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Preservationist Ilse Byrnes Will Speak at DPHS October 23 Meeting

Renown preservationist Ilse Byrnes will be our featured speaker at the **October 23 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Dana Point City Council Chambers.**



As a dedicated volunteer preservationist over the past four decades, Mrs. Byrnes has been responsible for the designation of 13 sites in Orange County on the National Register of Historical Places. She is widely regarded as one of the premier stewards of historic places in our area.

At the age of 23, the Swiss-born preservationist came to California where she met and married her husband Roy. They raised a family and ran a business in San Juan Capistrano, where Roy currently serves on the City Council. In 1976, Ilse was invited to get involved in nominating the Los Rios neighborhood for preservation. With that project she was hooked and became a passionate advocate for preserving sites and buildings that tell the story of California's colorful history. She is currently working to dissuade San Diego Gas and Electric from demolishing a building in historic downtown San Juan that dates back to 1918 and replacing it with a new three-story building.

The evening's program will conclude with refreshments in the DPHS Museum, Suite 104, located directly downstairs from the Council Chambers.

--- Ann Shultz

Annual Field Trip Set for Huntington Library and Gardens



Tickets are now on sale for the annual DPHS field trip on **Wednesday, November 6**. This year's destination is the beautiful **Huntington Library** in San Marino.

A private nonprofit, the Huntington Library was founded in 1919 by Henry and Arabella Huntington. Huntington was a wealthy businessman who built a financial empire that included railroad companies, utilities and extensive holdings in Southern California real estate. Henry and Arabella shared a passion for books, art and gardening and this is reflected in the impressive library, art collection and gardens of the Huntington Library.

The bus will depart promptly from the Strand parking lot off Selva Road at 10 a.m. and will arrive at the Huntington at 11:45 a.m., where docents will give us a one-hour tour of the estate. The tour will conclude back at the cafe where guests can purchase lunch. They will then be free to enjoy the buildings, art galleries, gardens and gift shop of this amazing locale. Buses will depart for the return trip to Dana Point promptly at 3:00.

Tickets are \$55.00. This includes the bus, admission and tour. The deadline for purchase of tickets is Monday October 21. Make checks payable to DPHS, PO Box 544, Dana Point, CA 92629. Only 47 tickets are available so get your tickets early!

A tear-out registration form for this event is available on page 2.

President's Message



We have received very positive comments from guests and volunteers regarding our 13th Annual Home Tour of Sidney H. Woodruff buildings in Lantern Village. Terry Goller wrote, "What a wonderful event you all planned for our community. It truly was spectacular! I know how many hands it took to put this all together...What a wonderful tribute to Beverly Sels who was such a dedicated community worker." Wendy Kramer's email summarized a number of remarks: "We enjoyed this event so much. The homes were fascinating, and the preparation and the hosting by the docent staff was so thorough and exceptionally well done." For the first time, *all* the homes and buildings visited on our tour are listed on the City of Dana Point Historic Register. The *StillWater Spirits & Sounds* restaurant was the generous event sponsor of the afternoon reception located in one the most significant Woodruff buildings in Town Center. Founding sponsor *Dan Rafael* and all our sponsors and donors underwrote the cost of our tour as part of their commitment to our community. Dan spoke briefly at the *StillWater* reception about the importance of the tour to him. The home tour is our major DPHS fundraiser and this year highlights the continuing preservation of historic Sidney H. Woodruff landmarks in Dana Point. The Home Tour Committee successfully met the challenge of coordinating 85 wonderful people as docents and volunteers. Guests enjoyed the day due to the combined effort of all those who planned the event and helped on the day of the tour. Over 300 people attended the event to admire the Woodruff buildings and classic cars and to end the day, happy and relaxed, among friends at the *StillWater* reception.

Our September 25th meeting at the recently restored Casino San Clemente featured a film on the history of San Clemente and the 1937 Casino, followed by a tour led by owner Linda Sadeghi. Our thanks to Linda and the casino staff and to our Program Chair Ann Shultz, who arranged the event and refreshments.

Our Wednesday, October 23rd, meeting will feature preservationist Ilse Byrnes of San Juan Capistrano. A local celebrity, Ilse Byrnes is the legendary preservationist recently featured on the front page of the September 16, 2013, Los Angeles Times. In her article, columnist Paloma Esquivel quotes Jay Correia, California Office of Historic Preservation, as stating: Byrnes is "a rare person that recognizes the importance of preserving those places associated with the people and events that made us who we are." You will want to attend this meeting at the City Council chambers and join us in the DPHS Museum for the reception afterward.

Wednesday, November 6 is the date of our trip to the Huntington Library. Please send in your reservation as soon as you finish reading this edition of *The News Drogher!* I look forward to seeing you at our October 23rd meeting! --- *Barbara Force Johannes*

Over 65 Visitors Attend DPHS September Meeting and Tour of Casino San Clemente



Owner Linda Sadeghi narrates a part of the casino tour in the Grand Ballroom.

Opened in 1937, the Casino San Clemente was a seaside dance and music hall, purchased by the Sadeghi Family (of LAB Holdings LLC and CAMP retail center fame) in 2009. They have restored the property to its original use, that of celebrations and special events. DPHS members and guests were treated to an introductory film, a narrated tour and ended the evening with desserts and refreshments as well as parting favors.



Hollywood celebrities were known to visit and enjoy dancing under the stars.

Huntington Library and Gardens Registration Form

Mail in by October 21 to: Dana Point Historical Society, PO Box 544, Dana Point, CA 92629

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$55 each (enclose check/money order)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Home Tour 2013 Is the Cat's Meow!



The DPHS annual Home Tour, featuring all Sidney H. Woodruff buildings, was a showcase of beautiful homes, fine weather, good food and camaraderie. Many thanks to all of our generous sponsors who made the event such a success!



S.H. Woodruff's own home was a featured house, now owned and artfully restored by Denise and Robert Morrison. Visitors were greeted in the driveway by a 1931 Cadillac V-12 Imperial Limousine provided by Ray and Jody Payne.



Home Tour participants were able to view the Woodruff exhibit created by board member Kirsten Reynolds currently on display at the DPHS Museum.



Raffle Chair Nancy Jenkins prepares to sell an "arm's length" of raffle tickets for \$20.



Visitors stop at the historic four-plex on La Cresta, recently renovated by Tom Burger and Ron Jenkins.



Home Tour Co-Chairs Barbara and Keith Johannes start packing up equipment and props used at the day's event.

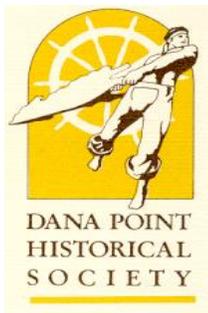


Board Member Rene Cortez, right, joins a large group of Home Tour participants at **StillWater Spirits & Sounds**, the event sponsor, where Wayne Rayfield and Nancy Jenkins (background) announce the raffle winners.



Bob and Bonnie Beeby, who own one of the historic homes on the tour, pause with David Jones, a Prohibition-era styled waiter, at the **StillWater Spirits & Sounds** reception.

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As a reminder, the membership categories are as follows:

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 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 33-0359288.

--- Regina Barnes

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DECEMBER 8, TO ATTEND OUR
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE
MUSEUM FROM 2-5 P.M.**

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