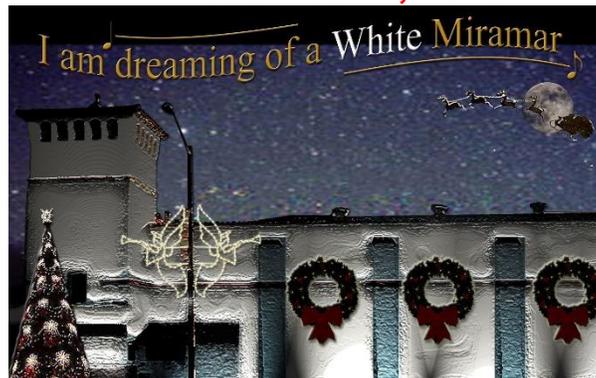


San Clemente Historical Society

Forward with the Dream

WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 1, 2019



Quarterly Meeting/Founder's Day Presentation on the Goldschmidt House!



On December 6, 1925, Ole Hanson began selling lots for what was to become his dream of a beautiful "Spanish Village." He required that all buildings be built in high quality Spanish architectural style. Most houses were small and beautiful. But a few were large and very beautiful. Casa Romantica and Casa Pacifica are the most well known of those "great houses." The Goldschmidt House is another of those very beautiful great houses of San Clemente. It will be the focus of our presentation at our Founder's Day Meeting (a day early) on **Thursday, December 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center at 100 Calle Seville. Former owners Lee & Dena Van Slyke will be sharing photos and stories from their time of ownership of this wonderful home.

Please come and help us celebrate the founding of our town and enjoy what promises to be a most interesting presentation on the Goldschmidt House.

Membership Renewal

Annual Membership in the Historical Society goes by the calendar year and our 2020 Membership Drive begins in December. Membership Renewal envelopes and invitations to our Dec. 5 meeting have been sent to current and former members. We encourage all to either mail in their renewal or bring it to the meeting on Thursday. You also have the option of going to our website and renewing electronically. Membership still starts at only \$40 per year for a family, \$25 for an individual.

Become a
MEMBER

Your membership helps us to accomplish our goal of preserving San Clement's fabulous history.

Preservation



Explore and Enjoy Our Heritage

Two more of our historic resources are headed to City Council for Mills Act protection. On Dec.3, Council will hold a public hearing to consider entering into Historic Property Preservation Agreements with them. About 80 of our 204 historic resources are now enrolled in this program. In exchange for rehabilitating and maintaining their building, owners are given a significant property tax reduction. The two are:

230 W. Marquita - A beautiful house designed by Virgil Westbrook and built for Ralph Swigert. One of the primary electricians in the Ole Hanson Era.

1814 N. El Camion Real - Originally the Aquarium Cafe, later Ichibiri Restaurant, and now OC Frescas.

Both of these two have already been rehabilitated to a better condition than they have been in many years. Fantastic!

Miramar Theater and Bowling Alley - Reportedly in escrow, we will watch closely and keep you posted.

State Historic Tax Credit Becomes Law!

On October 9, 2019 Senate Bill 451, the state historic preservation tax credit act was signed into law. The tax credit will provide incentives for investment in local economies and the preservation of historic buildings significant in the heritage and life of communities. This same legislation failed before, but a letter writing campaign by the California Preservation Foundation helped ensure passage this time around.



The Office of Historic Preservation, along with the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, will administer the tax credit program. Further information will become available next year.

Thank you to the Dana Point Historical Society for calling this new law to our attention.

Archives



Head Archivist Jackie Dooley has been busy sorting through the many boxes of photographs and slides that Dorothy Fuller left for us. It is a daunting job as there are thousands of images to go through. She is being assisted by Mary Ann Comes. Thank you ladies, great job!

Our archives is need of a computer. We are also looking into procuring one of the powerful programs designed for historical societies that will help us organize our archives, maintain membership records, produce this newsletter and much more. We need about \$2,500 for the program and computer. If you know of anyone who can help us with this need, please let us know.

Well that's all for this month. We hope you enjoy this little newsletter as much as we do writing it. See you next time in "What's Happening"

