#### Laguna Beach Historical Society

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# Laguna Life

The Laguna Beach Historical Society Newsletter: March 2009

Please attend Historical Society Program to be held at Laguna Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 505 Forest Avenue Monday, March 16th – from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

### View and Discuss Historic Images from the Tom Pulley Postcard Collection

by Historical Society Board Members Eric Jessen & Gene Felder

See <u>Laguna Beach Independent</u> Laguna Home Companion article by Tom Pulley on Isaac Frazee's Peace Pipe Pageant or "Kitshi Manido" at http://www.lagunabeachindependent.com/news/2008/0328/home\_companion/045.html We had the great fortune of meeting Tom Pulley when he came to do research at the Murphy-Smith Bungalow. When asked if we could scan his seven postcards of the 1921 Peace Pipe Pageant, we found out that he has 700 postcards of Laguna Beach. He has kept us busy. Come Monday, March 16th and we'll view and discuss some of them. Except for one, all the images in this newsletter are from the Tom Pulley Postcard Collection.

#### Treasure Island Trailer Park -View from Ocean

Now the Montage Resort. Treasure Island Trailer Park had 268 trailers and mobile homes. Was homesteaded by Hubbard Goff in the 1880s. According to Coast Magazine, in 1934, the movie Treasure Island, based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure novel, was filmed there. Then Goff Island started being called Treasure Island.



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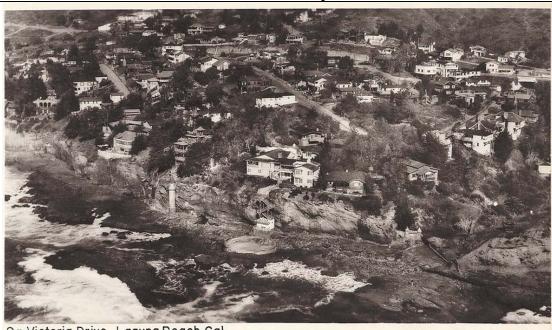
For those having treasured historic photographs or printed material, the Historical Society is happy to scan them electronically and return them to the owners. This way there will be a record preserved for future generations without the necessity for the owners to relinquish the item.

## Next program Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> on Victoria Beach Tower & Norman House by Mark Whitman

The Norman House was constructed in 1926 and is French Provincial Revival architecture located along the blufftop above Victoria Beach.

A 60-foot Norman style tower, built at the time of the house, is used to get from the house to the beach below.

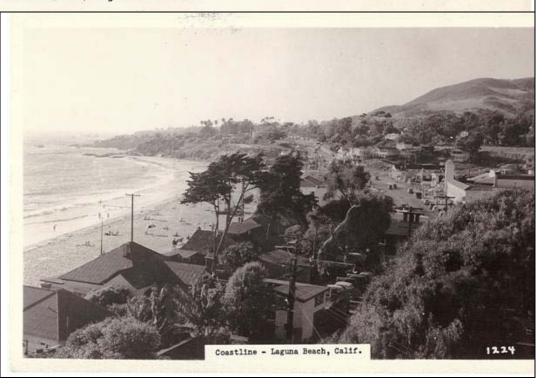
It is one of Laguna's most noted landmarks.



9 = Victoria Drive, Laguna Beach Cal.

Coast Hwy looking North see Theatre from Sleepy Hollow

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#### Laguna Beach Library Program Saturday, March 14 at 3 p.m.

Dana and Ginger Lamb were adventurers and best-selling authors who were well-known both locally and nationally as film-lecturers from the 1930s through the 1950s. Dana Lamb was one of the earliest life guards at Main Beach and he and Ginger ran an ambulance and rescue service from near Goff Island in South Laguna. The Lambs' showmanship often outpaced their accuracy, but that did not detract from the enthusiasm of their devoted fans, whether President Franklin D. Roosevelt or the local man on the street.

Dr. William O. Hendricks, of the Sherman Library in Corona del Mar, has recently acquired Dana and Ginger's personal and professional archive, including many of their early films. This collection has been indexed and is available to researchers at the Sherman Library where an exhibition showcasing items from the Dana and Ginger Lamb Papers has recently opened.

Informal talk by authors Julie Huffman-Klinkowitz and Jerome Klinkowitz discussing their book "The Enchanted Quest of Dana and Ginger Lamb"



Dana Lamb building the Vagabunda, the craft he and his wife, Ginger, took down the west coasts of California and Mexico on a three-year honeymoon adventure.

Main Beach
looking South
– Boardwalk,
Nate Brooks
home and
Laguna Beach
Hotel which
was replaced
by Hotel
Laguna in 1930



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#### Make Suggestions for Historical Society Future Programs

#### President's Message by Kimberly Stuart

The Laguna Beach Historical Society was proud to sponsor four programs last year in 2008 and we are off to a good start in 2009.

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May is Heritage Month in Laguna Beach. Do note your calendar for a program Monday, May 18th on the Victoria Beach Tower and the Norman House by Mark Whitman.

We also have information on a program at the Laguna Beach Library sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is Saturday, March 14th starting at 3 p.m. Authors Julie Huffman-Klinkowitz and Jerome Klinkowitz will present an informal talk on their book "The Enchanted Quest of Dana and Ginger Lamb".

We just turned in our latest Grant Request to the City of Laguna Beach. It includes detail information including the Society's revenue and expenditures for 2008. Just ask and we'll provide you a copy. We are so appreciative to the City for its support now over many years. In 1994, the City of Laguna Beach gave the Historical Society \$10,000 which went for materials to rehabilitate the Murphy-Smith Bungalow. More recently, the City of Laguna Beach has provided \$1,000 annually from the Community Assistance Fund.

Help, we need volunteers for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. It is the board's top priority to ensure that the Murphy-Smith Bungalow is open to be enjoyed and experienced by members and the public. It's a fun experience to meet, share stories and photos with locals and visitors who love our town. If interested, please call Gene Felder at 939-7257.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the history of Laguna Beach.

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.

While supplies last, those donating \$100 to the Laguna Beach Historical Society will receive a copy of Joan Irvine Smith's new book "A California Woman's Story".

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