mission. Our museum hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm, and also by appointment. We are currently seeking individuals who would like to work two-hour shifts on those days. Your commitment need only be your desire to serve. Training will be provided, and you will be accompanied by a board member until you are familiar with the duties involved. Most of the displays are self-explanatory and have accompanying placards.

You may work as much as or a little as you like---once a month or whenever you can schedule the time. Free Wi-Fi is available for your computer use while you are there, although computer knowledge is not a requirement. Please consider offering a couple hours of your time and you will see it's an enjoyable experience! Inquiries can be made by **emailing** us at DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com or by **calling** and leaving a message on the museum telephone at 949-248-8121.

DPHS Announces First Meeting of Home Tour Committee

The first meeting of the October Home Tour Committee will be held on May 6 at 1 pm at the museum. All interested members are welcome to attend and join the committee. We are seeking volunteers at all levels of interest who have a little time or a lot of time for this very worthwhile fundraising project. There is something for every volunteer: advertising, boutique sales, catering, docent work, logistics planning, registration, recruiting sponsors, etc. This year we will feature mostly S.H. Woodruff homes, including one recently added to the historic register. This is a big job when lots of extra hands and feet are needed—no contribution of time is too small! Interested members should contact Mary Crowl by email at mccrowl33@yahoo.com or by calling 949-481-4656.



Youth Board Presents Donation to DPHS

Six members of the 2012-2013 Dana Point Youth Board met with Ross Teasley and me at the museum the afternoon of April 4th to present a \$500 donation to the Dana Point Historical Society. The members of the Dana Point Youth Board chose to support the Dana Point Historical Society because they understand the value and importance of the history of Dana Point and are honored to help preserve our history and teach others about Dana Point.

The Youth Board members host or volunteer at 10 events between November and June. They raise their funds by hosting a holiday cookie decorating booth at the Winter Festival and selling snacks at the Movie in the Park. From the money they earn from hosting these two events they are able to adopt a family for the holiday. These families often are facing tough times and are trying to get back on their feet. This year they adopted a family of 8, a mother and 7 children, and were able to provide them with needed items like clothing and school supplies, as well as providing them with items such as stuffed animals, toys and sports equipment.

The Youth Board members are appointed by our City Council, meet twice each month and serve a maximum of two years. They review and vote on programs and activities they would like to support throughout the school year and also make decisions regarding donations to organizations. They also organize events such as the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. They develop a scoring criteria, develop marketing, and score each participating home.

Robert N. Sedita, Jr. is a Management Analyst for the City of Dana Point. As part of his duties, he oversees the Youth Board's activities as its advisor. Robert summed up the board's and his own feelings with this quote:

Too often people forget about the history around them and what made their city what it is today. Dana point is filled with so much history, and has many historical documents, homes, and buildings that have withstood the test of time. It is great to know that the Historical Society is there help preserve these artifacts, and inform both visitors and residents of Dana Point about Dana Point's history for generations to come.

DPHS is impressed with the accomplishments of Dana Point Youth Board members who, as active volunteers and philanthropists, raise funds for a family that needs assistance and for the preservation of Dana Point history for future generations. ---BFJ



The True California Adventure: Preservation's Wild Ride: Wednesday, May 1 – Friday, May 3, 2013, Orange County Conference Headquarters: Crowne Plaza Resort, Anaheim

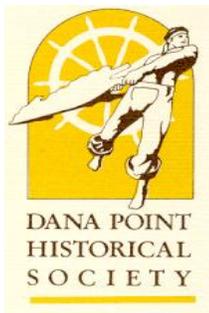
Remember that the 38th Annual California Preservation Conference will be held in Orange County – a county with over 200 years of history. In just 3 days you will gain a year's worth of education and networking with over 100 speakers and 500+ expected attendees. As well as 20+ Educational Sessions and Workshops, the event also includes exclusive tours that highlight Orange County's rich architecture, landscapes, and history, including: Old Orange County Courthouse – Los Rios Historic District – Casa Romantica; Anaheim Citrus Packing House – Crystal Cove State Park; Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens – Old Towne Orange; Crystal Cathedral – Muckenthaler Cultural Center – Chapman University – and more!

For more information go to: <http://www.californiapreservation.org/conference.html>



From left: Ross Teasley, DPHS VP Museum, Alena Powers Davis, Hugh Fitzmaurice, Matthew Lim, Barbara Johannes, DPHS President, Julia Lisle, Jordan Hall and Grace Willett. Photo by Robert N. Sedita, Jr. Youth Board members not present: Isabella Dalton, Bryce Dec, Elenna Erkeneff, Sarah Martino and Patricia Schuelke

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Thanks to all who have renewed your membership dues. It is very much appreciated. Our activities, such as the newsletter, program meetings, collection and preservation of documents and photographs, are funded by your dues.

Welcome new members **Kat and Wayne Wallace, Meg Waters, Ron Richardson, Mary DeMers, David Fernald, Jane Fernald** and **Richard Deffenbaugh** with Dana Point Auto Service. And a special thanks to **David Fernald** for his donation of \$40 and **Colene Schwandt**, Life Member, for her donation of \$50 to the Museum Fund.

All contributions are tax deductible as the Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 33-0359288.

Regina Barnes

UPCOMING: Our **Founder's Day** presentation on **May 22** at Community House. Social Hour at **6 pm** followed by our program at 6:45 pm. Light food and refreshments will be provided.

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If you would like to receive our newsletter in a digital format, please use the information below. You may add more than one email for other members in your household or those who are not living at home, such as college students or those temporarily living out of town.

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