

A Message From Our President Don Williamson

The CHPS 2012 Vintage Home Tour (VHT) will take place on Saturday, May 5. We have an exciting lineup of houses for you to tour including a home built in 1907 and the first all electric home in town. You will see structures that are examples of several different architectural styles, and the craftsmanship that created these gems is seldom seen today. Each year our Vintage Home Tour offers rare and unique opportunities to visit some of Corona's most historic locations. Do not miss what may be the only chance you will ever have to see the five homes that will be featured on this year's tour.

CHPS has awarded each of these five properties a Heritage Home Award plaque to signify their status as part of Corona's history. Our sincerest "Thank You" to the homeowners who are allowing us to present their marvelous homes to the community.

Buy your tickets for the Vintage Home Tour in advance and save \$3 off the day of the event admission price. See details on the tour included with this newsletter.

Vintage Home Tour BONUS!

Mary Bryner Winn's new book, *Then & Now: Corona* will be available for the first time that day. Mary will be at the Gomez home on Kelley Street to sign this new edition as well as her other two books, which will also be available for purchase.

I have seen an advance copy of *Then & Now: Corona* and thoroughly enjoyed comparing today's views to the scenes of the past. I anticipate it will be a very popular volume and am certain it will be interesting to all no matter how far back in time one's memories of Corona extend.

The Corona Norco Unified School District will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2013. The Corona-Norco Schools Educational Foundation is planning

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Saturday, May 5, 2012 • 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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New Book on Sale for 2012
Mary Bryner Winn authors will be available for book signing at the Kelley Street House

Antiques: AntiquesBills.com, Display

Pre-sale tickets \$15, \$18 day of event available at 1052 East Grand Blvd.
For information call Chris at 951.734.0977 or email: vintagehomeour@aol.com
Pre-Sale tickets available online • Will-call day of event at 1052 East Grand Blvd.
Pre-sale deadline 11pm May 4 • www.Corona-History.org

Pre-Sale Tickets available after March 26th at:
Greater Corona Valley Chamber • Corona Heritage Park • Allegria (formerly ZAP)
904 E. 6th St. • 310 W. Foothill Parkway • 127 Radio Road

events to mark the occasion and the CHPS will be actively participating. We are working with the Foundation in completing a CNUSD history that will be included in a book entitled: *From One Room... An Amazing Ride Through the 125 Year History of Corona-Norco Schools*.

The book will highlight key events and capture cornerstones that led to what is today's Corona-Norco Unified School District, now the eighth largest in the state of California. It is scheduled to be released in 2013.

All interested parties are invited to a "kick off" of the CNUSD anniversary on Thursday, April 26 at 5 pm at Corona's Historic Civic Center Auditorium/Theater (815 W. Sixth Street, Corona). The meeting will be hosted by Corona Mayor Eugene Montanez along with Bill Newberry, President of the Corona-Norco Schools Education Foundation and a president of the CNUSD School Board.

The newest CHPS Board Member, Mark German will be taking over the administration of our Preservation Grant Program. If you are not familiar with this program, information can be found on our website: <http://corona-history.org/grants.html>.

Efforts to designate Palisades Road as a Corona Historic District are moving forward. Members of CHPS recently walked the old highway with Jennifer Mermilliod of JM Research who is preparing the proposal that will be submitted to the City of Corona.

I am happy to report that the City of Corona Parks & Community Services Department has replaced the stolen Corona founder's plaque. The original, bolted to a boulder in the Corona City Park in 1936, was in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the purchase of the land that became Corona. Kudos to the Parks and Community Services Department.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Vintage Home Tour!

Don Williamson



Corona Featured in the Movie "Storm Warning" By Doris Osko



Approximately fifty-five people gathered in the Community Room of the Historic Civic Center on February 25th to view the movie *Storm Warning* which was filmed in the city of Corona in 1949. At the

start of the film, the audience of today was much like the audience of yesteryear which might have enjoyed a Saturday matinee with popcorn and much friendly chatter before the film began. Viewers immediately became a somber bunch as the plot of the film evolved.

The story centers around the murder by the Ku Klux Klan of a newspaper reporter in the fictional southern town of Rock Point. The Corona audience was riveted to the many powerful scenes in the movie which starred Ronald Reagan, Doris Day, Ginger Rogers, and Steve Cochran. This was not only a case of seeing these stars at the beginning of their acting careers, but also seeing a Corona of sixty-three years ago.

CHPS president, Don Williamson, introduced the film and offered numerous facts relating to the production of the movie as well as the locations of various sites shown in the movie. He had on hand large pictures of some of the landmarks, such as the old City Hall. The film took ten to twelve days to film in a Corona that had, at that time, about 10,000 in population. Some of the facts that Don provided were that two



local men appeared in the movie, Mayor Miller and Mr. Benedict. About 150 extras came to Corona and were fed at Jameson American

Legion Hall, bringing some extra money to the town. Ronald Reagan was seen limping due to a skiing accident. Scenes around town were the Pacific Electric Depot, Corona's first City Hall, and Payne Milling Co. Cars were provided by Corona automobile dealership Swaney Chevrolet.

In this film Doris Day didn't sing, but Ronald Reagan gave some words of wisdom that predicted a characteristic of the real future president of the United States: "I don't know who is more guilty—the one who commits the crime or the one who stood by and didn't do anything."

During the viewing of the black and white film, movie goers were treated to popcorn prepared by Jackie Bland and Christine Gary, and apple juice was a healthier alternative to soda.

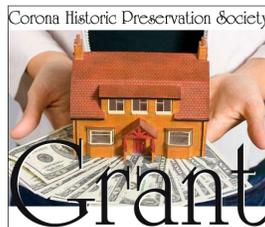


Our Preservation Grant Program

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 on-site 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 him 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, 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!

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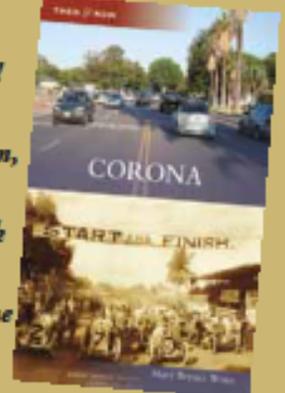
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Our Next Quarterly Meeting is on May 19

Then & Now Corona Unveiled...

with local historian and author Mary Bryner Winn

Plan to join us as we welcome Mary Bryner Winn
on Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
at the Corona Public Library in the Community room.

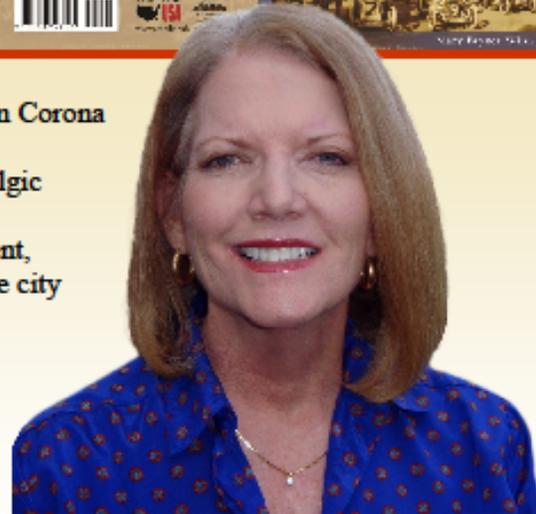
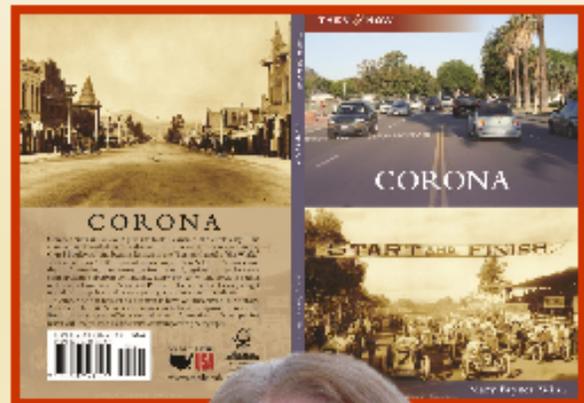
Mary will share a brand-new PowerPoint presentation and discuss her newest book.

Books will be available for purchasing and signing.

All proceeds benefit the Corona Historic Preservation Society.

Mary Bryner Winn, who previously penned two books on Corona used local collections of classic postcards, including her own and that of the Corona Public Library, for this nostalgic excursion. The author of many articles on history for the Riverside Press-Enterprise and Corona-Norco Independent, Winn often conducts public talks about her beloved home city throughout Riverside County.

Proceeds from Then and Now: Corona and Winn's previous books, Images of America: Corona and Postcard History Series: Corona go directly to the Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) to support the Society's ongoing efforts to preserve, protect and perpetuate Corona's historic resources.



This special event is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Corona Public Library, The Corona Historic Preservation Society and the Corona Heritage Foundation.

Light refreshments will be served.

More information can be found at www.friendsofcpl.org

Newspaper Archives of the Corona Public Library By Jennifer Marlatt

Eighteen months ago the Heritage Room at the Corona Public Library shipped 168 reels of microfilmed Corona newspapers to NewspaperArchive for digitization. The project is still a work in progress, but local historians and researchers have already begun benefiting from the work that has been completed so far. In 2012, NewspaperArchive published the digitized images in their online database and have now made the collection available to Corona Public Library patrons. Private subscriptions to NewspaperArchive.com permit access to the collection from home or you can visit the library and access the collection for free.

The online collection includes 90 years worth of local newspapers - South Riverside Bee, Corona Courier, Corona Daily Independent and the Norco Beacon newspapers spanning the years 1887 to 1977 are available. There are a few dates missing from the overall collection due to the delicate state of the microfilm, but there are over 157,000 pages available to view. Each page of the newspaper is an individual PDF which can be printed, saved or emailed from the online database. Currently users can only browse the newspapers by entering a specific date or date range. Once the project is complete the entire collection will be full-text searchable. Free access to CPL's Newspaper Archive is available on the main floor of the library during the library's normal business hours. We look forward to seeing you!

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Every newspaper in the database is fully searchable by keyword and date, making it easy to quickly explore historical content. Use the archive to gain a local perspective on historical news, to research your family history, or to simply read about a person or event of interest. We invite you to visit the archive often, as additional pages will be added as they become available. This archive is hosted by NewspaperARCHIVE.com largest historical newspaper database online.

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Editor's Note: You can also access this site from your personal computer by subscribing to the service at <www.NewspaperArchive.com>. There are a variety of payment options from which to choose. On behalf of the Corona Historic Preservation Society, I would like to thank the Corona Public Library for making this invaluable collection of local newspapers available to all.

I Remember When... Robert Rosales

By Don Williamson

On a typical February day this year, lifetime Coronan, Robert Rosales, was relaxing on the familiar grounds of the Historic Corona Civic Center. Robert is a proud "Omegan" which is the nickname the Corona High School Class of 1960 gave to themselves to denote their status as the last class to graduate from this Sixth Street campus when it was CHS. That day he was with fellow alumni to watch professional archeologists radar scan the old school yard searching for some elusive time capsules.



Robert Rosales in 2012

his mom shudder had she known what her only child was up to, "We would jump on a train that was rolling out of town near Quarry Street. We would ride it for a few miles and then jump off. It was exciting."

It was a lot of fun growing up in Corona in the 1940s and 1950s but Robert recollects that there was also hard work, "I worked picking oranges on weekends. Most people don't realize that you don't 'pick' oranges; we used clippers to cut them off at the stem. If you pull them off it ruins the branch for the next

crop." If you ever get a chance to select an orange or lemon directly from a tree this is a good tip to remember.

Neither the futile search nor unknown fate of the time capsules could deter the exchange of stories and reminiscences between the former Panthers. Robert's recollections held their own among this assemblage. His Corona childhood memories extend back to his earliest years.

Robert's heritage includes that of the Native American Luiseño Tribe. The Luiseños were the indigenous culture that Spanish explorers first met upon arriving in California in the sixteenth century. Robert's mother was a member of the Luiseño Tribe and was born in San Juan Capistrano.

For instance, not many people in Corona realize there was an airstrip where Old Magnolia once merged with Magnolia near the city's border with Home Gardens. Remnants of the old intersection remain but not the airstrip that was owned by George Dober. It was known as both Corona Airport and Dober Field.

The early months of Robert's life were spent in the city of Prado where his father and grandfather owned a poolroom. The construction of the dam displaced the citizens of Prado. Most residents of the small community as well as some of the buildings moved to Corona. Robert is among the very few people in town that can claim former residency in this historic neighborhood.

Robert Rosales was an occasional visitor to Dober Field. "My uncle would tie my wagon to his bike and ride me out to the airport," he recalled, "Sometimes Officer Greer would be there with his Piper Cub and take us up with him in his airplane." The late Joe Greer was himself a CHS graduate, a long time Corona policeman, eventual chief of the department and later manager of the current Corona Airport.

While a student at CHS Robert devoted much to a popular pastime, "Hot rods were a really big thing. We would have drag races on the street (Rincon) where Desi Arnaz lived." He added, "We also cruised starting at the Hi Spot and driving to Fairmont Park in Riverside with a stop at Tuxies on Magnolia for some food."



Robert revealed this lost fact, "The upholstery shop next to Angel's Sports Bar was once the office for the airport." Dober Field ceased operating when the Corona La Linda Trailer Park opened at

the end of the runway. Years later the Hickory Barbecue was built on the property.

These were the days when the Corona Police Department enforced the town's teen curfew ordinance. Robert recounted, "You had to be careful and plan when you went out at night. You didn't want to be caught out after curfew or you would be pulled over and given a ticket."

The airplane ride was not the only experience with local transportation for young Robert Rosales. The Corona native calmly recalled an activity that would have made

A football star at Corona High, Robert had the chance to play in college but instead went to work for Liston Brick in El Cerrito. This led to a long career in masonry. Retired now, Robert remarked, "I worked all over Corona at many homes and businesses seeing many friends and meeting new people."

Robert and his wife Diane, also a native Coronan have no plans to ever leave their hometown which is filled with family and a lifetime of memories.

Receive This Newsletter in Full Color!

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!

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 call (951)371-5291 and your name will be added to the E-Newsletter list.

Antiques & Collectibles Faire is on June 2



Annual Antiques & Collectibles Faire Saturday, June 2, 2012 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



The annual Antiques and Collectibles Faire at Corona Heritage Park (510 West Foothill Parkway) features everything from antiques to original pieces of art and plants for sale. In its eleventh year, the Faire is a popular venue for collectors as well as those seeking something unique.

Held at Corona Heritage Park, the Faire is a great opportunity to explore this hidden gem nestled in south Corona. For more information on the Park or the Antiques and Collectibles Faire, visit their website at <www.CoronaHeritage.org> or call (951) 898-0687. What undiscovered treasures will you discover at this year's Faire?

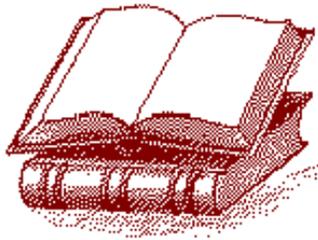
**Reminder: be sure to visit both CHPS booths while strolling through the park.
1) Lemonade booth 2) Architectural salvaged items & antiques**

Celebrating 125 Years of Excellence in Education 1888-2013

The Corona-Norco Schools Education Foundation is undertaking the writing of a book entitled *From One Room... An Amazing Ride Through the 125 Year History of Corona-Norco Schools*.

CHPS members Kevin Bash, Judy Horan, Don Williamson and Richard & Mary Winn are working on the committee to create and publish the book.

A meeting of stakeholders for this project will take place on **Thursday, April 26 from 5:00 - 6:00**



p.m. at Corona's Historic Civic Center (815 West 6th Street). Corona Mayor Eugene Montanez and CNUSD School Board President Bill Newberry will be hosting.

Any former students, teachers, administrators, district personnel and others who may have pertinent information to share are invited to this meeting. Join us and hear details of this book project, see some exclusive photographs, and be able to pre-order the limited edition hardback book available in September 2013.

Membership Information

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

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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.



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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:

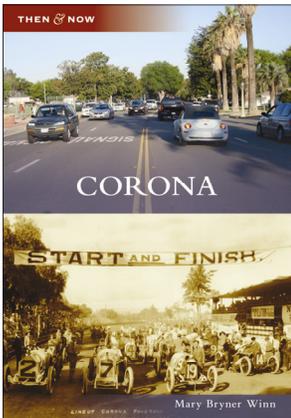
Thursday, May 17, 7:00 pm at CHPS office
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