

LAGUNA LIFE

Laguna Beach Historical Society, Inc.

May & June 1998

General Meeting

On Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Wells Fargo Bank the Historical Society will host a wonderful program on "100 years of the Irvine Family History".

Eric Jesson, who worked closely with the Irvine family over the last year on the 100 year anniversary of Irvine Park, will present the program.

Little known home movies, and family photographs will be shown, along with a presentation on the impact this remarkable family had on shaping Orange County and Laguna Beach over the last century.

Since the original ranch boundary ran down the center of Laguna Canyon Creek (which ran between Broadway and Ocean Avenue until the early part of this century) the family's influence on the history of Laguna Beach is noteworthy.

This program should be incredibly interesting to all of our members and to residents of Laguna Beach.

We hope to see you there.

Honoring 50 Year Residents

If you have lived in Laguna Beach or South Laguna since 1948, you have been a resident of Laguna for 50 years.

As part of observing Local History Month in May, we will be giving out certificates to those residents who have reached the 50 year mark.

Please come and receive your Certificate.

It is great fun and we wish to honor you.

80 Year Anniversary of the Laguna Art Museum

In 1918 a group of local Artists started the Laguna Art Gallery in the old community hall located on what is now the parking lot of the Hotel Laguna.

The purpose was to show local artists work, sell the artists work and create a meeting place for the arts.

The Art Gallery served as a cultural meeting place for the little Village of Laguna Beach. It grew and grew, and has been so successful that our neighbors to the north recently tried to "hijack it".

The Museum is now located at the corner of Cliff Drive and North Coast Highway and is celebrating the anniversary all year long. Drop by and visit our Museum and see the wonderful exhibits and California Impressionists exhibit.

Six Ways To Help

The Laguna Beach Historical Society
Preserve a Bit of Laguna's Colorful Past

(By Jan Nagurski)

Here you are, sitting comfortably in your favorite chair, reading the mail, when you come across the latest newsletter from the Laguna Beach Historical Society. As you scan its pages, a little voice in the back of your head starts nagging you, "You know, you really should do something to help." Well, dear friends, here I

am to your rescue with six (count 'em - six) special ways in which you can help.

1. **VISIT** - Perhaps the best way that you can help is to actually visit the Murphy-Smith Bungalow at 278 Ocean Avenue, between the Wells Fargo Bank and the Wild Oats Market parking lots. Not only should you visit the Bungalow, but you should also get your friends and neighbors to visit as well. Visiting the Bungalow will give you a first-hand feel about what this is all about, and it lets the community know that the Historical Society and its Bungalow are of interest and of value to Laguna's citizens. While you're there, be sure to get everyone in your party to sign the guest register.

2. **JOIN** - The next best thing that you can do to help is to join (or renew your membership) in the Society. Again, not only should you take this action, but you should convince your friends and neighbors to do it as well. This is an eminently practical way to help and yet another signal of the importance of the Historical Society and the Bungalow to the community.

3. **DONATE MONEY** - Another very practical way to help is to donate some money for the upkeep of the Bungalow. When you join or renew your membership, add a few dollars more to your check. When you visit (and revisit, too!) the Bungalow, put some change (or even paper money) into the donations jar. This money pays the electricity, gas, water bills and liability insurance and helps with other projects like repairing the leaky roof.

4. **DONATE TIME** - The Bungalow is only open to the public (which includes you, your friends and neighbors) during the hours when we have volunteers (docents) available to act as hosts and hostesses. Currently, we are trying to keep the Bungalow open from 1 PM to 4 PM

Thursdays through Sundays. Why not get a friend and come down and sit on the porch for just one of the three-hour shifts needed each month? You'd certainly be welcome, and you'd meet some really great people, too!

5. **DONATE ARTIFACTS** - Donate something of historical interest to the Society. Look through that attic, that garage, that basement of yours or your sweet Aunt Millie's. Any old photos, books, paintings, pottery, dishes, Laguna souvenirs, old programs just lying around gathering dust? Anything of or about Laguna's past? This is the place to give them a loving new home.

6. **BUY POSTCARDS** - Buy our postcards, old photos and books and give them to your friends and neighbors around the world. Buy two and keep one for yourself. Like all else we do, the proceeds go to the maintenance and upkeep of our lovely old Bungalow.

7. **DEDUCT** - Seven? I know, I know! I said that there were six ways in which you can help. Well, dear friends, this one is just for you. This one has to do with how we (with the help of our rich old uncle) can help you. As a non-profit tax exempt entity, all your donations of money or artifacts are tax deductible. Even the travel to and from the Bungalow to serve as a docent (volunteer) is deductible as charitable travel. So, after you've helped out in the first six ways, use number 7 for yourself and deduct away.

Annual Alumni Picnic

On Saturday, May 2, 1998, graduates of Laguna Beach Schools held an ALL Class Reunion at Heisler Park from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Over 120 graduates, spouses and friends attended, and met with fellow classmates from the class of 1934 to the class of 1964, and a

complete various projects.

If you haven't sent in your \$15.00 yet,

please do so. It will be greatly appreciated, and creatively spent.

Join or Renew Your Laguna Beach Historical Society Membership!

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ New Renewal

Add to Mailing List Would Like to Host at Murphy-Smith House or/and Gift Membership from _____

What project should the Historical Society undertake this next year. _____

_____ Can you help? _____

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