

A Message From Our President Don Williamson

Dear Members:

The Corona Historic Preservation Society turns 30 years old. Two of our Board members, Richard and Mary Winn attended the meetings that took place in May and June 1983 organizing this Society. Richard was our first ever vice-president. They remain valuable participants in preserving Corona's heritage. I often say, that I believe no one in the past 30 years has contributed more to this effort than the Winns. We all look forward to continue working with them in this cause for years to come.

We are sorry to lose one of our long time Board members to relocation. Jackie Bland and her husband, Bubba, have sold their Heritage Home Award winning home to move closer to the ocean. We appreciate the dedicated years of service that the Blands gave to CHPS. We wish them the best and while we will miss having them nearby, we know, our friendships will continue. We also welcome Julie Stern, a long time friend to preservation, to our Board of Directors.

Sorry if you missed our Quarterly Meeting on March 30 at Glen Ivy Resort. David Washington, representing the ownership of the facility, Emissaries of the Divine Light, provided a tour filled with insightful observations and the history of the magnificent grounds. Sincere thanks to David along with, Jim Root, CEO/President for making all the arrangements and Anne Fees for coordinating the day. Our community is most fortunate that the Emissaries have preserved, restored and responsibly cared for this historic treasure. Look for a recap in this Newsletter.

The CHPS is honoring Glen Ivy with an historic marker, sponsored by the Resort. The hot springs, celebrated by indigenous peoples since antiquity, opened to serve modern patrons in 1860.

Mayor Jason Scott and our City of Corona Department of Parks and Recreation continue to put together the pieces for the Centennial Celebration of the first Corona Road Race. It will take place at the City Park on September 14 and it will be huge.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be on June 22 at the Corona City Park. The Park is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. We will have a presentation of the Park's long history and take a short walk around its trails to see and remem-



Six CHPS Board members thoroughly enjoyed their experience at Riverside County History Symposium held on April 6 in Perris, CA. The date set for next year's event is March 15, 2014.

ber its significant sites. At the conclusion of the Park presentation, we will be traveling to our historic markers at the Sunnyslope Cemetery, the Landmark Building (old Corona Theater building) and Lemon Grove. We want to acknowledge each of these places and "dedicate" the markers that identify their historic significance.

Corona Heritage Park and Museum, once again hosts their annual Antiques & Collectibles Faire, on June 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CHPS will occupy a booth filled with antiques to admire and purchase. Additionally, our fresh lemonade stand will be back in business, with liquid coaxed from lemons grown here in the former Lemon Capital of the World. This is a fun date with dozens of mostly antique vendors displaying their wares. You never know what

you will find, besides great lemonade.

We continue to work with the Corona Regional Medical Center to find location(s) to move the historic church and home located on Ninth and Sheridan. A plan must be in place by September to save these venerable relics from demolition, making way for CRMC expansion. There are only "leads" at this time. If you can help find them a new spot or would like more information, please contact Jeff Tupper at Corona Regional Medical Center at 951-808-6783.

The school bell that hung in the tower of the "South Riverside School" (Lincoln) in 1889 enjoyed temporary display in the Corona Public Library from April 17 to May 4. Now find this very historic artifact at its permanent display area at the Corona-Norco Unified School District Building in Norco.

Look forward to our next CHPS issue, which will include a recap of the May 4 Vintage Home Tour. Thanks to the homeowners, Corona Woman's Improvement Club, docents and all that attended this wonderful event.

Mary Winn recently pointed out that in this year of Corona centennial observances, the Ford Motor Company will be celebrating its own 100th birthday on June 16. Henry Ford, one of the most admired people of the twentieth century, born 149 years ago in July, wherever he may be, must be very proud.

Sincerely,

Don Williamson



Vintage Home Tour

Presented by



Saturday, May 4, 2013 • 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.



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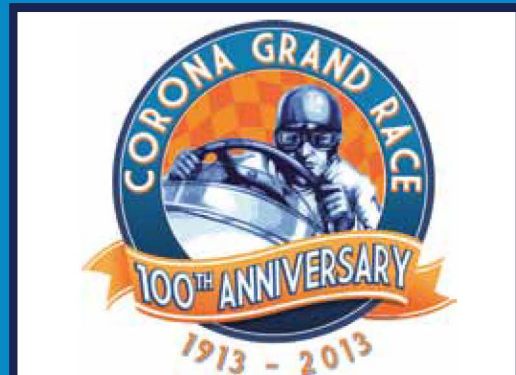
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**Woman's Improvement Club
1101 South Main Street**



1148 East Grand Blvd.



Antique Automobiles on Display

Pre-sale tickets \$18, \$20 day of event available at 1052 East Grand Blvd.

For information call Chris at 951.734.0977 or email: vintagehometour@aol.com

Pre-Sale tickets available online • Will-call day of event at 1052 East Grand Blvd.

Pre-sale deadline 11pm May 3 • www.Corona-History.org

**Pre-Sale Tickets
available after
March 15th at:**

Greater Corona Valley Chamber
904 E. 6th. St.

• Corona Heritage Park
510 W. Foothill Parkway

• Allegra (formerly ZAP)
127 Radio Road

Heritage Home Award Recipients for 2013



In keeping with our Society goals, we have identified four homes to receive Heritage Home awards this year. We chose two homes that were featured on previous Vintage Home Tours but have clearly been overlooked. The picturesque 1909 Craftsman bungalow, located at 1119 Palm owned by the Swifts has been lovingly preserved for the benefit of all. Located at 2750 Rimpau, the beautiful more than 100-year old lemon curing shed that was remodeled into a home with the addition of a kitchen and large wrap-around porch with Victorian architectural elements is unique and the 110 year old Carriage House on the property doesn't take anything away from its grace and beauty. The large

Craftsman style home at 1031 East Grand Blvd has been lovingly restored to its former beauty by current owners Tom & Sunny Richins. Everyone who passes the corner of Garretson at East Grand Boulevard takes note of the improvements and that the work is still in progress. The 1948 Minimal Traditional styled home at 1133 East Grand Blvd., owned by Bob & June Shelly, is the most recent built of all or our homes recognized with the Heritage Home Award. It meets the minimum criteria of being at least 50 years old and has been occupied by several influential civic leaders. The Shellys are wonderful stewards of this picturesque home along Grand Boulevard.

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 Chairman Mark German (951) 500-2767 or send him an E-mail at <mgerman@ca.rr.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 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!

What a Visit We Had to Glen Ivy! By Lee Hansen

On Saturday, March 30, 2013, a group of about 25 CHPS members met at Glen Ivy Hot Springs. We were greeted by Jim Root, President and CEO of Glen Ivy Hot Springs, who gave a brief overview of the facility and explained the project partnering CHPS and Glen Ivy to restore the Temescal Road historic marker located on Temescal Canyon Road about 350 feet south of Glen Ivy road.



CHPS members are seen here viewing a wonderful slideshow while listening intently to the speaker.

Jim then introduced our speaker, David Washington. Mr. Washington resides at Glen Ivy and is a very knowledgeable spokesman for the Emissaries of Divine Light who are responsible for the Glen Ivy Center. He is also on the Board of Directors of Glen Ivy Hot Springs. The Center includes the hotel complex which is available for conventions and/or group or individual retreats.

Before Mr. Washington spoke, we were able to view several scrapbooks, photographs and other memorabilia from the 153 years of Glen Ivy Hot Springs' operation. We were also given a folder containing a wealth of information about the history, programs, amenities, activities and special events offered at Glen Ivy. The brief history below is gleaned from Mr. Washington's talk and the more detailed history found in the folder.

Following Mr. Washington's presentation attendees were favored with a guided tour of the Center's historic grounds, cottages and buildings, with light refreshments and one-on-one conversations provided in the dining room of the lodge.

The history of the hot springs of Coldwater Creek Canyon stretches back to prehistoric times – having been used by the semi-nomadic Luiseño, Gabrieleño and Cahuilla tribes. The area was a seasonal residence for these tribes – a place of renewal and spiritual connection with the earth and the Great Spirit.

The Gold Rush of 1849 brought a population explosion to California and affected the quiet, rural area near Temescal Sulphur Springs. [Temescal is the Aztec word for sweat lodge – the huts constructed by the Native Americans where the hot mineral springs bubbled to the surface.] The name Glen Ivy Hot Springs was coined in the late 1880s by William & Louisa Steers, who developed the resort with an

adobe country inn and the spa swimming pool: "The Plunge". The price of a swim in the mineral waters, then, was 25 cents, including bathing suit and towel. In the 1940s the hotel rates were: \$8 Single, \$15 – Double.

Over the years, from the 1880s into the 1930s, Glen Ivy expanded to include a real hotel, with electric lights and natural gas heat, more mineral bath houses, guest cottages and acres of citrus trees.



Mr. Washington describing the historic "tavern" at Glen Ivy, now known as the lodge.

The Emissaries of Divine Light acquired the property in January 1977 from the Temescal Valley Water Company and began undertaking the challenge to restore the old hotel and surrounding structures to safe and livable conditions. Many of these structures had suffered from neglect, vandalism and theft by the mid-1970s.

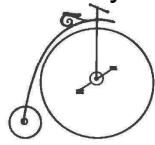
Over the last 30+ years, Glen Ivy Hot Springs Spa and the Glen Ivy Center, although operating separately, have been

the focus of innovative growth and development of their respective unique features, too numerous to list here, but which surely led to recognition in 1998 by National Geographic Traveler as one of the 25 best spas in America.

"Glen Ivy is the place to relax and renew, to celebrate and socialize, and to feel a deeper sense of well-being...a place of light and life, a warm and welcoming sanctuary where everyone can feel uplifted."

Historic Site Marker Map Now on CHPS Website

We are pleased to share this map and hope you will take the opportunity to visit each of the 18 sites and read about why each is significant to Corona's history. **Note:** Marker #15 at the Carnegie Library site is in progress. We hope it will be installed within the next few months.



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Historic Marker Sites

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CHPS has had a formal Historic Marker Program since 1996. Eighteen historically significant sites have been recognized by a bronze or granite plaque placed on the wall of the building or by a monument bearing the plaque. All but four of the markers have been placed by Boy Scouts as part of their requirements to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

The collaboration between local Boy Scouts and the Corona Historic Preservation Society has been a very productive one over the past seven years.

MARKER LOCATIONS

- 1 Historic Civic Center
- 2 First Congregational Church
- 3 Site of Marshal G.C. Alexander's Murder
- 4 Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
- 5 Corona's first Fire Station
- 6 Old Lincoln School (now Victoria Park)
- 7 The Victoria Hotel AKA the Hotel Del Rey

- 8 Corona Hospital at 800 South Main St.
- 9 Corona's First High School and First Junior High School (at current CFIS site)
- 10 The Start and Finish Line of all three Corona Road Races 1913, 1914 & 1916
- 11 First Baptist Church
- 12 Corona Foothill Lemon Ranch at Heritage Park, 510 West Foothill Parkway
- 13 Corona Santa Fe Railroad Depot, 150 Depot Drive
- 14 Woman's Improvement Club clubhouse 1101 South Main Street
- 15 Carnegie Library site 811 S. Main St
- 16 Lemon Grove 2750 S. Rimpau
- 17 Corona-Sunnyslope Cemetery 1125 S. Rimpau
- 18 Corona Theater-Landmark Building at 201 East Sixth Street

Bear Collision's 70 Years in Corona

By Mark German

Bear Collision at 413 E. Grand is probably familiar to almost all residents of Corona. What most people are probably not familiar with is its unique construction and history and that this building is virtually unchanged in seventy years. It is believed that the original building was built and owned by Henry Lusk. Henry Lusk lived in an adobe house on the south side of the property where the veterinary clinic is today.



As World War II progressed, Mr. Lusk decided that he would contribute to the war effort by painting aircraft fuselages. All building material was in very short supply during the war, but Mr. Lusk was able to locate a fair amount of pipe and metal at L.A. Steel and Pipe in Los Angeles. L.A. Pipe and Steel was in the progress of converting to military tank manufacturing. This may be the plant General Motors acquired to build M5 light tanks starting in 1943 in South Gate. Mr. Lusk was able to complete the building on E. Grand using approximately 2 inch diameter pipe in a truss frame type construction with a metal clad exterior. The building has two wide accordion folding doors facing Grand and another wide accordion door to the rear of the structure. With the exception of the office space, the building interior is one large open bay. The

intent was to bring the aircraft fuselages from Kuster Field on the east side of Corona at the time, using Quarry St. or 6th Street as the route to move the aircraft. It is unknown whether any aircraft were actually painted at the location or where they would have come from. One possibility is the Morrow Aircraft Corporation which was building small two seat training aircraft at San Bernardino County Airport during this time.

After the war, a man believed to be named Norm Kim, acquired or leased the building and used it for auto body repair when it became Bear Collision. Five brothers from a large family in North Dakota had started to take up residence in the Corona area during the 30s and 40s. Two of these brothers, Jerry

German and Frank German, began working for Norm Kim in 1947. A third brother, Eugene German, started working there in 1953 and worked there till 1960. Mr. Kim offered the business to Jerry and Frank in 1964. Jerry bought the business and Frank became a partner shortly afterward. Jerry's son, Jerry (Butch), bought his Uncle Frank's share of the business when Frank retired. Butch is still currently operating Bear Collision since his dad retired many years ago. German family members have occupied Bear Collision for sixty-six years and running. Many

Corona residents have also worked at Bear Collision for various periods of time.

Some notes of interest about the building include a whistle from the Lemon Exchange that was for many years installed on top of a large, permanently mounted air compressor inside the shop. The whistle was sometimes used when an unsuspecting "friend" was using an adjacent bathroom. Unfortunately, it's not known what happened to the whistle. Maybe it was removed by a "friend". Some of the original 1943 round ceiling lighting fixtures can be found in use at the Main Street Gardens, and the current lights in use at Bear Collision are from Security Bank that is now the Bank of Amer-

ica on 6th Street. No one knows what the future holds for the building that is Bear Collision, but we do know how it came to be.



Seen here L-R: Jerry German, his brother Frank German and Frank's son, Bill, from the 1964 Corona High School Coronol.



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22nd Annual

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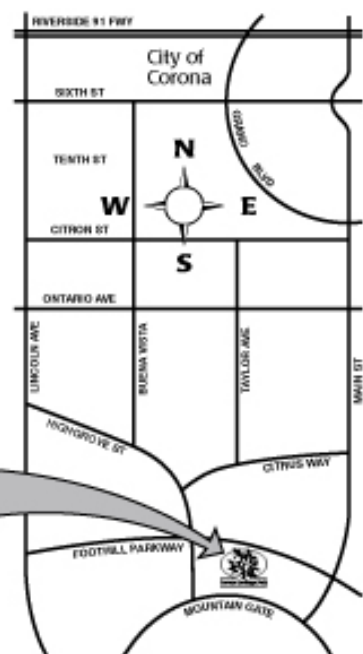
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Next Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, June 22



Vintage postcard c. 1930s courtesy of Steve Lech

City Park Walking Tour 10 a.m. Meet at Founders Rock along 6th St.

Don Williamson will provide a presentation of City Park's long history as attendees take a short walk to see and remember the park's significant sites.

At the end, we will be travel to CHPS historic markers at Sunnyslope Cemetery, the Landmark Building (old Corona Theater building) and Lemonia Grove to acknowledge each site and "dedicate" the markers that identify their historic significance.



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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, 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, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at CHPS office

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. at CHPS office



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Visit City Park June 22 - See pg. 7 for details



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Celebrating the Centennial of the first Corona Road Race