



# REDLANDS

# CHRONICLES

January 2017

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## EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF THE POSTWAR PERIOD

Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Speaker

Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

125 W. Vine Street



*Downtown State Street in the 1950's Shows the new Bank of America Building on the Northeast Corner of E. State and Orange Streets.*

DR. NATHAN GONZALES, the present archivist and head of special collections at A.K. Smiley Public Library, will present a program on "The Exponential Growth of the Postwar Period" to the Redlands Area Historical Society.

Gonzales has a passion for the architecture from the late 1940s to 1960's that includes the Mid-Century Modern era. The Heritage Room has documented the special building segments that the *Redlands Daily Facts* featured weekly. The special home editions noted the new subdivisions in Redlands and promoted the homes with their building plans, contractors, architects and photos.

After World War II Redlands architects designed new homes to house employees of Norton Air Force Base, Lockheed Propulsion, Hosiery Mill, and Universal Rundle to name a few new industries. Redlands built modern business buildings and new churches that exhibited entirely new architecture.

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## OLD HOUSE GROUP

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

1363 Knoll Road

WE ARE EXCITED to tell you that for the first time we are having a neo-Craftsman home on tour, owned by Dan and Carmen Jones at 1363 Knoll Road. This home is very special in that it was custom designed and built a few years ago to reflect a Craftsman style, circa 1910 with Japanese influence. Local architect Shan McNaughton helped design the structure with builder Rod Dierking of Redlands.

All the baseboards and window frames are made from antique mahogany wood directly from the La Posada Hotel that was located in downtown Redlands. The Gregory Family who owned the hotel had stored many of the building parts in a local warehouse and Mr. Dierking was fortunate enough to purchase the wood for this house.

The light fixtures are all made to replicate Craftsman style from a local Orange County lighting manufacturer. The huge kitchen with subway tile, mahogany cabinets, and large Wolf range is a cook's dream! The exterior has concrete shingles, resembling wood shakes and are all hand cut. There are approximately 22,000 bricks for the circular



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*Neo-Craftsman Home at 1363 Knoll Road.*

# Greetings from your President...

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and am looking forward to an eventful 2017!

Our annual holiday party was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the amazing home of Paul and Pam Morris. We sincerely appreciate their hospitality and willingness to open their home to all of us. Many thanks to Marjorie Lewis for coordinating the event and everyone else who helped.

Tom Atchley lead three successful walking tours of the cemetery, Redlands High School and of downtown Redlands. We are scheduling three more in the next few months. Details will be forthcoming.

The Old House Group has a line-up wonderful homes to visit in 2017. However, in a slight break with tradition this month's home is fairly new, but is a beautiful example of a modern interpretation of a Craftsman's style home.

Leslie Irish has received offers from eight members to help with her data entry project with the Hillside Memorial Park records. We'll keep you posted on their progress in the next few months.

*At the beginning of each year the Society asks our loyal members to renew your annual dues and consider increasing your level of sponsorship. Those of you who have joined since July of last year are considered paid for this year's membership. Our annual dues and sponsorships make it possible for RAHS to be a dominant voice of historic preservation in the greater Redlands community. To assist you we are providing the membership envelope located inside of your RAHS newsletter.*

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of the upcoming events.

*Ron Running*

The Redlands Area Historical Society would like to thank our

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Nathan Gonzales graduated from the University of the Pacific with a Master of Arts in history and continued his education at the University of California, Riverside earning a PhD in 2006.

Gonzales has co-authored *Images of America: Redlands, Redlands in Transition 1945-1980*, and *Faithfully and Liberally Sustained: Philanthropy in Redlands* with Dr. Larry Burgess.

Gonzales is past president of the Redlands Area Historical Society, University of Redlands Town and Gown, and the Zamorano Club of Los Angeles. Gonzales serves on the board for the Redlands Historical Museum Association, Rotary Club of Redlands and the Kimberly-Shirk Association.

Redlands Historical Society programs are free and open to the public. One society goal is preservation through historical education.



*Universal Rundle Corporation in Mentone.*

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driveway and a 5-car garage.

The original adobe wall in front of the home is protected by the City of Redlands. This home truly is a magnificent example of a Craftsman home, circa 1910. We hope you will be able to attend.

-Marjorie Lewis

*The Society would like to welcome the following new members:*

- Bob & Judy Allard
- Peter & Joyce Burk
- Kim Ennis
- Daniel Haueter
- Robert Herrick
- Gary Konigsmark
- Julie Lamoureux
- Linda Lanning
- Ben Parker
- Dale White

## Upcoming Events

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SOCIETY MEMBERS ONLY

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1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Mtg.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
35 Cajon Street

## Special Project Volunteer Opportunity HILLSIDE CEMETERY RECORDS

As one of a number of special projects, the Redlands Area Historical Society will be working with the Hillside Cemetery to digitize burial records.

Burial records contain a variety of research material sources including clues to ancestry, historic research, dates and much more.

A portion of the records have been entered into but approximately twenty thousand records remain to be entered. These records are typed and handwritten depending on the age of the burial / purchase.

Due to the number of records and the need for accuracy RAHS is looking for volunteers to work in teams of two or three individuals over a period of the next year+. Any availability will be considered so don't hesitate to offer to participate.

If you are interested in or want more information please email Leslie Irish at [Lirish@lenviroinc.com](mailto:Lirish@lenviroinc.com) or call, (951)201-5742.

The project will start after the first of the year.

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