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Join Us for Our May 25th Founders Day Program!



On Wednesday evening at 6 PM, at the Dana Point Yacht Club on Harbor Island, the Dana Point Historical Society will honor Bruce and Marlene Beal with our Founders Day Award. Bruce and Marlene have been instrumental in advising numerous organizations with achieving nonprofit tax-exempt status and for years have been very involved in researching and documenting local oceanic history and recording the oral histories of local watermen. Both are currently appointed officers of the yacht club. There will be an appetizer reception with a no-host bar followed by the evening's program. Please be sure to come and congratulate our honorees!

April Is National Volunteer Month

Once again we wish thank our many, many volunteers who work so tirelessly all year to make sure our projects and events are successes. Our most recent volunteer projects:

We thank **museum docents** Mary Crowl, Robin Valles and Linda Moore as well as Board of Directors members Elizabeth Bamattre, Joel Bishop, Max Brown, Paul Hinman, Rob Howorth, Sandie Iverson, Barbara Johannes, Keith Johannes, Marsha LaRusso and Bob Minty who make sure the museum is staffed each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For the **Festival of Whales** in March, we thank Jill Amadio, Alice Anderson, Willa Porter, Sheryl Villapania, Barb Wilson, and Board of Directors members Paul Hinman, Susan Hinman, Rod Howorth, Heidi Hyde, Sandie Iverson, Barbara Johannes and Keith Johannes who assisted us with our merchandise booth and outreach. We also thank Terry and Lee Walsh who once again spearheaded the popular Walking Tour. A special shout out to Elizabeth, Bill and Nik Bamattre and Bob Minty for providing cars and trucks to haul our merchandise, tent, chairs, tables and all the other paraphernalia that goes with the merchandise booth.

See Page 5 for a special thank you to all of you who volunteered for the **Sixth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast***.



DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser

Be sure to look inside for the ticket order form to attend our Scholarship Fiesta Fundraiser at Doheny Beach on June 22!



The Search Is On!

Do you or someone you know possess brochures or artifacts from the 1966 Time Capsule Event? The Society is now collecting items for an exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Time Capsule, which will occur in August. Please let us know if you have any mementos to share --- we are especially looking for one of the coveted BBQ tickets presented to attendees in 1966 that promised a free BBQ in the year 2016. Contact us at 949-248-8121 or at DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com.

President's Message



Our Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization and we have been very busy sharing Dana Point history with the public. There have been fun rewards for our members. Our February 24th meeting began with three delightful 7th grade students and their families. Regis, Chris and Cameron demonstrated their impressive creation of an R.H. Dana Jr. web site submitted as a National History Day project. Program Chair Bob Minty followed with a fascinating presentation on Whaling and Scrimshaw History, complete with a "cat of nine tails" demonstration. Afterward, our Board of Directors hosted a reception for members and guests in the museum to view Bob's scrimshaw exhibit, which was designed by Kirsten Reynolds. If you have not viewed the exhibit, the exquisite carving and engraving is a must see!

March was full of events, beginning with the Richard Henry Dana Elementary 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 4. We were proud of DPHS member Helen Pierce (pictured at right), a featured speaker who recounted her experiences teaching kindergarten, first at Serra Elementary and then as part of the opening staff of the new R.H. Dana Elementary in 1966. Helen named a number of her memorable kindergarten students who have gone on to contribute to our community. U.S. Attorney Richard Henry Dana, enacted by DPHS Program Chair Bob Minty, surprised students with a visit, part of his return trip to California. His "That's Not Fair" speech captivated the students and was a hit with all the guests who heard how Dana lost his mother as a child, witnessed the unfair treatment of merchant seamen and vowed to help those less fortunate than himself. The Society presented Principal Christina Portillo with a copy of Doris Walker's *Home Port for Romance*, a gift from Doris's two sons who attended school there, and we also gave our collectible DPHS City Seal Medallion, framed, for the school's 50th Anniversary History display.



The city's *Festival of Whales* parade had a beautiful day. Founders Elizabeth Bamattre, Judy Henderson, Helen Pierce, R.H. Dana Elementary students and guests honored us by riding on our *Whale of a Fire Engine* parade entry, supplied by the California Fire Museum. Thanks to guides Terry and Lee Walsh, we had two well-attended Historic Walking Tours the first FOW weekend. A big thank you to Max Brown and all the volunteers who greeted residents and visitors at our DPHS merchandise and outreach booth for both weekends!

Mayor John Tomlinson started the Sixth Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* on Friday, April 1. Ocean Institute President Dori Moorehead, Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, State Senator Pat Bates and Assemblyman Bill Brough's family also read the first day. Councilman Scott Schoeffel was the first of 52 readers at 9 AM Saturday that included Kathrine Dana Shaw, 94, a cousin (3rd cousin, 4x removed) of Richard Henry Dana. Her daughter, Cynthia Shaw Bowers joined her (both pictured at left). A record number of 11 Dana descendants attended this year's reading, one from as far away as Henderson, Montana. Over 125 readers and volunteers were involved by the time the reading concluded on Sunday. Each has been thanked by Chair Elizabeth Bamattre and all are listed on page 5 of this newsletter as well as on a poster in the Society's museum. Guests and visitors to the harbor stopped by, drawn in by an article in the *Dana Point Times*. For more information on the 2016 reading, please see the web article: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/dana-710984-shaw-reading.html>



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the **June 22 Scholarship Fiesta at Doheny State Beach** and need our help and support. Keith Johannes and Bruce Beal are looking for volunteers for our booth at the **Doheny Surf Festival on June 25 & 26**.

Monday, August 29 is the date set by Orange County for the **Dana Point Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Opening Celebration!** (The original Complimentary Bar-B-Q tickets from 1966 will be honored, so dig them out.)

Our Historical Society has been invited to be the lead nonprofit sponsor of the Time Capsule Event and your Board of Directors has voted to accept the honor. As a result of the conflicting preparation time involved, the Board has decided to cancel this fall's home tour. More information about the Time Capsule Opening Celebration will follow in May and June. If you have any photos or memorabilia from the 1966 Rock Placing Ceremony and Time Capsule Event, we would appreciate you contacting us. Photos and papers can be scanned and returned to you immediately. Artifacts would be held for a museum exhibit and then returned to you. There are lots of opportunities to be involved in these activities and as a docent in the museum. Just volunteer to join us in sharing our history.

Barbara Force Johannes

Preservation Report

By Keith Johannes

At their Monday April 11, 2016 meeting, The Dana Point Planning Commission approved a two-story addition to a historic Doheny property at 35147 Beach Road. This property is one of four 1920s beach homes built by the Doheny family in the Spanish Colonial Revival style and is currently owned by the Augustyn family. City staff consulted with Architectural Resources Group (ARG), to get an opinion on whether this addition would affect the structure's eligibility for Historical Resource Designation. ARG stated that it would not affect a historic designation since the addition complies with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. ARG is the firm hired by the city to conduct the current survey of historic structures. The company has completed its survey, which is now being reviewed by staff before submitting it to the City Council.



Left to right; Planning Commission Chair April O'Connor, Commissioner Danni Murphy, Commissioner Scott McKhann, homeowner Les Paup and Planning Commission Vice-Chair Eric Nelson .

The Planning Commission also adopted a Resolution designating the 1928 residence, built by Sidney H. Woodruff and located at 24711 El Camino Capistrano Drive, as a locally significant structure to be placed on the City's Historic Register. The Commission also recommended to the City Council that the city enter into an agreement with the property owners for participation in the Mills Act Program. The property is one of a half dozen in the Provincial revival style in Woodruff's development. The applicants, Les Paup and Sally Roberts, were presented with a temporary plaque to commemorate the designation until their City of Dana Point Historic Home plaque arrives. Once the Mills Act tax contract with the city is final it can substantially reduce their property taxes. In addition to tax abatement, the Mills Act contract allows the property owners a waiver of city permit fees.

May Is National Preservation Month: "This Place Matters"

The National Trust has chosen *This Place Matters* as the 2016 national campaign theme to inspire us to celebrate the places that are meaningful in our community. What are the places in Dana Point that are important to you --- places that contribute to our town's unique character? You can read more about this concept online at https://savingplaces.org/this-place-matters#.Vx66_D9rk3F



Our Preservation Committee is pleased to spotlight the perfect example of a meaningful historic building that matters to us and to the history of Dana Point. One of the oldest buildings in our community is the new location of **Coastal Kitchen**, a restaurant scheduled to open between May 25 and June 1. The building, restored over the past two years, is now repurposed as a new restaurant owned by Michael and Christina Grant. The restaurant will feature lunch and dinner daily, with emphasis on fresh ingredients and quality dining, in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. <http://www.coastalkitchendanapoint.com>

Preservation research has shown that good restaurants thrive in historic buildings, in areas with vintage village character including cities both large and small. Outdoor seating has also increased restaurant patronage in historic areas. An April 3, 1927 newspaper article, announcing the building's original business, stated: "One of the first buildings to be built at Dana Point is the new service station designed by Fay R. Spangler of Santa Ana for Mrs. Anna G. Walter . . . The lessee is Carroll Lynch who will operate this service station. Light lunches will be served in a coffee shop, a part of the service station. This building is at the corner of the street of the Blue Lantern and the new Roosevelt Coast Highway."

Whether you are dining in the main building or on the patio where the original automotive service bays once were, Coastal Kitchen will inspire interest and conversation about the past and future of Dana Point.



**DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser**

Wednesday, June 22, 6:00 PM
Reservation Form for Doheny State Beach

Come and join us for a fun time, good food and support our annual mission to enhance the college experience of our two scholarship winners!

Mail by **Wednesday, June 15** to: **Dana Point Historical Society**
PO Box 544
Dana Point, CA 92629

(You may also pay at the museum during open hours: Tues & Thurs 1-3 PM and Sat 11 AM – 3 PM)

Number of Society member adults: _____ @ \$25 each (enclose check/money order)

Number of Society member children (12 & under): _____ @ \$10 each (enclose check/money order)

Number of NON-Society member adults: _____ @ \$30 each (enclose check/money order)

Number of NON-Society member children (12 & under): _____ @ \$15 each (enclose check/m.o.)

Parking charge is \$5 for the evening, payable at the Dohney Beach parking meters.

If you cannot attend, and/or you would like to donate money to the scholarship fund in addition to ordering ticket, please enter the amount of your donation: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Questions? Please call the museum office (949) 248-8121 or email events@danapointhistorical.org

Thank You Readers & Volunteers - 2016

Two Years Before The Mast



Richard Henry

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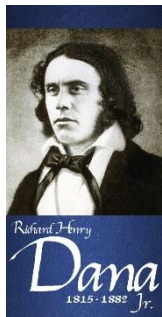
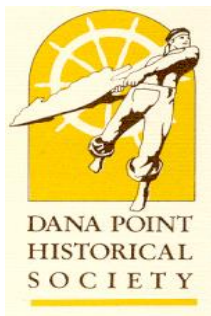
Barbara Force Johannes, DPHS President, ex officio

In Case You Missed It ...

The rendering of the Hobie Alter Memorial on the organization's website shows what the full size Hobie Cat memorial would look like if placed in the new Zephyr Development near the pedestrian bridge. It can be seen here: <https://hobiememorial.com/>

The Friends of the Dana Point Headlands is a newly formed nonprofit dedicated to information, preservation and history of our Headlands. You can visit their website here: <http://www.friendsofthedanapointheadlands.org/>

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2016 DPHS Calendar

May 25 Founders Day (Yacht Club) **June 22** Scholarship Fiesta (Doheny Beach) **August 29** Time Capsule Event

Membership

Please welcome new members **Randy and Debbie Hild and Gwen Layritz.**

As a reminder, the annual renewals for 2016 were due in January. The membership categories are as follows:

Individual	\$25 annual
Family	\$30 annual
Business	\$50 annual
Patron	\$100 annual
Life	\$500 lifetime

We currently have over 75 people who have not renewed their memberships. Please come to the Founders Day event (see page 1) where we will have a membership table available for those of you who want to renew. Also, please check to make sure we have a current email for you. You can also send your email to me at rmla-russo@msn.com. REMEMBER that all contributions are tax deductible as the Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Marsha LaRusso

DPHS Board of Directors

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