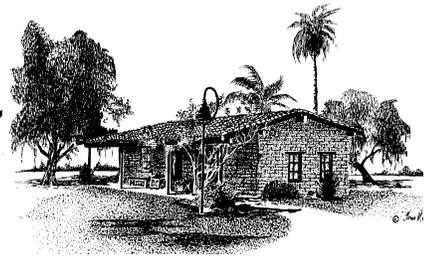


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President's Message

Welcome to the Costa Mesa History Bank

Surprised? don't be. If you think about it, we do have a few things in common with a bank. However, a bank deals in currency, but we deal in history. Let's take a look.

Deposits

There are many a good people out there that have deposited some historic Costa Mesa items into our care. Photos, artifacts and other memorabilia.

Tellers

Have we got tellers. We have a knowledgeable group of individuals here at our museum who love telling what they know. Think you've heard it all before? Just ask.

Interest

We generate a lot of interest when visitors come through our doors. Many have left our museum with a lot more interest than when they came in. That is because our visitors are usually surprised at what we have, even those that haven't been here in a while.

Savings

Oh yes, we save pretty much all that we obtain. We are the keepers of the city's history. It has been carefully saved so that our visitors can get a better glimpse and understanding of the city's past. With the growth of these savings, future generations will benefit even more. You can **bank** on it.

A little piece of trivia: Our museum building was once a bank.

Bob Palazzola

Just before the publication of our newsletter, news arrived that Henry T. Segerstrom passed away on Feb. 20th. Condolences to his family and a memorial article will appear in April's newsletter

Mark Your 2015 Calendars Sunday Speaker Programs

Sunday, March 15th Speakers: Dennis Holland Jr. and Eric Longabardi at the Neighborhood Community Center.



Presenters Dennis Holland Jr. (*far left*) and Eric Longabardi (*middle*) will feature the life

and times of master shipwright and local resident Dennis L. Holland (*right*). The centerpiece of that story is the 118-ft tall ship "The Pilgrim of Newport" which was built in the front yard of Dennis' Costa Mesa home over a span of 13 years between 1970 and 1983. *This program will take place at the Neighborhood Community Center with the refreshments being served immediately afterwards at the Museum. Reservations are being taken for this very special event. (See flier for complete information.)*

New Requirement For Attending Sunday Speaker Programs: Now reservations will be needed for attending our popular Sunday Speaker Programs. (continued on page 2 "New Requirement")

Sunday speaker programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum, 1870 Anaheim Ave., Northwest Corner of Lions Park Complex. Doors open at 2pm; Program begins 2:30. Please arrive early as seating is limited. Free admission and refreshments. Any questions: Call 949-631-5918, email us at cmhistory@sbcglobal.net, or find us on Facebook.

Adobe Schedule: *On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the Diego Sepulveda Adobe at 1900 Adams Ave is open from 12 to 4pm. Individuals and groups can make appointments to tour the Adobe by calling 949-631-5918.*

Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.

(Continuation of "New Requirement")

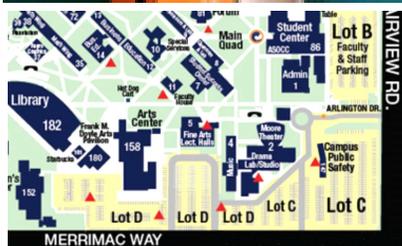
For reasons of safety, we need to limit occupancy in our museum at any one time. So please call the Society anytime at 949-631-5918 and leave your name, number and the total of how many will be attending. Or call Thursday or Friday between the hours of 10am and 3pm and talk to one of our volunteers who will register you for the program. We will then hold your reservations until 2:20pm the day of the program.

Mark Your 2015 Calendar for Special Events

Art Exhibit: Gems from a Shoebox



OCC's Photo Department will feature the Historical Society's special photo print exhibit "Gems From a Shoebox" from **March 9th to April 17th**. The opening reception is **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 4 to 6pm on the 2nd floor of the OCC Arts Center**.



This reception will provide an opportunity to view and discuss the photos. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. **Park in Lot D** and please **remember to bring quarters** for the **Metered Parking fee** that costs **25 cents per half hour**.

Here's a link to a campus map of Orange Coast College: http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/Pages/Map-and-Directions.aspx

Art Goddard explains the evolution of this project: "Like many of us, Society member Richard Bagley has collected photos over the years. Bagley's photo shoeboxes had accumulated until, like Mother Hubbard, Bagley had so many shoeboxes he didn't know what to do.

A visit to the Costa Mesa Historical Society offered help. After reviewing thousands of photo prints and negatives, some were donated to more than a dozen historical archives across the nation. Photos with artistic or photo journalistic qualities were set aside for future exhibition.

The future is now! Entitled *Gems from a Shoebox*, the exhibit includes topics such as children at play, vintage character studies, and examples of early color featuring a 1920s Autochrome Lumière.

What photographic gems reside in **YOUR** shoebox? To find out more, contact the Costa Mesa Historical Society at 949-631-5918 or cmhistory@sbcglobal.net."

Heroes Hall Update

The former Memorial Gardens building will be renamed Heroes Hall and repurposed as a special exhibit dedicated to veterans of all wars.

Located at the OC Fair & Event Center, Heroes Hall tells the story of Orange County veterans, through the eyes of veterans. It's a place for all to learn, experience and share. The project is under the auspices of the

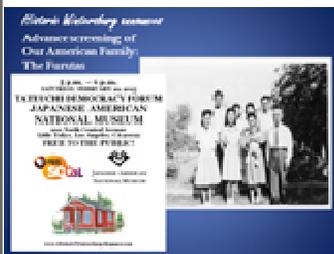
Veterans Exhibit Planning Project Committee, a subcommittee of the Orange County Fair Board.

If you would like to know more about this project, you can email: heroeshall@ocfair.com. For those of you who do not use a computer, please mail your questions or comments to:

Bob Palazzola,
SAAAB Wing,

P.O. Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA. 92628

Our American Family Documents The Furutas of Wintersburg



Mary Urashima, a former Sunday Speaker's Program presenter on the Japanese settlement of Wintersburg in Huntington Beach, invited the Historical Society to the national advance screening of this documentary, which took place February 21st in

the Main Hall of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. The advance screening is with **PBS SoCal** and the **Japanese American National Museum**.

Mary wanted us to know this information and that more details can be found at www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com. She said that they will be posting **the PBS SoCal air dates for the end of February and early March** this week on the blog. For those in areas outside Southern California, please contact your local PBS station to find out when they plan to air *Our American Family*. You can also email Mary directly if your PBS station needs contact information for the producers.

Costa Mesa Historical Society News UFO Program Draws Large Audience

When Jan Harzan, national director of MU-FON (MutualUFONetwork), came to speak to the Historical Society on Sunday, Feb. 15th, he faced a roomful of people waiting to hear what he had to say. His presentation was well documented with sightings that dated back to 1947 when Kenneth Arnold reported "flying saucers" and the Roswell Incident took place in New Mexico where there were many witnesses, but the report was later rescinded. "There have been reports since the late 1800's, but most are from 1940 and on," said Jan. Presidential documentations were made by Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, and Bill Clinton. Others who believed that there were UFO's include Mikhail Gorbachev, Barry Goldwater, General MacArthur and Gordon Cooper.



Jan explained the organization's mission statement, "It is the Scientific Study of UFO's for the benefit of Humanity." This non-profit organization, which was founded by Walt Andrus and Allen Utke in 1969, has 1100 members, 37,000 followers, 2 employees, 2 part time contractors and many volunteers. Much time is spent on following up the reports (from 500 to 1,000 a month) that are made regarding UFO sightings. "These reports are investigated and then raw reports are posted on our website's map which gives high level data to our members. Every year an annual report is written," said Jan.

Some people have reported abductions over the years and one story regarding Eisenhower revealed that he met with "beings from another world" who were asking for people to stop destroying the planet. Many other incidents were presented and it is Jan's belief that these highly intelligent beings could help us develop more advanced technology here on earth. (*You can find out more about MUFON at www.mufon.com.*)

In Memoriam Memories of Art Lambert



Art Lambert, long time Costa Mesa Historical Society volunteer in charge of the Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing (SAAAB), passed away January 14 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 91 years old. Art was also a member of Mount Joliet Lodge 42, of the AF and AM Masons, Joliet, IL, a Shriner, and a WWII veteran. He is survived by his wife Frances, his daughter Carolyn Jones and many other relatives. The following reflections bring to mind Art's personality and character

From Art Goddard: Art Lambert and I sat at two adjacent desks in a remote corner of the Historical Society building. When the phone rang and the caller asked for "Art", they got the quick reply, "Which Art?" So Art Lambert became Art L. and I became Art G. To this day I always sign my emails, "Art G".

Art Lambert would arrive at the Historical Society military style at 0900. I'd saunter in sometime after that. The first order of business back in our remote corner of the building was to exchange the latest, juiciest political story or joke. Then I'd start the goading – boldly daring Art L to put that week's story/joke in the SAAAB Cadet Newsletter that he edited with such, um, pleasure!

Around lunch time, we'd all make our way to the break room and then the battle would begin. Battle? Yes, the battle of the egg salad sandwiches. Not exactly a food fight, but each Art would try to outdo the other with lip smacking and superlatives intended to demonstrate who had the best tasting sandwich that day. And then there were the A&W root beer floats! Art L supplied the root beer while Art G provided the vanilla ice cream. But what good is a root beer float without some sort of good-natured ribbing?

So in due course, Art L would be reminded of his lost opportunity as an A&W employee way back in Illinois. If he'd have just stuck with it, he'd own the whole A&W franchise by now...

The Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing of the Historical Society is a meaningful activity to the surviving cadets and staff of SAAAB. In many ways it's like an alumni association. Art Lambert served as the leader of the SAAAB Wing for at least ten years. During that time the group enjoyed annual reunions, a quarterly newsletter, and shared something most important to veterans everywhere — camaraderie. Art Lambert - husband, father, veteran and patriot - has completed his battles in this life with honor. Rest in peace Art, you will not be forgotten! **Art G.**

From Terry Shaw: I met Art through the Costa Mesa Historical Society. A WWII vet, he was in charge of our SAAAB Wing (Santa Ana Army Air Base) for several years before his health forced him to slow down. One of the friendliest fellows you could meet, he could chat up a storm once you got him going and I enjoyed hearing stories about the "old days", but he didn't mind sharing his opinions too. He will be missed.

From Joe Perry, Past President CMHS: I will most definitely miss him as well. Had him over to our house once and have all those great memories of working along with him at Historical Society events too. Wow, sad to say, may God Bless his soul and may he rest in peace. RIP Art Lambert.

From Mary Ellen Goddard: In addition to all the nice things most people will say about Art Lambert, I think one thing that impressed me was he was always a gentleman and talked about loving his wife. He was also proud of her needlework.

From Bob Palazzola: Art was a good man. He was knowledgeable and helpful. A very dedicated volunteer who you could count on to show up like clockwork. I enjoyed our conversations and working with him. Mostly, I was very happy I had the privilege of knowing him.

Thank You, Pete Farrell

Pete Farrell got the Adobe vacuum cleaner working again at no charge. Pete, The Society thanks you for a much needed service and savings galore. We appreciate what you did for us.

You can reach Pete at 949-645-7257; 2299 Harbor Blvd. Costa Mesa CA 92626

The Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum is located at 1870 Anaheim Avenue in Costa Mesa; this is a non-mailing address. Museum hours: 10-3 Thursdays and Fridays and by appointment. Our mailing address is: Costa Mesa Historical Society P.O. Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA 92628. Questions? Call 949-631-5918, email us at cmhistory@sbcglobal.net or find us on Facebook.

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