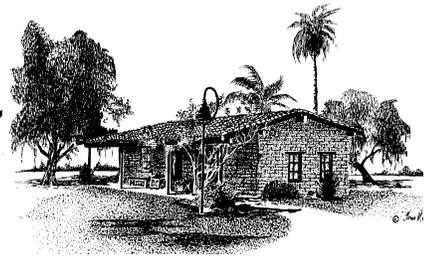


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President's Message

by Dave Gardner

Note: This is our "Step Back in Time" article for this month.

As I mentioned in my last month's article, I will expand on how I became the youngest police officer in Orange County and on a couple of other human interest stories.

I knew a gentleman named Walt Miller. Walt owned a garage door company on Broadway St. Since the city was not incorporated at that time, there were not many laws about zoning. Walt was a pillar in the community, very active in the Lion's Club and went on to become one of the first City Council members. My folks and I owned a printing business at 2028 Newport Blvd. and we did printing for Walt. He mentioned that he was a Deputy Sheriff in the reserves. Halloween was coming up and he asked if I would like to ride along with him. I, of course, replied "yes." His private car had a police radio in it and we toured the city. There was a large gathering of people at 19th and Newport Blvd. that evening. Walt got out of the car to take care of the situation and told me to stay in the car because he had a gun and I did not. As the evening went on, he asked me how old I was. I replied 20 years old. Walt asked when I would be 21 years old and I told him it would be on March 9th. My birthday came and about two weeks later I became a Deputy Sheriff in the reserves.

One human interest story was that one year I worked at the Orange County Fair. I worked from 11:00pm to 7:00am. At that time the fair went from noon on Friday to the following Sunday night, closing at 11:00pm. (9 days). During the night time there were only two of us on duty—Lt. Harry Nuffer and I. You might ask if we two were the only ones in the fairgrounds and how did (see "President's Message" on page 2)

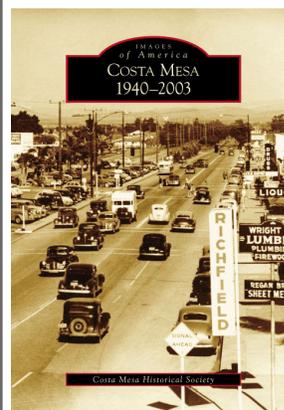
Mark Your 2016 Calendar Sunday Speaker Programs

July: There will be no Sunday Speaker Program this month. The next Sunday Speaker Program will take place on September 18th; the next speaker will be announced in a future newsletter.

Special Events

Sunday August 28th 2016 from 1 to 4pm the

Third 50th Anniversary Celebration Event will take place at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe, at Estancia Park, on the corner of Adams and Mesa Verde Drive West. This milestone celebration will feature **Early California Days, a much loved Costa Mesa tradition. This is a **free family event**: Fun and Activities for people of all ages; Tours of the Adobe; and, **food will be available for purchase**. See more details on enclosed flier. **Please Save the Date!****



Our latest book "Costa Mesa 1940—2003" arrived July 6th and is currently on sale for \$21.99 + Tax. There are many historical images and some took key permissions to use, for example, the Old Courthouse Museum, OC Archives, UCI Special Collections and LAB/Camp anti-mall. The Society is open Thursdays and Fridays from

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Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.

“President’s Message” continued...

we keep busy? At that time, which was the year 1952, some of the pens holding the animals were not constructed very well. The animals were always getting out and running around. We corralled them. The last night of the fair at about 10:00pm, one of the workers came back drunk. We took him to the Orange County jail. Lt. Nuffer and myself were sitting in the back seat with the prisoner, and another deputy was driving at the time. There were no metal partitions between the front and back seats. The prisoner made a lunge for the driver and then Lt. and I grabbed him. If he had gotten hold of the driver, we could have been possibly killed.

I also worked in other areas, like narcotics, on Balboa during Easter vacation or sitting in the middle of a cow pasture with cows at night, and hiding in a garage in the middle of a large farm, trying to catch people stealing gasoline. We did catch them.

In next month’s article I will describe the beginning of the Costa Mesa Police Department.

Special Events continued ...

New Book continued...

10am to 3pm. You also can call 949-631-5918 to reserve your copy before we run out.

Oct. 15 & 16, 2016, 10am—3pm, The Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival will take place at Fairview Park at Goat Hill Junction on Placentia Ave. between Adams and Wilson. **Again Please Save the Date!** (See details on page 3.)

Adobe Schedule: On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the Diego Sepulveda Adobe at 1900 Adams Ave. is open from 12 to 4pm. Individuals and groups can make appointments to tour the Adobe **at other times** by calling 949-631-5918. On regular open days, no appointment is necessary because the docents are there already.

Costa Mesa Historical Society News

“Thanks for the Memories”

In a note from Society member, Ruth Levin, she said that after the “Route 66” presentation in March, “I smiled all day because I found out I walked on Route 66 every day when I went to school in Hollywood at Laurel Elementary” in the late 1940’s. I had to walk on Santa Monica Blvd. and down Fairfax Blvd. This was part of Route 66.” Ruth also expressed her appreciation for our Hospitality Committee’s “tasty treats and punch.

“The Vintage Store”



At the Society’s second big event in May a table filled with antiques and collectible was included in the several display tables. People kept asking where the store was located and volunteers just answered, “This is it; there is no other location.” However, later that day an idea evolved: why not start a “store” at the Museum where people can browse and donate in order to create an on-going fund raising opportunity. So, items were set out on a table at the June Sunday Speaker program and people were happy to see special items that were for sale. This “Store” will continue at the September Sunday Speaker Program. Anyone can donate items to become part of this new plan.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We always need help at the Museum. However, with our next big event coming next month we will need extra help. Please consider joining our August 28th team of volunteers as they get ready for the final event of the Society’s 50th Anniversary Celebratory Year.

Clean Up Party at the Adobe on Saturday, August 13th from 10am to 1:30pm to get ready for our third event on the 28th. We will be cleaning from 10am to 12pm, taking a short break from 12 to 12:30pm—you can bring a snack to enjoy if you want; and then we will be conducting a walk-through from 12:30 to 1:30pm to make sure that all plans will work out perfectly for our last event.

Helping the day of the event on Sunday August 28th at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe from 11am to 5pm. Here is the volunteer schedule for that day: 11am -1pm is Set Up; 1-4pm is the length of time of the event; and, 4-5pm is Take Down. Please call at **949-631-5918** and leave your name and number and we will sign you up for a shift.

Canvassing your neighborhood handing out fliers to promote our 3rd event on the 28th. Or, **posting our promotional fliers** in your businesses or friends’ businesses, your clubhouses, or your complex’s laundry rooms.

General Volunteer Tasks at the Museum: an opportunity for anyone who wants to help out, but especially

for high school students who need community service hours and college students that want to volunteer. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done and will introduce volunteers to what it takes to run a historical organization.

We Need Daily Pilots

If any of you are sitting on *old issues of the Daily Pilot from 1961 through 1994*, please let us know. We will be digitizing our run of old newspapers to save storage space and it would be best to have these missing issues before we begin the project. Come in, email to cmhistory@sbcglobal.net or call us to leave a message at 949-631-5918. Thanks!

Let's Help Richard Out

Long time and life time Society member Richard Bagley needs some help. You can find out more about this by checking the following link:

<https://rescuedfromrecycling.com/>

Historical Society Event Round Up

This will come next month and will include the following: *The Henry "Hank" Panian and Helen Humphreys Scholarship Recipient* at OCC's 2016 Honor Night; *how Craig MacDonald amazed our audience at the June 26th Sunday Speaker Program* when he gave facts that revealed the authentic Ulysses S. Grant, cracking the negative myths of the man whose fate was destined to fill the large shoes of Abraham Lincoln; and, *the Environmental Class that took place at Fairview Park* informing the participants with much ecological information as well as providing restoration projects for them...the next class will take place in October—more details next month. (Picture: *Craig MacDonald holding his recently written book on Grant*)



Reminders

Something to Check Out: A special Newport Beach Historical Society Exhibit Room has been opened at the Balboa Peninsula Branch Library. It is very interesting and informative.

The Scarecrow & Pumpkin Festival is a free community event providing fun and the following free activities for the whole family: train rides, face painting and racketeers. To enter the scarecrow contest costs \$10 and there are minimal fees for pumpkin picking, fire truck rides and food and treats. The Orange County Model Engineers organize this event and the 2016 Supporters include the City of Costa Mesa and the Costa Mesa Historical Society.

Information Please! Nancy Pedersen is currently working on a project about Costa Mesa boat building. She would like to find photos of the businesses as well as of the employees building the boats. You can call the society at 949-631-5918 and say your message is for Nancy Pedersen, and leave your phone number--she will promptly return your call.



Take a Piece of Costa Mesa with you wherever you go or **Give a Piece of Costa Mesa to friends and family members:** now you can buy one (or more) of our **Limited Edition Pens** which are available in our gift

shop for \$2 + Tax.



Special limited edition bookmarks have been made to commemorate our Society's 50th Anniversary. They are each priced at \$2 + Tax. No more bookmarks will be made once these are sold out so don't miss out on this keepsake memorabilia for our 50th Anniversary celebratory year.

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In Search of More Sponsors

Our Society is looking for sponsors to help us create our very special events throughout the year. If you or a business you know would like to help us with donations and discounts, please let us know. As a non-profit our budget is very limited so additional financial assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Are Your Dues Overdue?

Your dues are important because they help to support the Society's major programs and projects. You can locate your Dues Expiration Date by looking on YOUR NEWSLETTER LABEL...it is there to the right of your name... as a reminder. If your dues are due, just send a check to our Museum (see mailing address below); Attention: Susan Weeks. Or drop by in person on a Thursday or a Friday from 10am to 3pm. Changes to Annual Membership Dues: As of January 1st, membership fees will be changed as indicated in Membership Information Box on page 4. Editor's Note: Life Membership to the Costa Mesa Historical Society has been changed to \$500.

The Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum is located at 1870 Anaheim Avenue in Costa Mesa; this is a non-mailing address. Museum hours: 10-3 Thursdays and Fridays and by appointment. Our mailing address is: Costa Mesa Historical Society P.O. Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA 92628. Questions? Call 949-631-5918, email us at cmhistory@sbcglobal.net or find us on Facebook.

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