

Laguna Beach  
Historical Society  
Murphy-Smith Bungalow  
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# Laguna Life

The Laguna Beach Historical Society Newsletter: Sept 2011

Please attend Historical Society Program to be held at Laguna Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue

Tuesday, September 13th – from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

**FDR July 14, 1938 Laguna Movie Clip & New Photos Acquired  
by the Historical Society** presented by Gene Felder & Eric Jessen



South Coast  
Highway and  
Ocean  
Avenue.

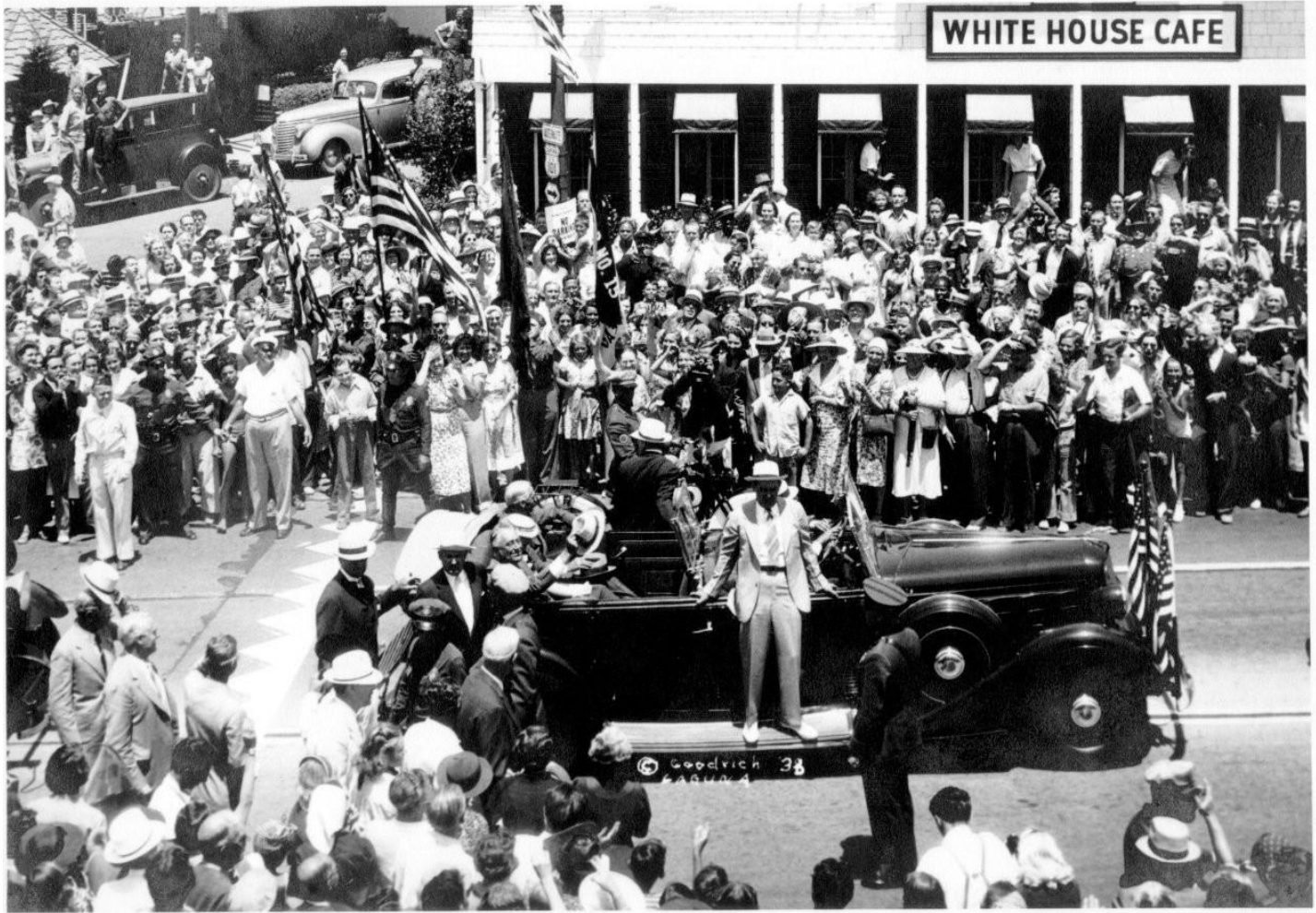
Society  
members  
Peter Kaye  
and Art  
Sherman  
were there to  
see President  
Franklin D.  
Roosevelt  
July 14, 1938

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was driven through Laguna Beach to cheering crowds on July 14, 1938. The Historical Society just received from a short movie clip (1 ½ minutes long) that was filmed that day by Cecil S. Suddaby donated by his son Bill Suddaby who lives in Sugarloaf Key, Florida.

That downtown area of Laguna Beach doesn't look too differently today.

It has been said that Laguna Impressionist seascape artist Frank Cuprien presented a painting to President Roosevelt that day. (Cuprien Way off of Thalia Street is named in his honor) The film clip includes Cuprien apparently holding a painting, and later being at the President's car shaking his hand.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Front of White House Café July 14, 1938



*View Laguna Photos at [www.Laguna-Historical-Society.smugmug.com](http://www.Laguna-Historical-Society.smugmug.com)*

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# Remember the Laguna Beach Historical Society in Your Planned Giving



Active at the Laguna  
Playhouse  
Vera Newcomb

C.S. & Blanche Smith  
c1930  
Photo from  
Bonnie Runjavac.  
Murphy-Smith  
Bungalow was owned  
from 1933 by  
Blance Clapp Smith



Coast Inn South Coast Highway and  
Mountain Road built 1927



Photos from Carolyn Smith Burris

Coast Inn Boom Boom Room Lower Bar  
Carvings at rear by Mogens Abel



230 Forest Avenue Forest Market  
Damaged After 1933 Earthquake  
Photo from Ken's Jewelry



Crystal Cove 1927 Photo  
from grandson of Arthur Burr Stone

# President's Message by Kimberly Stuart

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Please attend the Laguna Beach Historical Society program, which is of course free, and will be held at the Laguna Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue. We are looking forward to this special presentation. As always, we encourage audience participation – so if you see someone you know in the photos just let us know.

Thanks to Gene Felder and Roger Kempler – we can mark our calendars for Tuesday, November 8th which will be our sixth program this year!

We thank former Historical Society President Anne Frank and Jessica De Stefano, who is Bishop Percy Wise Clarkson's granddaughter who presented a great history of St. Francis By the Sea Cathedral Chapel at our April program and Linda Jahraus for presenting her new book on the Jahraus Family in May.

Please join the Board of Directors and our members in a huge Thank You to Mayor Toni Iseman and our City Council for a Community Assistant Grant to the Laguna Beach Historical Society for \$1,000. These funds will help us continue our mission to be a community resource and provide new programs, share historic photographs and artifacts.

More sincere thanks goes to our Vice President, Karen Smith, for providing funds to paint the Bungalow, and Board Member John Hoover for overseeing the maintenance of grounds and structure, and Board Member Jane Janz for initiating and organizing the Two-Room Schoolhouse bell restoration. This building is now the American Legion Hall and they have plans to display the restored bell. We also are most thankful to Whole Foods Manager Rich Dinan and Metro Marketing Supervisor Maria Mugica for selecting the Laguna Beach Historical Society to be the beneficiary of the Laguna Beach Whole Foods Community Day resulting in their generous donation of \$1,468.

View historic photographs at [www.Laguna-Historical-Society.smugmug.com](http://www.Laguna-Historical-Society.smugmug.com). Viewers are invited to leave comments to help the Society better identify or date the photographs. At the web site, prints can also be purchased; for example an 8" by 10" glossy for \$6.97 plus tax and shipping. Send questions, photographs, or pieces of Laguna Beach history using [info@LagunaHistory.org](mailto:info@LagunaHistory.org).

Step back into 1920s Laguna by visiting the Laguna Beach Historical Society Murphy-Smith Bungalow, located at 278 Ocean Avenue, which is open to the public at no-charge every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We thank all of our new members and volunteers for their support and participation. And, we ask our members to acknowledge our thanks to the staff of the Wells Fargo Bank for their service to the community by renewing our one dollar a year lease of the Murphy-Smith Bungalow. Those interested in supporting and joining the Laguna Beach Historical Society should send \$15 per individual, \$25 per household or \$50 per business/organization to 278 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach CA 92651. The Laguna Beach Historical Society is a section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID #33-0519882.

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