

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PROGRAM
MAY 26, 2015, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
LAGUNA BEACH CITY HALL
“History of the
Laguna Beach Fire Department”

The iconic Fire Station One on Forest Avenue was built in 1931 and is the oldest operating fire station in Orange County. The Downtown Station, along with three other stations, Mid Town, Top of the World, and South Laguna, faithfully protect our city.

We are honored to have Api Weinert, Training & EMS Division Chief, as our speaker at our next program. He will briefly cover the history of the fire service nationally, then in Laguna Beach.

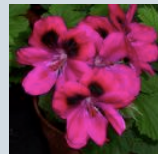
Api Weinert participated in the 1993 Laguna Wildfire and has served in many capacities for the Laguna Beach Fire Department including Firefighter, Engineer, Fire/ Arson Investigator, Captain, and currently Division Chief. He is also currently an Instructor at Rancho Santiago College and a Special Operations Manager for the Orange County Lifeguards.

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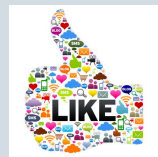
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Laguna Beach trivia you may... or may not know



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Team History Answers Your Laguna Beach History Questions

Dear Team History,

I was eating ice cream and enjoying street music by a man in a tall black hat at the intersection of Forest Ave, Park Ave, and Coast Hwy and noticed a GATE (whaaat?!) hanging above the corner. Why would someone hang that there?

Ice Cream & Music Lover

Dear IC&ML,

The story is just as interesting as the gate itself. In 1915, Carl Hofer solicited help in naming his store (originally on Forest then later moved to that corner), and offered a prize of a leather pillow to the person who proposed the best name. A little girl suggested the

name "The Gate" and also submitted a poem that went with it. (Her father had seen it a pub in England. There are several similar signs around Great Britain including one at the Gate Inn in Arkley- a small village in a London Borough.)

The poem on The Gate reads, THIS GATE HANGS WELL AND HINDERS NONE. REFRESH AND REST THEN TRAVEL ON.

Dear Team History,

Laguna Beach seems to have so many architectural styles! Are there are any Art Deco, Art Nouveau, or similar such buildings?

Elisa B.

Dear Elisa B.,

Yes, our residents and business owners have been inspired by many interesting architectural styles! Some examples of the styles you mentioned can be found at The Boathouse Building (Laguna Motor Works), Broadway Restaurant, Penguin Café Building, and the Verizon Building among others. Thanks to The Laguna Beach Natives Facebook Group for some of these answers!

Have a question about Laguna Beach's rich history? Ask us, *Team History*, at LagunaBeachHistory@gmail.com We will delve into the archives to find the answer!

FUN FACTS about Laguna Beach

- The Pelargonium (Ivy Geranium) was designated as our official flower by the City Council on May 2, 1956. This flower received the largest number of votes in a survey taken by interested citizens of the community. (Thank you to our City Clerk, Lisette Chel, for finding this information.)
- Coast Highway (never called PCH here in Laguna!) was dedicated in 1926 linking Laguna Beach to its northern neighbors.
- In 1968, the City of Laguna Beach took possession of about 1,000 feet of beach frontage property purchased from various property owners in what is now referred to as Main Beach Park. The park was dedicated in 1974 and is often called "The Window to the Sea".
- Starting in 1993, goats have been used as part of fuel reduction and vegetation management. Check out the hills and you might be lucky enough to see them!

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Laguna Beach Historical Society Message

Our faithful president, Dr. Gregg DeNicola, is out of town so the President's Message will be usurped by a few friendly announcements...

Our beloved Murphy Smith Bungalow is still in the process of healing from a direct hit by a wayward automobile. We hope to be in full swing (or rocking chair!) in the next few months. In the meantime, we have an active Bungalow Restoration Committee that is working on a few additional renovations. Our goal is to keep the cottage as authentic as possible to represent its Golden Years between the 1920s and 1950s, and we also want to provide interesting historical materials for our visitors. Be sure

to come see us soon!

Speaking of the Murphy Smith Bungalow (named after two families who resided there), **we are in GREAT NEED of DOCENT VOLUNTEERS.** We are open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Would you consider a shift?** We'll train you and it's fun! Email us at lagunabeachhistory@gmail.com and we'll help find a shift that is convenient for you.

We are very excited about our upcoming programs! On May 26, Api Weinert from the Laguna Beach Fire Department, will tell us all about the history of the fire department.

Sneak Peak: Our programs will be paused during the summer

months, but will resume in September with a presentation by an archeologist then later in the year with a presentation about the Thurstons, one of our first homestead families.

We couldn't keep up the bungalow, have our wonderful historical information programs, or send out this newsletter without your support. Thank you to our members!

Frequently Asked Question: "When is my 2015 Membership dues due?" Answer: "2015 Membership Dues is due in 2015." © Be sure to check page 3 of this newsletter for our 2015 membership categories - more details on our website. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**