



REDLANDS CHRONICLES

May/June 2014

HERITAGE AWARDS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

at
Rochford Foundation

Burrage Mansion

Monday, June 16, 2014, 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 16, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at the historic Rochford Foundation Burrage Mansion, which is located at 1205 West Crescent Avenue. We will be honoring nine 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 look forward to seeing you Monday, June 16th.

MAY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY and REDLANDS CONSERVANCY are jointly sponsoring several activities during the National Historic Preservation month of May. Our abbreviated month is called the REDLANDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORTNIGHT. The theme of the Fortnight is "Adaptive Reuse: How Redlands Benefits". Be sure to check our website at www.rahs.org and our Facebook page for updates on the following activities:

MONDAY, MAY 12TH – 6 p.m.

Opening Reception for Club 125 members (owners of homes that are 125+ years of age) and the 2014 Adaptive Reuse Award winner at the Mission Gables Home at 168 S. Eureka Street. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH – 5:30 p.m.

Dedication of The Terrace Park as Redlands Historic Resource #115 at The Terrace Park, near Sixth Street. Open to the public.

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH – 10:00 a.m.

"Redlands Successes and Failures" - Bus Tour along the Mill Creek Zanja lead by Tom Atchley . \$30/person. SOLD OUT.

MONDAY, MAY 19TH – 6:00 p.m.

Open House: "Making the Mills Act Work in Redlands"

Kathy Behrens and Roger Hardy are hosting an open house at their historic home at 1240 W. Olive Avenue. They are currently processing an application for the Mills Act which, when approved, offers a rebate of a portion of their property taxes for expenses spent on restoration of their home. Come and learn more of the in's and out's of this new incentive program. Please R.S.V.P. at (909) 389-7810.

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Roots of Redlands" – A guided tour sponsored by the Redlands Conservancy of the one-square block where Redlands started at Nevada Street and Barton Road. Tour includes samples from Redlands unique eateries. Cost is \$30/person. For reservations call (909) 792-1800.

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 (RAHS). The events included our General Membership meeting and the Old House Group meeting.

Last month our program was "More Treasures from the Elias F. Everitt Photographic Collection" presented by RAHS Vice-President Ron Running and Ex-Officio Board Member Robin Grube. After a year-long effort of scanning and cataloging 4000 prints at the San Bernardino County Museum, our speakers shared with our members their favorite photos from a unique photographic collection that documents life in Redlands from 1897 to 1924. Also in the month of April, the Old House Group, led by RAHS Board Member Leslie Irish, was treated to another unique opportunity to see the 1912 bungalow home located at 632 Walnut Street. The house was first toured in 2011, after the property was purchased in foreclosure. I would like to thank our Society members, Lauren and Sean, who were so gracious to give fellow members this special opportunity.

The month of June will bring to our members the 2014 Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social, which will be held on Monday, June 16th at the Burrage Mansion. This year's event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our annual Ice Cream Social. We will then move to our yearly General Membership meeting where we will elect our 2014 - 2015 Board of Directors. The evening will conclude with nine owners of local residences and businesses being honored with a RAHS Heritage Award, which will recognize them for their careful stewardship of their fine examples of historic Redlands architecture. I will look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Heritage Awards and Ice Cream Social.

I would like to especially thank the following RAHS Board of Directors 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, and Directors Kathy Behrens and Sandie Green. In addition, the following Board members also hold Committee Chairperson roles, Old House Group Leslie Irish, Hospitality Sue McClure, Heritage Awards Steve Spiller and Programs and Membership Ron Running. Finally, I would like to thank our Ex-Officio Board members for their roles, Newsletter Marie Reynolds and At-Large Robin Grube. 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

Congratulations to *Jonathan and Randy Briggs* who correctly identified
Dr. Pierson's home in last month's issue!



What do you know about these structures?

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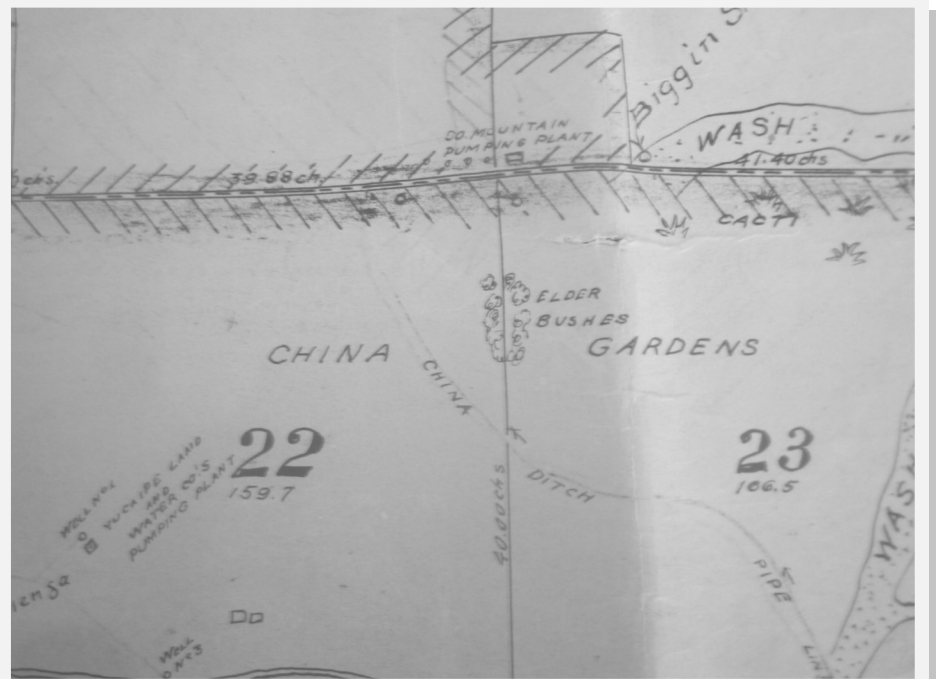
YUCAIPA'S "WING SING GARDEN" AND ITS CHINESE OWNERS

-by Tom Atchley

This photo was taken from a map drawn in 1903 by civil engineer, C.C. Brown to record the drainages of the Yucaipa Valley. Dike and Logie formed the Redlands-Yucaipa Land Company and the map was preliminary work for that company. China Gardens is noted on the map.

The area today would be between Yucaipa Blvd. and "E" Street to the south. "Chicken Hill" is southeast and today marks the location of Oak Glen Road and Avenue "E." Chicken Hill became a landmark after a wagon load of chickens fell off on a steep curve. Evidently many of the chickens were not caught and remained wild along that stretch of the road for years. Maude A. Fox wrote *Both Sides of the Mountain* in 1954 and wrote about Chicken Hill in the book.

China Gardens. (Wing Sing Garden)



Yow Kee
Wong Nom

Wong Chun Foo
Wong Yan

Wong Yuk (Yup)
Yup Sim

- ◆ **Yow Kee** is 35 years old, a gardener, 137 pounds, and a resident of Redlands on Aug. 20, 1897. His garden is 100 acres with 10 partners in Yucaipa and he's lived there 3 years. He has been in the United States for 19 years. He paid \$10 an acre for the land. He raises vegetables and sells in Redlands both retail and wholesale. He owns \$3000 in property.
- ◆ **Wong Nom** lives in Yucaipa as a gardener and has \$600 in property. He is one of 10 partners in the Wing Sing Garden in Dunlap.
- ◆ **Wong Chun Foo** is 39 years old and lives in Redlands as a gardener. The garden is the 100-acre Wing Sing Garden in Yucaipa. The vegetable garden sells by vendor three times a week in Redlands. He is worth \$1800.
- ◆ **Wong Yan** is a vegetable gardener in both San Bernardino and a shareholder gardener in Yucaipa. The Waterman Garden is called the Mow Sang Garden.
- ◆ **Wong Yuk** is 38 years old, five-feet, seven inches tall and resident of Redlands. He resides in the garden of Yucaipa the last two years.
- ◆ **Yup Sim** has lived in Redlands 8 years. He lived six years in San Bernardino before moving to Redlands. He has been part of the Yucaipa Garden for one year and paid \$650 for a share.

County of San Bernardino documents record Chinese laborers as early as 1853 working on the various zanjas of the valley and working in agriculture. The Geary Act, passed in 1892, required the Treasury Department to complete applications for returning Chinese to China. The point of the act was to make sure the returning Chinese left no debts here before their return to China. Each application required a photograph, physical description and financial record of the applicant with at least two American citizens swearing to the information given. These Federal records are on file with the National Archives in Perris, California under the Los Angeles District Office under Chinese case files 1893-1935, boxes 4, 6, 13, 14, 18, 22, 23 and 24.

(All dates based on 1894 Applications with the Treasury Department for a return visit to China)



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OLD HOUSE GROUP
is on Hiatus.
See you at the September Potluck!

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