

THE GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

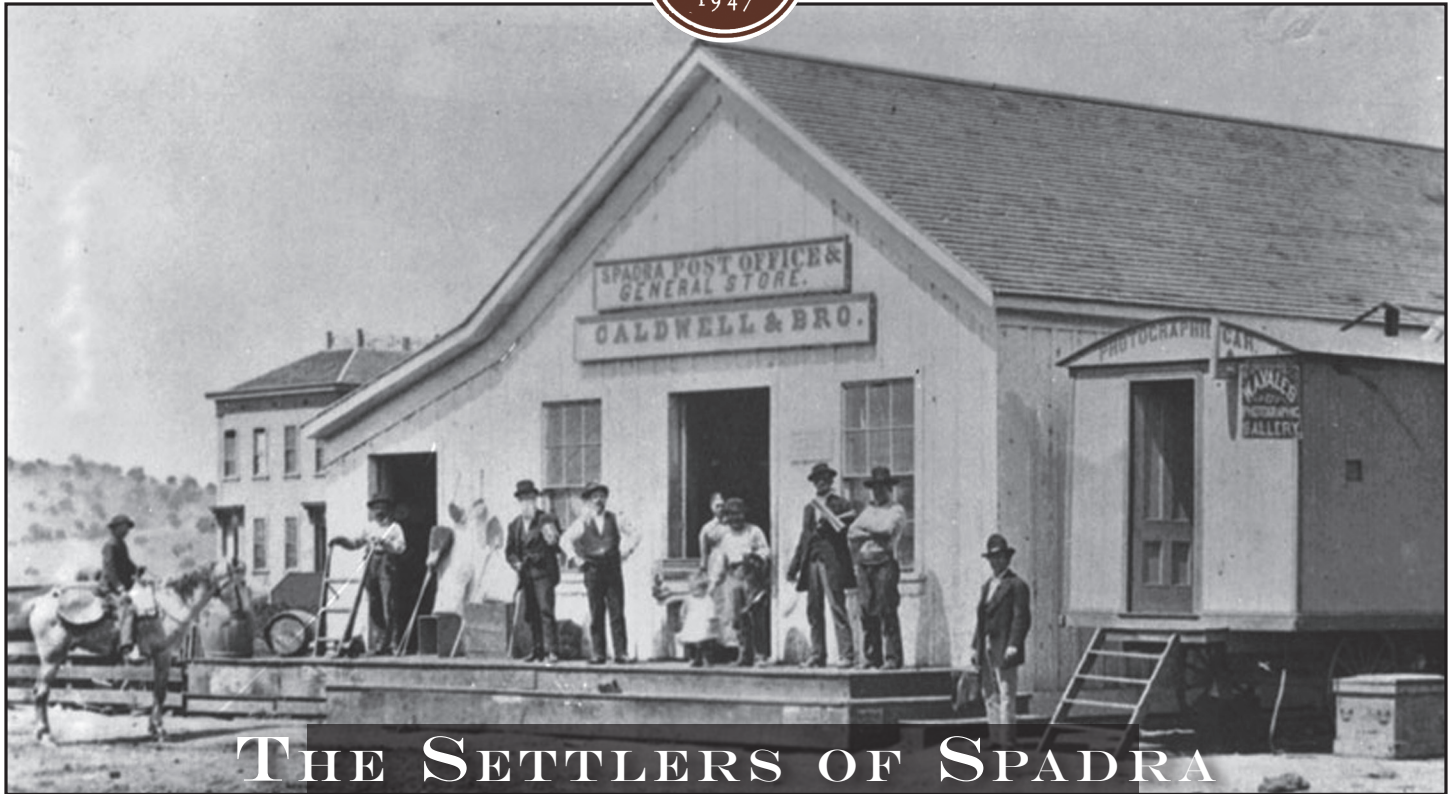
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Newsletter & Archive



THE SETTLERS OF SPADRA

by Anne E. Collier, Curator: Cultural and Natural History Collections, University of La Verne

When Monday, March 27th

Where Glendora Public Library, Bidwell Forum 140 S. Glendora Avenue

Time 6:30-8:30pm (Program will begin at 7pm)

Cost FREE and open to the public - Refreshments will be served.

When hearing the name “Spadra,” most people recall the landfill on Valley Blvd. or the old State Hospital now owned by Cal Poly, Pomona. But did you know that there was once a thriving town called Spadra, founded in 1866, that was located between what is now Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Pomona? Known as the second American settlement between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, Spadra was a hub of mining activity as the stage stop for freighters from the Panamint and once the terminus for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Join us as we hear about some of the settlers that helped build the town of Spadra, while at the same time shape the landscape of Los Angeles County, and how a thriving town like Spadra came to disappear.



A fourth-generation Californian on both sides of her family, Anne E. Collier is a historian and author of several articles. Concentrating on California and Arizona history, Ms. Collier is a member of multiple historical societies; the Wild West History Association, Western Writers of America, and both the San Dimas and Los Angeles Corral of Westerners. Ms. Collier is the curator for the Cultural and Natural History Collections at the University of La Verne. Often featured on television history programs, she enjoys traveling and meeting like-minded people who share her passion for history.

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GLENDORA MUSEUM

314 North Glendora Avenue
Glendora, California

Open Saturdays, 11:00am until 2:00pm.

For special tours of the Museum call
(626) 963-0419

Rubel Castle tours by appointment only.

For details and reservations, visit our website

www.glendorahistoricalsociety.org.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The GHS program/general meetings will take place: March 27 and May 22. All are Monday nights 6:30-9 pm in the Glendora Public Library Bidwell Forum, 140 South Glendora Avenue. Our programs are organized in partnership with the Glendora Public Library and are free and open to the public. Times and location subject to change and will be announced.

BOARD MEETINGS

The next two regularly scheduled Board Meetings will take place Monday, March 20 and April 17 at 6 pm in the Rubel Castle Bennett Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Agendas, meeting minutes, and financial reports of previous meetings of the GHS Board are filed at the Museum, and can also be made available upon request in electronic format.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our newest members

Lifetime Membership

Brian Stewart

Patti Stewart

Annual Membership

Linda Granicy

Michael Winter

Ralph Thomas

SUNSHINE FOR RONA LUNDE

OUR HEARTS BROKE

with news of the passing of **Rona Lunde**, an extraordinary member of the Historical Society Family, and part of so many other communities. Over the course of her membership with us, Rona served on numerous committees,

including the Installation Dinner, Christmas Tea, and the "Rancho San Jose" committees. As a leader, Rona stepped into the major role of Castle Scheduler, responsible for coordinating docents and arranging tours for hundreds of people who visit the castle annually. In all of her contributions – whether she was decorating for an event or soliciting donations – Rona always put her heart into selfless service, and the Society mourns her loss.



Photograph: Scott Rubel

FINANCIAL REPORT - JAN. 2017

Net income for 7 months ending January 31, 2017:

Castle	15,406
Museum.....	(710)
Society	(5,104)
Total	9,592
Checking Acct 1/31.....	\$51,321
Reserve Acct..... 1/31.....	\$27,664

Submitted by Ruanne Skeels, Treasurer

If there are any suggestions, corrections or additions to the Newsletter, please contact **Scott Rubel** via email at: scott@scottrubel.com.

If you would like to be on an email list to get announcements between Newsletters, request this from **Craig Woods** at woods456@roadrunner.com.



COME JOIN US



Upcoming activities for Glendora Historical Society Members and Friends

~ **Saturday April 15th - 1:00 pm ~**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the Museum to Celebrate the Glendora Historical Society's 70th anniversary, followed by a tour at the Rubel Castle.

~ **Sunday April 30th - 2-5 pm~**

RESEARCH DAYS AT THE MUSEUM. See page 6.

~ **May (date to be announced) ~**

TOUR OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SAN DIMAS EXPERIMENTAL FOREST.

~ **June (date to be announced) ~**

TOUR OF SOUTH PASADENA MUSEUM, lunch or dinner and shop at the local Farmer's Market.

~ **Saturday June 24th**

GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INSTALLATION DINNER at the Rubel Castle.

SOCIETY FAMILY ALBUM CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

On April 15, 2017, the Society will celebrate its 70th Anniversary.

In the lead-up to this event, we want to share our best photos and memories of the many events and the great people who led and inspired us.

Do **YOU** have photos and memories you'd like to share?

Contact Steven Bluitt Flowers at **626-208-7303**, or email him at Bluitt.Flowers@gmail.com.

GREETINGS FROM THE MUSEUM

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM seemed to be a success! Even though attendance was low - spirits were high and everyone had a great time! There was plenty of popcorn and sodas and the movie "Night at the Museum" was very entertaining! The biggest thrill was that after watching the movies the kids wanted to go and seriously check out the Museum. The kids got excited about "their" Museum! We will be planning another night at the movies in late spring - so be sure to watch for the date.

We are gearing up for another busy spring with hosting Glendora third-graders and their teachers for the school tours. If you are interested in helping out with the school

tours – either being a tour guide or a wrangler – let me know.

And mark your calendar for the 70th anniversary of the Glendora Historical Society. We will be celebrating at the Museum with an old fashioned Ice Cream Social on Saturday April 15th 1:00. Come on by for some treats!

Also see you at the Glendora Plaza for Earth Day on Saturday April 22nd. We will have a booth there sharing Glendora's colorful history. Let me know if you would like to help out at the booth.

— Karen Garcia

CASTLE CURATOR REPORT

LINDA GRANICY IS SETTLING IN WELL at the Castle cataloging **Terry Damron's** donation of Tonka toys. Some toys are already on display at the North end of the Tin Palace in the display case by the back door. **Marcia Grady** is continuing to catalog books. **Carol Treacy** and **Barbara Teater** continue to be our odd jobs men doing filing, cleaning silver, dusting and keeping us entertained.

Frank Richards has found it necessary to stop making the cookies that he sent up to the Castle every Friday for the volunteers. We hope he will bring himself up there instead now. We miss him. Don't forget that you are more than welcome to drop in on Friday morning to visit, see any changes and just enjoy the Pharm. It does belong to all of you, after all. We get there at 9am. See you there.

I still haven't found out who donated the small, two shelf display cabinet with the stained glass in the door. If you have any idea who donated, please let me know.

Last cleaning day we had the Briteworks people, Brenda and Enriquez as well as some of the **National Honor Society** students. Brenda and Enriquez cleaned the Tin Palace, the three bathrooms and followed up after the students in the Big Kitchen. The students cleaned the Bennett Room, Caboose and the Bar. It was such a help having the students there cleaning the other areas.

We still need large area rugs, lamps, shrimp cocktail jars, Christmas decorations and miner's or railroad lamps. Please call me at **(626) 337-3639** if you have any donations to make and we can arrange a pick up or drop off to get them to the Pharm.

Linda Granicy helped me move some carpets around at

the Tin Palace and, with any luck and if it doesn't pour with rain, we will get the two blue carpets laid at the south end of the Tin Palace on Friday.

For the past couple of years we have toyed with the idea of having craft time at the Pharm. **Sandy Krause** does that wonderful folded book art that she is happy to share with us, Marcia Grady has offered to teach us how to do wire wrapping. If you have a craft you would like to share with us and would be willing to teach it, please call me at **(626) 337-3639** or e-mail me at newshound60@gmail.com and we will set something up. If you would like to come to learn, do the same thing and we will know who to notify if this comes to fruition.

— Patricia Sullivan, Castle Curator

WISH LIST

ITEMS CONNECTED WITH MICHAEL
OR ANY OF HIS MENTORS

Bathroom air fresheners

Old shrimp cocktail glasses

Large area carpets

VOLUNTEERS

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER FROM THE 1940s?

Reprinted from a newsletter from the GHS archives.

The 1940s was a historical year of firsts. America was enjoying a burst of musical, cinemagraphic, literary and scientific culture. What do you remember about the 40s? Any of the following bring back memories?

Fans collected records by Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman and hummed popular tunes like "You Are My Sunshine" and "When You Wish Upon a Star."

Movie-goers watched Joan Fontaine in "Rebecca," while Warner Bros. cast Ronald Reagan as Notre Dame's George Gipp for "Knute Rockne – All American."

John Steinbeck was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his account of migrant farm workers in *The Grapes of Wrath*.

A vaccine against yellow fever was perfected by the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and Bell Labs staged the first public demonstration of stereographic sound at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In October, the first draft number was drawn in the United States, and millions registered for the first peace time draft.

The Glendora Historical Society was founded in 1947.

SEEKING MOTOR POOL VOLUNTEERS

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL vehicle restoration fundraiser last year, our next hurdle is how to get the most for our money. Our primary goal is to get three vehicles running reliably so that they can be entered into parades and displayed at other GHS public events.

Funds are not the only challenge we face. Mechanics with the skills it takes to keep these old cars running are disappearing. It is our good fortune to have met **Carl Haren** (aka Carburetor Carl) who has such skills. Mr. Haren is a veteran docent and mechanic for the Justice Brothers Racing Museum in Duarte. In March, **Jerry Heinrich, Jim Riley, and Scott Rubel** took Mr. Haren for a tour of the Castle and its vehicles. He was enthusiastic about every single thing with an engine, from our one-lung power houses to the 1950 Harley Davidson to the three vehicles we most urgently wish to get road-worthy again. These are the 1927 one ton Chevy flatbed truck, the 1929 Studebaker, and the 1932 Ford Tudor once belonging to Edson Rorabeck, the noted early twentieth century California Plein Air artist from Azusa.

Mr. Haren is the first piece of our renovation puzzle. He is 67 years old and, although he has the knowledge, we are on the lookout for a couple of younger souls who can carry out the turning-of-wrenches and crawling-under-of-cars and are willing to take on Mr. Haren as a mentor for this project. Contact Jerry Heinrich at jheinrich@deccofelt.com.

— Scott Rubel



Photograph: Jalopy Journal

Carburetor Carl with his 1912 Pierce Arrow motorcycle. There are only five running examples of this motorcycle in the world.

A CALL TO WRENCHES!
WANTED! YOUNG MEN AND
WOMEN WITH THE GUMPTION
TO LEARN FROM THE BEST
WHILE FURTHERING THE
MISSION OF RUBEL CASTLE.

Sandy Krause's folded book art
adorns the Castle.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I CANNOT BELIEVE THE YEAR has gone so fast. March is the month that we start thinking about electing a new board and setting our sites on 2017-2018. This year is also going to be our 70th Anniversary. We are planning to celebrate at the museum and let the community know we are still here. I think we have been working on this for at least the last five years anyway. I wonder what our founding fathers would think of the changes the organization has made. I guess we can still ask at least one, since we have a member that was active in 1947. While a very young person back then she has always believed in us and still is a very active person and member. **Carol Treacy** is such a delight to be around and she not only attends every event, she volunteers!

We also have many members that are willing to share our rich history with us newer members. **Margy Turner** is writing articles of her first experiences here in Glendora. Just check the local papers and the Glendoran. Her baby sister is also taking us to a higher level when it comes to outings. **Susie (Brooks) Kramer** has arranged visits to other museums so we can get more ideas to strengthen our Society.

It seems no matter where I turn I see dedicated members working hard to do what they can to add to all the great things we are doing. We are really grateful for all of this. It is heartwarming to see how we work together.

Since January, **Rona Lunde** became ill and has since passed away. She was the person who stepped up when we needed someone to take on the role of scheduling tours at the Rubel Property. She was also the person that was forever going around and giving people the chance to

participate in the opportunity drawing at our fundraisers and installation celebrations. When **Ruanne Skeels** found out she was ill, she took on the role of scheduling tours for Rubel Castle. We recognize all the duties that Ruanne has on her plate as the Society treasurer and to take on this extra task is greatly appreciated. We just need to let some others step up and take the load off Ruanne. I know that the ones who dedicate the time to help others are the ones who benefit the most in life. If you are ready to help, you will be working with great people.

It is also that time to review where we are and where we should be going. We finally completed filing our property taxes for the museum. The County has decided to send tax bills to non-profits that use community facilities. We were shocked when we received the bills asking us to pay thousands of dollars for the last five years. This is another area the Ruanne Skeels took on as her role as treasurer and we have worked out an agreement that will work for us.

Therefore, you can see that there is a lot going on behind the scenes and our need for others to become involved. I would also like to hear from people. What are we doing right and where can we improve? If you have ideas please send them to me at my email jriley1021@aol.com or you can mail them to me at Jim Riley, 1021 E. Becklee Road, Glendora, 91741.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at this month's General Membership meeting on March 27th.

— Jim Riley, GHS President

RESEARCH DAY

THE MUSEUM WAS OPEN on Sunday, February 26, for an afternoon of open research for our members and for anyone who enjoys history.

Part of Society's vision was to grow the museum's capabilities as a research institution, and provide greater access to our excellent Archive of historical records.

We are proud of the response to our latest research opportunity — 21 researchers joined us to take part in historical fellowship. Researchers combed through binders with compiled home histories; browsed the Bobbie Battler Archive; and made themselves familiar with the hundreds of records to be found in our files.

Research often takes odd turns. One researcher was curious of a small stack of decades-old mailers, "The Glendora Treasure Chest." These mailers had just been dropped off as a donation to the Museum. It was soon discovered that Treasure Chest Advertising, founded in 1967 in Glendora, began as a local weekly shopper. TCA grew and prospered over the years and today is a national leader in advertising products and services for publishers.

The Society is glad to have been able to facilitate research for the community, and we are especially glad to have

such an outstanding turnout. With every question you have and with each researched item, you take part in the process of turning raw data into useful information. Through your research, **you** help complete our records, and help us to better tell the story of Glendora and her people.

Many thanks to **Ruanne Skeels**, **DeDe Tomory**, **Steven Bluit Flowers**, and **Linda Granicy** for volunteering their time to help researchers.

Mark your calendars for the next research day: **Sunday, April 30th, 2 to 5 pm!** — Steven Bluit Flowers



SAVE THE DATE
June 24, 2017
Installation Dinner
Details still to come.



TAKE PART IN THE 71ST SOCIETY!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susie Kramer, Steven Bluitt Flowers, and Janet Sorensen have been appointed to seek motivated members to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 Society Year.

Are *YOU* interested in a position on the Executive Committee, or as a Director-at-Large? Please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, who will be happy to provide you with all of the information you need to determine where you can get involved.

An official slate of nominees will be presented at the March 27 meeting, election to be held on May 22.

Susie susiejbks@gmail.com, Steven bluitt.flowers@gmail.com, Janet: jls.glendorahistorical society@gmail.com



THANK YOU SURVEY ANSWERERS!

THE RESPONSE to the Membership Survey reflected a heart-warming level of interest in the Society and its mission. The results of the survey are more varied than we had predicted, and are still being synthesized. In the mean time, just for fun we ran your responses for “Why did you join the Society?” through an online processor and created a “word cloud,” which takes all the responses

and creates a graphic, rendering each word in a size relative to its frequency of use. Such are the wonders of the Internet.

Thank you for your feedback and ideas, we will be passing them along to the Board of Directors this month. In the meantime, please email Janet (jls.glendorahistoricalociety@gmail.com) if you have any questions specific to your membership. — Membership Committee

