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February 22 Meeting to Feature Filmmaker and Walking Tour Consultant



Please join us for our next Society meeting, which will feature two special guests as well as historical anecdotes from one of our own board members.

On **Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m.**, we will have filmmaker John Underwood (left), who will present his plans for a documentary about the history of the California coast and Richard Henry Dana, Jr. The Society has agreed to work with John on this new project, which is still in the development stage.

Our second guest will be Julian Miller (right), a technology consultant, who will discuss his ideas for implementing a self-guided smartphone walking tour of Dana Point, which will feature both historical and

commercial aspects.

Finally, our Program Chair, Bob Minty, will share the story of the "Nixon binoculars" --- a fun tale that recounts how he came to own a set of binoculars previously owned by President Richard Nixon.

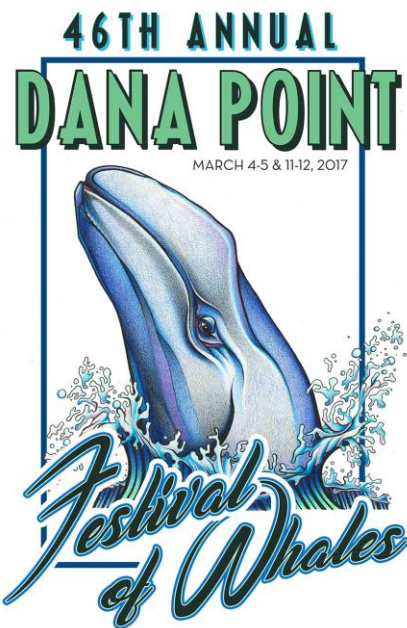
Please join us in the **City Hall Chambers for an interesting evening featuring the Society's involvement in projects that promote our city's history.** A reception at the Society's museum will follow the program.



2017 Festival of Whales

This year's **Festival of Whales** will take place on **March 4-5 & 11-12**. The Dana Point Historical Society will once again have an **outreach booth** at *Art in the Park*, located at the corner of Island Way and Dana Point Harbor Drive, each day of the festival. Volunteers will be needed for two-hour shifts, starting at 9 a.m. each day. Please contact Max Brown at DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com or at 949-248-8121 if you would like to volunteer to sell merchandise and provide membership information.

Our members will guide individuals on our **FREE Dana Point Historical Society Walking Tour of Town Center**, on March 4 & 5, beginning at 2 p.m. Meet at the newly restored Coastal Kitchen restaurant (formerly the Blue Lantern Café) on the corner of Blue Lantern and PCH. See and hear the stories of historic landmarks, S. H. Woodruff's 1920s planned community and Bluff Top harbor views, c. 1818 to 1939, that represent the area's early history. The tour is open to the public. Groups are also welcome to make special tour arrangements on the following weekend, March 11 & 12, by calling 949-248-8121 or emailing DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com.



AND look for Society members and guests aboard a Dana Point City trolley making its way down the PCH **parade** route on Saturday morning, March 4, at 10 a.m.!

Please visit www.festivalofwhales.com for a complete listing of events.

President's Message



Our January Annual Meeting and traditional potluck dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to the Board of Directors who organized the meeting and to everyone who created the delicious entrees and desserts. We were pleased to welcome Mayor Debra Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wyatt, South Coast Water District President Wayne Rayfield, and SCWD Director Rick Erkeneff. DPHS officers reported on the state of the society, and retiring treasurer Paul Hinman was thanked for his service. Past president Mary Crowl installed the officers and directors who were reelected for two-year terms of office, including our



More than 60 people attended our January annual meeting and potluck.

new treasurer, Katherine "Kat" Wallace. Pat Plepler Award recipient Willa Porter was honored in an interesting program organized by Arts & Cultural Commissioner Nancy Jenkins. Willa was presented an award by Sergio Prince, Community Relations Supervisor to Orange County Fifth District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett. I had the privilege of presenting Willa with a certificate from State Assemblyman Bill Brough's office, as well as the Dana Point Historical Society's Proclamation honoring Willa for her civic, political and volunteer activities in the community and county. Willa introduced her special guests who attended in her honor and thanked the Society for the award.



Mistress of Ceremonies Nancy Jenkins (right) joins Willa Porter, recipient of the Pat Plepler Award, at the podium.

Our February 22 meeting will touch on the past and the future. Documentary film producer John Underwood will speak to us about creating a visual journey of our early coastal maritime history and the development of 19th Century California. Our meeting will also include Julian Miller, who will preview a future Dana Point Historic Walking Tour that will not only pay tribute to our past history, but will also highlight today's attractions. We will conclude with a brief show-and-tell of 20th Century history by Bob Minty, DPHS Program Chair. A reception will follow in the museum. All of these presentations should inspire us to appreciate our local history and I hope they will motivate you to participate in the 2017 Festival of Whales!

It is a privilege to welcome Kat Wallace to our Board of Directors as the new Historical Society Treasurer. Kat and Wayne Wallace have been active members of the Society for a number of years, participating as volunteers, attending meetings and field trips. We are fortunate to have her helping the Society in her new capacity.

Barbara Force Johannes

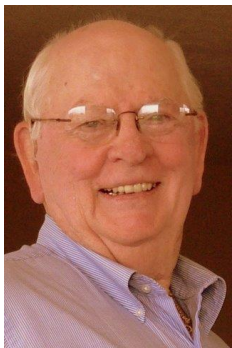
September 2017 Marks 30th Anniversary of Society

This September, DPHS will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our own Elizabeth Bamattre and Judy Henderson establishing the Dana Point Historical Society for the purpose of preserving the bluff top trail above Dana Point Harbor. So many important projects have followed in the past three decades. The Society is starting to put together ideas of how to celebrate this occasion, which may include a festive evening on the water. Stay tuned!

Hobie Memorial Hawaiian Kickoff Party at Cannon's Restaurant

The Dana Point Historical Society has made a generous contribution to the Hobie Memorial Foundation, which is raising money to have a life-sized bronze statue of Hobie Alter sailing his Hobie 14-foot catamaran. We are hoping others will get involved by attending the Kickoff *Hawaiian* Fundraising Party at Cannon's Restaurant on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person, which gives attendees their first cocktail/beverage accompanied by pupu appetizers.

Please go to <https://hobiememorial.com/events/> for more information.



In Memoriam: Robert "Bob" Moore

The Dana Point Historical Society is saddened by the loss of our former board member and community activist, Bob Moore, who passed away last month. Bob was an avid supporter of many Dana Point organizations and an elected director of the South Coast District Water Board for many years. In 2000, Bob was named Dana Point Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. You can read his full obituary from the Dana Point Times here: <http://www.danapointtimes.com/obituary-robert-bob-weatherford-moore/>.

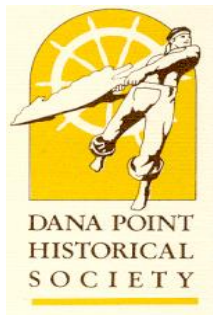
Technology and Historic Survey Updates

As a result of a computer crash last fall and the loss of data, the DPHS Technology Committee has made some changes to our existing computer system. First, we invested in an Apple "Airport" wi-fi connection that will automatically back up our data to make sure nothing is lost in the event of a computer failure like the one we experienced last year. We have also had the good fortune to have a Microsoft employee and history enthusiast, Grant Earl, donate Microsoft's Office 2017 computer program, which also includes additional "cloud" storage capabilities. This is part of Microsoft's ongoing community service program whereby employees who provide Microsoft products and assistance are reimbursed by the company. Grant's initial involvement with us stems from working with the Society to analyze the historic survey conducted by Architectural Resources Group (ARG). The Society is currently organizing that data and looking for any errors or omissions in the report.

Some members of our Historical Society and the Capistrano Beach community advocacy group *Capo Cares* met with John Ciampa and Matt Schneider of the Dana Point City Planning Department to discuss the historic survey completed by ARG. ARG made recommendations to eliminate some properties that first appeared on the previous 1997 survey and were carried over onto the new survey. Nine buildings were obvious because they were demolished, but we are still researching the suggested removal of 22 others. We also discussed outreach efforts to inform homeowners of the benefits of having their historic homes listed on the city registry. Many owners know about the tax savings and increase in property values, but some don't know of the savings on building permits and possible waivers when property improvements are made. If you have any questions regarding your home or property's potential as a historic building, please contact me at kjohannes1@cox.net or 949-248-8121.

Keith Johannes

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2017 DPHS Calendar

Feb 22 Program Meeting **March 4-12** Festival of Whales **April** Program Meeting (tba) **May 24** Founders Day

Membership

THANK YOU to everyone who has paid their dues for 2017. We've had a very good response this year. Please keep them coming if you haven't already renewed!

The membership categories are as follows:

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 PO Box 544, Dana Point, 92629, or at the museum Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, 1-3 p.m.

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

Get To Know a Board Member



Our new treasurer, **Katherine "Kat" Wallace**, comes to us as an 18-year resident of Dana Point after first living in Laguna Niguel. A registered nurse, she first met up with fellow Society members Elizabeth Bamattre, Sandie Iversen, Judy Brandmeier and others at the Earth/Ocean Society. A few years ago, Kat joined the Historical Society and began volunteering at the FOW booth and *Two Years Before the Mast* readings, as well as taking advantage of some of our field trips and attending meetings. Kat was also President of the Sand Dollar Guild at the Ocean Institute and on the SDG board for many years.

She and her husband, Wayne, have been married just over 9 years and have a boat in the harbor. They enjoy whale watching, trips to Catalina, walking in the harbor, going to the gym and road trips.