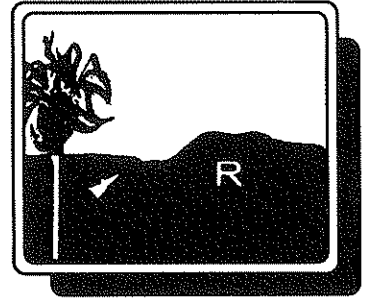


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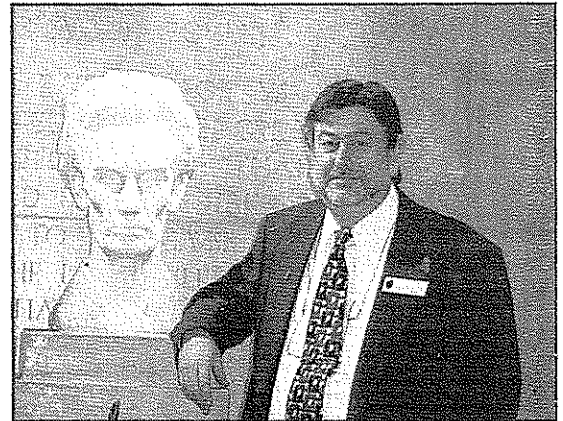
## The Culture of Resistance Among Southern Californian Indians

Richard Hanks, A.K. Smiley Public Library

Monday, February 26th, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

In Southern California and the entire United States all human history begins with Native Americans. Rarely do local historical societies touch on the subject of California Indians because not much was written by the original pioneers. Newspapers usually only report crimes and other problems related to the Indians or give information gleaned entirely from military sources. Archeology and Anthropology have made some inroads into the local culture recently. Since the 1970's ethnic study departments were created at the university level to research and fill in the gaps on Native Americans. Just in Southern California the Serrano, Cahuilla, Gabrieleño, Mojave, Piute, Chumash, and Chemehuevis represented some of the tribes living here.



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## Old House Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 7:00pm

528 Roosevelt Road

John and Beth Mee will be hosting the February meeting of the Old House Group in their historic one hundred plus year old home which they purchased in September 2005. The property borders Redlands High School and is the only Victorian home on the block.

The Mees have learned a great deal about the history of their home by spending time at the Heritage Room of the Smiley Library and from documents found in the attic. The house was built circa 1892 for T.E.N. Easton a professor of mathematics from Massachusetts. After journeying west in the late 1880's, Dr. Easton purchased some 40 acres in Redlands and changed his profession to horticulture. According to various publications the Mees learned that among the plantings on the property were five acres of "solid eucalyptus forest" Many of the trees can still be seen today.

In addition to learning about the history of their home, John and Beth have embarked on a major task of restoring their farm style Victorian. Much of the home is in its original condition. The exterior features a wrap around porch and leaded glass windows. A beautiful old oak tree welcomes visitors as it has for more than cen-

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## A Letter from your President...

Preservation is a good thing. It honors those who have come before us by maintaining, not destroying, registering and keeping those historical architectural prizes that could not be duplicated in our time. Whether it is a person like Dr. Terry Vines (restoring for adaptive reuse a historically significant structure like the Barton Villa) or someone like Jim Smith (who purchased the Redlands Fruit Exchange building on Vine Street, not changing anything about the building but just maintaining the structure), preservation in any form is a good thing. Those Native Americans who dug the Zanja by hand in 1819 did not contemplate the many fights that would be posed before City officials to preserve their work. But they must be pleased that some, in our time, can see the value of this historic aqueduct.

Many purists may disagree with me but without these noble people preserving old deteriorating structures we would lose them. Those of you who maintain a turn-of-the-century house would certainly agree with me. Recently, an article appeared in the *Redlands Daily Facts* regarding Tom Cutler of Cutler Church Insurance Services of Redlands who purchased the YWCA (later Y-Alliance) building on Cajon Street and Olive Avenue. Although he plans to demolish some of the later additions to the building the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission enthusiastically recommended his remodel to the City Council. Not all additions are good for a structure and when someone comes along with the funds and the vision to return a beautiful building to its original glory that's a good thing.

My own home, built in 1889, has been muddled beyond recognition. Little by little my husband, Tom, while I watch is returning it to what it must have been like at the turn-of-the-century. Once our home had beautiful woodwork porch railings with a spindle frieze across the top (we know this because our house is pictured in *Illustrated Redlands*) and iron cresting on the roof. Our neighbor told us, "oh yea, that old stuff, it laid beside the house for many years than was finally hauled to the dump." Oh to have that original woodwork and cresting back; now that would be something. Because of the money involved in these renovations I say, "Support these fine citizens!". Besides, how many wonderful structures have been saved by these conscientious people?

At our March 5th board meeting we will be selecting this year's nominees for our 2007 Heritage Awards. If you know of a worthy candidate, that is at least 75 years of age and not currently on the market, or would like to nominate your own home please do so by contacting me at (909) 793-8424 or through our website [www.rahs.org](http://www.rahs.org). Click on the link to email me at [president@rahs.org](mailto:president@rahs.org). The main criterion for selection is that the exterior has been maintained to reflect closely the original look of the house. The Heritage Awards are one small way that the Redlands Area Historical Society is contributing to preservation. That's a good thing!

Judith Hunt, President

### *Old House Group, continued*

ture. The interior includes a Victorian parlor and sitting room. The flooring and moldings remain unpainted and the stairway leads upstairs to bedrooms as well as to the kitchen and dining room.

John and Beth have a great love of their Victorian home and look forward to sharing it with The Old House Group.

See you there!

### *Newsletter Deadline*

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at [ngonzales@akspl.org](mailto:ngonzales@akspl.org) by the 1st of each month.

## SOOTY PANS

—AND—

## DIRTY HANDS

Are sure products of the ancient wood stove and more modern, but still ancient coal range. Why not use a gas range and avoid the troubles of the neat housewife? The gas range also saves time in lighting fires and trouble in keeping wood and coal fires going. Call and see us and inspect gas ranges, and see how nice, clean and handy they are.

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The Redlands Area Historical Society program for February is titled "The Culture of Resistance Among Southern Californian Indians." We have an expert in the field right here in Redlands, working as an associate archivist for A.K. Smiley Public Library and the Lincoln Memorial Shrine for the past six years. Dr. Richard A. Hanks, our speaker, completed his Ph.D in Native American History in 2006 from U.C. Riverside. His dissertation led him into the rich history of Indians of Southern California. In 2000, Hanks published "The Vicissitudes of Justice: Massacre in San Timoteo Canyon" in the *Southern California Quarterly*.

Dr. Hanks was born and raised in Beardstown, Illinois, just outside Springfield where Abe Lincoln labored, practiced law, and became a politician. And yes, "Hanks" is related to the mother of Abraham Lincoln. He has two articles on Lincoln published by the Lincoln Herald of Harrogate, Tennessee: "Lincoln and the Politics of Nepotism" (Fall 1994), and "The Bonds of Affection: Abraham Lincoln's Search for His Ancestry" (Fall 1997).

Dr. Hanks is a graduate of Riverside Poly High School. He is a past recipient of the Chancellor's Award for creating his own degree in communications at UC Riverside. Hanks garnered fifteen years experience as a journalist for newspapers, radio and television. He received his M.A. in History from UCR's program for Historic Resources Management in 1998. He then worked for the Riverside Local History Resource Center as Project Manager. Redlands (a.k.a. Smiley Library) scooped him up as an archivist in October 2000.

His presentation promises insights few of us Redlanders have ever heard and certainly ever read.



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