

A Message From Our President Julie Stern

Dear Members:

Greetings and a Happy New Year! I would first like to thank everyone on the Board of Directors who have welcomed me back to the board and for giving me the awesome task of serving as president!

I am truly honored and humbled to be a part of such a great organization that has been active in the community for 30 years, supporting and ensuring the preservation of Corona's precious history and landmarks. CHPS continues to work diligently as a partner to various organizations in Corona that strive to foster community and pride in our fair city.

CHPS is all about teamwork and even though officers are named on the board we all work together on the same level, each contributing our various strengths to our diverse array of projects.

Some of those projects include:

- Creating permanent historic markers throughout the city.
- Identifying and applying for State and National Landmark designations such as listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Providing grants for preservation of historic homes in Corona.
- Awarding Heritage Home Awards to home owners who beautifully preserve their historical home.
- Working with the City of Corona on growth agendas that impact the historical districts of Corona.
- Providing 1,822 CNUSD teachers with regular access to the contents of the *CHPS Newsletter* through our Educator Outreach Program.
- Providing resources to obtain historical information to various businesses and non-profits that are local and some in neighboring cities.

- Continuously working with the City of Corona to keep the Register of Historic Homes accurate and current.

- Assisting with the moving of threatened historical buildings.

- Presenting the Vintage Home Tour which will take place on May 3rd this year.

- Providing timely educational Quarterly Meetings for our members and the general public.

- And, of course, constant promotion of the significant and fascinating history of the city of Corona to encourage and influence preservation, so that this history will not be lost to future generations.

On that note, I would like to encourage everyone who sees and reads this newsletter to join our ranks. As CHPS moves into the year 2014, we will continue with our old and favorite projects, but launch into many new projects. Old favorites will be tuned and polished to make these even better than before. New ideas will be fostered and worked on to build an even stronger organization that will benefit the community.

In closing, I'm excited about 2014 and being a part of great community projects and all the potential that holds. I think that 2014 will be a great year for Corona and our ongoing work of preserving the history of Corona.

Yours in Preservation,

Julie Stern



A longtime member of CHPS, Julie has been a registered nurse for 20 years and currently works as a Nurse Case Manager. She is a 28 year resident of Corona and lives in a wonderfully restored and maintained 1916 Airplane Craftsman Bungalow on South Victoria Avenue, just outside the Grand Boulevard Circle.

The Making of a Marker for the Carnegie Library Site By Richard Winn

This monument was conceived, designed and constructed by Life Scout Spencer Eccles, Troop 399. It was conceptualized as a temporary marker that could be placed in the lobby of the planned Carnegie Medical Plaza building when it was constructed. Forms were constructed at Heritage Park and a group of scouts from Troop 399 assembled a cage of rebar reinforcing steel and inserted it into the box-shaped form. Concrete was then poured, shoveled and tamped into the form. Other members of the troop dug a hole on the property at Eighth & Main Street into which the concrete monument would be placed. At this time the owner's plans for the property were unknown. It was subsequently discovered that plans



The tree well in the sidewalk at 811 Main St.

empty tree well in the sidewalk on the public right-of-way.



for the property were being processed by the City's Community Development Department and that the monument might be damaged by construction equipment. The monument and marker were stored pending a proposal to the city to place the monument in an

Upon receiving permission from the City of Corona to place the marker in the public right-of-way, another hole was excavated 3.5 feet deep to allow the base of the monument to be embedded in the earth as seen to the left.



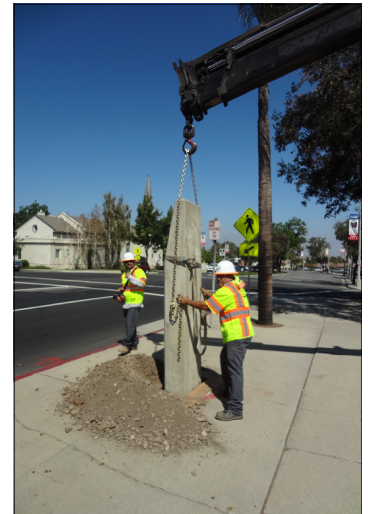
A Trench Shoring tractor and trailer in position to unload the monument at the site.

Due to the size and weight of the monument, transport and installation at the site were problems that had to be considered. Thanks to the assistance of personnel and equipment from the local office of Trench Shoring, the monument was placed on a



The monument pedestal in the vertical position sitting on the bed of the flatbed trailer

flatbed trailer and transported to the site from Corona Heritage Park.



The crane lifted the monument to the vertical position and then easily placed it in the hole prepared for it. A minimum of manual lifting was required.

The Corona Historic Preservation Society is grateful to property owner Dr. Bruce Houman, the Boy Scouts and several Scout leaders who participated in the project to create a historic site marker for the site of Corona's historic Carnegie Library.

Great appreciation is also extended to city staff in the Public Works and Community Development Departments for their constructive comments and assistance in helping this Site Marker to become a reality.



The monument and marker installation were completed from August 19-20, 2013, some 35 years after the historic Carnegie Library was razed. It recognizes and honors one of the very few structures in Corona listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Update: Relocation of Two Homes Along Sheridan



We are pleased to report on additional progress having been made by the professional mover toward preparing the two homes (807 & 819 Sheridan) for relocation. The images above indicate that the home at 807 (on the left) has been cut into two portions and the house structure separated from the foundation. Steel beams have been placed under the home in preparation for lifting it off the foundation. The home at 819 has now been lifted up off its foundation, the beams under the house have been jacked up on cribbing (large timbers similar to railroad ties piled on top of each other) and the remnants of the foundation have been removed so the wheeled dolleys, on which the house will roll down the street, can be placed beneath the supporting beams. Re-purposing, reuse and relocation of these historic resources is moving forward.

The Heritage Room Will Open Its Door to Us

Be sure to join us for our **Next Quarterly Meeting:**

A Private Tour of the Heritage Room

When: Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 A.M.

Where: W.D. Addison Heritage Room on 2nd Floor
Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main Street

CHPS members can enter the Library at 10 AM and the tour will begin at 10:20 A.M., NO ONE will be able to enter the building after the tour starts.

Heritage Room Librarian Jennifer Marlatt will provide our members with a private tour of the Library and Heritage Room. A visit to the W.D. Addison Heritage Room is truly a unique experience as it contains a vast array of fascinating information, from early municipal court records, newspaper articles, property records, maps, letters, diaries, postcards, citrus crate labels from all over Corona and Riverside County, and so much more. Other offerings are an extensive local history book collection, a large Corona photographic collection, and genealogical sources. **Jennifer will also provide information on how to research older homes within Corona.** During your visit you will have the opportunity to view original documents and find out how these resources can help you uncover the history of our community.

The tour will conclude with warm conversation and camaraderie. Please join us at this event.



Beautiful leaded glass door of the Heritage Room

I Remember When...Clarcy Phillips By Doris Osko

Just as lovely today as she was then, Clarcy (Clare-see) Phillips was second runner-up in the Miss Corona Contest of 1949. Wilma Fisher took first place, but Clarcy didn't mind taking second. Seated in the Armstrong Alcove at Corona Public Library, Clarcy was getting ready to take her shift in the book store as a volunteer. She had many memories of her early years in Corona, inextricably tied to her late husband, Joe Phillips, (deceased 1998,) and her family, sons Douglas and David (deceased.) Clarcy was born in Oklahoma, but her family moved to Corona in 1936 when Clarcy was five years old. Clarcy's mother, Letha Bradley McCord was born in Corona and lived here with her nine brothers and sisters. Her Grandma and Grandpa managed the Wisel Farm which is now Dos Lagos. She has a picture of them standing near the Butterfield Stage marker. Her uncle managed the Beasley Citrus Ranch. Clarcy attended Jefferson Elementary, Corona Junior High School (now Corona Fundamental Intermediate School), and graduated from Corona High School in 1949. Joe was in the Class of '47, and they married and went to Santa Barbara where Joe got a Bachelor's Degree, and then on to Eugene, Oregon where he got his Master's Degree in Physical Education. When they returned to Corona, Joe began as a teacher in Kimbell Elementary. Through the years he was shifted to Garretson, Stallings, Parkridge, Norco Elementary, Sierra Vista, and finally retired from El Cerrito.

Clarcy has many favorite memories:

- Riding on horseback in many Corona parades with brother Brad McCord, advertising her cousin Bob Royce's business, Corona Camera.
- Carhops at Lindy's, now the Pancake House, where teenagers hung out.
- Her aunt, Bethena Hopkins, owned the Hopkins Shop, a ladies apparel shop on the mall. Clarcy states her aunt could not get a loan from Urban Renewal to open elsewhere. Her aunt was told she was "too old," and she opened a daycare.
- Modeling vintage bathing suits for the fashion shows at Lemonia Grove when it was owned by Ben Willits. The shows were sponsored by the Baptist church; there would always be a lovely tea.
- Living as a child at 720 Belle Street which is now a



Photo taken at the Corona Public Library

parking lot for the hospital.

- Noting the City Fathers digging up the old Corona High School grounds looking for the various senior classes' buried time capsules. Clarcy's husband Joe vividly remembered watching the time capsules being dug up and then thrown away in a dumpster. He attempted to retrieve them, but he was prevented from doing so.

- Working for Jim Stein in the late 1970s for seven years. Clarcy would take a truckload of oranges to Santa Monica Farmers Market, to Pasadena, Los Angeles, and Fullerton. Clarcy relates, "I would play tennis in the A.M., and pick up the truck, put the tailgate down and hawk bags of oranges. It was the most fun I had in my life." The 200th anniversary picture of Pasadena shows Clarcy holding a 25 pound bag of Corona oranges.

- With (husband) Joe chairing the raising of funds for the Jazz Ensemble and traveling to Europe in 1971 with them. (raised \$28,000.00). She has also traveled to Russia and China.

- Going to the Plunge and to Glen Ivy

- Purchasing a Story and Clark pump organ from the Mexican Baptist Church that used to be where Del Taco is now. It was moved to the new Baptist Church where son David saw it at Sunday School and was fascinated by it. They bought it for his thirteenth birthday for \$50.00. It is now fully restored and operational.

- Decorating and attending proms in the Historic Civic Center's gym (when it was Corona High School) or at the American Legion Hall on South Main Street.

- The High Spot fast food restaurant, now a Thai Restaurant (across the street from Corona's second high school located on W. Sixth Street)

- Being a soda jerk for Mava Ice Cream Parlor when Ben Tucker owned it

- Being on a committee with Gloria Faus to create the original "Meals on Wheels" program which served hot meals prepared at Circle City Hospital

Clarcy gives her time not only to the Friends of the Library Book Store, but also to Hospice as a volunteer. She is a member of Woman's Improvement Club and supports their service also. She practices what she preaches -- Stay active to enjoy life.

2014 Vintage Home Tour

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 3, 2014 1 - 4 P.M.

Take a step back in time, see beautiful craftsmanship and learn more about Corona's fascinating heritage.



For questions, call Paula at 951.734.1437 or send an email to vhtcorona2014@gmail.com

CHPS Officers at Chamber of Commerce Meeting



In this photograph, Secretary Doris Osko and President Julie Stern are seen at an early morning breakfast meeting sponsored by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. The Society received recognition from the Chamber for maintaining its membership for eighteen years. Julie and Doris attended this meeting on behalf of the Society.

1914 Advertisement from Corona Daily Independent

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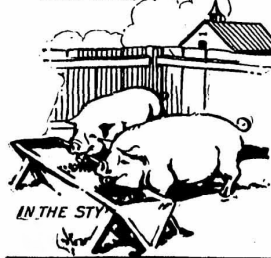
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CHPS Educator Outreach Program By Doris Osko



The Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society was pleased to learn that all 1,822 teachers in the Corona-Norco Unified School District are now electronically receiving copies of the organization's bimonthly newsletter. Superintendent Dr. Michael Lin approved the distribution of the *CHPS Newsletter*, as it is officially named. Assistant to

the Superintendent, Linda White, expedited the sending of the most recent *CHPS Newsletter*. New President of the Society, Julie Stern, and the Board were searching for ways to reach CNUSD teachers about the rich history of Corona and the surrounding areas. Teachers new to the area and even those who grew up in Corona also might wish to keep abreast of projects that involve our goal of preservation. Social Studies teachers who participate in History Day or who wish to make students aware of historic sites and Corona's citizens, past and present, have an opportunity to learn of these in the *CHPS Newsletter*. They are also apprised of the opportunity to attend Quarterly Meetings, along with their students, that deal with the interesting and significant history of the area. The Board wishes to thank the CNUSD for this opportunity to fulfill its Educator Outreach Program.

Information On Upcoming Events



Women's Leadership Luncheon sponsored by the Corona Chamber of Commerce

What: CHPS Vice-President Mary Winn will present: "I wasn't born in Corona, but got here as soon as I could" commentary and slide show to include images from Corona's fascinating history

When & Where: Wed, March 5, 11:30am to 1:00pm Sizzler Restaurant at 1461 Rimpau, Corona

Contact: For registration, call Corona Chamber of Commerce at 951.737.3350

Corona Symphony Orchestra Presents "Hopeless Romantics"

What: Corona Symphony Orchestra Spring Performance

When: Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm

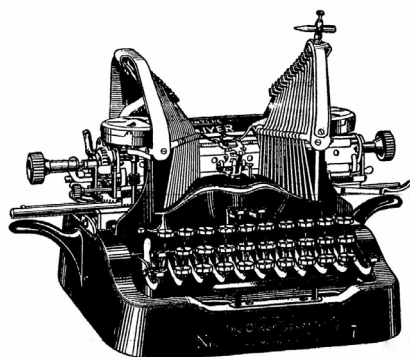
Where: Northpoint Church at 988 W. Ontario Avenue

Box Office: 951.808.3281

Visit: <www.coronasymphony.org> for more information and to order tickets online



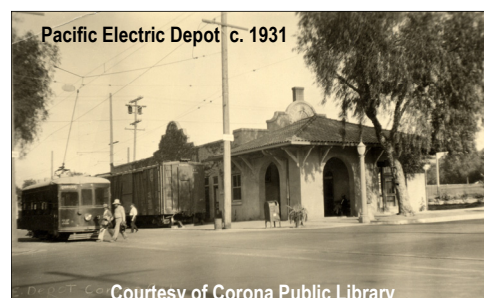
Tidbits from March 1914 Corona Daily Independent



This Oliver 7 typewriter was considered high technology 100 years ago. From the newspaper ad: "A typewriter of superexcellence, with automatic devices and refinements that mark the zenith of typewriter progress." It was declared to be "ten

years ahead of its time" in 1914 and was available in Corona as well as throughout the United States.

Work began on the Corona-Riverside Pacific Electric Railway line in March 1914. A vintage postcard shows the depot as it once stood at 3rd and Main Streets where a Chevron Station is now. The depot functioned as the trolley car hub for 30 years (1915-1945) to transport people and freight to Riverside, where transfers to Los Angeles could take place. The film "Storm Warning" included scenes filmed at this historically significant location.



Courtesy of Corona Public Library

Home Preservation Grant Program Update

We are pleased to announce the most recent recipients of a Preservation Grant are Ivan and Janet Henderson who are the owners of a charming 1940 Minimal Traditional home located at 1220 Palm Avenue. This home became a Corona Landmark and was placed on the Corona Register of Historic Resources in 2007. Spring is a great time to do some sprucing up of the exteriors of homes. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in our program, please contact Grant Program Chairman Tom Richins at trichins@dbacinc.com or 949.795.2288.



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Our Home Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would like to assist local homeowners in making necessary improvements to their historic homes.

We will process any application within 60 days after submittal. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and onsite final approval.

Take this opportunity to do some fixing up and have part of the material cost covered by CHPS. Remember we are interested in helping people beautify their homes for others to see, so applications are primarily for curb appeal projects. If you have a place that you feel needs help, either your

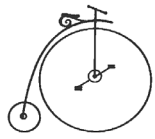


own or a neighbor's, please feel free to contact CHPS Home Preservation Grant-Program Chairman Tom Richins at trichins@dbacinc.com or 949.795.2288. We will assist you in any way possible to provide the information you need to complete the application process.

Grant applications are available at the Community Development Department at Corona City Hall at 400 South Vicentia, and at the Heritage Room of the Corona Public Library.

More information and grant applications may also be downloaded from our Website:
<<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>>

Please share this information with others!



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message*



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, persuasion, 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.

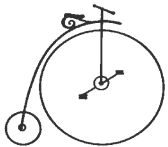
The next meetings will be:

Thursday, Mar 20, 6:30 P.M. at CHPS office

Thursday, Apr 17, 6:30 P.M. at CHPS office



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Spring is almost here!

Spring



Break

Seaside attire from the past

Quarterly Meeting: Sat, March 22 See pg. 3
Private tour of Heritage Room & Corona Public Library