

# REDLANDS CHRONICLES

January 2015

## The History of Redlands Fire Department

Chief Jeff Frazier, Speaker  
Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library  
125 W. Vine Street

Chief Jeff Frazier will present the history of the Redlands Fire Department at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Redlands Area Historical Society. Chief Frazier joined the Redlands department in 2008 bringing 36 years of fire service experience.

Chief Frazier began his career as a volunteer firefighter for Twentynine Palms Fire Department. He completed 28 years with the San Diego Fire Department holding assignments in operations, human resources, training, emergency management, communications and logistics. He was awarded four exceptional service citations during this time.

Elected by his fellow fire chiefs, Chief Frazier is currently President of the Citrus Belt Fire Chiefs



*Redlands Fire Department's chemical wagon and crew of volunteers.*

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## Old House Group

Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.  
Claborn/Volock House

845 Sylvan Boulevard



The meeting of Old House Group is the Claborn/Volock residence built in 1911 and located at 845 Sylvan Boulevard. Owned by Chalmer and Sue McClure, this promises to be a very informative meeting for those who are interested in hearing about Sue's restoration work on this 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

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# A Letter from your President...

I am hopeful that you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and that the New Year will bring happiness to you and your entire family.

On December 9th the Society held its Annual Holiday Party at the home of **Bruce and Candace Quinn**. Their beautifully restored home is located 107 Garden Hill and was formerly the Home of Grace Mullen. The Mediterranean-style home was a perfect venue for the annual festive event. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank the Quinns for making this year's Holiday Party a great success.

Each year at the Christmas Season it is our family tradition to drive through the many historic neighborhoods of Redlands to see the Christmas lights. The beautifully-decorated homes demonstrate to our community members and visitors the diverse historical architecture that exists in Redlands. To further make this annual tradition more meaningful I was able to use the Society's published book titled, *"A Celebration of 125 Years of Redlands Historic Homes"* as a point of reference to the history of many of the homes that we were seeing on our tour. The book is currently on sale at A.K. Smiley Public Library, its Heritage Room or various Redlands Area Historical Society events, at a cost of \$15.00 for the spiral bound version, which is perfect for the annual Christmas driving tour. There is also a hard bound version for \$20.00 which will look great on your book shelf with your treasured collection of historical Redlands Books. As you celebrate the Season next year, I urge you all to spend an evening touring the historic neighborhoods with your copy of *"A Celebration of 125 Years of Redlands Historic Homes"* to not only enjoy the Christmas lights but the beautiful homes in our town.

In 2015 we will have a full schedule of Old House Group Meetings that are held each month at a Redlands home. On the fourth Monday of each month the Society will hold our monthly General Membership Meetings at A.K. Smiley Public Library's Lyon Assembly Room. January's program will be "The History of Redlands Fire Department" and will feature our special guest speaker Redlands Fire Chief, Jeff Frazier. For additional information about our upcoming events please look for the specific write-ups in each of our monthly newsletters and I will look forward to seeing you at one of our events that we plan each month.

At the beginning of each year the Society asks our members to renew their annual dues and we are hopeful that many of our members will decide to take the next step and choose a level of sponsorship. Our annual dues and sponsorships insure that the Society is the dominant voice of historic preservation in the Redlands Area. To assist you with a contribution and the renewal of your membership dues we have provided an envelope located on the inside of your January 2015 Newsletter.

I hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2015 and I look forward to seeing you all at one of the many events that we have planned for our members in the coming months.

*Bill Blankenship*

Redlands Area Historical Society would like to thank our **CORPORATE UNDERWRITERS:**

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Association, Chairman of the CONFIRE Administrative Chiefs Committee, and is San Bernardino County Operational Area Zone II Coordinator.

As an emergency responder and manager, Chief Frazier has responded to major wildfires across the western United States, the Oklahoma City bombing, multiple hurricanes, the World Trade Center attack, Haiti Earthquake and other Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) events.

Chief Frazier is active in the community. He is a member of the board of directors for Redlands Rotary, Inland Empire Council of Boy Scouts, Redlands Town and Gown and the Fire and Burn Foundation.



*Redlands Fire Department of 1905.*

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(909) 882-2003 or email: [blueeaglevideo@aol.com](mailto:blueeaglevideo@aol.com).

### 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.

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from Sylvan Park.

Only two families occupied the house between 1919 and 2000 at which 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 see what the McClures have done since the house was last toured in 2013.

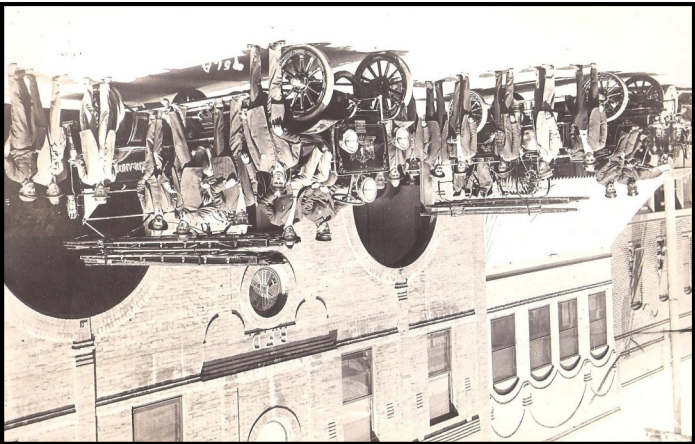
## It's Time for Dues

Individual/Family	\$30.00
Donor	\$50.00
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Corporate Underwriter	\$250.00

## Upcoming Events

January 17, 9:00 a.m.	Summit Avenue Walking Tour Begins at Summit Point (where Summit makes a right angle to meet Campbell) Cost \$10
January 26, 7:00 p.m.	The History of Redlands Fire Department Chief Jeff Frazier, Presenter A.K. Smiley Public Library Lyon Assembly Room
January 28, 6:30 p.m.	Old House Group Meeting 845 Sylvan Blvd.
February 21, 9:00 a.m.	Eureka Street Walking Tour, Part I Begins at Eureka & Palm Cost \$10
March 7, 9:00 a.m.	Eureka Street Walking Tour, Part II Begins at Eureka & Fern Cost \$10
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Meetings City Hall Council Chambers 35 Cajon Street





Redlands Fire Department in 1910 with horses, Prince and Chief, in front of the fire station at Water Street (Redlands Blvd.) and Fifth Street, above. Below, hook and ladder trucks at the same location, May 1914.



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