



# *The News Drogher*

Holiday 2024



## ***Membership Holiday Reception***

**Sunday, December 8th, 1-4 p.m.  
34532 Camino Capistrano**

**DPHS members have been invited by owner Steven Abraham to celebrate in the garden of his historic Doheny House in Capistrano Beach. Enjoy holiday cheer along with refreshments and light appetizers in the garden's "Speakeasy."**

**Docent-accompanied tours of the house will be available on a limited basis. Flat shoes should be worn for the tour.**

**We also encourage members to make a 2024 tax-deductible donation to our 2025 Scholarship Fund.**

**RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m.  
[events@danapointhistorical.org](mailto:events@danapointhistorical.org)  
or call 949-248-8121**



## *Happy Holidays!*



Our Holiday Reception will take place at the historic Doheny property featured in our Inaugural Home Tour held on October 29, 2000. As announced in the October 25, 2024, *Dana Point Times*, owner Steven Abraham has placed his “Historic 95-year-old Home for Sale in Capistrano Beach.” Not only was this Palisades home the signature house of our first home tour, it also served as the tour headquarters for the six Doheny Homes on that tour and was again the headquarters for the Fourth Annual Home Tour in 2003. Then owners Don Burnes and his wife Alice Baum, who were Dana Point Historical Society Board members, thought a tour of historic homes could interest the public in preserving other historic homes. Their goal has been realized as more owners of historic buildings in Dana Point have applied for inclusion on the Historic Register. Currently, a Doheny home on Beach Road was just approved by the Planning Commission for the Historic Resources Register, a historic Woodruff home on El Camino Capistrano is being restored and the new El Caminante Bar & Bungalows is a restored historic motel we were invited to tour last July at the official ribbon-cutting event.

Steven Abraham is our holiday host on December 8, and the owner (since 2012) when his Doheny home was on our Fifteenth Home tour. He enjoys researching the home’s history and that of Edward L. “Ned” Doheny Jr., who developed Capistrano Beach in the 1920s. Our 2015 tour program states that the home has doubled in size since it was originally built. “The original part of the house is to the left of the entrance. The wall to the right of the staircase was the original exterior wall of the house. The wrought iron banister is original as are the hand-stenciled beams and stucco lattice work in the living room.” Docents will lead tours through the home and describe Steven’s restoration and improvements, and he will be there to answer your questions.

This is the time of year for me to express my thanks for our Board of Directors and Chairs who do so much to move the Historical Society forward while keeping the museum open for research and visitors. We have taken our DPHS Booth to the September Maritime Festival and the Fall Redo Market, the October ArtFest and November’s “The Big One” in La Plaza. Patrons’ hand-painted tiles will become part of local history when installed at the Baby Beach Tile Wall this month. My heartfelt thanks go to all our docents, booth volunteers and members whose support is vital to guarantee the Historical Society is here for the future while we share and preserve our artifacts, books and historic photos from the past.

I look forward to toasting the Holidays with you on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Dress warmly, if the weather is cool, as the reception is outside. In case of inclement weather, please check [danapointhistorical.org](http://danapointhistorical.org) or our Facebook page for an update. Until then, have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

*Barbara Force Johannes, President*

# Beach Road Residence Registers as Historic Property



The 1920s Doheny home located at 35145 Beach Road has been unanimously approved by the City of Dana Point Planning Commission for placement on the Dana Point Historic Resources Register. The Commission also recommended the City Council authorize an agreement for participation in the Mills Act Program which allows local governments to enter into contracts with owners of qualified historic properties who participate in the restoration and maintenance of their historic properties while receiving property tax relief. This property is the 44th addition to the Dana Point Historic Register since the enactment of

the Historic Resources Ordinance in March 2001. “The Dana Point Historic Resources Inventory identified 75 structures (60 residential and 15 commercial) that met the established criteria, and which could then become candidates for historic designation.” (Planning Commission Agenda, Oct. 28, 2024) City designation of locally significant structures is the first step in applying for California and National recognition. For more information on this Doheny home, read the news article “Beach Road Resident Finishes Restoration Process on 1928 Doheny Home”, Click here to read: [Dana Point Times Beach Road Article](#)

*Keith Johannes, Preservation Chair*



Dana Point Historical Society President Barbara Johannes, pictured far left, was mistress of ceremonies at the Orange County Historical Commission meet-and-greet event held in October at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Joining her in representing DPHS at the county-wide historical societies event were Elizabeth Bamattre, pictured standing, at right, as well as Keith Johannes and Marsha LaRusso.

*Photo by Jennifer Keil*





## *The Big One*

Outreach Chair Gary Macrides, pictured center, is joined by, left to right, volunteers Jeff Lander, Heidi Hyde, Randy Roberts and Jim Proett at the DPHS booth at November's "The Big One," a surf swap and vintage market hosted by The Vintage Surfboard Collector Club. Tile Wall Chair Randy Roberts was on hand to assist with the painting of tiles, which will be mounted on the Baby Beach Tile Wall in the harbor.

## Membership

Please welcome new members **Marlene Daile, Rodney & Josette Hatter, Cathy Schmidt** and new Patron member **Hobie Sports!**

2025 dues will be payable in January unless you joined in the last half of 2024. You may also pay at our Annual Meeting and Potluck scheduled for January 22, 2025. The membership categories are:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$25 annual</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30 annual</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>\$50 annual</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$100 annual</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>\$500 lifetime</b>

Please remit your dues either via mail at P.O. Box 544, Dana Point, 92629; at our museum Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.; at one of our scheduled meetings, or at events when our outreach booth is present.

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

Questions? Contact Membership Chair Marsha La Russo at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com).

# DPHS Website Update

The Dana Point Historical Society website offers a comprehensive overview of its activities, exhibits and upcoming events.

Our website has been redesigned with social media integration on Facebook, Instagram and our YouTube channel.

Our newsletter is easy to read online and guests can sign up online. We are increasing our website activity, through links from other websites, social media interaction and higher placement of search results when people look for Dana Point information. Our hope is that this will result in greater exposure of the historical society to the general public as well as increased access for students and historians.

Exhibits and Archives: The Society maintains a rich collection of historical artifacts and exhibits that capture the essence of Dana Point's history, including items related to Richard Henry Dana Jr., Sidney H. Woodruff, and our local surfing heritage.

Other new features include online membership renewal, and our merchandise "store" has been updated with new items as well as modern payment methods such as Venmo, GooglePay and PayPal. Consider our merchandise, especially our collectible ornaments, for your holiday gift giving! Click here: [DPHS Store](#)

A walking tour using Google Maps is incorporated into the site. This will allow visitors, via their *smart phone*, to take a guided walking tour of historic properties located in central Dana Point. Click here to view the map: <https://tinyurl.com/DanaPointHistoryWalk>

Follow us and check our web page for more website updates!

*Jeff Lander*

## **MERCHANDISING VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

DPHS is looking for a volunteer to promote and manage the Society's merchandise, which includes books, shirts and other items. We are happy to help train and assist a new volunteer.

If you are interested, please call or text Gary Prenovost at 949-444-6560 or call the museum at 949-248-8121. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

## The Baby Beach Tile Wall Program

Tile Wall Chair Randy Roberts reports that we have sold and painted over 45 tiles during our last three events: The Ocean Institute Maritime Festival, the Dana Point Art Festival and "The Big One" Vintage Surfboard Festival. You can watch one of our tile installations by volunteer Mike Choate on our Youtube channel by clicking here and scrolling down the page to the video: [Baby Beach Tile Wall Installation](#)

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and work the tile booth. A special thanks to Stella Prenovost, Kaitlyn Bourdelais and Margie Roberts for all their help at the Art Festival.

Also remember that the tiles at Baby Beach are a great Christmas or birthday gift for your friends and family. Contact DPHS if interested at 949-248-8121.



The DPHS will be placing two tiles at the Baby Beach Wall in memory of longtime board member Bruce Beal and his wife, Marlene, who both passed away in 2023.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

December 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m.

Holiday Reception at Historic Doheny House at 34532 Camino Capistrano, RSVP required

January 22, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

DPHS Annual Meeting and Potluck at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

March 8 & 9, 2025, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Festival of Whales Outreach booth in Dana Point. Volunteers will be needed!