

A Message From Our New President Don Williamson

I am very excited to have the opportunity to be president of the CHPS. I am most grateful to those that have served this organization over the decades. They have built CHPS into a strong component in the preservation of Corona's intriguing past.

I especially appreciate the years that my predecessor, Christine Gary, served as our president. She spent many hours at personal sacrifice to serve this community. All who have worked with her are glad that she has consented to remain on the CHPS Board of Directors.

The CHPS is also fortunate to retain all other officers from last year, vice-president Mary Winn, secretary Doris Osko and treasurer Richard Winn. Each has agreed to continue to work in their respective capacities. Individually and collectively they are vital elements in the success of CHPS projects and events.

We have a strong and cohesive Board of Directors that give support and contribute their time throughout the year as well. These members are Jackie Bland, Tom & Paula Munoz and our newest member Mark German. Mark takes the seat of Bubba Bland who has been a valuable board member for nearly four years. Most recently Bubba has managed our grant program.

Like those who have preceded me in this role, I am completely aware that the president of CHPS is just a title and that the organization's strength is in our members and their willingness to participate.

The year ahead offers us a chance to add cherished buildings and a highway to historic registries ensuring that their significance becomes memorialized. Your sustaining



**Meet our new President:
Don Williamson**

of these labors is critical to success.

The goal of CHPS is to share our city's past with those who might otherwise never learn about the Grand Boulevard road races, the record setting citrus crops and the many struggles of its hard working proud citizenry.

I have been a Coronan for nearly 55 years, attending local schools from kindergarten through Corona High School. I am just old enough to have lived through the massive change from a quiet small town with an agriculture-based economy to the fast paced urban hub Corona is today. Like

you, I cherish our past. If you are on Facebook I have created a Page, “Life In Corona 1923-1975”, where many photographs and memories of The Circle City are posted.

The CHPS has two official online vehicles that dispense our message. We have a fantastic website that has many of our newsletters, historic photos, grant information and just about anything you care to know about CHPS. It can be found at <www.corona-history.com>. We also have a Facebook group under the Corona Historic Preservation Society. It features a series of photos of those who have joined the Facebook group and also provides information and other up-to-the minute news.

I am happy to say that this is a great era for the CHPS. We have a strong, expanding membership, caring city management and the support of our entire City Council. We have important projects and the will to accomplish them. I look forward to working on them with each of you.

Sincerely,

Don Williamson



Please Read and Consider This Option

The Society can save on postage, printing costs as well as on the time it takes to prepare newsletters for mailing if you would elect to receive them through E-mail. There are also environmental benefits by “saving trees” and eliminating waste paper. We are happy to send out a printed newsletter to you, but we can achieve significant labor savings and establish cost controls to preserve the use of available funds to better fulfill our Mission Statement. The E-mail version of the CHPS Newsletter is always in full color format.

If just one half of our members were to elect E-mail transmission of their newsletters, it would free enough funds for one additional Historic Site Marker every other year.

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please send a brief message to Editor, Mary Winn at <toothladytwo@aol.com>, or a telephone call or voice mail message at (951) 371-5291 and your name will be added to the E-Newsletter list.

Approved Budget for 2012

The Budget approved for 2012 represents the Board of Directors best guess of anticipated expenses. Our 2011 expenses were \$13,156.42 on a budget of \$15,400. (unexpensed items included). The 2012 budget reflects similar spending patterns with increased costs from several ambitious goals: creating another local historic district, marking of Grand Blvd. Historic District, naming of two structures to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and additional historic site marker plaques.

ITEM	2012 APPROVED BUDGET
Telephone Charges	390.00
P. O. Box Rental	75.00
Corona Chamber of Commerce M'ship	270.00
Secretary of State filing (bi-ann)	50.00
Board of Equalization (sales tax filing)	60.00
Franchise Tax Board	50.00
Riverside County Tax Collector	250.00
History Day Awards	100.00
Grand Boulevard Historic District marking/labeling	2,000.00
US-91 remnant to local Historic District + repairs	2,000.00
Nominations to NRHP: Landmark Bldg.	2,000.00
Jefferson School	2,000.00
Newsletter Printing	700.00
Postage	300.00
Printing, Other	600.00
Stucco Flyer	0
Membership Flyer	0
Stationery	0
Home Tour Banner	80.00
Walking Tour Brochure reprint	155.00

Vintage Home Tour tickets, Booklet.	
+ promotion	750.00
Web site maintenance and development	700.00
Office maintenance Fee (City of Corona)	480.00
Office Equipment (Office set up)	100.00
Settlement House/511 Vicentia support	50.00
Recognition Awards (officers/other& Notary)	175.00
Liability Insurance Policy	1,000.00
Historic Markers (Nos. 17 & 18)	2,400.00
July 4 Parade entry	25.00
Antiques & Collectibles Faire	
Lemonade stand consumables	50.00
Quarterly Meeting Refreshments	200.00
Holiday Party	225.00
Arcadia Publishing (Images, Then . . . Corona)	2,000.00
RivCo Parks – Chronicles	100.00
Supplies (office, etc.)	50.00
Preservation Grant Program distribution(s)	2,500.00

Total 21,835.00

Donations

Corona Pub. Library.	
Old-House Journal Magazine	35.00
Corona High School Madrigals	300.00
3rd Grade Dictionaries Lincoln School	325.00
Corona Heritage Foundation	300.00
Woman's Improvement Club	175.00
Quality West Wing	200.00
Settlement House	50.00
Citrus Roots Foundation	100.00
Community Improvement Project(s)	250.00

Total 23,535.00

Our 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 Interim Chairman, Richard Winn at (951) 371-5291 or E-mail him at <safetyguy141@juno.com>. He will help in any way possible to provide the information you need.

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

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

Please share this information with others!

2012 Vintage Home Tour



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 5, 2012
1:00 - 4:30 pm

**Mary Bryner Winn's newest book (see below)
will be available for the first time for sale and
signing at this event.**

**Five lovingly and well-preserved homes of various architectural styles
will be showcased on our tour.**

**Pre-sale tickets will be available by April 1 at Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce
(904 E. 6th St.), Corona Heritage Park (510 W. Foothill Parkway)
and Allegra Marketing • Print • Mail (127 Radio Road).**

**Tickets \$15 pre-sale, via *PayPal* on our website <corona-history.org> or by calling 951.734.0977,
\$18 on day of event will also be available.**

Mark Your Calendar Now for Quarterly Meeting in May

Our second Quarterly meeting of 2012 will be held in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and the Corona Heritage Foundation on **Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Community Room of the Corona Public Library**. Mary Bryner Winn will present a **brand new Corona—Then and Now PowerPoint presentation** and discuss how this new book, published by Arcadia Publishing, came about. Books will be available for sale and signing.

The slide show will focus on previously unpublished photographs from Corona's past juxtaposed with photos of the same places today. Viewing the slide show and the book will definitely open your eyes as to what sites appear the same as well as which are missing today.

The cover of the book provides a good example of what is to be found inside. A *Then* photograph is shown of the Start-Finish Line of the Corona Road Races of 1913, 1914, 1916 with cars, drivers, mechanics and race officials gathered around. This photograph is contrasted with a *Now* photograph of the very same area of Grand Boulevard roadway encompassing the vicinity of the intersection of Washburn Avenue at Grand Boulevard.

The back cover features motorcars along with horse and buggies in a 1905 northerly view of Main Street, from near Seventh Street, with Chocolate Drop, now known as Beacon Hill, in the distance.



All proceeds go directly to CHPS

Then & Now: Romaine Tilson Hatch

By Mary Winn

Of the thousands of vintage photographs of Corona I've seen over the years, the one below featuring six lovely junior high girls in flamenco attire posing in an archway at Corona Junior High is one of my very favorites. It was taken in 1936 for the Golden Jubilee Celebration in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Corona as South Riverside. When undertaking my latest book, *Then & Now: Corona* featuring vintage and modern day photos, I knew that the 'dancing ladies' would definitely be included as a "THEN" image. However, when I saw the rather boring "NOW" photo of an empty arch, the quest was on to locate one of the young ladies and re-shoot the photo that had previously been taken 75 years ago.

I was able to identify the 'young ladies' (now approaching age 89) and speak to several. When I contacted Romaine, and she said that she would come out to Corona, I was ecstatic. Romaine and Dene accompanied us to Corona Fundamental Intermediate School and the photo was recaptured. Although seen in differing poses, Romaine is on the far right in both images.

Romaine was born at a hospital in Riverside although her family resided in Corona in a home.

She lived on the "outside" of the Grand Boulevard Circle in a three-story Victorian-style home which is no longer found there. Romaine recalls that it was very difficult to keep the home warm. She loved her childhood and it was a very peaceful time in her life.

During the Great Depression, she recalls "Dish Night" at Corona Theater when ceramic dishes were distributed with admission. If one went often enough, they could amass an entire set of dishes. Admission was 10¢ when she was a child and 25¢ for adults during the 1930s. Her mother sewed her clothes with fabric purchased at C.W. Harris and Son Department Store on Main Street. She wore bobby socks and saddle shoes with dresses or skirts.

Her brother Walter taught her to drive in a 1937 Ford when she was 15, and she obtained her license at age 16.

Romaine was valedictorian at Corona Junior High school and Salutatorian at CHS when she graduated in 1942.

She recalls walking about a mile to and from the Corona High School campus, now known as the Historic Civic Center at 815 West Sixth Street.

During her years at Corona High School (CHS), she was president of CHS Girls League, and loved to participate in Hijinx and Lemonville school events. Both were celebrations that included dances and game booths with prizes.



Dene & Romaine Hatch at a Corona restaurant on Sept. 8, 2011

It was hard to get nylon hose so for special occasions like school dances, girls wore leg makeup from a bottle and they painted a line on the back of each leg to resemble a seam. If the makeup hadn't been washed off thoroughly before bedtime, the leg makeup used to rub off onto her sheets during the night. She was very committed to the practice of taking a shower after she returned home from high school dances. The only other makeup item she recalls is

lipstick which was used sparingly by most young women.

She recalls striving throughout her life to control her naturally curly hair.

Romaine and Dene Hatch met in 1942 after Romaine graduated from high school and they eventually married. She attended Chaffey Jr. College for one year and worked at the Naval Hospital in Norco where she did shorthand and typing for the Red Cross. Dene Hatch worked as a mathematician at what is now the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco. His work there between 1956-57 was related to flight simulations.

Romaine and Dene have two daughters. One resides in Capistrano and the other in Monrovia. They have three grandsons and two great grandchildren.



I Remember When... Carrie Pope

By Don Williamson

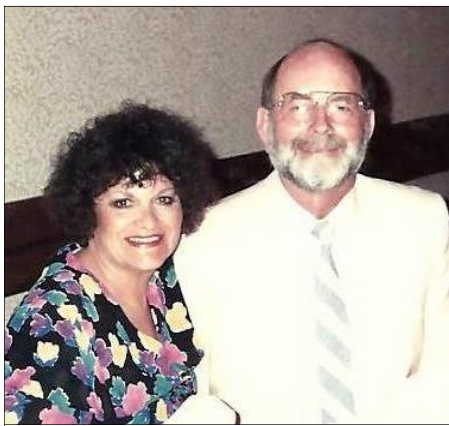
Shortly after Coronans started planting world-class citrus crops in this unique environment, Italian immigrants, some recruited, moved to town. Their hard work and knowledge of citrus was essential in establishing the groves that would become the center of the local economy for seven decades.

A legacy of this early migration is Carrie Dalcamo Pope who can claim membership in two of the original eleven Italian families that settled here. Her maternal grandfather, Frank Danieri, and her paternal grandfather, Luy Dalcamo both arrived in the area from Sicily in the very early twentieth century.

Members of Carrie's family have been active in Corona and its environs for well over one hundred years. Her father, Tony, was born in Casa Blanca and had a career managing the Orange Heights Packing House. Her mother, Carmel, came with her mother and siblings to join her father in the U.S. at the age of 4. Carmel operated a restaurant in Corona for many years at 503 East Sixth, famously known locally as "Carmel's".

Carrie has fond memories of her childhood, attending the old Lincoln School on Tenth & Howard, Corona Junior High and the Sixth Street campus of Corona High School. As a child, Carrie and her younger brother Louis were surrounded by family and friends. "I went all through school with the same kids," Carrie said, "I've remained close to many of them ever since." Despite this local network, she found her husband, George, a graduate of Poly High School in Riverside, while they were both studying at Riverside City College, as it was then called.

A particularly favorite location of Carrie's was the Catholic Church built of fieldstones that stood on Sixth Street years before St. Edward was erected on West Grand. "My parents were married in that old stone church. I had all of my Sacraments there and I remember leading the procession of those getting their first communions." A commemorative plate of the beloved structure still hangs on a wall in the home she and



Carrie & George Pope

George have resided in for over fifty years.

In referencing her parents' nuptials, Carrie recalled, "Relatives would tell me that I should have been at my parents' wedding reception; everyone had such a good time. The pictures are beautiful." The reception took place at the exclusive Norconian Club which was then in its magnificent prime.

Her favorite teacher was renowned Corona educator Francis Finley. Car-

rie's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Reid, taught her and a group of students to hula dance. She giggled as she explained that they entered a contest at the Corona Theater. Laughingly admitting, "We came in thirteenth place and got some War Stamps as an award."

Carrie enjoyed frequent trips to the old Carnegie Library from her family home on Third & Belle, "The downstairs section was for the children's library and was not crowded or overwhelming. I could take my time and see what I wanted to borrow; I loved it."

Another highlight in Carrie's girlhood was attending fashion shows with Mrs. Shirley Hyatt Willits, wife of Foothill Lemon Company president Robert L. Willits. Mrs. Willits was one of the first women to ever attend Stanford University. Before going out the door, Mrs. Willits would assure Mrs. Dalcamo that she would take good care of her only daughter and she always did.

The Dalcamo family would always go out to dinner on mom's night off exploring the competition. Her mother took her "restaurateur" role seriously. Carrie enjoyed when they all went to the Silver Dollar Pancake House on East Sixth Street after Sunday Mass. "It had drive-in car-hop service in those days," she remembered.

Carrie was aware of local ethnic based prejudices, although her family rarely experienced them. "We did not let it affect us and it's not something we like to talk about," ending the topic.

Carrie compared current Corona with the Circle City of the past. "We live in a different world today. We used to see the same people in stores, restaurants, everywhere. That never happens now." She summed up her full and happy life in Corona, "Wonderful memories though I wish some things were different. There were lots of heartaches, but it all worked out all right."



Courtesy of Corona Public Library

What's New About Time Capsules? By Richard Winn & Don Williamson

For many years, there have been reports of time capsules being buried at various times at our high schools, our banks, our city hall sites and our library sites. On Thursday, February 9, 2012, a film crew and scientific team descended on our fair city to seriously attempt to locate one or more of the reported 17 lost time capsules located in Corona. The science team included three Florida-based archeologists that specialize in recovering artifacts using ultrasound technology.

The day's activities began at 10:00 a.m. in front of Corona's former High School and Civic Center. This site is now referred to as the Historic Civic Center, at 815 West Sixth Street. What took place was quite an adventure! It was a "get together" involving Mayor Eugene Montanez, the City Manager, city work crews, the scientific team, the photojournalists, and interested community members who responded to articles in the newspaper asking for input from Corona citizens who may have information or memories of the placement of previous time capsules.



Technicians checking their laptops for positive results and discussing alternatives in the office first occupied by the school district's first superintendent, then Corona High School Principal prior to 1960. Among other uses, it served as Corona's Risk Management Department from 1962-2005. Although now used by the city once again, it was 'home' to CHPS from 2005-2010.



Technicians moving their detector across the lawn in front of the Historic Civic Center arcade entry with Mayor Eugene Montanez and a photographer looking on.

From input provided by citizens, the scientific team moved their three-wheeled electronic emitter and detector over potential locations looking for any indication that there was something located beneath the ground.

The technicians then hovered over their portable computers hoping to see evidence of a capsule or other underground object. Results were uniformly negative and disappointing to all participants involved in the search.

Many Corona High School alumni watched the drama unfold with great interest as they shared memories,

refreshments and a lovely day together.

Although no time capsules were found utilizing high tech methodology, it was fun to watch and should give us all confidence that no time capsules remain at the old CHS on Sixth Street.



The "x-ray" scanner is seen here searching for time capsules at the Historic Civic Center. Search crew members also crawled beneath the building looking for indicators of the missing relics.

Membership Information

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

Individual Member \$20.00
Family \$30.00
Student \$10.00
Business \$50.00
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Life \$500.00

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We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

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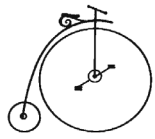
J.D. & Debbie McBriety
Tom & Paula Muñoz
John & Esther Prichard
Kathy Sinkovich & Dana Sutton

Architectural Salvage Shoppe

CHPS has limited amounts of architectural salvage items or materials available to those of you who are restoring your vintage homes. Included in the inventory are windows, shutters, doors, cabinets, molding and hardware.



If you need such items, call CHPS at 898-2044 and leave a brief message (<1 minute) along with your telephone number.



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To contact us call
951.898.2044

*Please leave a brief
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, 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.

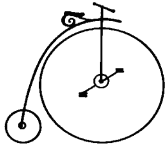
The next meetings will be:

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm at CHPS office

Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm at CHPS office

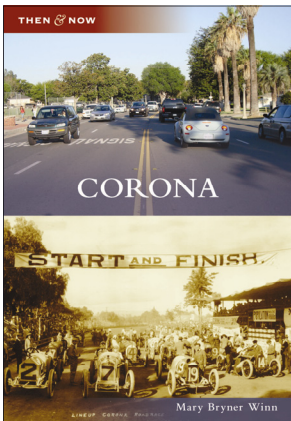


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New Corona book to be
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One of 5 homes on Vintage Home Tour.

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