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DPHS Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner Wednesday, January 20



Please join us for our annual meeting and potluck dinner on **Wednesday, January 20**, at **Dana Point Community House at 24642 San Juan Avenue**. Doors open at 6 PM, although *volunteers to help set up chairs and tables at 5:30 PM would be greatly appreciated*. A reception starts the evening, followed by a potluck dinner at approximately 6:45 PM. Opening comments and approval of the 2016 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members will begin at approximately 7:15 PM. Our final program event will feature longtime DPHS member **Wayne Rayfield**, left, who will receive the Pat Plepler Award. Several guest speakers will describe his active citizenship and community service.

Please bring a dish to serve 6-8 people for the potluck dinner. Beverages will be available but a donation of wine or beer is always appreciated.

Members who wish to nominate individuals for apply for vacant positions should contact Barbara Johannes at least two days prior to the annual membership meeting.

2016 Election of Board Members & Confirmation of Appointed Committee Chairs

OFFICERS to be elected by the members in January 2016:

VACANT (2016-18)

Bob Minty (2016-18)

Nancy Jenkins (2016-18)

1st Vice President, Museum/Archives

3rd Vice President, Programs

Corresponding Secretary

Board-appointed committee chairs renewed for two years in 2016:

Elizabeth Bamattre (2016/18)

Judy Henderson (2016-18)

Rod Howorth (2016-18)

Terry Walsh (2016-18)

Special Events

Sunshine Ambassador, Director Emeritus

Merchandise

Walking Tours

Current Board Members & Appointed Committee Chairs

OFFICERS elected by the members in January 2015:

Barbara Johannes (2015-17)

Marsha LaRusso (2015-17)

Heidi Hyde (2015-17)

Paul Hinman (2015-17)

Elizabeth Bamattre (2015-17)

President

2nd Vice President, Membership

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

Board-appointed committee chairs confirmed in January 2015:

Bruce Beal (2015-17)

Joel Bishop (2015-17)

Max Brown (2015-17)

Sandie Iverson (2015-17)

Keith Johannes (2015-17)

Kirsten Reynolds (2015-17)

Vacant

Director, Ocean Heritage Projects

Public Relations

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President's Message



New Year Greetings! 2015 ended on high note with the dedication of the Richard Henry Dana Jr. Bicentennial Plaque. We had a beautiful day to conclude our *Year of Dana* celebration with the presentation of the plaque on Sunday, December 6 (pictured below). A crowd of members and guests circled the R.H. Dana Jr. harbor statue as Orange County Supervisor Lisa spoke, then read aloud the plaque's inscription as it was unveiled by two Dana Elementary School Student Council officers. Assemblyman Bill Brough, Mayor John Tomlinson, *Dana Wharf's* Don Hansen, Dana Elementary Principal Christina Portillo and Harbor Director Brad Gross joined our Society in thanking the San Juan Historical Society and its president, Tom Ostensen, for commemorating our namesake with the statue installed in 1972. We want to again thank Supervisor Bartlett for her assistance and support in having this plaque placed in appreciation of Les Remmers and the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society members and donors who honored Dana with the statue, one of only two in the United States.



Looking forward, it is the same generosity exhibited in the SJCHS 1972 fundraising effort that has inspired our Society's Board of Directors to pledge \$10,000 toward the Hobie Alter Memorial sculpture. Our \$1,000 check was presented to the Hobie Memorial Foundation Committee President Robbie Roberson at their December 11, 2015, meeting, as the first payment of our pledge. The balance will be paid to the foundation when the city has approved the location and sculpture. With our donation, the Historical Society hopes to inspire other individuals, organizations and corporations to pledge a contribution toward the memorial. The sculpture will commemorate Hobie's accomplishments and the global proportions of an industry that began here in Dana Point, a highlight of our 20th century history. The memorial will be a life-size bronze sculpture of Hobie sailing a Hobie Cat 14 above a base of bronze bas reliefs that represent his contributions to surfing, sailing and skateboarding.

To help us ring in the New Year, please join us for our January 20th traditional potluck dinner and Annual Meeting, always a convivial opportunity to greet old friends and meet new ones. We will thank retiring board member Ross Teasley for his years of service and we will welcome Bob Minty as our new Program Director and 3rd Vice President. Our Museum Director/Archivist and 1st Vice President position is vacant and we welcome nominations or volunteers for the office. The highlight of the evening will be honoring Wayne Rayfield as recipient of the Pat Plepler Award for his active citizenship and service to Dana Point. Wayne has accomplished so much and is never too busy to volunteer in support of Historical Society events.

It is my honor to serve with the DPHS Board of Directors as President. On the Directors' behalf, I want to thank you for your support in honoring and preserving Dana Point's history. I look forward to working together to continue to celebrate our history in 2016.

Barbara Force Johannes

Historical Symposium Scheduled for San Juan Capistrano February 25-27

San Juan Capistrano will be hosting the 2016 Spring Symposium of the Conference of California Historical Societies. The weekend's program is highlighted by a unique tour of Huell Howser Archive and Library, a journey to Los Rios Historic District and the San Juan Capistrano Mission as well as dinner and a presentation by historian Richard Dureé. You can find out more about this event by visiting the organization's website at: http://www.californiahistorian.com/spring_symposium_2016

2015 Treasurer's Report

The Historical Society finished 2015 with cash reserves of \$52,199, a nearly identical sum as at the start of the year, and an additional \$20,275 in short-term CDs. It should be noted that a portion of the liquid assets were from donations or raised funds reserved only for specific uses such as Scholarships or Awards to honor the memory of former members. Total expenses for the year were \$43,560 and total income was \$42,714. The \$846 deficit was covered by the reserve funds.

The Home Tour, our major fundraiser, was a huge success this year. It provided \$21,720 in income from sponsors, ticket sales and donations. Expenses were \$3,070. A net amount of \$18,650 allowed the Society to participate in projects to commemorate the bicentennial of Richard Henry Dana Jr's birth, and to provide financial stability for other upcoming projects in 2016. Other significant income was from membership dues, the Fiesta Scholarship Dinner, and sales of books, photographs, Society boutique items and other merchandise.

Project costs for this year include \$9,366 for purchase of R.H. Dana light pole banners and their cost of installation, removal, cleaning and storage (twice). This cost was partially offset by Banner Sponsorships totaling \$4,373. A Bicentennial Plaque was also commissioned and installed in Dana Point Harbor at a cost of \$1,850.

Two of the larger expenses the year were for storage of museum materials and equipment (\$5,175), and the printing and postage expenses for mailing our newsletter, *The News Drogher* (\$3,418). The storage costs include part of 2015 and prepayment for 2016 in order to receive special discounts. Other significant cash outflow items were recurring annual expenditures necessary to operate and maintain our museum. These included insurance (\$2,333), scholarships (\$2,000), taxes and tax preparation (\$1,090), and internet & phone (\$282).

Despite some large projects this year, we continued to maintain a comfortable cash balance. A committee comprised of board members will internally audit the 2015 cash flow and present the results for approval by the entire DPHS board. Any members wishing to examine the detailed cash flow and banking summary may do so by contacting the Society and making an appointment during the next 90 days.

Paul Hinman, Treasurer

February Program Features Scrimshaw of Bob Minty

The Dana Point Historical Society will present Bob Minty on **Wednesday evening, February 24 at 6 PM** in a program featuring the history of scrimshaw. It will coincide with a new exhibit in our museum of Bob's antique scrimshaw collection. The program will be held in City Hall Council Chambers and will be followed by a reception in the museum.

Friendly Reminders!

Membership dues are now payable to the Society for 2016. You may mail your payment to our PO Box 544, Dana Point, 92629 or bring your dues to the museum Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 PM, Saturdays 11AM - 3 PM or bring you payment to our annual meeting and potluck on January 20. Please see page 6 for more details.

Also, **PLEASE** pick up a **Ralph's Community Participation** letter at our annual meeting or at the museum. This is FREE money that Ralph's is willing to donate to us based on your grocery purchases. Simply give the letter to your Ralph's cashier the next time you check out and you will be registered though September 2016. Participation in this program has declined among our members and we would like to increase it. Please get your letter today!

Hobie Memorial Foundation Nears 50% Mark of Financial Pledges

The Hobie Memorial Foundation committee's 2016 goal is "... to continue to fund, design, fabricate, and install a faithful full-scale bronze replica of a Hobie 14 catamaran under sail in the waves off Dana Point with a grinning Hobie Alter hiking out." A 6-foot-tall foundation will support the sculpture, which will educate visitors about the many contributions of Hobie Alter to the world's surfing and sailing cultures and industries. This summer, the foundation plans a fundraiser at which 3-foot bronze models, glass reliefs and glass etchings will be offered. To date, the 47% of the donations, pledges and commitments needed to build the \$350,000 life-size bronze statue have been received. DPHS President Barbara Johannes presented the foundation with a \$1,000 check in December as well as a commitment from the Society for an additional \$9,000 once the project location is secured. **The Society encourages all of its members to give generously to the Hobie Memorial Foundation so that this important part of our city's history can be commemorated.** For more information, or to donate to the Hobie Memorial Foundation, please go to www.hobiememorial.com or email at hobiememorial@gmail.com.



Left: Bruce Beal, Wayne Schafer, Barbara Johannes, Robbie Roberson, Hobie's son Jeff Alter and Bryon Kurt.



Right: Scott Zanio (center) of Hexagon Metrology using the company's laser arm to scan the full-size Hobie cat along with model Bryon Kurt. The laser computer information will then digitize the pose in exacting three dimensional proportions. According to Robbie Roberson (pictured watching), the entire sculpture will be cut out of Styrofoam and covered with a thin layer of modeling clay so artist Lance Jost and his team can carve in the detail for the final bronze casting. This process saves hundreds of man hours and cuts the time to produce the finished bronze statue by more than half.

Dana Toolbox Returns "Home"

In October 2015, the Dana Point Historical Society received an email from San Diego resident Torrey Jordan, informing us that his neighbor had given him a "Dana Toolbox." His neighbor, Mark Jamison, was a descendent of William Goodwin Dana, of Nipomo, a distant cousin of Richard Henry Dana Jr. We agreed to take the toolbox and transfer it to the W.G. Dana Adobe in Nipomo. Torrey Jordan met us near our storage unit in Dana Point and we placed the toolbox there temporarily. We contacted the Dana Adobe organization through maritime historian Randy Biddle. Marina Washburn emailed to inform us that one of the organization's board members was driving to San Diego and could meet me to pick up the toolbox. On December 27, Colleen Beck, Dana Adobe Docent and member of the Collections Committee, took possession of the toolbox. In a short conversation with Colleen about some of the emails I received, she stated that her organization recognized the names of Mark Jamison and Jean Mathews Jamison, his mother, who are known descendants of W.G. Dana. The result is the Dana toolbox, somewhat modified and repaired over many decades, has been returned to the restored adobe of William Goodwin Dana. You can read more about William Goodwin Dana and the Dana Adobe on our website in an extensive article from 2011: <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/nipomos-william-goodwin-dana/>

Keith Johannes – Preservation Committee Chair

Be part of the annual marathon reading of...

Two Years Before the Mast

by *Richard Henry Dana, Jr.*

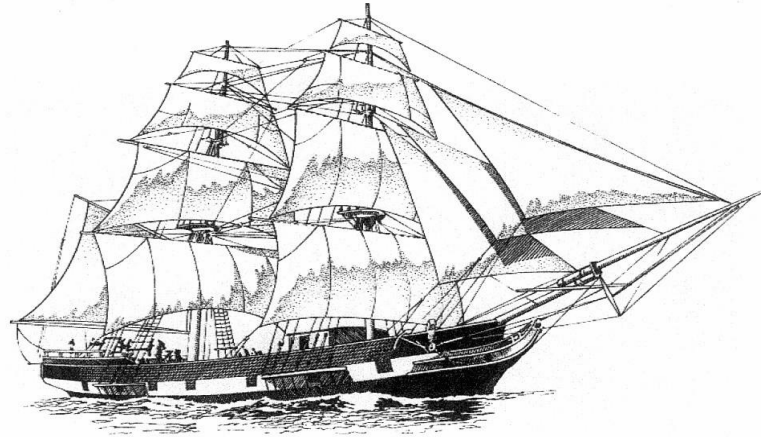
Dana Point Historical Society
Sixth Annual Book Reading

Friday, April 1: 1pm to 4pm
Saturday, April 2: 9am to 5pm
Sunday, April 3: 9am to noon

New Venue!

Ocean Institute Maritime Barn
24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point

With a spectacular backdrop of the brig *Pilgrim*, a replica of the historic vessel that brought Dana to this coast, the Dana Point Historical Society in collaboration with the Ocean Institute presents the sixth public reading of the complete text of *Two Years Before the Mast*. Join us in celebrating our history!

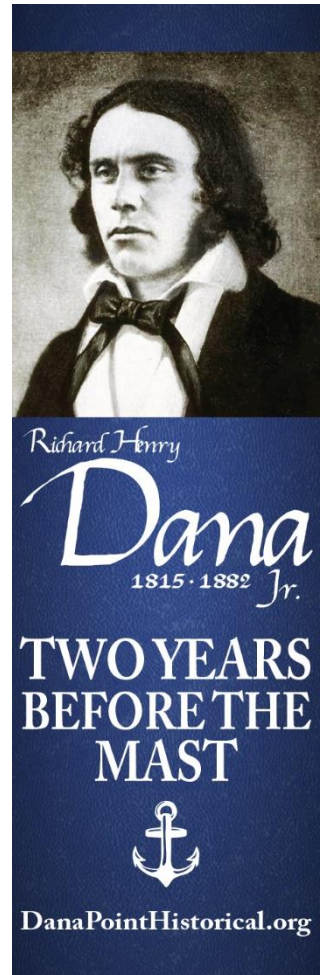


Readers and volunteers needed!

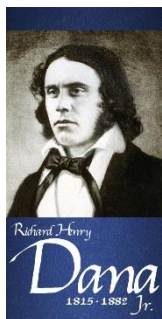
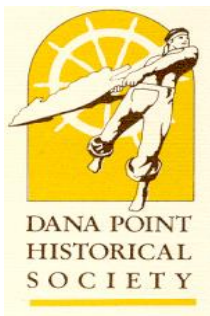
To volunteer, send an email to twoyearsbeforethemastdp@gmail.com or call 949-899-0907. Please provide your name, email address, a phone number where you can be reached, and a preferred time to read aloud for 8 to 10 minutes or to volunteer for a 2-hour shift.



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2016 DPHS Calendar

Jan 20 Membership Meeting **Feb 24** Bob Minty Scrimshaw Exhibit & Lecture **March 5-12** Festival of Whales

Membership

Please welcome new members **Shelley Furse and Dale and Leo Larsen.**

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

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

Look on your address label to see if you have a date of 1/16. Please remit your dues at this time either via mail at PO Box 544, DP, 92629; at the museum Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday; or at our membership meeting on January 20.

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

California Fire Museum Lends Use of 1961 Crown Coach Fire Engine for Festival of Whales

California Fire Museum President Don Forsythe and Director David Hensel have again graciously agreed to let the Society feature one of CFM's restored fire engines for the FOW parade on March 5. This year's entry will be their 1961 Crown Fire Coach, pictured below. Many thanks to their organization for collaborating with the Society to help us look colorful in the parade!

