



Laguna Niguel Historical Society

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 5 PM

Laguna Niguel Library

at Laguna Niguel's Library Community Room,
Laguna Niguel, CA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings members,

Our last Board and General Membership meeting before we are dark in July and August is set for Wednesday, June 25. Prior to the program and speaker, we will have a brief General Membership meeting to present Society By-Law changes for discussion. Among the changes recommended for approval include setting the number of Board of Directors at 20 and Board member terms at 2 years with no limit on number of terms one may serve.

We will also be presenting some ideas for projects and programs the Board is considering for celebrating Laguna Niguel's 25th Anniversary coming up this November (month the Incorporation ballot measure was approved) and December (month of the official establishment of the City). We will be establishing an ad hoc 25th Anniversary committee to assist in developing and implementing activities that help make this Birthday year a gala celebration recognizing this wonderful city that provides us all a superior quality of life.

We look forward to seeing you on June 25 and welcome your participation in all the Historical Society's activities.

Regards,

Pat Bates, President

Hon. Pat Bates



Calendar

Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday of each month.

Archives Committee 10-12 noon each Wednesday.

June Meeting - June 25 - 5 PM



Preserve the Past Enrich the Present Promote the Future

June 25- General Meeting Guest Speaker - Forest Dickason

Forest Dickason and his wife Dixie, both natives of California, have lived in Mission Viejo for 45 years. He was born and raised in Long Beach, graduated from Wilson High School and served two years in the Navy prior to attending college.

Upon graduating from UCLA in 1953 he moved to Orange County and started his professional career with the Orange County Planning Department. Forest will be sharing his experiences as Planning Director during the explosive growth of the 1960's. He retired from the department in 1973 and enjoyed a second career in the building industry.

Forest now lives in the retirement community of Casta del Sol near Lake Mission Viejo.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 pm at the Laguna Niguel Library's Community Room to hear Forest share his experiences of working as Planning Director during the explosive growth of the 1960's.

Linda Bayme
LNHS Program Chairman

Laguna Niguel Historical Society Board member Betty Pequet assists Boy Scout.

When Niguel Hills Middle School 6th grade student Tommy Roark from Boy Scout Troop 772 at Mission Lutheran Church requested information about Laguna Niguel's history, Betty offered the Society's City Seal lesson for his use.

After learning about Laguna Niguel's tree, flower, Indian history and City seal and other pertinent facts Tommy earned his "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge. At 12 years old Tommy is working diligently to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements. In a note to Betty Tommy wrote:

"Thank you for letting me borrow the Laguna Niguel pack of information. It saved me big time. It also contained many facts that I didn't know before."

Tommy also enjoyed a tour of City Hall with Board Member Mayor Pro Tem Jerry McCloskey.

As our Archives Committee continues to catalog the history of Laguna Niguel our Citizens will have additional information available to them for such research projects.



Archives Committee News

Summer 2014

PROGRESS

Congratulations to the hardworking Archives Committee members who recently completed document preparation for the thousands of newspaper clippings given to the Laguna Niguel Historical Society by the city! It was a long process, but the members never gave up. Thank you to all of you!

DISPLAYS

The Historical Society's plans to create a display to help celebrate the City of Laguna Niguel's 25th anniversary are moving forward! The display will be placed in the Laguna Niguel Library during the month of November and at City Hall during December. It is not too late to help with this project! Just contact Sheryl Bailen, Archives Committee, at 949-495-8667 ASAP.

NEW PHOTO AND ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Archives Committee is moving forward with an exciting new project to collect photos (and possibly movies/videos) of Laguna Niguel: its events, businesses, families, organizations, landmarks. We are joining with OC Stories, a county library project, to collect bits of the past to preserve for the future. Part of the project will be to record brief individual stories of the past. The Great Scanning Day for photos and documents is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Laguna Niguel Library. So start looking through your photo and Laguna Niguel document files now and set aside items to be scanned and/or donated to the Historical Society. Watch for breaking news here in the months to come!!

Nancy Kurtz

Archives Committee Chairman

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Education Committee

On May 5th and 6th of this year the Laguna Niguel Historical Society for the second year passed out the Laguna Niguel teaching unit to our local third grade students. This year we added four private schools to our list of seven public schools. We contacted over eight hundred students, thirty five teachers and eleven principals.

The delivery was well received as the public school staff remembered us from last year. Typical comments from last years teachers ran from "Easily read and understood lesson", "Fills the local gap in our State History unit." to "Fun and educational end of year project".

The Laguna Niguel Historical Society would like to thank South County Printing for their help in the production of this local history teaching unit. Both Bill and DRO went out of their way with assistance in the editing, cost and on time delivery of the material.

W. Paul Whitelock

L.N.H.S. Education Chair

A note from the Membership Committee:

Welcome to new members - Ron Perrella, Stephanie Winstead, Ted Wells and Monty McDivitt.

Speaking of new members... Please share with your friends and neighbors the exciting projects we are working on and who knows,, they may want to join us. Applications are available on our website <http://www.lagunaniguelhistoricalsociety.or>

Brochures can be mailed/e-mailed to anyone interested. Just let me know - 949 495-1438 or solveig.darner@gmail.com

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OBJECTIVES & PURPOSE

*The primary objectives and purpose of
The Laguna Niguel Historical
Society shall be the promulgation
of historical information
about the Community of Laguna Niguel
and its surrounding area.*

*This will include the gathering,
storage and display of historical
documents and artifacts and
sponsoring of activities and events
that will celebrate our history*

History is made every day and as every day passes more of it is lost to memory. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society has been formed to preserve the record of Laguna Niguel's past and of it's new history that is constantly being created. Even though the City of Laguna Niguel was incorporated as recently as 1989, there is a rich past preceding cityhood that needs to be preserved for this and future generations. The native American population, the Spanish explorers, the mission fathers and the ranchers all had a part in our history that needs remembering. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society intends to preserve this history for future generations.

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