

SEGREGATION AT BRYN MAWR SCHOOL, 1911-1943

Audrey Maier, Speaker

Monday, September 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library
125 W. Vine Street

REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY begins the season with the serious subject of school segregation in the Mission School District. Mission was not alone with the dubious policy of segregation since the Cram District had a similar policy at Arroyo Verde Elementary School.

Audrey Maier, a Redlands High graduate, will bring her new research insights to the subject September 25 in the Heritage Room of A. K. Smiley Library at 7:00 p.m. Audrey Maier is an educator, curator, and historian from California's Inland Empire. She received her Bachelor's degree in Art History/Criticism from the University of California, San Diego, in 2016 and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public History at the University of Riverside as a Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship recipient. Her research interests center on the History of the Inland Empire, visual culture, and Mexican-American history. Audrey works with the Loma Linda Area Parks and Historical Society and the California Citrus State Historic Park on research and public engagement.



*Minority Students in Mission School District
Attended Bryn Mawr School, above.*



Mission School, shown here in 1912.

Maier will present her ongoing research concerning the Mexican-American students at Bryn Mawr from 1911-1943. The effort to desegregate the school was led by Rafaela Landeros Rey and other community members. The ensuing issue led to important desegregation court cases including *Ignacio vs Seccombe*, *Mendez vs. Westminster* and later *Brown vs. Board of Education*.

Historical Society programs are free and open to the public. We encourage historical education to further understanding of present and past issues.

- by Tom Atchley, Vice-President

A Letter from your President...

I hope that everyone had a fun-filled, relaxing and productive summer. Our 2016-2017 season closed with our annual meeting and 42nd Annual Heritage Award Ice Cream Social at the historic Fox Theater in downtown Redlands. Society officers for this year will be: Ron Running, President; Tom Atchley, Vice-President; Steve Spiller, Secretary; Susan Retting, Treasurer. Board members are: Marie Reynolds, Newsletter; Robin Grube, Heritage Awards; Marjorie Lewis, Old House Group; Jill Huntsinger, Hospitality; and Marcus Paulson, Social Media/Membership. Ex Officio members will be Bill Blankenship, Past President; and Leslie Irish, Special Projects.

Even though we had no official activities during the summer we have been busy working on a variety of projects. Our website at www.rahs.org continues to be updated and expanded. All of our past newsletters are now posted there and all of the past Heritage Award winner citations and photos have been added.

Work continues of developing a smart phone app for both Android and iPhone users. The Redlands Explorer App will be launched at our monthly meeting on October 23rd. The Explorer App will allow you to find all of our 350 Heritage Awards as you drive throughout the city. This project has been made possible through a collaboration with the University of Redlands professor Trish Cornez and two of her students, David Galindo and Sean Unger. Additional help has been given by Ben Parker.

The Society was also successful in receiving a non-profit organizational grant from ESRI to obtain a license to use its ArcGis software. We have been using the software to develop our Redlands Explorer App and develop story maps which will display various aspects of Redlands' historic resources. We are very appreciative of the generosity of ESRI in becoming one of our corporate underwriters for this year.

We have a group of faithful volunteers, led by Leslie Irish, who are doing data entering for burials in Hillside Memorial Park cemetery between the years of 1975 and 1996. Once completed everyone will be able to go to the Hillside website and research all of the burials that have occurred there. To date approximately 1200 records have been entered. Leslie estimates that it will take 18 months to complete this worthwhile project.

We are looking forward to a full year of interesting programs, walking tours, old house visits, research and social activities. Included in the newsletter is a calendar listing of our future events for the 2017-2018 year.

We always have need of volunteers to help with updating of our website, old home research, walking tours, social media outreach, hospitality, and now mapping! Anyone interceding in participating is encouraged to contact myself or any of our board members.

Ron Running

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JACOB & SUSIE DEROO HOME

Built circa 1928

11587 Walnut Road, Crafton

Mark & Christy Gorden, Owners

CANADIAN Charles Corey Brown was a civil, hydraulic and mining engineer who surveyed the Whittier, Studebaker and Randsburg areas for the Santa Fe Railroad. After installing the Whittier waterworks, he came to Redlands in 1900 to build the Yucaipe [sic] Land & Water Company's water system to Crafton and East Redlands. He took the opportunity to purchase Block 78 of Rancho San Bernardino, previously part of George Crafts' holdings set aside for a college, and planted oranges.

He, his wife Amelia and her invalid sister Henrietta each held a one-third interest of this 200-acre ranch. Two years later they left Whittier and moved to Crafton. Brown was appointed Redlands City Engineer in February 1905. He belonged to First Baptist Church of Redlands and the Masonic Lodge.

After several years, the Browns began subdividing the ranch. Sixteen acres, which included their residence, was sold to Long Beach building contractor Harry Layton in 1925 for \$10 and a \$5000 mortgage. It is believed that Layton constructed a new, larger home south of the original dwelling, around 1928.

Layton, wife Laura and son James only lived in the house a brief time. In December 1929, they sold the place to Holland natives Jacob and Susie De Roo for \$8000. The De Roos lived there for about 30 years before giving the home to their son, David. Dave was a packing house manager at Crafton Mutual Orchards and co-owner with Fred Gowland of De Roo and Gowland's Flying A Service Station on Redlands Boulevard.

While Mrs. Dave De Roo was a member of Assistance League, the house was featured as one of eleven Camellia Luncheon homes in 1958.

Mark and Christy Gorden purchased the property in 1979, and

raised their daughter, Annie, in the home.

A semi-circular drive leads through mature landscaping to this two-story Colonial Revival home; a rectangular cedar-shingled wooden structure with symmetrically balanced windows and center door, that sits upon a concrete foundation. The side-gabled roof has three gabled dormers evenly spaced across the front facade.

Four brick steps usher guests onto the entry porch, with four turned columns supporting the roof above the front door. There are two double-hung sash windows on either side of the porch, and five double-hung sash windows on the second story. The windows are multi-paned, with 6 over 1.

The north elevation features an exterior river rock chimney. Rectangular attic vents allow circulation to keep the house temperate. Each story has two windows to the west of the chimney and one to right. On the first level a porch has been screened in on the north east corner of the house, enclosing the lower part of the chimney.

The south elevation mirrors the north, but without the chimney. A side porch similar to the front entry is the dominant feature.

The Gordens have done many improvements to the century-old property. The old reservoir has been filled and a new pool has been constructed on the site; they've added a carport with cupola, and planted grapes along the Walnut Road frontage.

Redlands Area Historical Society is pleased to present this award to Mark and Christy Gorden for their stewardship of this beautiful residence.

-by Marie Reynolds



11587 Walnut Road

Upcoming Events

September 25, 7:00 p.m.	Segregation at Bryn Mawr School Audrey Maier, Speaker 125 W. Vine Street Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Library
September 27, 6:30 p.m.	Old House Group Potluck Grenda Residence 1621 Garden Street SOCIETY MEMBERS ONLY
October 21, 4:00 p.m.	Cemetery Tour Cost \$10 Meet at the Mausoleum
November 18, 9:00 a.m.	Alvarado Street Walking Tour Cost \$10 Meet at W. Palm & Alvarado
1st Thursday of the Month	Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Mtg. City Hall Council Chambers 35 Cajon Street

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