

**Laguna Beach
Historical Society**
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Laguna Life

The Laguna Beach Historical Society Newsletter: Jan 2011

Laguna Beach Historical Society and the Susi Q co-sponsor a program:

January 29th – from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

"Surf's Way Up: Our Surf Musical Heritage"

Different Day: Saturday, January 29th

Different Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Different Price: In advance, \$5 per person
\$10 at the door if available

Different Location: Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center
380 Third Street

Surf is WAY up!

An interactive presentation celebrating
50 years of SoCal surf music

WITH VETERAN SURF BAND LOCALS
Bob Colwell • Tracy Longstreth • Matt Quilter

SATURDAY JANUARY 29 • 2PM

Susi Q Senior Center • 380 Third Street • Laguna Beach
\$5 in advance at the Susi Q • \$10 at the door

PRESENTED BY LAGUNA BEACH SENIORS AND LAGUNA BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE SUSI Q AT 949.497.2441

Space is limited, so go to the Susi Q and buy your advance ticket for this fun and informative event. Remaining seats \$10 at the door. More info call: (949) 497-2441

"Surf's Way Up: Our Surf Musical Heritage"
Veteran surf band locals Bob Colwell, Tracy Longstreth and Matt Quilter play and discuss OUR music. Those original surf hits by local kids are still being performed in all corners of the globe, and modern bands are carrying the music forward.

Available for purchase at the event will be a surf music DVD, a full-length documentary "Pounding Surf!", which covers the Southern California surf music scene from 1961 to the present. See E.G.O. Productions at www.surfdrums.com

Mark your calendar.
**Next Laguna Beach Historical Society will be
Thursday, February 17, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**

Mural Painter Alfred Dupont


Colyer Dupont, the son of Alfred Dupont recently contacted the Historical Society and this is one of the various items about his father sent to him coming from South Coast News May 31, 1929.

Board Member Jane Janz was able to send material from the Library's microfiche record of Laguna Beach newspapers.

The Library's microfiche machine is broken and there is a need to raise \$15,000 to scan this priceless material from the newspapers so it can be searched and reproduced for Laguna Beach history information.

It includes mention of architect Thomas J. Harper. The Society implored the City Council to maintain the exterior of Harper's boyhood home built in 1885. Unfortunately, the City Council in a 3 to 2 vote approved significant remodeling.

ARTIST BUYS STUDIO FROM ARCHITECT



The Norman-English brick stucco dwelling built recently by Thomas J. Harper near the corner of Euterpe and Catalina streets, has been purchased by Alfred Dupont to be used by him as studio. The building is unique in design and has attracted attention by its architectural lines. The purchaser is now art director of the Community Club.

Mr. Harper leaves soon for Europe to be gone all summer on a tour during which he will study architecture of the old countries.

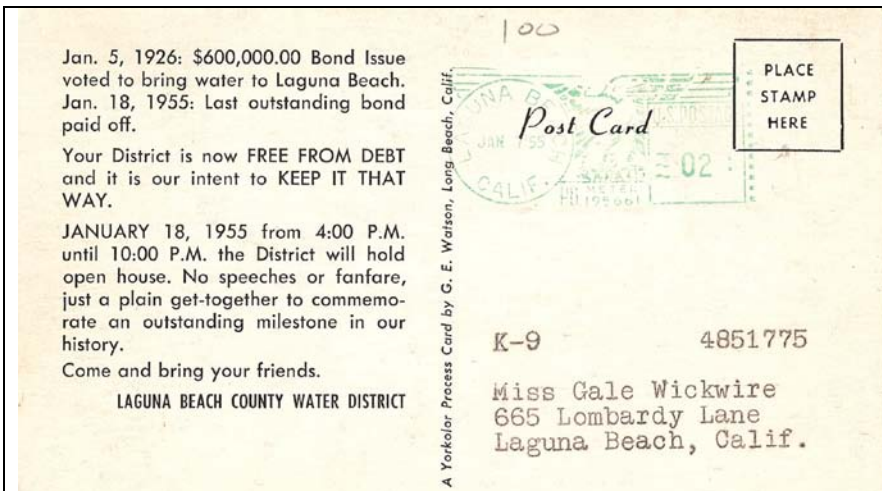


1928 - July 4, raining at Ocean Avenue and South Coast Blvd., now Main Beach Park.

This photo was provided by the Laguna Beach Historical Society to local newspapers. See bottom which reads "1928 - July 4, raining at Ocean Avenue and South Coast Blvd., now Main Beach Park".

It may have rained on some July 4th, but see The Broiler Restaurant according to Historical Society Boardmember Jane Janz wasn't built until 1935. So the photo cannot possibly be 1928.

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In the 1967 book Pioneer Days in Laguna Beach, Merle and Mabel Ramsey write (page 85) "The bonds were to be \$600,000. To the little village these were "scary" figures. After much explaining and pleading with the people, the day of the voting arrived. The outcome of the voting became nationwide. There were 437 "Yes" votes and no "No" votes. The bonds had carried beyond any bond election of record.

Just before the voting, C. C. "Gavy" Cravath had been appointed to the Water Board. It was in 1964, Cravath said he believed he could tell how the unanimous water bond vote came about. These are his words: "I went to the "brackish" well that had been abandoned, and turned it into the pipeline. By the day of the voting the water was in all the faucets of the homes". There is little doubt as to the reason for the 437 "Yes" votes and no "No" votes."

Water in Laguna Beach has Always Been a Problem
 In 1926, the voters approved a \$600,000 bond measure which the Laguna Beach County Water District paid off and sent ratepayers this celebratory postcard in 1955.
 Image Courtesy of Tom Pulley Postcard Collection

Remember the Laguna Beach Historical Society in Your Planned Giving

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President's Message by Kimberly Stuart

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At Susi Q Center at 380 Third Street

Note there is a \$5 per person charge for presale and \$10 each the day of the program if tickets are still available. In addition, it is at a different location, a different day of week, and a different time than our past programs. Go to the Susi Q and buy your ticket now.

Since our last program "Laguna Beach Art Galleries, its Perils and Pleasures" by Richard Challis and Gene Crain moderated by Janet Blake was televised, we were able to record the program on DVD. We have copies at the Bungalow requesting a \$5 donation to cover the cost of reproduction.

We do appreciate donations and received a very generous one from Karen and Matt Smith of H.J Baker & Bro.,Inc.

I thank the Board for their confidence and support in electing me again as President, and thank Karen Smith for agreeing to serve as Vice President. A Nominating Committee has been formed and if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact us.

View historic photographs at 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 purchase; for example an 8" by 10" glossy for \$6.97 plus tax and shipping. Send questions on photographs or Laguna Beach history to 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 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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