



REDLANDS CHRONICLES

October 2013

“Images of America: Early Redlands”

Ann Cody Deegan and Maria Carrillo, Speakers

Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W. Vine Street

Our speakers for our October program will be co-authors of a new book on Redlands history which will be published in November. Ann Cody Deegan and Maria Carrillo have researched over 30 photographers that worked in Redlands between the years of 1880 and 1920. Ann and Maria started their collaboration several years ago when Ann was the curator of the Woodbury University Fashion Institute. Maria has been recently appointed as the associate archivist at the A.K. Smiley Public Library Heritage Room. Their new volume is being published by Arcadia Publishing with examples of photographs in Redlands early boom town era and profiles of the photographers that flocked to the city. Redlands had an intriguing mix of citrus agriculture, beautiful homes, parks and philanthropic endeavors which can be traced in this wonderful new book.

Old House Group's Halloween Tour of Two Houses

Wednesday, October 23, 2013
6:30 p.m. - 845 Sylvan Boulevard
&
7:30 p.m. - 816 East High Avenue



We have a special surprise for the Old House Group's meeting in October because we will be visiting two houses. The first home is the 2000 Heritage Award-winning Claborn/Volock house, built in 1911 and located at 845 Sylvan Boulevard, which was recently acquired by Sue and Chalmer McClure. Sue has promised a very informative meeting for those who are interested in hearing about her restoration work on this new property. Sue feels strongly about the Old House Group members networking for information and resources to keep the old homes of Redlands looking their best.

This home only two blocks from the university was a part of the Lugonia Heights plat and has an enviable location across the street from Sylvan Park. Only two families occupied the house between 1919 and 2000 at which

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A Letter from your President...

Greetings to all of our members . . . October is here and fall has finally arrived after what has been an amazing Redlands summer. The month of October not only marks the changing of the seasons, this fall will also conclude a year of special events marking Redlands 125th Anniversary.

The Redlands Area Historical Society (RAHS) began the program year with two standout events. On Monday, September 23rd we hosted our first general membership meeting for the year titled "The History of Lugonia" lead by **RAHS Immediate Past President, Tom Atchley**. The lecture had nearly seventy society members and guests in attendance at the A.K. Smiley Public Library. The second event was the Annual Old House Group's Potluck Dinner. The dinner was held at the home of Gary and Sue Baughman located at 105 Summit Avenue. The evening had several highlights. First, each attendee brought their favorite homemade main course, side dish and desert, what a treat! Second, each attendee was treated to a tour of the of the unique 1918 craftsman home with an amazing view of the Redlands Valley. Each attendee heard interesting stories about the home by the Baughman's and Tom Atchley. I would like to specially recognize **RAHS Board Member, Leslie Irish** for handling all of the details for this year's annual potluck, thank you Leslie for a job well done! I would also like to thank the Baughman's for hosting our Annual Potluck Dinner.

The month of October will bring several more events for our members to participate in. On October 28th we will have a very interesting General Membership Meeting at the A.K. Smiley Public Library and we will also host our Annual Cemetery Tour and the monthly Old House Group Meeting. Please see the newsletter for additional information on each of these special events.

As your President it is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events that we have planned for the month of October.

Bill Blankenship

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HISTORIC BUS TOURS

Led by Tom Atchley, Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales
November 2, 2013

\$25 per person, paid reservations required
Call (909) 307-6060

Departs Redlands Mall north parking lot

Proceeds benefit A.K. Smiley Public Library's Heritage Room

Redlands 125th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 2, 2013

The City of Redlands will bring to a close its celebration of the city's founding with community wide event which will be held during the day of Saturday, November 2. The 125th Anniversary Extravaganza will have various events throughout the day which includes a community dinner served at 12 noon and 4 p.m. in Smiley Park. Tickets for the barbeque dinner cost \$7 and can be purchased at various locations in the city.

The day will start off with the Farmer's market held at the city parking lot located at 5th Street and Redlands Boulevard. Historic bus tours lead by Tom Atchley, Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales will depart at the north parking lot of the Redlands Mall. Tickets for bus tour are \$25 and the proceeds will go to the Heritage Room of the A.K. Smiley Library. Seats are limited so reservations for the bus tours are suggested by calling (909) 307-6060.

During the day a variety of exhibits, events, walking tours, performances and fireworks are planned. A Kids Zone featuring historic games and crafts led by the Boy and Girl scouts of Redlands will be located in Smiley Park behind the library. The Kids Zone will also have a small performance area which musical and performing groups in the city will participate. Also in this area of the park will be various booths featuring the many historical related groups in Redlands.

In the park area next to the Redlands Bowl will be devoted to historic re-enactors who will display costumes, handicrafts and trades typically found when the City was founded.

The Mission Gables house located on Eureka Street will host the art works created by the young people of the City which followed the theme of the City's founding. In the patio area to the rear of the building will contain art works created especially for this event by local Redlands Artists.

The Red Dirt Art Festival will be held during the day in the park next to the Old City Hall. Here you will be able to see additional artwork created by local artisans.

The Contemporary Club building on Eureka Street will host several displays from the Redlands Historical Museum and the San Bernardino County collections. Also on display will be photos produced by the Redlands Camera Club photographers.



Complimentary historical walking tours of the Smiley Park neighborhood and downtown Redlands will be led by volunteers from the Historical Society and the Heritage Auxiliary of the Contemporary Club. Tours will begin on the hour and half hour from both Smiley Park behind the library and at Ed Hales Park located at the corner of 5th Street and East State Street.

The Redlands Bowl itself will be the site of the conclusion of the day's events. The ceremonies will include a welcome by our mayor Pete Aguilar, and brief talks by our local historians, Larry Burgess and Tom Atchley. Former Mayor Carol Beswick will also speak. The Redlands Fourth of July Band, led by Curtiss Allen, Sr., will present several musical numbers. A brief sketch from the "Redlands, My Redlands" original musical production will also be performed. The actual performance dates of the musical will be November 15 and 16. Tickets are available at the City Clerk's office and other locations around town for \$5. The finale of the evening will be a spectacular fireworks display in the sky above the Redlands Bowl.

Volunteers are requested from the Historical Society membership to lead walking tours and to staff our information booths. Interested persons should contact Ron Running at (909) 798-1289.



125TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Bus Tours @ 9:00 a.m. \$25/person
Departing Redlands Mall North Parking Lot
Tom Atchley, Larry Burgess, Nathan Gonzales, guides

Community BBQ Dinner \$7/person
Seatings at noon and 4:00 p.m.
Smiley Park on Parkwood Street

Dessert Booth Zone
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
West Vine and Eureka Streets

Youth Art Exhibits & Sculpture Garden
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mission Gables House, 168 Eureka Street

Red Dirt Art Festival
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Old City Hall Park

Historical Exhibits
San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands Historical Museum,
Redlands Camera Club, Redlands Daily Facts, Heritage Auxiliary and
Citrus Belt Quilters at the Contemporary Club, 173 Eureka Street
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Walking Tours
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Free
Departing every half hour from the Smiley Library Park and Ed Hales
Park

Kids Zone
Traditional relay races, crafts and entertainment from a variety of
school performing groups.
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Smiley Library Park in front of the
Lincoln Shrine.

Ed Hales Park Performances
5th and East State Street
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Performances by a variety of school groups and local poets.

Redlands Y.M.C.A. Youth Circus
1:30 p.m. performance at the Redlands Bowl

Oral History Garden
A.K. Smiley Public Library Heritage Room
11:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Interviews taken by the Junior Redlands Historical Society members

Open House at Redlands' Historic Churches
11:00 a.m. to 12 noon - Holy Name of Jesus Church
12 noon to 1:00 p.m. - 1st Methodist Church
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 1st Congregational Church
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 1st Church of Christ, Scientist
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 1st Presbyterian Church

Historic Re-enactors
Redlands Bowl Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Youth Historical Scavenger Hunt
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Pick-up passports at the information booths at Smiley Library Park
and Ed Hales Park

Smiley Brothers Beard Growing Contest
Ages 2 - 12
Registration at the information booth in the Smiley Library Park.
Prizes announced at the Closing Ceremonies

Closing Ceremonies - Redlands Bowl
5:00 p.m. performance by the Tornados
6:00 p.m. performance by the 4th of July Band and preview of the
Redlands, My Redlands musical
7:00 p.m. Fireworks display by the Redlands 4th of July Committee

For further information go to:
www.redlandscelebration.com



From left: Reid, Robinson & Harley houses.



Handsome Residences that no Longer Exist are the...

Ghosts of Redlands



Above, Alonzo Hornby's Linda Vista.



Harry Ford's Edgewood Ranch, above.



A.B. Ruggles home at left.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY



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

Newsletter Deadline

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



October 26 **Hillside Cemetery Walking Tour**
Guides: Tom Atchley & Ron Running
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10/person
Location: Meet in front of the mausoleum.

October 28 **Early Redlands**
Ann Deegan & Maria Carrillo
A.K. Smiley Public Library
Time: 7:00 p.m.

November 2 **Extravaganza!**
Bus Tours \$25
Redlands Mall, north lot

Community BBQ Dinner \$7
Seatings at noon & 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits
Contemporary Club

November 8 **Opening Reception for the Elias Everitt Photo Exhibition**
San Bernardino County Museum
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

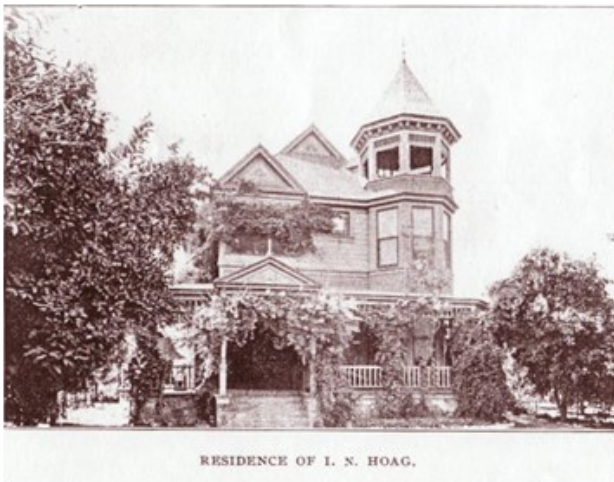
November 9 **Rain date for 125th Anniversary Celebration**

November 15 & 16
♪ **Redlands, My Redlands** ♪ Musical
U. of R. Memorial Chapel
Tickets: \$5/each
Original musical production telling the story of the Redlands

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time the house received a Heritage Award. Mr. Claborn was a retired Texas rancher. His wife's maiden name was Swogger and she was proud of a citation given her for helping during an early typhoid epidemic. She lived in the house until 1942. Frank and Julia Volock also loved this park side house encouraging their children to play there. Frank worked as a chef at the popular Phil's Charcoal Broiler and Julia also worked in various businesses in Redlands. Join us to hear about the McClure's adventures in obtaining this vintage home and their plans for it.

Our second house is located at 816 East High Avenue and is currently owned by Carol Mumford. This house also was a winner of 1988 Heritage Award. Carol has been busy working on her house for a year in anticipation of sharing it with us this October. She has many projects and even more plans for this property and will be happy to share her experiences with us.



Members may know this is the Isaac Newton Hoag house. Hoag was a native of New York, made his way to Northern California in search of gold in 1849. After a brief stint in the gold fields on the American River, he moved to Sacramento and became a merchant. In 1853, Mr. Hoag was admitted to the California Bar, beginning in 1861 a colorful career as an elected member of the California legislature, as a county judge, as secretary of the State Agricultural Society from 1862 to 1872, and as Commissioner of Immigration for the Southern and Central Pacific Railroads. He purchased 1600 acres, belonging to the Crafts estate and, in 1887, he and his wife, Georgiana decided to make Redlands their home.

A site of twenty-five acres of bearing groves was chosen for

their home in Lugonia Heights. According to the Citrograph by October 1887, Hoag had made several improvements to his property, including streets and gravels sidewalks. The impressive residence, begun in the fall of 1888:

...will have ten rooms, wide halls, and verandas, large bath room and pantry, china and other closets. In profusion cathedral glass and oil finished redwood will be used in finishing and the entire house has been arranged with both eyes wide open for both comfort and convenience amid beauty and picturesqueness.

The architect, Mr. Zwicker, the contractor, M.A. Clark, and the stone mason, Mr. Hammond completed the 2 and 1/2 story Queen Anne-style home and barn for \$6,000 in 1889. The structure has a multi-cross-gabled hipped roof with half-timbered gables, decorated with embedded glass and seashell ornamentation. It has horizontal wooden siding with fishscale shingles on the second story recessed porch. It contains all the classic elements of this style, including the 3 story turret with dentils, which was used as an aviary, and the tall brick chimneys. The encircling verandah with a tin ceiling has turned posts and balusters, bay windows, and other varied window shapes with stained glass. The original carriage house, located directly behind the house, still stands, now used as a residence on another parcel of land.

Mr. Hoag continued to live in Redlands until his death in 1898. He contributed much to the city. In 1889, he was the first president of the Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Society in 1889 and was postmaster at the time of his death. Georgiana continued to live in their home until her death in 1928 when the Hoags' daughter, Lizzie M. H. Warner, widow of Clarence Warner, who had owned the Warners Brothers Excursion firm, took possession until her death in 1942. She is buried near her parents in Hillside Cemetery.

Both houses are in the same general area and are within walking distance for those folks who wish to get some evening exercise. This distance is just 2/10ths of a mile.

Right, Mr. Isaac Newton Hoag

