



# REDLANDS

# CHRONICLES

May/June 2013

## HERITAGE AWARDS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

at the

## Burrage Mansion

Monday, June 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.  
1205 W. Crescent Avenue

Redlands Area Historical Society will hold its Annual Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social on Monday, June 17, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Rochford Foundation's historic Burrage Mansion, which is located at 1205 West Crescent Avenue. We will be honoring eight buildings of historic distinction from the Redlands area with Heritage Awards.

Attendees may park at the Burrage Mansion parking lot, which is located off of Crescent Avenue at the top of the driveway, or you may park on Crescent Avenue and walk up the stairs to the entrance of the mansion. RAHS members are welcome to bring a guest.

We will look forward to seeing you Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Presidential Visits to Redlands, Part II

- by Tom Atchley

Two years later, less one day, on May 7, 1903 President Theodore Roosevelt paid a visit to Redlands. He arrived at noon anticipating the carriage ride to Canon Crest Park where he would greet his friend, Albert K. Smiley (*at right.*) The special Santa Fe train had come from the Grand Canyon and into the valley by way of Cajon Pass. At the depot an honor guard led by Teddy's Terrors and leading citizens escorted the president north on Orange Street to the Casa Loma Hotel.

All of Redlands, a good deal of San Bernardino, Highland, and Loma Linda lined the streets. A fifteen-hundred seating stand was erected to hold local school students. The Bear Valley Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Teddy's Terrors, Spanish American War veterans and every local Republican Club supporting the 1904 election of Roosevelt had space in front of the Casa Loma Hotel.

Speaking from the carriage porch of the Casa Loma and using the same rostrum used by President McKinley, Roosevelt told of the decency of the American people, their courage and their saving grace of common sense. He mispronounced Mojave Desert calling it instead Mo-hay-ve and was corrected by Miss Fackler, teacher at Kingsbury Grammar School. He outlined what would later be called



## A Letter from your President...

I would like to begin by thanking all of our members who in the past month attended the special events that were sponsored by the Redlands Area Historical Society's (RAHS Society). The events included our General Membership meeting and the Old House Group meeting.

The previous month brought to our members a special presentation titled "Seven Generations of the Hinckley Family" presented by **Christine Beguelin Gallacher**. Her presentation was a look at the Hinckley family who first settled in the Mission district in 1883. The Hinckleys were some of Redlands' earliest pioneers who shaped the direction of city government and carefully documented Redlands history through the several books published by Edith Parker Hinckley. Also in the month of April, the Old House Group led by **RAHS Society Board Member, Leslie Irish** treated our membership to another unique opportunity to tour the McNaughton Family Home, which is located at 11 Grant Street. This 1888 brick home is one of the few remaining examples of a Victorian brick constructed cottage that are found in a few of the downtown historic neighborhoods. I would like to thank **the McNaughton Family** who was gracious to give our members this special opportunity.

The month of June will bring to our members the **2013 Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social** which will be held on **Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** at the **Burrage Mansion**. This year's event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our annual Ice Cream Social and move to our yearly General Membership meeting where we will elect our 2013 – 2014 Board of Directors. The evening will conclude with eight owners of local residences and their businesses being honored with a RAHS Heritage Award for their careful stewardship of their fine examples of historic Redlands architecture.

For those of you who enjoy the Redlands Historic Walking Tours you will want to mark your calendar for a tour of Olive Avenue, led by **Past President and Redlands Historian, Tom Atchley**. The two-part **Olive Avenue Tour** will be held in the evening on **June 22nd and the 29<sup>th</sup>**. I will look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the month of June.

I would like to especially thank the following RAHS Board of Director's for another year of tireless service to the community and our membership: Vice President, Ron Running, Secretary, Steve Spiller, Treasurer, Susan Rettig, Past President, Tom Atchley, Director, Kathy Behrens and the following Board Members who also hold Committee Chairpersons roles, Old House Group, Leslie Irish, Hospitality, Sue McClure, Newsletter, Marie Reynolds, Heritage Awards, Steve Spiller and Programs, Ron Running. As your President it has been an absolute privilege to work with this dedicated group of community leaders and to serve each member of our Society.

*Bill Blankenship*

Do you have a favorite local roofer, plumber, electrician, handyman, painter, etc. who likes to work *gently* with old houses?

**Kathy Behrens** is compiling a list of your recommendations.

Contact [kathybehrens@verizon.net](mailto:kathybehrens@verizon.net)

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the "Square Deal" and spoke of conservation of natural resources.

His invitation to Redlands was even more elaborate than McKinley's. Roosevelt had a much known affection for General Lawton and so the Board of Trade had a firm in Pasadena construct a special orange box which was filled with oranges from Lawton's trees. The invitation was once again engrossed by A.K. Smiley librarian, Miss Antoinette Humphreys.

An "Ode of Welcome: To Our President, Theodore Roosevelt" On the occasion of his official Welcome to the State of California at Redlands on Thursday May 7, 1903 by Charles Sumner Lombard was front page of the April *Citrograph*. The twenty-three plus stanzas of the poem were intended to sing one song of liberty.

"He comes! He comes! Awake! Arise!

Across Mojave's plain he flies!

On yonder long-linked mountain chains!

Bring out the glass and sight the car,  
That bears the world-famed warrior!

Man of our choice, in peace and war,

Man that the age is looking for-----

He comes! He comes! And Redlands'  
palms,

Extend the clasp within their arms,

The soul hat dares to do the right,

To face the banded nations' might,

Should empires dare molest the free

Or strain one star of Liberty."

The program was a replica of McKinley's visit, except this president was guarded by the Rough Riders from Los Angeles and several carriages carrying Secret Service agents. His speech was longer than planned and he made it back to the train with only three minutes to spare.

Mayor Fowler welcomed the distinguished guests including Governor George C. Pardee by exhorting, "As executive of this, the youngest and fairest city in a sisterhood of sixty fair cities of the sunny southland."

Governor Pardee introduced the president as, "a king without a crown, and yet a subject,---the master, and yet a servant." Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson welcomed the president on behalf of the State Government and "our cosmopolitan state composed of citizens of all the states."

Roosevelt was running for election

in 1904 but the campaign really began in 1903. He continued the McKinley conservative agenda since he considered himself an accidental president. Unlike McKinley, he confidently spoke off the cuff on many occasions sparking genuine interest in his speeches. His recent heroism in the charge up San Juan Hill gave Roosevelt additional celebrity.

Roosevelt began his speech recounting the story of awaking from the night while aboard the Santa Fe train crossing the desert. "I waked up coming through the Mojave Desert and when we came down into this beautiful garden spot, and, though I have been told about it, about the fruits and the flowers, told of the wonderful fertility of the soil and I thought I knew about it, it was not possible advance to realize in all the fertility, all the beauty, that I was to see, indeed, I congratulate myself on having had the chance to visit you."

Conservation of resources was a major theme of the "Square Deal" promoted by Roosevelt. Speaking to the citrus farmers of Redlands, he warned them how indispensable the water supply was and how important the forests here were for that resource and irrigation. He preached that perpetuating resources and not exhausting them was the best path. He warned, "Our nation has passed the time we can afford to let any man skin the country and loot it." He congratulated California for "preserving the giant trees because you realize that beauty has its place as well as usefulness."

His creation of the Forest Service led by Gifford Pinchot and the establishment of numerous National Forests and National Parks demonstrated legislative determination towards conservation. Teddy would leave Redlands and join John Muir in Yosemite for several days of camping.

The president followed a theme of citizenship while speaking to the groups assembled before him. To the Grand Army of the Republic he said, "I prize the presence of the men who fought in the great-war. Two years ago you welcomed fellow soldier William McKinley, who fought for liberty under the law."

He admonished the school children to, "play hard when you play and when you work don't play at all." Looking directly at the National Guard he thanked them for service in the "little war," self-effacing his own soldiering efforts lately in the Spanish American War.

To all citizens he suggested, "Good laws can do much." Character can be a force against corruption and lead to square dealing, morality, decency and courage.

The enthused president was accompanied by Governor George C. Pardee of California in his trip through Canon Crest Park and Prospect Park. Albert K. Smiley greeted the president outside his home. In Prospect Park, Teddy blurted "this is a sight for the gods. This is glorious." After leaving the parks the president complained about tours usually making him late. John Fisher assured the president he'd have him back to the station on time. He asked the president for permission to gallop the horses and this rough rider president did not hesitate to say yes. He made it down Cajon Street swiftly to the Orange Street station with only minutes to spare.

A special broadside by the Redlands *Citrograph* was ennobled by the photograph of "Teddy" on the cover. Elias Everitt, Redlands photographer, seemed to be everywhere flashing pictures of the ever-smiling president. Teddy Roosevelt would be swept back into office with overwhelming support from Redlands voters. Redlands renamed Reservoir Road, the principle route from the east into Redlands, "Roosevelt" in honor of his tour here.

The time problem meant he was unable to attend the planned unveiling of the McKinley bust outside A. K. Smiley library. The McKinley statue was officially unveiled May 30, 1903 with Charles Putnam of the G.A. R. giving an address along with Charles M. Smith. Rev. R. F. McIntyre, First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, gave the main address with an introduction by Lewis B. Avery, principal of Redlands Union High. "America" was sung by school children as 200 attending the formal dedication that mirrored a belated funeral.

The *Citrograph* asked readers to supply photographs for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> edition that promised to cover thoroughly the Roosevelt visit. Teddy was photographed with a huge crowd in front of the Casa Loma, the school children's bleacher, the carriage at Orange and State, the decorated Union Bank, and Teddy Roosevelt planting a surviving Washington Naval orange tree at the Riverside Glenwood Inn. Extra copies of the edition were produced and sold at the Chamber of Commerce (Phinney Block) for the next two years.

## Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for *Redlands Chronicles* to Marie Reynolds at [sccmarie@yahoo.com](mailto:sccmarie@yahoo.com) by the 1st of each month.

## Evening Shadows Tours

of Olive Avenue

In two parts

June 22 and 29 at 6:00 p.m.