

A Message From Our President Christine Gary

Dear Members,

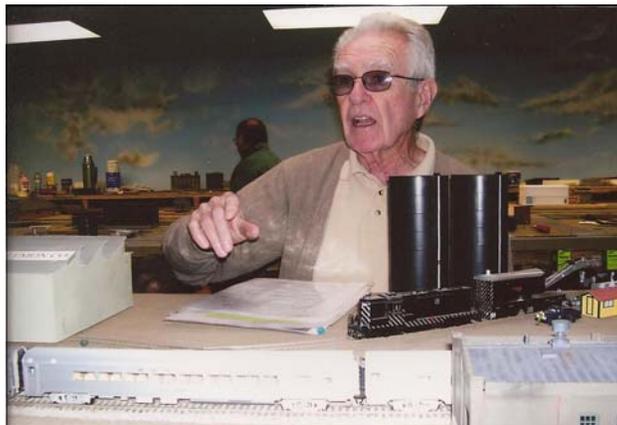
We have had a glorious Spring so far this year. It has given me motivation to get going on the restoration of the “Brumbaugh House” which should be ready for members to see by summer. *I am still looking for Corona Fire Department related items to decorate the house in keeping with the historic theme.*

The downturn in the economy has affected most of us in one way or another. Non-profit groups are especially hard hit as supporters struggle to afford to participate. This, in turn, affects the ability of people to buy and restore historic structures, but it also can be a time of great opportunity for those interested in getting a fantastic deal on properties with prices at an all time low. Preserving an old home or structure is the ultimate act of RECYCLING for our GREEN future. I am hearing that tax breaks and low cost loans will also help us in the near future to cover restoration and weatherization.

We had a great time at our last quarterly meeting as we visited the Corona Heritage Park Museum and headquarters of Corona’s Model Railroad Society. What a wonderful place to visit for everyone, children and adults alike. A great big thank you goes out to John Quinn, fascinating railroad man, and Noella Benvenuti, museum curator extraordinaire, for their knowledgeable and interesting presentations. We are so very lucky to have such wonderful volunteers in our community! Our next quarterly meeting will be June 27th at the Heritage Room of the Corona Public Library. (More information is



Heritage Park Museum Curator Noella Benvenuti speaking to CHPS members in the museum’s Corona Road Race Section.



President John Quinn, of the Corona Model Railroad Society explaining the 3-D model of Corona, c. 1940s.

available on page 3.)

On April 28th, the Society will dedicate Historic Marker #14 at the Corona Woman’s Improvement Club (WIC) prior to the organization’s monthly meeting and luncheon. This year marks WIC’s 110 years of continuing service to the community. Additional information and photos of this event will appear in the July-August 2009 edition of this newsletter.

Another fun event which we all enjoy is the Antiques & Collectibles Faire to be held on June 6th at Heritage Park. The Society will announce the recipients of our 2009 Heritage Home Awards that day. We will also have a booth offering salvaged architectural items for purchase and reuse. And, of course, we plan to sell icy cold lemonade and cookies from our old-fashioned lemonade stand. I hope to see you there!

If anyone would like to get gussied up in vintage attire and join the CHPS entry in the 4th of July parade on Main Street, call me at 734-0977 or send me an e-mail message to catloverchris@gmail.com. The Society will also have a booth at Santa Ana Park that night selling lemonade and cookies. If you attend, stop by and say hello as well as enjoy the fireworks and entertainment with

us. May you all have a safe and wonderful next few months.

With warmest regards,

Chris Gary



Our Recent Visit to Heritage Park by Doris Osko



It was a day of information and inspiration. On Saturday, March 7th, approximately 20 CHPS members sat in the Road Races Section of the Corona Heritage Museum to hear Curator Noella

Benvenuti explain the many aspects of her job as Curator. Some of the words used to describe what was needed for setting up an exhibition at the museum were: "Dedication, inspiration, organization, and perspiration." Noella traced the process that an object receives from the moment it is donated to the museum. It must be assigned a donor number, an object number, and a unit accession number. A formal gift agreement transfers ownership of the object to the museum, and a photograph is taken by Mike Ugaldi, photo archivist and exhibit preparer. Each is given a donor number and a catalog card to let museum workers know exactly where each one is stored—a very important piece of information. Noella, purely a volunteer like many others at the museum, came by her knowledge

from a fifteen year career at the San Bernardino Museum. Her expertise is shown in the current lovely and interesting exhibit of Kaleidoscopes in the museum.



Noella commented that restoration is not possible at the Museum at present, but preservation certainly is. In ideal conditions, temperature and humidity become important factors in preserving documents and objects. More space is needed also for additional exhibits. Noella emphasized the need for volunteers to help in research and identification of a large collection of vintage clothing donated by Woman's Improvement Club to the museum. Volunteers are also needed to type catalog cards, do research, and assist in a variety of ways. She made an appeal to CHPS members. Noella's lecture was interactive with the group



being allowed to visit her office and see an exhibit in process and to look behind the scenes. Everyone found the lecture to be beneficial and some made a vow to become a volunteer.



The second half of the meeting involved viewing of the Model Railroad Society's HO, 187 scale model railroad setup. It is unique in that it portrays Corona of 1949. John Quinn,

President of the Model Railroad Society, and vivacious tour guide said this year was chosen because, "Railroads and Packinghouses were still important in Corona." This was an era of transition from steam engines to diesel engines. Because the Railroad Society has over six hundred school-age children visiting each year, John pointed

out the Society's desire to be sure to show the human presence near railroads. Exact replicas of homes near the railroad are part of the exhibit. A cemetery reflects local cemeteries like Sunnyslope.



The display even has a policeman arresting a motorist for speeding. Five members of the Society were hard at work making trees from sponges and perfecting the display. A humorous element occurred when Eleanor, the museum dog, a friendly yellow Labrador, quietly came into the display area and ran off with one of the member's lunches. Director Marla Benson was quick to retrieve the stolen goods from the very-friendly Eleanor who won the hearts of the CHPS members.



The railroad society members, too, are all volunteers, and public donations from tours help to pay the rent on the separate building the Model Train Society occupies.



The day ended with refreshments of cinnamon cake and lemonade provided by Quarterly Meeting Chair Jackie Bland, assisted by her husband, Board Member "Bubba" Bland.

The Corona Historic Preservation Society is grateful to all involved for a worthwhile and most interesting quarterly meeting.

Artifacts, Photographs, Citrus Labels, and More!!! By Jennifer Marlatt

Jameson House



While you may have visited the Heritage Room in the past, over the last year the Corona Public Library's W.D. Addison Heritage Room has undergone a transformation. A new reading room, new hours, as well as new appointment options for private research are just a few of the changes made to the local history room. Join us on Saturday, June 27th to explore the Heritage Room's collection of maps, books, original manuscripts, property records, and over 15,000 photographs.

Get tips on researching Corona's history through our print collection and our quirky online databases. In addition, there will be a sneak peek at three new photograph collections that document the history and development of Corona from the early 1900s through today.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting

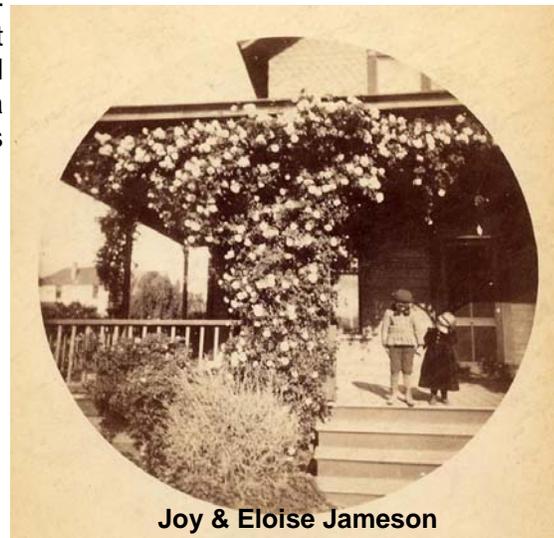
Saturday, June 27, 2009



10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Room
Upstairs at the Corona Public Library



Presenter: Jennifer Marlatt, Librarian



Joy & Eloise Jameson

The Grand Boulevard Circle From Above in June 2008



This photo is in stark contrast to the 1949 aerial views of Corona's downtown taken 60 years ago which appeared in our last CHPS Newsletter.

The barely visible circular Grand Boulevard is approximated by the dashed oval on the photo to the left.

The route of the 91 Freeway through the circle is more predominant than the circle itself. While Main Street is clearly identifiable in this view, Sixth Street is less so.

The Generosity of the Harris & Pauly Families

Since the first of the year, two well-respected members of two of Corona's long-standing families have passed on. Both families demonstrated respect for the work of the Corona Historic Preservation Society. In the obituaries and during memorial services for both Raymond Harris and Katherine Pauly, family members suggested that donations to the CHPS, in lieu of flowers, would be a pleasing memorial to the deceased.

From the daughters of Raymond Harris came the following note:

March 2009

Corona Historic Preservation Society,

Our parents, Raymond & Virginia Harris, were proud of their Corona heritage. Both the Harris and Norton families go back several generations in Corona and had many ties with the growth of the city. Our parents both enjoyed sharing their memories with all who were interested.

To help keep Corona's history alive for future generations, we are delighted to contribute the enclosed \$1,000 to the Corona Historic Preservation Society in their memory. We think they would approve too!

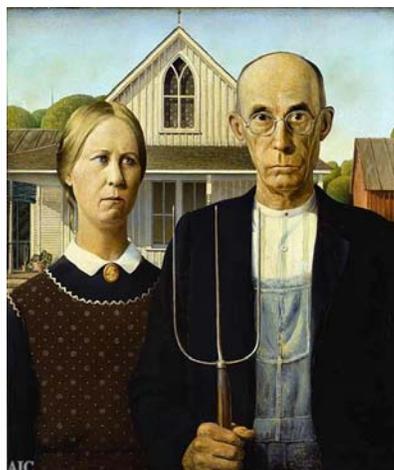
*Sincerely,
Helen DeWaide
Marilyn Hybiske*

Others, from near and far, also made donations in memory of Raymond Harris.

Many family members and friends of Katherine Pauly made memorial donations to the Society as well.

The Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude for these generous contributions that will permit the Society to expand its efforts to educate and preserve the best of Corona's heritage and continue other good works.

Another Saturday Morning Tidying Up of the Gardens



The motley quartet in the left photo (above) is the CHPS version of the "American Gothic" painting (below) featuring (L-R) Bubba & Jackie Bland and Mary & Richard Winn. Rather than use of a pitchfork, clippers, rakes, a broom and a shovel were utilized to help landscaping at Settlement House remain in tiptop shape.

Standing near the steps in the photo on the right, is CHPS member Sally Carlson, who serves as the Settlement House Board of Directors President and is a 10-year volunteer with the organization dedicated to helping those in need.

Early on, this building served as the kindergarten at Washington School, once located between Second and Third Streets on the "outside" of West Grand Boulevard. After demolition of other campus buildings c. 1950, it was moved to this site and used as the Band Room for Corona High School across the street. At one time, it was also used in storage of evidence for the Corona Police Department.

I Remember When . . . Char Leeson Killingsworth

Although Char was born in Riverside, she moved to Corona in 1945 and lived with her parents and sister on a 20-acre citrus ranch on Gilbert Avenue. She attended Corona schools starting with Corona Jr. High, graduating from Corona High in 1948. She's the proud mother of four children, two of whom still reside in Corona.



I remember when...

- It snowed in 1949 and how strange it seemed to see orange groves covered in snow.

- We loved going to Mava Ice Cream for their wonderful shakes, "they don't make them like that anymore."

- Having a coke and fries at Lindy's drive-in restaurant, located where Silver Dollar Pancake House is now.

- I went to Corona's first City Hall at age 16 to get my first driver's license and how happy I was I didn't have to do any parallel parking!

- We brought our sack lunches and ate it on the lawn at Corona High School, which is now known as the Historic Civic Center.

- Working briefly as a hostess at Hickory Barbecue, a restaurant my father, Jack Leeson, owned and ran.

- My father and I rode our horses in the Corona Cinco de Mayo parades

- I cheered on the teams as a Corona High School Song Girl.

- We "set our hair" every night with bobby pins and when saddle shoes were very popular.

- We drove to Riverside and shopped at Harris Company department store.

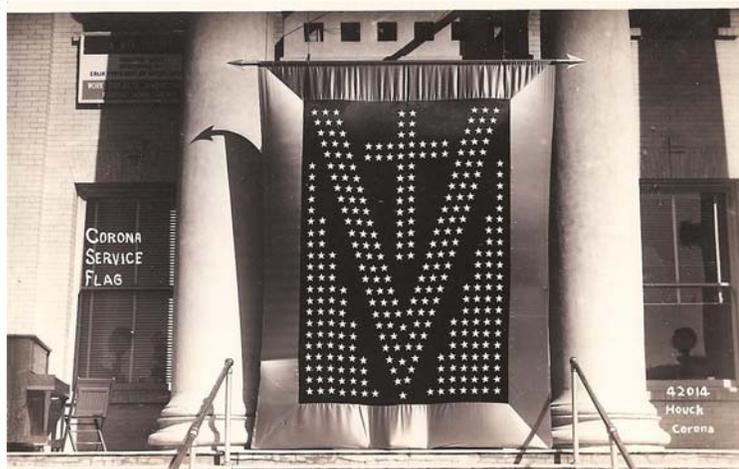
- We also shopped locally at the (unrelated) Harris & Son department store on Main Street.

- The wonderful fragrance of citrus blossoms one could smell throughout town.

- Our high school prom was held at the American Legion Hall, located at 1024 S. Main Street.

- During the 1960s, I learned to play tennis at the courts once located at the Civic Center.

Postcards: In Recognition of Memorial Day



The image on the left, taken in 1942, is of the Women's Service Victory Flag as it was suspended from the columns of Corona's first City Hall, once located at the northeast corner of Eighth and Main streets. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, representatives from local women organizations created this flag, each star representing a citizen from the Corona-Norco area who served in the military. By the end of WWII, 1,005 men and women had served in the military. The sign seen at the upper left indicates the sewing project was sponsored by the WPA (Works Projects Administration).

The construction of City Hall was completed in March 1913 and it served Corona for 49 years. Council Chambers were located on the north side of the upper floor. Police and fire department offices were found in the basement. The building was razed after 1962 when city departments moved to Corona's second high school campus at 815 W. Sixth Street.

To Find Us Online - Just Add a Dash

An unscrupulous company latched onto our domain name when it had inadvertently lapsed. The company wanted us to pay them thousands to ransom our domain. Unwilling to surrender to their extortion efforts, we simply added a hyphen or dash and can now be found at www.corona-history.org.



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CITRUS WAY

Annual CHPS Budget for 2009

| Item | Budgeted Amount | | |
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| Telephone Charges | 250.00 | Liability Insurance Policy | 1,000.00 |
| P. O. Box Rental | 60.00 | Historic Markers (no. 14, 15) | 1,100.00 |
| Corona Chamber of Commerce M'ship | 200.00 | Olde Tyme Picnic | 50.00 |
| Secretary of State filing (bi-ann) | 0.00 | July 4 Parade entry | 25.00 |
| Board of Equalization (sales tax filing) | 150.00 | Lemon Festival | |
| History Day Awards | 100.00 | Exhibitor fee | 0 |
| Newsletter Printing | 700.00 | Lemonade Supplies & Ingredients | 0 |
| Postage | 500.00 | Antiques & Collectibles Fair | 50.00 |
| Printing, Other | 500.00 | Quarterly Meeting Refresh'ts | 100.00 |
| Stucco Flyer | 0 | Holiday Party | 140.00 |
| Membership Flyer | 0 | Arcadia Publishing (Images . . . Corona) | 700.00 |
| Stationery | 0 | Supplies (office, etc.) | 50.00 |
| Home Tour Banner | 75.00 | Historic Home Improvement Grant Pgm | 1,000.00 |
| Walking Tour Brochure reprint | 155.00 | Total | 8,690.00 |
| Vintage Home Tour tickets & Booklet | 0 | Donations | |
| Web site maintenance and development | 700.00 | Corona Public Library | 35.00 |
| Office maintenance Fee (City of Corona) | 460.00 | Old-House Journal Magazine | |
| Office Equipment (Office set up) | 0 | Corona High School Madrigals | 250.00 |
| Settlement House/511 Vicentia support | 50.00 | 3rd Grade Dictionaries Lincoln School | 275.00 |
| Recognition Awards (officers/other) | 175.00 | Community Improvement Project(s) | 250.00 |
| | | Total | 9,400.00 |

Membership Information

When joining or renewing your membership, please make your tax deductible check payable to "CHPS"

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|-------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Individual Member | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I'd like to volunteer! | |
| Family | \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospitality refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter writing articles | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Business | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vintage Home Tour | |
| Patron | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | docent / volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Life | \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

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Eliza Orozco Gonzalez
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Charles & Ann Hirbour
Kate Hyett
Bret & Lennie Keesler
Hazel & Barbara Lohman

Jerry & Jean Neumann
Georgia Lambert
Katherine Sinkovich & Dana Sutton
Stan & Michell Skipworth
Ola J. Talbert - Patron Member
Clyde R. Tracy
Vicky Wasko
Terry & Nancy Wilkeson
Harold & Beryl Williams

Are you familiar with the Old-House Journal ?

Recently, the Society received an email and phone call from Clare Martin, editor of one of our national preservation magazines, *Old-House Journal*. The OHJ is preparing an article on lessons learned from vintage or historic home tours and the editor had received last year's press release and seen the CHPS pictorial write-up on our Web site. She wished to inquire if we would permit the magazine to use several photographs from our 2008 Vintage Home Tour in the article. Permission was granted and the CHPS official photographer, Akio Yoshikawa, sent off copies of the desired photographs to Clare.

If you don't subscribe to the magazine, look for a notice in a future newsletter and drop by the Corona Public Library to read the article in the May-June edition of the OHJ.



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Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization dedicated to preservation and revitalization of Corona's historic buildings, neighborhoods and sites.

Through education, legislation and organization, CHPS acts as an advocate for the preservation of Corona's historic resources.

Monthly Meetings

CHPS Board meetings are held each month to transact Society business, discuss issues affecting the Society and preservation of local historic resources.

All members are invited to attend.
The next meetings will be:

Thursday, May 21, 6:30 at CHPS office

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 at CHPS office



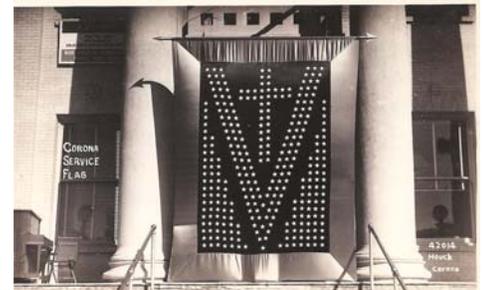
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In recognition of Memorial Day



Inside are details of Victory Service Flag

**Mark your calendar now for a visit to the library's
Heritage Room on June 27, 2009 See page 3**