



# REDLANDS CHRONICLES

May 2018

## OLD HOUSE GROUP

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

REDLANDS HISTORICAL GLASS MUSEUM

1157 N. Orange Street

WE ARE HAPPY to announce our surprise tour of the Redlands Historical Glass Museum for this month's meeting of the Old House Group. This will be a guided tour by the museum docents and *capacity is limited*. Your favorite Historical Society (that's us), will be paying for your tour, however there is a gift shop where you can purchase lovely antique glass objects at very reasonable prices that will help the museum towards their building restoration fund as this Victorian lady needs some repairs.

This museum houses the largest collection of mostly American-made glass west of the Rocky Mountains, in a 1903 residence built by Jerome Seymour. The museum is listed in TripAdvisor (with rave reviews) and other travel sites and so if you have not yet visited, here is your opportunity. There are thousands of pieces of glass housed that represent craftsmanship from a bygone era made by companies such as Fenton, Steuben, Tiffany, Anchor-Hocking, Indiana, Fostoria, Cambridge and much more. One of the favorites to see are the bud vases used in the first automobiles. There is even a iron made of glass!

-by Marjorie Lewis

**IMPORTANT TOUR DETAILS:** *RSVP is required. The first 60 people to respond will be able to attend. The tour will be broken up into two groups of 30 each. The first group will begin the tour at 5:30 p.m. and the second one at 6:30 p.m. Please request a preferred time, but if that group is filled you'll be notified of placement in the alternate time slot. Enter museum at the rear of the building.*

*Parking is available at a vacant lot next to 1211 N. Orange Street. Early arrivals will need to wait outside. We will have chairs and light refreshments outside.*

*Please RSVP to Marjorie Lewis at (909) 844-0348 or [marjorie@redlandsrealestate.biz](mailto:marjorie@redlandsrealestate.biz)*



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## 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HERITAGE AWARDS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

When: Monday, June 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Trinity Episcopal Church  
419 South Fourth Street

# Greetings from your President...

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that we are coming to the conclusion of our 2017/2018 season. We have had a successful season of programs organized by Tom Atchley, our vice president. I hear it was standing room only at our *Restored Redlands* program with Brett Waterman. Our programs are so well attended that we've had use the Contemporary Club. We are grateful to have such a convenient facility to meet in. Last month our Board of Directors authorized a \$2,000 donation to the A.K. Smiley Public Library. \$1,000 was earmarked for general library use, and the other \$1,000 designated to go to the Heritage Room. We sincerely appreciate the helpful library staff who assist us in the set-up of the meeting spaces.

Tom led another great tour of the Parkwood Drive neighborhood. Parkwood has a great diversity of architecture and parkland open space in the vicinity of the Redlands Bowl. We appreciate the hospitality of Jeff and Patty Denning who opened their home on Buena Vista to our Old House Group during the last week of the month. Many thanks to Marjorie Lewis for organizing and promoting all of OHG activities over the year. This month's meeting will be at the Redlands Historic Glass Museum.

May is National Historic Preservation Month. Once again the Society is joining forces with the Redlands Conservancy in hosting our annual Redlands Historic Preservation Fortnight for 2018. Plan to attend as many of the events that you can. This year's theme is centered around historic preservation of historic railroad districts.

Our final activity for the season will be our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's activity will be at historic Trinity Church located at 419 South Fourth Street. We will be presenting awards to some wonderful gems of Redlands architecture.

It was great fun working with Ben Parker, Trish Cornez and our two University of Redlands students, Sean Unger and David Galindo in developing our RAHS Explorer App for the 350+ Heritage Award homes and building in our community. Sean and David have now graduated and hope to take their programming skills to other communities to do the same type of program. I hope all of you have downloaded your copies of the Android or iPhone apps.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president these last two years. Both Tom and I are termed out and so will be leaving the Board. We appreciate the enthusiasm and participation we've had at all of our activities. Many thanks to Marie Reynolds for putting together our newsletter each month; Steve Spiller for being our secretary and co-chair of the Heritage Awards committee and Robin Grube for being co-chair with Steve. We all have enjoyed the wonderful hospitality that Jill Huntsinger has provided each month at our program. Leslie Irish has done a wonderful job is spearheading our Hillside Cemetery data entry project. Marcus Paulson has been great in helping us expand our social media presence. We are grateful for the faithful service Susan Retting has provided us as treasurer for 30+ years.

Our annual meeting will be held at the Heritage Awards where the new board will be elected. Tom and I promise that we will continue to be involved in the Society as long as we live in Redlands!

*Ron Running*

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

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# Heritage Award Winners

## R.J. DUNN RESIDENCE

1621 Garden Street

Built in 1912

Donn and Janet Grenda, Owners

THIS BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE, completed in 1912, is a two-story, redwood framed, Arts and Crafts mansion with a rectangular plan, offset intersecting gables, and front and back porches. It has wood-shingled walls, an asphalt-shingled roof, brick chimneys, and brick porch piers. The structural foundation is poured-in-place concrete with a brick veneer. The interior of the house reflects the Arts and Crafts style in the millwork, hardwood floors, and built-in cabinetry.

The house was designed for Robert J. Dunn, a real estate developer and business owner, by the regionally renowned architecture firm of Hudson and Munsell. Dunn had purchased the 7.05-acre property for \$7,571.00 on October 16, 1909. Total construction cost was estimated between \$7,000.00 and \$10,000.00, one of the largest permits obtained in Redlands that year.

The first floor has formal living spaces and informal servant's spaces and is trimmed with dark-stained, vertical-grain Douglas-fir and narrow, oak-plank flooring. The formal rooms include a reception hall, living room, dining room, and library. The formal reception hall displays a Douglas-fir cornice, large pocket doors that close off access to the living room and a smaller pocket door that closes off the dining room. The back entrance to the reception hall boasts French doors and hinged sidelights. A 64-inch wide,

quarter-sawn, varnished oak staircase to the second floor completes the entry hall. This impressive room contains a Douglas fir cornice, exposed beams, four very large double-hung windows and a large artistically designed fireplace. The brick fireplace incorporates clinker bricks throughout and uses volcanic stones between the upper and lower wood mantles. The dining room retains an original hand-stenciled border above the wood cornice. Both the dining room and library showcase built-in cabinets with leaded-glass doors and drawers.

The staircase to the second floor continues the first floor oak theme and boasts large original, art-glass windows on the landing with original hardware that opens the transoms. It faces in a northeasterly direction toward the backyard. The second floor has a wide hallway leading to four large bedrooms, each with walk-in closets.

Prior to moving in, Dunn rented the property to William S. Moore and his wife Edith, the daughter of Joseph Pulitzer. Dunn and his family occupied the house briefly then he then apparently traded the house to Elliott A. Moore. E. A. Moore then leased the house to Kate Busch, the widowed, sister-in-law of Adolphus Busch (founder of Anheuser-Busch), from 1915 to 1929. Moore then sold the house to Edward H. Sewall, heir to a ship-building fortune, and his family retained ownership until 1963.

The Sewall family sold the house and grounds to the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands, which intended to demolish the house and build a church on the property. A few years later, however, a fire at the existing Presbyterian Church in downtown Redlands saved the Dunn House from the wrecking ball as insurers required rebuilding on the downtown site.

In 1978 the church sold the property to Kenneth and Janet Upchurch. During their ownership, the Upchurch family did some minor rehabilitation to the house, remodeled the kitchen and downstairs bathroom, and subdivided the property ultimately leaving the house on an approximately one-acre parcel. John and Kathy Portwood purchased the house in 1994. They owned the house until 2014 when the current owners, Donn and Janet Grenda, purchased the property.

Redlands Area Historical Society is pleased to present a 2017 Heritage Award to Donn and Janet Grenda.

*-by Marcus Paulson and Donn Grenda*





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## Redlands Conservancy and Redlands Area Historical Society present REDLANDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORTNIGHT, 2018 A series of events to highlight Redlands' historic structures

May 14-27, 2018

### "DOWN TO THE STATION"

Railroad-Focused Development around the Turn of the Last Century in Southern California

**Monday, May 14, 6:00-7:30** - Fortnight Reception at historic Santa Fe Depot on Orange Street  
- Announcement of 2018 Madeline Reese Award winner  
- Introductions of new Club 125 members  
- Free and open to the public - Refreshments served

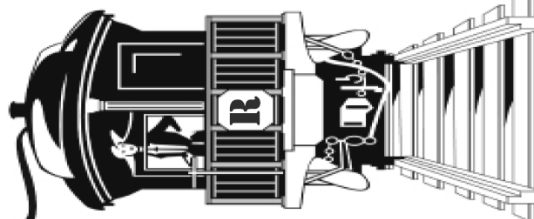
**Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am** - Tour of Historic Santa Fe Depot District with local historian, Tom Ashley. The tour will begin at the depot, designed by Arthur Brown, Jr. located at 351 North Orange Street. Ashley will take participants through the National Register district that surrounds the 1909 depot building. The depot is slated to be reactivated with the future extension of the Metrolink trains to Redlands. The tour is \$10 for Historical Society members and \$15 for non-members, and will last approximately 2 hours.

**Thursday, May 24, 5:30** - "A Matter of Rails" program at Redlands Forum, presented by Nathan Gonzales. Access to transportation networks is as important for commerce today as it was in the 1880s. Redlands flourished in the early years because railroads could transport "Redlands Gold" across the

country and around the world, and enabled winter visitors to seek Redlands as a "tourist mecca." This talk will discuss how these transportation networks enabled Redlands to grow and flourish.

**Saturday, May 26** - Field Trip and tour of Metrolink train stations. Tour two historic train stations along the Metrolink line to learn about their history and their impact on the neighborhood development. The tour will impact Santa Ana station. Train Station at 8:00 am for a guided tour of the train station there. Participants will buy their own train tickets and will return on their own schedule. No reservations necessary.

**Sunday, May 27, 9:00 am** - Fortnight 5K "Walk on the Rails" in Redlands. Gather at the Santa Fe Depot and follow the 5K route east to the location of the University of Redlands future train stop before returning. Walk with a guidebook featuring details of the history of sites along the route. Free and open to the public. Register on EventBrite.com



All Aboard!!

Historic Preservation Fortnight is May 14th-27th