

From the President

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season, and look forward to seeing you soon volunteering at our museum or at some of our upcoming events.

Volunteers are needed for the following areas; school tour volunteers, Friday docent, and newspaper clippers. Training will be provided. Third grade school tours are scheduled throughout the year, as requested by the teachers, but usually take place in late spring. The greater number of knowledgeable and enthusiastic adults spread through the house, barn and park helps us make a positive impression with our young visitors. A once a month commitment for Friday docents would allow us to have the barn and house open at the same time. We've found that having the barn open encourages visitors to visit both places. Newspaper clipping is essential in keeping our research files current, making it possible to create interesting and informative displays. If you receive any of the local newspapers, please consider being a clipper. We collect articles that pertain to Carlsbad's growth, important events and obituaries. All we need is the page section and number, date of publication, and abbreviation of the papers name. Please send to our P.O. Box, or email us.

1st Vice President Ken Langen and family have offered the Langen Family Beach house on Carlsbad Blvd. for our annual meeting. The Langen Family moved to Carlsbad in the 1950s, the house was built in the 30s, and both have seen lots of history! Tours of the house as well as a brief lecture and refreshments will be part of the activities, and knowing the Langen Family, we are certain music will be played! So please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 2-4 pm.

Beginning in 2019 all Carlsbad Historical Society bimonthly board meetings will be held on the third Monday at 4 pm on the following months February, April, June, August, October, and the first Monday at 4 pm in December. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the Magee House conference room.

As always we welcome suggestions for new displays, or activities.

Sue Gutierrez, President

Encina Power Plant Officially "Retired" on December 12, 2018



At midnight on December 11, 2018, the Encina Power Station shut down, and immediately afterwards the five quick-start power units that replace it came into operation. Over the next three years the historic power plant will be torn down.

A brief historical resume follows. In 1948 San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDGE) bought 110 acres of land adjacent to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. The Encina Power Plant began operating in early 1950. During the battle for annexation or incorporation, Oceanside was interested in annexing Carlsbad's coastal region, including the power plant. Carlsbad incorporated as a City in 1952, and it was bond issued and revenue from the power plant that made it possible. In 1954 the taxes that SDGE paid the City allowed Carlsbad to grow and to connect to the San Diego County Water District, to get much needed water. In 1998, SDGE sold the power plant to Dynegy Inc. and NRG Energy Inc.

Photo donations from Parks Department

While cleaning out an old storage shed, Carlsbad City park employees found some photos and slides of Magee Park. These photos were taken in the mid 1970s, at the time Florence Shipley Magee donated her house and land to the city. Mrs. Magee's Will stipulated that her home and land donation be used for historic and recreational purposes. Carlsbad resident and landscape architect Ralph Wrisley, helped design the current park grounds utilizing existing shrubs and plants along with new plantings. You might recognize some of those palm trees! In the first photo we are looking at the back of the house that suffered from fire damage, and on the second, we look East on Beech Street towards Carlsbad Blvd.



slate the Mayor McClellan was appointed. In 1966, a change occurred when direct election of Mayor began. In 2018, another election change happened, when the city switched from elections to council at large or city wide to council district elections. Our sincere congratulations to our re-elected Mayor Matt Hall, who served the city from his first election to City Council in 1994, our first District 1 Council Member Barbara Hamilton and District 3 Council Member Dr. Priya Bhat-Patel.



Archival Resources available in the Carlsbad Historical Society Archives

In October of 2018 we received an invitation from the California Historical Society to contribute an article mentioning items of interest found in our Carlsbad Historical Society Archives, and highlighting one item in particular, for a special issue of their California History Journal titled "Into the Archives". This special issue to be release in March 2019 will be in celebration of their 96th year as the official State of California historical journal and is published by the University of California Press. Below you'll find an edited version of the article submitted.

" Generally speaking, those interested in using our collection have a broad-based, and wide range of interests and needs. Students, government officials both locally and state, news reporters, families searching for family histories, business persons, and representatives of clubs and organizations are all part of those interested in our collection.

The Carlsbad Historical Society Archival Collection focuses on materials, and information that directly contribute, and enhance our understanding of Carlsbad history, from ranch, to establishment of town, to present day. The archival collection covers a wide variety of materials and time periods; both primary, and secondary sources, that support our educational interpretive displays. They assist in answering questions, completing a fuller understanding of our town. When necessary for historical understanding and completeness, duplicates of some of the materials will be



Election Results

The City of Carlsbad's first City Council was elected concurrently with the 1952 City Incorporation Election. A slate of five (5) candidates were elected, and from this

Carlsbad Time Lines

included in the archives and can be found in other research facilities located throughout San Diego County.

Among the material in our archive those interested will find; books, photos, memoirs, newspaper clippings, yearbooks, school memorabilia, original art work, textiles, oral histories, biographical sketches and files, scrapbooks, and box collections.

Below is a brief description of some items available for research use.

Our biographical sketches and files contain information on Carlsbad residents of note. Materials collected and included are authored documents of original letters, awards and certificates of accomplishments, genealogical family groupings, memoirs and recollections, photos, wills, bank statements, school records, and interview notes. Civic and political leaders, ranchers, agricultural and horticultural growers, business owners are listed alphabetically within the files and cross-referenced.

Our Book Collection include items owned by some of our early residents, as well as a lending library of current material. Original material such as the 1894 book The Lamplighter by Maria S. Cummins, and 1868 King Rene's Daughter by Henrik Hertz, are located in box collections. More recent histories of California, San Diego County, Carlsbad, the Spanish Missions, ranchos, and surrounding cities are located in our lending library.

Our photo collection includes print, negative, slide and digital images, from all time periods of Carlsbad history. Small donors contributing items of family, or school interest are well represented in the photographic collection. Images include; people, places and activities, residential and commercial development, floral, agricultural and ranching, schools and related sporting events. Three large collections are worth noting: the Rancho Agua Hedionda Kelly Family which features family members, their homes, ranching activities, and travels; professional Carlsbad photographer Detwiler images from the 1940s and 50s, which highlight the downtown development business interest, post World War II era housing boom, and outlying ranch lands; and the defunct Blade Citizen / North County Times newspaper collection that features negative and print photos covering a variety of news stories from the 1980s through the 1990s.

Carlsbad's vast agricultural and horticultural past also can be found in the archival collection. Grower material and memorabilia noteworthy collections of interest include Clinton Pedley, a well known a commercial Strelitzia Reginia (Bird of Paradise) flower grower includes hand written notes, photos and newspaper clippings from his tenure as trustee on the Oceanside- Carlsbad Union High School District and Oceanside- Carlsbad Junior College(MiraCosta College); a small collection, representing Charles Ledgerwood, known as the Seedman includes,

items from his store and awards; and E. C. Hummel, interview notes and plant catalog.

Artwork includes items created in Carlsbad as well as items brought to Carlsbad. They are pen and ink sketches from local artist Maude Fennel, two significant oil paintings from Hugo Anton Fisher focusing on Adirondack and Yosemite mountains, have significance to the Alexander Shipley family early Carlsbad residents. They had often visited both the Adirondack and Yosemite mountains when they lived in New York City and Calistoga respectfully. Fisher's biography states he and his wife moved to Alameda, CA in 1886. Fisher established a studio in San Francisco and lost many paintings in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. Currently, his works are becoming increasingly valuable and sought out by collectors. (Hugo Anton Fisher 1854–1916).

We also have historical images in lithography by Ted Wade; paintings by Carlsbad artists Gertrude Meyers and Alice Greenwood as well as many other local artists; and photographs of Carrillo Ranch by James David Phenicie.

Our archive contains a variety of Box Collections that contribute to our understanding of Carlsbad history. Two of our main Box Collections represent the two opposing faces of early Carlsbad, that of town and ranching.

The Box Collection of the Kelly Family who arrived in 1868 contains photos, manuscripts, memoirs, books, scientific research such as rainfall records, farming and ranching implements, and furniture. The many boxes of material are subdivided by the donations of individual family members. Combined, the information contributes to our understanding of early ranch families.

As a contrast, the Shipley family's many boxes within their collection is from one donor. The family arrived in 1890. Their collection contains many items that add to our understanding of how town dwelling families lived in Carlsbad. The collection contains memorabilia from trips, photos of family members, books and magazines dating from the 1860s, furniture, textile fabrics, clothing, handicrafts such as beading, tatting, and embroidery, toys, artwork, and copies of letters.

A few of the more recent collections contain items from the 1950s to present day, such as the Leighton Collection that contains school memorabilia and photographs, the Bud Lewis Collection with items from his many years as Mayor of Carlsbad, the Carlsbad War Council Collection with bank statements, and correspondence.

A large number of donors contributed to the many separate school material collections School material includes a large selection of photos, newspaper clippings, graduation programs, sports equipment, football videos, staff directories, and yearbooks from Carlsbad High School, 1958-2012, with a gap from 1989-1998. There are also

two volumes of the Oceanside Carlsbad Union High School 1928 and 1929. Two volumes of Army Navy from 1956 and 1957 are also included.

One of our most interesting interpretive displays contains a large selection of Twin Inns restaurant memorabilia. The family style restaurant served chicken dinners from 1919 until the mid 1980s, and was run by Eddie Kentner and family. This unique restaurant was well known for those amazing plaster of Paris chickens that stood guard outside. One of the remaining Twin Inns Chickens is housed in the barn area of the museum. During the 1930s it was featured twice in the National Geographic Magazine, and was a favorite stopping place for those traveling on Highway 101. In 2016, two of the Twin Inns red leather-bound Guest Registers were donated to the Carlsbad Historical Society by Robert Burke, former owner of Neiman's, and the purchaser of the Twin Inns Restaurant. He donated them to the Carlsbad Historical Society to be used for historical interpretation and display. The registers are unique, and one-of-a-kind materials that span the years from the 1930s to the early 1960s. Hundreds of signatures and comments are included from famous Hollywood stars such as Clark Gable, Groucho Marx and Joan Crawford, and also a young Richard Nixon. Specially made, one of the registers had the Twin Inns Chicken watermarked on each page. (The Twin Inns Restaurant operated between 1919 and 1984) Other items in the Twin Inns Collection include a thick scrapbook full of Twin Inns and Kentner family photos and newspaper clippings. The scrap book is a treasure since it contains many photos of the interior of the restaurant, long time employees, family members, and their personal living quarters, and many guest activities and party events. Along the same theme, dinnerware, glasses, and menus are included in the collection."

Darlene Shiley gives \$2M to local all-girl Catholic high school

Many might not know that Florence Shipley Magee (see story above as the donor of Magee Park) attended Our Lady of Peace high school. Alexander and Julia Shipley (Florence's parents) enrolled their daughter at this Catholic High School in San Diego, and where she lived in a dormitory. Carlsbad at the time of Florence's education only had K-8th grade schools. If parents wanted their children to attend high school they sent them to San Diego, or Los Angeles, simply because there were no high schools in town. It was interesting to read that Darlene Shiley, the San Diego philanthropist, donated to Florence's high school. Below as it was reported in the San Diego Union Tribune.

"The long time KPBS supporter, who also champions education and health issues, just donated \$2 million to the only all-girl school remaining in San Diego County. School

administrators say it's the largest single donation ever received by the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, a Catholic high school founded here in 1882 by four nuns..." --[The San Diego Union-Tribune, Jan 19, 2019](#)"

Passing of Elsbeth Trask Cosart



When visiting Magee House, have you noticed the dollhouse in our school/ children's section? This doll house was given to us by Elsbeth Cosart. Her parents made this doll house as her Christmas present. It is a real treasure, and a highlight to our visiting third grade school visitors.

"Elsbeth "Betsy" Cosart, age 88, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, December 16, 2018, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Betsy was born in La Jolla, CA to Elwood and Elsbeth Trask on May 2, 1930. Raised on an avocado ranch in Carlsbad, CA during the Great Depression, Betsy embodied a life of hard work and responsibility. A fearless adventure seeker from an early age, Betsy took flight lessons in high school at the Almand Air Academy and not surprisingly, piloted her own solo flight in less time than her male counterparts. "[Legacy.com](#)

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