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Laguna Life

The Laguna Beach Historical Society Newsletter: April 2010

Please attend Historical Society Program to be held at
Laguna Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue
Monday, April 19th – from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

View and Discuss Historic Laguna Beach Photographs
from the Orange County Public Library

by Historical Society Board Members Eric Jessen & Gene Felder

City Engineer Steve May sent us a photo of the 1926 opening of Coast Highway that we had never seen before. He had gotten it from www.OCPL.org and online is quite a collection of Laguna Beach historical photographs from the Orange County Public Library. Please come to view, to better identify, identify the people and the locations, and determine the ones that are not really Laguna Beach. Go to their [Historical Images Collection](#).

Here's one we had not seen before. Glomstad Lane is off of Wendt Terrace. Leif G. Glomstad came to Laguna in 1924 from Trondhiem, Norway and settled in Laguna Beach, Calif. He could speak very little English but was able to work his way into the contracting business. He built several tracts in Laguna, lived on what is now Glomstad Lane. Leif was married to Lydia C. Glomstad and children were Marlene and Stanley.

Note: Wendt Terrace and Thalia Drive hand drawn on the photo.

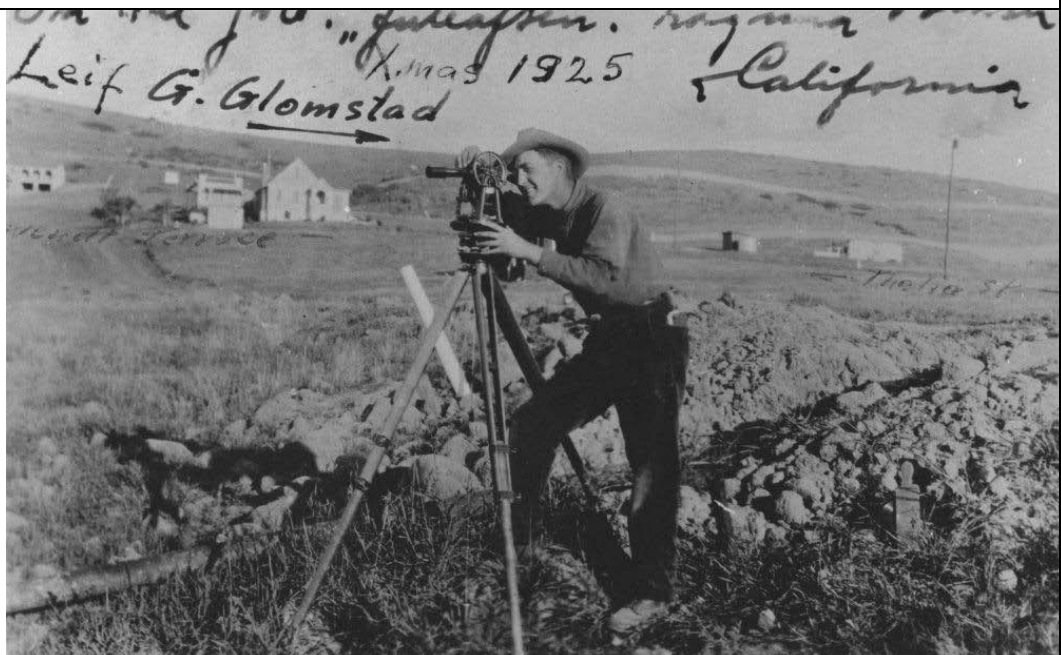


Photo from Orange County Public Library

View Laguna Photos at www.Laguna-Historical-Society.smugmug.com

Fire in Laguna Beach Photo from Orange County Public Library

Frances Cope-Williams (1894-1990) and husband Sanford J. Williams, ca. 1920s from Orange County Public Library



From Orange County Public Library

Cope House Built 1897 at corner of Park Avenue and Glenneyre Street - 1960 photo

The Cope house, built as a summer house in 1897 by El Toro resident Stanley H. Cope (1867-1914). House is still standing at and is the oldest historical home in downtown Laguna Beach.



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William Galen Doss



Thanks to Sandy Hunter of the California Art Gallery, we have photos of painter William Galen Doss. To the left is an early photo and one to the right with his daughter Gladys in Laguna Beach 1939.

Galen Drive off of Bluebird Canyon Drive is named for Galen Doss. There are quite a number of streets in Laguna Beach named after artists including Wendt, Cuprien, Hink Griffith, and Rosa Bonheur Drive.

Rosa Bonheur was a famous French painter and she died in 1899. Does anybody know her connection to Laguna Beach?



LAGUNA BEACH ART ASSOCIATION  LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Dear *Miss Machette*

Your annual dues as a member of the Association are now payable. The amount is \$1.00. *By May 1926*

We take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Association.

Please return this card with a check to the order of the Laguna Beach Art Association. The card will then be receipted and returned to you.

Very truly yours,
LAGUNA BEACH ART ASSOCIATION
By EFFIE M. Macbeth, Treas

Card courtesy of Mary Lamb
Art Association formed in 1918, oldest cultural institution in the county. Her mother's Orella Machette 1926 membership card



Laguna Federal Savings at 260 Ocean Avenue
Photo courtesy of Alice Hall

Remember the Laguna Beach Historical Society in Your Planned Giving

The Richard Halliburton Hangover House at 31172 Ceanothus is now for sale; please buy it and preserve it. "He was born in 1900 and had many adventures. He climbed the Matterhorn, Mt. Olympus, Mt. Fujiama; retraced the steps of Ulysses to and from Ithaca as recounted in the Odyssey, followed the route of Cortez through Mexico, Alexander the Great through the East, and Hannibal across the Alps. Among his books were The Book of Marvels, The Flying Carpet, and New Worlds to Conquer.... [Hangover House] was the home of famous adventurer and writer Richard Halliburton. He was born in 1900 and had many adventures. He decided to sail a Chinese junk, 'The Sea Dragon', from Hong Kong to the San Francisco World's Fair. He and his crew left Hong Kong on March 4, 1939 and were last heard from March 24, 1939. The ship may have gone down in a typhoon. Richard Halliburton was never heard from again. He only spent a month in this South Laguna house before he was lost at sea." [from "Cottages and Castles of Laguna" by Karen Wilson Turnbull]



From "Cottages and Castles of Laguna" by Karen Wilson Turnbull, Hangover House was "built in the International style, designed in 1939 by William Alexander. It was built of 100 tons of concrete and 50 tons of steel. The house is perched on a steep ridge overlooking Aliso Beach and Aliso Canyon. [Photo courtesy of Eric Jessen]

President's Message by Vern Spitaleri

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May is Heritage Month in Laguna Beach; mark your calendar for our program Monday, May 17th. It will be the "Early History of St. Mary's Episcopal Church" by Starr Helms.

There is a new Laguna Beach Sightseeing Catamaran Tour from Dana Point Harbor, Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00pm - 3:00pm that the Society recommends. See www.danawharf.com for details.

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

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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