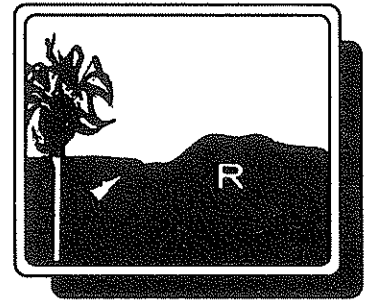


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



February, 2006

A Night with Our Mayors

Carole Beswick, Chuck DeMirjyn, Swen Larson, Bill Cunningham, Pat Gilbreath, Kasey Haws, Susan Pepler, and Jon Harrison

Moderated by Tom Atchley

February 27, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

Redlands' first mayor, Edward G. Judson, not only co-founded our community but set a plan in motion to plant the many trees that adorn our streets. At our meeting this month we endeavor to honor our past mayors and present mayor for the continuation of stewardship launched by the first mayor in 1888. The mayors of Redlands have been a most diverse group. While one would expect the orange industry leaders to be at the forefront of city hall, that doesn't seem to be the case for Redlands. Redlanders have tapped the business community for most of our mayors.

Our program is a focus on the mayors themselves. Each of the mayors has been asked to present a five-minute presentation on what they consider their two greatest achievements and their biggest disappointment. Everyone realizes it takes three votes on any city council to accomplish anything. History teaches us that sometimes leadership is tossed to-



E.G. Judson, Redlands' first Mayor

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OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 7:00 pm

660 Walnut Avenue

The February, 2006 OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm. Eric and Valarie Naftzger will be hosting the meeting in their 1904 Craftsman style home located at 660 Walnut Avenue in Redlands.

The Naftzgers love the "character" of their vintage home and moved in 23 years ago. This vintage home sits at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Center Street. Thanks to the research done by Mara Dee Hodson in the Heritage Room at A K Smiley Library, Eric and Valarie learned that three of the four houses at this intersection were owned at different times by the Reynolds Family. Eric and Valarie also have a copy of the original building permit which indicates that when the house was built in 1904, it had both electricity and plumbing.

Today, the flooring, woodwork, and windows of this 4,800 square foot home are original. In the living

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A Letter from your President...

Valentine's Day is one of those holidays that no one really knows where or when it started. However, the most common connection is regarding a Roman priest who died as a result of his secretly marrying young couples so that the men would not have to go into Emperor Claudius's army. Any unmarried man was, by law, to enlist. While he was jailed he struck up a friendship with his jailer's daughter and left her a note signed "From Your Valentine" on the day he died, February 14, 269 A.D.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800s and now the stores are flooded with Valentine's Day merchandise. Since my own mother always gave us gifts on Valentine's Day I have continued the tradition for my family. As much as I try to ignore the prompts to purchase special Valentine's for my loved ones I just cannot resist. Even though this holiday has become such a commercialized extravaganza it is nice to tell those you love just how much you appreciate them at this time of the year. Plus, as a warning to the guys, if you do not all of us women will remember the entire year that you forgot! Please keep love alive and remember to tell someone you love them this Valentine's Day!

This month the RAHS Board of Directors is meeting with Liz Beguelin, a past RAHS President and Historic and Scenic Preservation Commissioner, to discuss how we can contribute to the preservation efforts in Redlands. As I mentioned last month, this is an important and ongoing issue which the Society Board wants to embrace for the future well-being of our community. Please do not hesitate to let any of us know your feelings regarding this issue. We would enjoy hearing your comments, either verbally or in writing, regarding this important topic.

Hopefully, you will join us this month for the Old House Group, on Wednesday February 15th, or at the General Meeting, on February 27th. This month's speakers, past mayors of Redlands plus Jon Harrison, present mayor, will prove to be an historic meeting. You would not want to miss this event which everyone will be talking about. Just to have all the living past mayors present (they have all notified us that they will be there!) under the same roof should be exciting! See you there.

Judith Hunt, President

Old House Group, continued

room and dining room, exquisite quarter-sawn oak flooring highlights the fireplace. Original douglas fir flooring runs through most of the other rooms while the second story features original painted floors. The woodwork in the living and dining rooms has never been painted, and Eric is hard at work stripping and refinishing the rest of the woodwork. Eric and Valarie also plan to work on a few bathrooms, some antique plumbing, and perhaps another garage.

In addition to the living and dining rooms, there is a family room, a library, an office, eight bedrooms, five bathrooms, two kitchens and two basements (one with a coal bin). But, there is more. This unique home has two MYSTERY ROOMS! Eric and Valarie have been asking for years: "What were those rooms supposed to be?" Maybe the OLD HOUSE GROUP will know!

Even Eric and Valarie are special treasures. Eric had two uncles that were born at Redlands Community Hospital when it was located on Nordina Street - its second location in Redlands. Eric is also home-grown. His parents lived in the first house on Sunset. He was born in the area and grew up on Alvarado Street. He remembers dinners at the Wissahickon Inn as real family treats. Valarie, on the other hand, like one of those beautiful fragrant roses, is imported from England. They both look forward to sharing their home with the Old House Group.

SEE YOU THERE !

(Maybe you know what those rooms were !)

Mayors, continued

and-fro by crisis that was never predicted nor understood at the time. Our program offers the mayors a chance to record in their own words, what they felt were their accomplishments for Redlands. Jon Harrison has the fun of predicting what those accomplishments might read and where frustration could come.

The mayors of Redlands have really done an outstanding job molding the city we have today. Most of their work is the mundane policy decisions that don't make headlines. We are taking a photograph to record this event, since the Redlands Area Historical Society is making history this night with eight mayors. We have no such photo on file in the Heritage Room currently.

So this is a special night with Redlanders that know what a unique community we have. Bring your cameras since it's not likely to happen again!

New and Renewing Members

Individual/Family

Adair, Michelle & Neal
James, Henry & Ardith
Kirkpatrick, Dave
Lantier, Lt. Col & Mrs. Ward J.
Momberger, Doug & Toni
Miller, Mary Frances
Raftar, Jeff & Ali
Slemmer, Elizabeth.

Contributing

Benson, Don & Arlene
Bricker, David & Lauren
Wallman, James & Bonnie

Donor

Beguelin, Liz & Mark
Eickeman, Don & Janice
Hammond, Christi & Lyle
Livoni, Phillip & Linda

Thank you, each and everyone, for your continued support!

Newsletter Deadline

All members of the Redlands Area Historical Society are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.



This month the 1888 Victorian Andersen House at Sixth and Sun will be moved 2,250 feet to 1153 N. Orange St. to become the future Contemporary American Glass Museum. Cost of the move is \$22,500 or \$10 per foot. You can be part of this historic event. A \$1 donation to the Glass Museum will move the house one inch.

A \$10 donation will sponsor a move of one foot, or move the house one yard with a \$25 donation. Lottery winners can move the house 1/10 mile for a \$4,000 donation. A souvenir one foot printed wooden ruler will be available for donations of \$10 or more. Show your support for the Historical Glass Museum and future Contemporary American Glass Museum by sending a donation to the Historical Glass Museum, P.O. Box 921, Redlands, CA 92373.

RAHS members are invited to view the move, which will last only 30 minutes and is scheduled during the day. The actual date of the move will be posted on the museum's web site.

<http://glassmuseums.com>

Inland Orange Conservancy

It's time to eat! WHO helps save groves, feeds the hungry, and spreads the word on our proud Redlands citrus heritage? YOU, if you join the Inland Orange Conservancy! This past year the 1200 members of IOC helped support 24 growers and they donated 49 tons of fresh citrus to our local needy through Inland Harvest. How did they do all that? Just by eating local oranges! Use the form enclosed in this newsletter to join - become an IOC Citrus Supporter and you receive two free bags of citrus each week for the length of the season. Eat them yourself, give them as a gift, or donate them to the needy. Finally there's something concrete you can do to help save our groves.