

**Laguna Beach  
Historical Society**  
Murphy-Smith Bungalow  
278 Ocean Avenue  
Laguna Beach CA 92651



# Laguna Life

**The Laguna Beach Historical Society Newsletter: Nov 2007**

Please attend Historical Society Program to be held at  
Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Monday, November 19th – 7:30 P.M. Council Chambers

**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY INDIAN TRIBE ACJACHEMEN**  
By CHARLIE QUILTER

Also a short business meeting for the election of the Board of Directors

On Monday November 19th, 2007 Charles J. Quilter II, a doctoral candidate in history at the University of California Irvine, will present a talk to the Laguna Beach Historical Society on the effects of Spanish colonialism, disease, and religion on the native Takic-speaking peoples of south Orange County up through the end of the Mission Era. He uses Spanish records as well as recent scholarship on disease, religion, and identity to discuss the questions: what happened to the original inhabitants this region after the first Spanish explorers visited the area in 1542; why didn't Spain colonize California earlier; and finally, how did the Spanish project to convert these peoples to Christianity actually work?

Charlie Quilter is better known in Laguna Beach as longtime president of the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Association.. Charlie is a retired Marine Colonel who served as an aviator in Vietnam and later as a military historian in the Desert Storm, Bosnia, and Iraq conflicts. He has written two books on Marine Corps history. Since his retirement as a captain for Delta Air Lines and recall to active duty as a Marine in 2003, he has been pursuing a doctorate in history at UCI with a focus on war, technology, and disease. He is also a fellow of the Center for German and European Studies.

Acagcheman Man in  
Tobet Garb ca 1820



AN INDIAN DRESSED IN THE "TOBET"<sup>182</sup>

Fray Gerinimo Boscana ca1820



FATHER GERONIMO BOSCANA<sup>1</sup>  
MISSIONARY AT ST. JUAN CAPISTRANO

Retired Marine Colonel Charles  
J. Quilter II





**Nominated for Laguna Beach Historical Society Board of Directors**

Kimberly Stuart - President	Kevin Spencer – Vice Pres.	Nelda Stone - Secretary
Gene Felder – Treasurer	Anne Frank	John Hoover
Jane Janz	Eric Jessen	Glenna Mathews
Ed Perry	Vern Spitaleri	Georgina Valdez
Victoria Winters	<i>All current Board Members</i>	

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.

Thankfully, we have some new additional photographs to the Laguna Beach Historical Society photographic collection.

**Woods Cove 1948 Thanks to Alan Ring**



**Laguna Beach Pottery on Display at Mission San Juan Capistrano by Roger Sherman 1932 thanks to Art Sherman**



**Joe Thurston Home Aliso Creek 1900s thanks to the Athens Group**



**From "Coves of Laguna" 1940s Victoria Beach Rocks**







**Boat Canyon – Cliff Drive thanks to Alex Bodrero and Devri Richmond**

**Van Sikle Home now Cottage Restaurant thanks to First American Title**

**Coast Highway Dedication October 9, 1926 includes Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford**

**Laguna and Gelneenyre; Ponder's Barn**



*Ponder's Barn  
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 dome house  
 Laguna Ave.*

**Thanks to Historical Society Business / Organization Members**

- Andrus Plumbing   Borthwick Guy Bettenhausen   Butler Box & Stake   Charles' Wig Chateau  
 Exchange Club of Laguna Beach   Laguna Beach Hospitality Assoc.   LBHS Artists Class of "63"  
 MacGillivray Freeman Films   Realtor Monica Mukai   Reynolds Carpet Service  
 Stewarts Landscaping ... Village Laguna

**Make Suggestions for Historical Society Future Programs**

**Laguna Beach Historical Society information is at  
www.LagunaHistory.org**

**President's Message by Kimberly Stuart**

This year marks the City of Laguna Beach's 80<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. The anniversary celebration becomes even more special in the month of May for Heritage Month events going on all over town. Events still include (after this mailing): Guided walks of Historic Downtown Laguna, Crystal Cove Historic District Guided Walk, Natural History Hike – Laguna Wilderness Park, Heritage Tours, and the Laguna Art Museum. Call Nancy Csira, Senior Planner, City of Laguna Beach 949/497-0332 for more information.

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Laguna Beach Historical Society invites you to join us at our upcoming event:

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
HERITAGE MONTH MIXER**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 - HOSTED BY THE LAGUNA BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
at THE MURPHY SMITH BUNGALOW at 278 OCEAN AVENUE**

The home, built in 1923 is one of the few remaining original residential structures in the downtown. The Laguna Beach Historical Society leases the grounds and building from the Wells Fargo Bank, and brings in volunteers to provide our members and the public with weekend opportunities to experience a bit of home life in the 1920's. Please join us in a stroll through the Murphy Smith Bungalow's newly replanted gardens, enjoy the new exhibits and artwork inside, pick up some information, or buy some copies of historic photographs. We will have plenty of food & drink to enjoy, provided by our neighbor businesses on Ocean Avenue, while visiting with local history buffs and curious supporters. We will also have an ample supply of autographed copies of Joan Irvine Smith's new book – through the contribution of Mr. Richard O'Neill and Joan Irvine Smith, A California Woman's Story for your \$100.00 donation the Laguna Beach Historical Society.

I would like to send a special Thank You the Laguna Beach Garden Club for its tremendous contribution to the Murphy Smith Bungalow over the last couple of months. Janene Freitas and Nancy Englund have orchestrated a wonderful palette of plant materials with the tremendous assistance of Christine Fusano, and a great crew of volunteers who have generously given their time and energy to revitalizing the gardens of the Murphy Smith Bungalow. Thank you to Chris Lutz and Tom Simpson for their special efforts in support of this exciting beautification project in our downtown.

Please consider being a volunteer at the Murphy Smith Bungalow on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon for a few hours – you'll love sharing memorable anecdotes and current activities of the visitors you meet.

**DICK METZ, SURFING & THE LAGUNA CONNECTION**

Monday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Laguna Beach City Council Chambers

Please mark your calendar and don't forget to bring your board.

**2008 Dues now due, send \$15 per person, \$25 per household or \$50 per business or organization  
to Laguna Beach Historical Society, 278 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach CA 92651**

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