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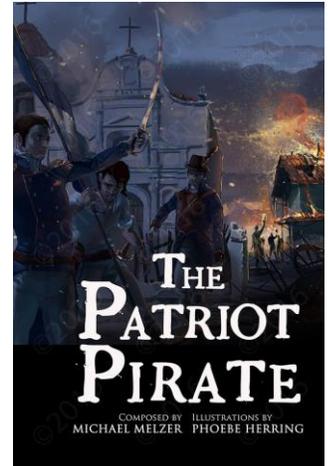
Wednesday, February 27 Meeting Will Feature Bouchard Author

Our meeting on **February 27** will highlight the life of Hippolyte Bouchard, a French Argentine sailor and corsair who fought for Argentina, Chile and Peru. Michael Melzer, pictured left, author of *The Patriot Pirate*, will be on hand to discuss this fascinating figure from Dana Point's past.

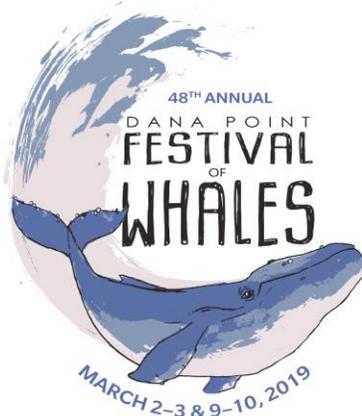


In 1818, Bouchard's forces occupied Monterey, California, then a Spanish colony, raised the Argentine flag and held the town for six days. After raiding Monterey, his men plundered Mission San Juan Capistrano, an event that was recognized with a 200th anniversary re-enactment and a mock trial last November in San Juan Capistrano. Melzer will also have his book for sale after the program. The event will take

place in **council chambers at City Hall starting at 7 p.m.**, followed by a reception and book signing in our museum.



FESTIVAL OF WHALES 2019



March 2-3 & 9-10 mark the 48th year of the Festival of Whales! As usual, our Society will have our outreach booth available all four days. This is always a lot of fun for our members and volunteers --- greeting people attending the various events and informing them of our mission while also promoting our merchandise such as T-shirts, caps, books and historic photos. We will also have membership forms available to encourage new acquaintances to join. We always receive a great deal of enthusiasm from the public during these events.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our booth. This includes setting up the tent and tables, arranging merchandise for sale, and packing away products and removing the tent and tables at the end of the day.

We would like outreach and sales volunteers to commit to a two-hour shift, 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on whatever day works for you. If you are able to help set up our tent, we look for your help about 9 a.m. If you can participate in our end-of-day "tear down," we need help about 4:30.

Interested volunteers (no experience necessary!) can email Max Brown mbrown@danapointhistorical.org, or call our museum at 949-248-8121 and leave a message.



Congratulations to all our members, past and present, on receiving the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce first Non-Profit Excellence Award at their Annual Business Awards & Installation Dinner. The award and certificates are in the museum.

Our January 23, 2019, annual meeting and potluck dinner was an opportunity to visit with everyone! The Gloria Dei staff welcomed us with chairs and tables arranged and tablecloths provided for dinner. Historical Society members took it from there, providing delicious appetizers, salads, main dishes and desserts enjoyed by all. Honored guests included City of Dana Point Matriarch Helen Pierce, guest speakers Joe Dunn and

Dick Metz, Hobie Memorial Foundation President Robbie Roberson and HMF Board Member Wayne Schaffer. We celebrated Willa Porter's 88th birthday in song and with a large cake provided by Pete Hammer. DPHS officers reported on the current status of the Society. Parliamentarian Joel Bishop read the slate of officers who were re-elected for terms of office. Also included in the slate was our new treasurer, Gary Prenovost. Past president Mary Crowl installed those officers and directors beginning a new term of office. It was with sadness we learned from Joe Dunn that his good friend and loyal DPHS Life Member Ted Simmons of Capistrano Beach had passed away on January 4, 2019.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Bruce Beal introduced Dick Metz and *Lifestyle Retail* author Joe Dunn for a fascinating presentation emphasizing Dick's life growing up in Laguna Beach, living on local beaches and hitchhiking in Africa, ultimately opening Hobie Alter's first retail shop in Honolulu. Afterward, members purchased Joe's book, signed by Joe, Dick and Wayne, who were all part of the story. A copy is available in the museum for viewing. The book can be purchased through the *Surfing History and Cultural Center* in San Clemente.



On Tuesday, January 15, the Dana Point Historical Society celebrated Dana Point's 30th anniversary by presenting the city with a proclamation and a copy of one of the original 1924 stock certificates for the San Juan Point Corporation, the first developer in Dana Point. L to R, Councilman Jamey Federico, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wyatt, DPHS President Barbara Johannes, Mayor Joe Muller, Councilman Richard Viczorek and Councilwoman Debra Lewis.

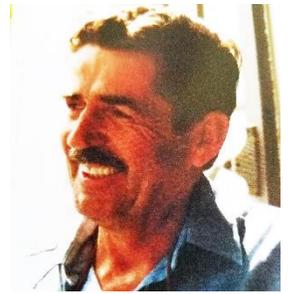
One of the earliest recorded events on our shore is memorialized on the California State Park Commission's Historical Landmark No. 189 near the Blue Lantern Gazebo at the Samson Overlook: "Here in 1818 Hipolito Bouchard flying an Argentine flag anchored his fleet while raiding the mission." Some of you may have seen the two lead cannon balls, part of our permanent collection, that will be on display at our February meeting, thanks to Bob Minty and Jeff Huston. The news of Bouchard's "pirates" raiding for supplies spread quickly throughout Spanish California, including San Juan Capistrano. Part of the mission's widespread grazing lands included today's Costa Mesa, where the Diego Sepulveda Adobe Plaque Dedication was held last Saturday. The adobe was declared "Historical Site No. 56" by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Historical Commission. The new plaque reads: "Built in the late 1820s by Mission Indians, the Diego Sepulveda Adobe served as a station (estancia) of the Mission San Juan Capistrano. The Adobe was used as a shelter for travelers and vaqueros herding cattle grazing on the surrounding land." Today, the Diego Sepulveda Adobe is a museum, and a daughter of the last family to live there in the 1940s is one of the docents at the museum.

Please join us on February 27, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers for our next meeting. Bob Minty, Program Director, has arranged for Michael Melzer to share his extensive research on Hippolyte Bouchard. Bouchard's raid on Mission San Juan Capistrano and subsequent "trial" were observed last November and while much of that was done in fun, it was based on fact. Melzer's book, *The Patriot Pirate*, based on his research in California and Argentina, is interesting and well-illustrated. The reception and book signing following the program promises interesting discussions about this early 19th century event. Also, mark your calendar for the Historical Society's free walking tour at 2 p.m. on March 2nd and 3rd as part of the Festival of Whales! Or, would you like to volunteer at the Historical Society's outreach booth? Just let us know.

Barbara Force Johannes

Historical Society Life Member Ted Simmons Dies at 82

The Dana Point Historical Society is saddened to announce the death of life member Edmund (Ted) Simmons on January 4, 2019. Ted was an active community member of Dana Point and was instrumental in saving Pines Park in the 1970s. He was a champion of the Doheny House in Capo Beach and, as a friend of artist Louise Leyden, assisted the city with the recent update of the park dedicated in her honor. Ted is survived by his wife, Gwynne, also a life member of DPHS. Memorial contributions in his name have been requested to go to our Society. We want to thank those who have given in his memory: **Charles & Nancy Boles, Joe Dunn, Rudy Haluza, Jim & Janet Moore and Pat & Keith Sandrock**. Others interested in donating to the Society in Ted's memory can send contributions to DPHS, P.O. Box 544, Dana Point, CA 92629.



Congratulations to Us!



At the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Awards & Installation Dinner Friday, February 1, the Dana Point Historical Society received the 2018 Non-Profit Excellence Award. Barbara Johannes also received the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award. Shown with Barbara are (L to R) 5th District Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, 73rd District California State Assemblyman Bill Brough, Dana Point Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wyatt, Barbara Johannes, outgoing 2018 Chamber of Commerce Chairman Jay Styles and new 2019 Chairman Michael Fox.

Historical Society Helps Dana Point Celebrate 30 Years of Cityhood



On Tuesday, January 15, DPHS participated in the celebration of Dana Point's 30th anniversary of incorporation. A cake featuring the city seal was enjoyed by those who attended. Pictured are (L to R) city seal designer Rick Morgan, former mayor Bill Bamattre, Councilman Richard Viczorek, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wyatt, Mayor Joe Muller, Councilwoman Debra Lewis, DPHS President Barbara Johannes, former mayor Joel Bishop and Councilman Jamey Federico.

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2019 DPHS Calendar

Feb 27 Bouchard Program & Book Signing **March 2-10** Festival of Whales **April 24** 1920s Scenic Trail Program

Membership

Please welcome new member **Ken Piloti**.

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 membership meeting on February 27.

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

Questions? Contact me at rmlarusso@msn.com

Marsha LaRusso

Historic Walking Tour

DPHS will once again offer its free historic walking tour of the downtown neighborhood of Dana Point. Our tour features original buildings and homes from the earliest days of Dana Point's development. All are invited to attend and meet our docents on the corner of Blue Lantern and PCH in front of Coastal Kitchen restaurant. The tours begin at **2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3.**

We also offer the historic walking tour to groups by appointment on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 & 10. Call 949-248-8121 to schedule or contact us at: museum@DanaPointHistorical.org.

Museum Hours

Note that our museum will be **closed** for the Festival of Whales, Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 9. Our March 2 "First Saturday" historic photo and merchandise sale will take place at our booth on the walkway at Dana Point Harbor. Come and visit us and select some of your favorite views of old Dana Point for framing!