



REDLANDS CHRONICLES

March 2018

REDLANDS VIETNAM VETERAN STORIES

Monday, March 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

The Contemporary Club
173 S. Eureka Street

FIVE REDLANDS VIETNAM VETERANS will recall their individual stories when the Redlands Area Historical Society meets March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Contemporary Club house at 173 S. Eureka Street.

Mick Gallagher graduated from Redlands High in 1967. Gallagher was called to duty four days after graduation and served sixteen months in the navy. Gallagher was chosen as the “2017 Redlands Man of the Year.” Gallagher is a former City Council member, the owner of Finishing Touch Engraving and the constant Master of Ceremony for Veterans Day and Memorial Day in Redlands. Mick Gallagher is an avid club participant, married with two sons and four grand-children.

Jim Eastwood graduated from Redlands High and entered the United States Army December 28, 1965 as an eighteen year old. He served in Vietnam from April 1967 to December 1968 in the Signal Corp. He was a telephone lineman, splicer, installer and for his eighteen months also drove trucks, built towers, worked in the mess hall and drove a jeep for the company commander. Eastwood said, “the whole military experience helped me mature. The war was just part of that.”

Richard Beemer is a 1967 graduate of Redlands High. He was drafted into the army in 1969 and sent to Fort Ord for basic training. Beemer received Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Ord and was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia to become an infantry sergeant. Beemer served in the 9th and 25th Divisions and earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service. Returning from Vietnam Beemer joined the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff. Beemer was appointed Undersheriff, second-in-command in 2005. He retired in 2010 after a 37 year career in law enforcement.

Bob Roberts graduated in 1966 and enlisted before the school year was over. Roberts wanted to join Special Forces and was informed he was too young. He enlisted in Airborne Unassigned and attended Jump School. Roberts



Greetings from your President...

I HOPE ALL OF YOU enjoyed our February program "Above Redlands" as much as I did. Steve Carroll and our Board member, Marcus Paulson showed us stunning aerial views of beautiful Redlands taken from their drone cameras. We appreciate their willingness to share their hobby and talents with us.

Sixty brave souls enjoyed our Alvarado Street walking tour. Due to the cold temperatures and occasional rains we thought that maybe nobody would show. The weather turned out perfect and we were welcomed by three homeowners who shared their stories about their home and neighborhood. It was great to share our community with visitors that came all the way from Palm Springs. Thanks to Tom Atchley for all his research and willingness to inform us about Redlands historic treasures. Be sure to join us on Saturday, March 24th, for our Nordina Street tour.

The Old House Group had a successful meeting at the wonderful home of Doug Carroll and Heather Gray Carroll. We thank them for hospitality. We also thank Marjorie Lewis and her team for making all of the arrangements.

Our program this month will also be held in the Contemporary Club. This will be a great opportunity to pay tribute to our Redlands' Viet Nam veterans.

I hope you are enjoying the content of our newsletter. We are grateful to our editor, Marie Reynolds and again Tom Atchley for all of their hard work putting it together every month.

Ron Running

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J. O. Steward, a local Wells Fargo agent, had this Victorian home built with barge-board work in 1899 after visiting San Francisco and observing the painted ladies there.

Nordina Street

Walking Tour

THE REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL Society's Saturday, March 24th, walking tour will explore the Victorian homes along Nordina Street. We will begin at the northwest corner of East Fern Avenue and Nordina Street at 9:00 a.m. Our tour leader is Tom Atchley, vice-president of the Historical Society. The fee is \$10 for Society members and \$15 for non-members.

The tour will follow the west side of the street to Olive and return on the east side to

Fern Avenue.

Nordina, Myrtle and Sonora Streets were named by Benjamin Franklin Watrous in 1887. Watrous, a Civil War surgeon, came to Redlands in 1881 and bought land on East Olive Avenue between East Olive and Clark Street. He subdivided his property in 1887. Smaller affordable lots close to the newly surveyed downtown offered some competition for Judson and Brown and their Residence Tract located nearly a mile away in southwest Redlands.

The Episcopalians moved their 1886 church from Center Street to the southeast corner of Cajon and East Olive. Another Christian Church built on the corner of Olive and Nordina. Nordina from Olive to Clark Street had lots sell for \$50 each. Tents went up as the new lot owners saved to eventually build on their new property.

In 1904, Redlands built a new thirty-bed hospital on Nordina. The proposed hospital raised the ire of Nordina residents, who feared a sanitarium filled with tuberculosis patients. The Redlands City Council responded by declaring Redlands a tubercular free community that would not allow TB patients rooms in the city. The Episcopal Church created The Settlement below Hillside Cemetery to accommodate tubercular patients medical care and tent cabins. §



The 1904 Redlands Hospital Building on Nordina Street is shown here as Robbins Retreat Retirement Hotel.

RAHS Explorer App Now Available



The Redlands Area Historical Society in conjunction with two University of Redlands students has developed two apps for both Android and iPhone use. The apps locate each of the 350 Heritage Awards homes or structures in the city and nearby vicinity. Each home has a citation which includes an architectural description as well as a short history of each building. Since 1975, the Society has selected structures that are 75 years of age or older and that have been maintained in good order for the awards. A committee researches each home and the awards are given at the annual ice cream social held in June.

The apps are free and available for download at either the Google Play Store or Apple's iPhone Store.

Ron Running, the current President of the Historical Society, and Ben Parker, a historical society member, collaborated with the two University of Redlands students, David Galindo and Sean Unger along with their Professor Trish Cornez to develop the apps for Android and iPhones.

Galindo is a senior computer science and math major. David grew up in East Los Angeles and attended Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet Charter School. Unger is also a senior computer science major and attended Carlsbad High School. Ben Parker is a retired computer software engineer from ESRI.

Once the apps are downloaded, users will be able to search for the heritage homes by address, year built, architectural style, builder and architect. The apps connect with a series of historic city maps that are published through the City of Redlands web site. Users will be able to maintain a favorites list or obtain directions of how to find the homes from their present location. The apps also include instructions and a trouble shooting guide.

Galindo and Unger have spent over a year in developing the apps. Their first effort was to develop the Android app. However, due to the popularity of the iPhone, the Society determined that an iPhone app should also be made available to the public. The apps use a software system provided by ESRI.

The Historical Society intends to eventually enlarge the apps to include lost historical resources, overlays of subdivisions and maps.

Let us know how you like the apps by emailing us at redlandsareahs@gmail.com

-by Ron Running

(Vietnam Veterans, continued from page 1)

was sent to Helicopter Maintenance School. He served in the 101st Airborne, a full battalion sent to Vietnam. Roberts became a crew chief in Vietnam.

Bobby Ballue, the fifth speaker for the Vietnam Veterans program, also graduated from Redlands High. Ballue was a medic in the United States Army and served 1966-1967.

Join the Historical Society to thank these men for their service in this controversial war as they recall their personal stories.

Redlands Area Historical Society programs are free and open to the public.

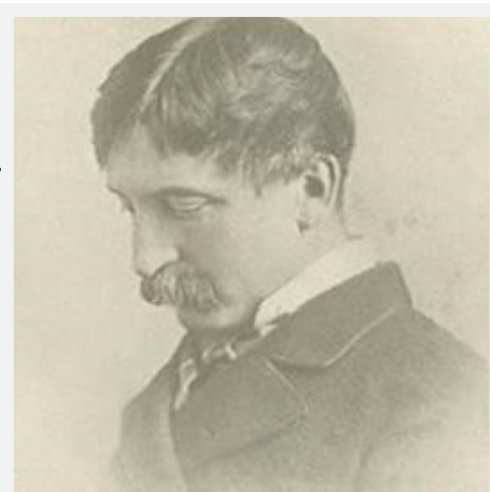
-by Tom Atchley, vice-president & program chair

A Critic Comes to Town

Celebrated New York drama critic, poet and author William Winter purchased a ranch property and built his vacation house on the southwest corner of Mentone and Crafton avenues in 1892. It was called *Ederline Cottage*, after the New Brunswick residence of his Scots-born wife, Elizabeth Campbell, an authoress whose pen name was Isabelle Castlebar. They had five children; son William Jefferson Winter, an actor, married his co-star, renowned child actress Elsie Leslie, in 1901. There is a

Madame Alexander doll fashioned in her image.

The family visited the home often until they moved to Mentone year-round due to the poor health of their son, Louis. During that time William Winter, a Shakespearean authority, continued his position with the New York papers and traveled frequently to their home on Staten Island for work. Son Jefferson had successful surgery at the nearby Mentone Sanitarium. Several family members died at the property, including son Louis Victor Winter in 1905 and Miss Isabel M. Campbell. Louis' son was nearly bitten



Drama Critic William Winter.

by a rattlesnake on the ranch in 1901.

Walter P. McIntosh purchased the home and its 40 acres from the Winter family in 1920.

-by Marie Reynolds



Actress Elsie Leslie married William Winter's son, Jefferson.



Ederline Cottage, California Home of the William Winter Family, is located on Highway 38.

42nd Annual

Heritage Award Winners

WILLIAM & NELLIE WYCKOFF HOME
Built in 1922

117 W. Cypress Avenue
John and Jeanne McAnespie, Owners

William H. and Nellie Wyckoff hired prominent Redlands builder, Garrett Huizing, to plan and construct their home in 1922. Wyckoff owned several orange groves in Redlands. The home is an example of Redlands' prosperity in the 1920s with the building cost of \$12,000 and Mediterranean Architecture.

Wyckoff centered the home on two lots of the Dike and Logie Subdivision

1910 under the banner "Where the Big Red Apples Grow." They built two clinker brick monument planters on the corner of Eureka and Cypress. An arched ornamental gate with support posts announced the subdivision name between the monuments when the subdivision opened. The planters were filled with climbing roses that draped the side of the monuments. Lots sold for \$1200-\$1800 and were quickly purchased

emphasizes balance with symmetry with matching windows, centered doorway and overall simplified style. The roof is composed of red tile. Eaves show extending rafters that are not decorative. The home has a stucco exterior that is a "U" shape with an addition beginning in 1930 by Robert Lackman. A formal Doric column gazebo adorns the back yard inside the "U." The front porch has a comfortable porch swing with two chairs to balance the space.

The street view of the home presents a gabled entrance with matching gables on either side. Second story windows are grouped in threes that match the three set on the west side. Huizing left his signature portico decoration above the first story windows. An airplane weather vane graces the gable on the west side entrance.

Ronald G. Nelson completed the kitchen remodel in 1981. Fred Maper completed termite removal in 1964. John McAnespie is recorded in the city files with a new 200 amp electrical service in 1985. McAnespie

choosing the southeast corner of Cypress and Eureka. The Dike and Logie Subdivision was the last clinkerbrick subdivisions in Redlands and extended along the 600 block of South Eureka ending at an orange grove that remained until the 1950s. Wyckoff promised to build a two-story home that would in essence greet buyers at the subdivision entrance. R. J. Farquhar did the same in 1926 at 203 W. Cypress with a beautiful Spanish Revival home.

Andrew Dike and John Logie had successfully subdivided the Yucaipa Valley in

beginning in 1920. Many of the homes built are period revival of the 1920's.

The tract boasts lots 225 feet by 60 feet wide and a 30 foot setback is on each lot to create a park like street scene. The street tree theme of Incense Cedars was chosen for the street scape. A cobblestone wall along the sidewalk is capped with cement that gives the wall a finished touch. Recently the cut-stone curb was repaired to the original splendor.

This is a fine example of Mediterranean architecture. The style

relocated the garage in 2002 and received a permit for the flag pole in 2012. Overall the home seems to have only five owners since 1923.

The Redlands Area Historical Society congratulates the John and Jeanne McAnespie family for their guardianship of this fine home since 1984.

- by Tom Atchley



Heritage Award Winners

SPOONER-HIGHT HOME

Built in 1906

450 Grant Street

David & Lisa Figueroa, Owners

In the winter of 1904, December 5th to be exact, an application for a building permit was submitted for the construction of a new home on Grant Street. Owner, Quig F. Spooner commissioned Frank G. Mc Lain to build 450 Grant Street. Mr. John P. Hight, Jr. was listed as a co-applicant on this project and was also listed as a co-owner on the service connection records along with C.C. Amis who built numerous homes on this street. It has been determined the date of completion is actually 1906.

The general dimension of this hipped Victorian cottage, single story home was slated to be 26' x 46', which would calculate to 1,196 square feet including the front porch. It was originally built as a 2 bedroom 1 bathroom with 6 rooms total and 928 square feet of actual living space. The estimated cost of the project was \$1,525.00. Electrical and plumbing were included. In March of 1912 another significant building application was submitted for the addition of a detached garage at the rear of the lot measuring 14' x 20'. Owner in 1912, L. E. Brant, commissioned J. A. Chilton to build the \$175.00 structure. It still stands today.

Wildly popular in Redlands, this style of home could be built square or in a rectangular shape footprint. This is a perfect example of the rectangular version. It stands now much as the day it was constructed with wooden overlapping siding, open front porch with rounded tapered pillars supporting its roof, and a solid porch rail covered in the overlapping clapboard siding. The roof trim features a boxed cornice, and a painted plaster garland in green and yellow decorates the frieze. The medium hipped roof has two hipped louvered dormers at the front and rear of the home functioning as the cooling source for the attic area. The front entry door is slightly off center to the right and is dressed with a transom and side lights of small diamond shaped leaded panes. To the left of the door is a window with similar diamond shape leaded pane in the top panel and one large fixed pane. The North/West side of the home is adorned with an angled bay window which is located in the dining area of the interior.

The kitchen was remodeled to capture the feel of days past with antiqued finished cabinetry and false front dishwasher and refrigerator that blend seamlessly with the cabinetry. The stove and oven are retro styled with modern day convenience. During the kitchen renovation of 2007 the window was relocated and made to a bay window with small diamond patterns on each side to mimic the existing bay in the dining room and accent windows at the front of the home. To finish the look, a bead board back splash and antiqued brass fixtures were used. A perfectly quaint rear yard and garden with brick patios and walkways surround the garage creating a sense of tranquility.

At some point in time the rear porch was

enclosed to create another bedroom, bathroom, and laundry/mud room. There are no records of permit which is why it is still legally recorded as a 2 bed 1 bath of 928 sq. ft. Some of the original features include a lovely built in hutch in the dining room and a clawfoot tub in the original bath.

Nestled between West Fern and West Home Place, Grant Street, Lot 37, is in the Loma Vista Tract also now known as the Historic and Scenic District *Smiley Park Neighborhood*. The homes in this district take great pride in maintaining and fostering their character and heritage. When the Loma Vista Subdivision began in 1902 the houses on the West side of the street backed to an orange grove which was there until the 1950s. Most of the homes were developed without driveways or garages. Garages were added and the cars used the orange groves to access the rear of the homes.

In the 1907 directory, the first recorded residents are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor. From 1910 to 1912, the Shirey Family made it their home. Reba Shirey bathing a small child in the kitchen is pictured in *Redlands Revisited: A Pictorial History* and posing outside the home in October of 1910. Her husband, Mr. Harlan M. Shirey, owned a store downtown that stocked household goods, crockery, silverware, and hardware. There was a tremendous amount of turnover in the early years until 1929 when Mr. Augustus J. and Martha Adams moved in. Among other things, Mr. and Mrs. Adams practiced as attorneys until 1954 when Augustus is listed as retired. They were there until 1961, making 450 Grant Street their

home for 32 years. They are buried together at Hillside Memorial Park.

Fast forward to 1995 when Mr. David and Lisa Figueroa bought the home from Rudolf "Rolf" and Therese Hahn for \$126,500. The Hahn couple lived there for a 9-year span and lovingly cared for it which was apparent to the Figueroa's. This was the only home the Figueroa's ever looked at. They happened upon it while shopping at a yard sale in the area. David and Lisa bought the home together but lived separately until their marriage in March of 1996. David relocated to Redlands from San Diego and Lisa was a longtime resident who attended Cope Middle School and Redlands High. Lisa remembers as early as the 9th grade that she would live here and raise her family. Mr. Figueroa currently works as the Vice President of Procurement and Sales with Family Tree Produce and has been with them for the last 12 years. Over the past 22 years they raised two outstanding daughters in the home and during that time have made significant maintenance strides and notable improvements to this sweet Victorian Hipped Cottage.

The Redlands Area Historical Society would like to recognize and thank the Figueroa family for the care and continued fostering of heritage in Redlands. Congratulations on your 2017 Heritage Home Award.

-by Jill Huntsinger



Upcoming Events

March 24, 9:00 a.m.

Nordina Street Walking Tour
\$10 for members
\$15 for non-members

March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Redlands Vietnam Veterans Stories
The Contemporary Club House
173 S. Eureka Street

March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Old House Group
456 Eureka Street
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1st Thursday of the Month

Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
35 Cajon Street

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