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## PESTILANCE PROGRESS & PRESERVATION

**T**HIS SEEMS LIKE a season of quiet; a season for rest. Society volunteers have not put aside our tasks, but there are fewer of us now. The small army of creative and diligent Society members and Castle Supporters who have traditionally managed the annual Membership Christmas Season Tea Parties have dwindled during our era of lockdowns. The reticence learned from recent past and uncertainty of the ethics of hosting large winter crowds sticks with us, which serves to further siphon the energy of those who remain.

The nature of Society activities these last couple of years have necessarily been less public-facing, which puts an accent on our disappointment that we cannot host a Membership Tea at the Castle this season. Instead, we count our blessings for those who remain and for those we have known, and we focus on a first annual Michael Rubel Day on April 16<sup>th</sup>. As you learned from the past few issues, we are getting into the weeds of what responsibility for a project like Rubel Castle really is made of, and our organization must grow in order to carry out our duties. The best way we can explain this is through the most recent Special Presentation at the Bidwell Forum: "Why Preservation." We share the 45 minute special presentation with you through this link: [ghs.news/whypres](https://ghs.news/whypres).

Our pandemic helped create a new Society. We were just learning to use the Zoom tool a few years ago, but at the time it was for special cases, and our aesthetic was that we would all meet in person every single month for the Castle Conservation Committee (CCC), and the main Board meetings, as well as scads of sub-committee meetings. After three years of staying

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# THE GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Preserving Our Heritage Since 1947*

## GLENDORA MUSEUM

314 North Glendora Avenue  
Glendora, California 91741-2601

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**(626) 963-0419**

For details and reservations, visit our website  
**[www.glendorahistoricalociety.org](http://www.glendorahistoricalociety.org)**.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

Next meeting & presentation January 23, 2023.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The next two regularly scheduled Board Meetings will take place the third Monday every month at 6pm online through Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, contact Craig Woods to get credentials to join the meeting.

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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:..... Craig Woods  
Vice President of Administrative Services..... Linda Granicy  
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Vice President of Development:..... vacant  
Vice President Castle:..... Scott Rubel  
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Treasurer:..... Susie Kramer  
Director:..... Anita Enriquez  
Director:..... Ron Fleming  
Director:..... Sheharazad Fleming  
Director:..... Ian Lawrence-Tourinho  
Director:..... Nigel Raab  
Director:..... David Reiman  
Director:..... vacant  
Director:..... vacant

## SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Castle Manager:..... Joe Asa  
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Museum Education Chair:..... Karen Cullen  
Docent Chair, Museum:..... Steve Edwards  
Membership Chair:..... Anita Enriquez  
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Docent Chair, Castle:..... Hans Hermann  
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Castle Curator:..... Sandy Krause  
Historic Preservation Chair:..... Barret Oliver  
Newsletter Editor:..... Scott Rubel  
Hospitality Chair:..... Sue Wolkins  
Publicity Chair:..... vacant  
Castle Grounds Manager:..... vacant  
Corresponding Secretary:..... vacant  
Museum Curator:..... vacant

## SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

Custodian ..... Ashni Jarrosiak  
Custodian ..... Mary Lieu  
Castle Groundskeeper:..... Nick Nomic  
Administrative Assistant..... vacant

## Thanks to our Donors

~ Edwin Anderson ~  
in memory Annette S. Anderson  
~ Claudia J. & Darren Buck ~  
~ Linda Granicy ~  
~ James and Shirley Cook ~  
~ Clay & Anna Edwards ~  
~ Don, Margie, and Raymond Green ~  
~ Catherine Hawkins ~  
in memory John Lundstrom  
~ Sharon A. & Craig P. Helberg ~  
~ James Hubbard ~ Maricela Hubbard ~  
~ Catheryn Ann Hull ~  
in memory of Michael Rubel  
~ Sandra Krause ~  
~ Susan J. Kramer ~  
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~ Elaine D. McCain ~  
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~ Judy Nelson ~  
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## We Are Grateful

**As the year comes to an end, I urge you to  
take care of yourself and avoid accidents  
because spare parts for models like you are  
no longer in stock.**

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 Castle: [rubel.io/youf2021](https://rubel.io/youf2021)  
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If there are any suggestions, corrections or additions to the Newsletter, please  
contact **Scott Rubel** via email at: [scott@rubelcastle.com](mailto:scott@rubelcastle.com).





# COME JOIN US



*Upcoming activities for Glendora Historical Society Members and Friends.*

~ Monday, January 16 | 6:00pm ~

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, Rubel Castle Bennett Room (or request a Zoom link)

~ Monday, January 23 | 7:00pm ~

**THE DWAYNE HUNN COLLECTION DIGITIZED BY USC Bidwell Forum & Zoom**

## Pestilence to Progress, from page 1

away from others, we are experts with the Zoom app, and the tool has allowed a new type of Board to form; a Board Without Borders where we can assimilate the far-flung interests in helping with the Castle that have always existed.

See that roster on the masthead (page 2) of this newsletter. Our Board Without Borders reflects a diversity of toolsets wider than we are accustomed to, for the reason that proximity is no longer a barrier to those who wish to contribute. This is progress, made by smart directors, as a response to a pandemic!

Our new mix of creative professionals includes both Glendorans and people from the exotic land we call the "West Side." Not only that, but this year we have been able to host guests such as The Original Farmhand **Glen Speer**, who pays attention to us with passion and ready wisdom. The Castle is sort of his alma mater and Zoom makes it possible for us to access our institutional memory.

We feel fortunate that **Jen Dunbar** of **Dunbar Architecture** joins us with her experience from Architectural Resources Group ([argcreate.com](http://argcreate.com)). When we were soliciting proposals for professional guidance in our preservation efforts, ARG was one of five competitors when the ad hoc Preservation Committee was accepting proposals. We are pleased with our choice to hire Page & Turnbull, but ARG was neck-and-neck and the decision was not easy. Jen's level of interest in our unique landmark led her to graciously volunteer her time and expertise as a Board member.

**Ron & Sheharazad Fleming** of [yyes.org](http://yyes.org) are also in Los Angeles. They come to us with more than 50 years of combined professional experience in graphics and



PHOTO: SHEHARAZAD FLEMING

**After nearly three years; the first gathering of Castle guests for a community breakfast in the Big Kitchen.**

**Hugh Weber, Rebecca Rothstein, Craig Woods, Scott Rubel, Sandy Krause, Anita Enriquez, David Reiman, Ron Fleming, Amy Seidenwurm, Russell Bates, Linda Granicy, Oznic**

marketing. Their passion for architecture and culture leads them to walking tours in unfamiliar towns, and that's what led to their becoming residents of the Castle for a few years. They were affectionately known as "The Weekenders" when they lived here, and are even more involved with us now that they are back to their single abode in L.A. In November the couple hosted the first Castle Breakfast, during which we planted a young oak to replace the iconic, original sentry we lost in 2018.

Another Angeleno is **Nigel Raab**, who brings a unique background to the Board. A widely-traveled author, he has written on the history of walking (which is how Ron & Sheharazad first found us).

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## MISSION/PURPOSE

The specific purposes of the Glendora Historical Society is to preserve, and hold in the public trust, a record of the history of the City of Glendora, the region prior to its incorporation, its changing land use, and its diverse fluctuating population. The Society will house its main collections in and operate the Glendora History Museum and will be the steward of the Rubel Castle Historic District, including the buildings and objects within.

## CORE VALUES

We Value Mutual Trust; Historical Preservation; Cooperation and Teamwork; Effective Communications and Dreaming for the Future.

## VISION

We see our Society becoming a renowned, well-funded educational and cultural center; an easily accessible resource providing a wealth of historical information for our community.



## A NEW SENTRY OAK FOR RUBEL CASTLE



On November 20, 2022, a crew of volunteers and Castle stewards planted 15 trees on the north and west parkways.

Scott Rubel planted this seedling in the spot where the original Live Oak sentry stood, which was condemned by the City.

Sandy Krause, Kathleen McPherson, Amy Wolkins (the organizer of this improvement project), Scott Rubel, Craig Woods, David Reiman, Ron Fleming, Oznic, Eric Butterworth. Sheharazad Fleming was on the crew, also. She's behind the camera.

Fifteen drought tolerant and native trees were planted along the Palm Drive and Live Oak Avenue parkways: *Quercus berberidifolia*, Scrub Oak; *Ceanothus*, Ray Hartman; *Heteromeles arbutifolia*, Toyon; *Cercocarpus betuloides*, Mountain Ironwood; *Sambucus nigra* subsp. *cerulea* Blue Elderberry

The original sentry Live Oak at the entrance of Rubel Castle, 1963

Top right: Castle Manager Joe Asa engraved Michael Rubel's famous happy face signature on a slice saved from the demolished sentry Live Oak.





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We now have on board **David Reiman**, who is a friend of the Castle through our associations with the Museum of Jurassic Technology. David runs his own creative programs through his nonprofit **Livonian Cinema**, which organization recently helped us host a small, experimental movie night at the Castle, where we were treated to the French musical surreal fantasy "Donkey Skin." The first night was cold and threatened to rain, but everyone who bought a ticket showed up. Not only that, but when it really did start to rain, everyone stayed in their seats and, with the aid of bags and umbrellas, completed the last five minutes of the movie. This felt more like an old Castle gathering than we've seen in years and we consider it successful. Some of our volunteers for the event came from the Museum of Jurassic Technology. We envision more events with Livonian Cinema, and other attractions for small crowds.

The benefits of Zoom go beyond the Board. The CCC is attended by another Original Farmhand, **Criswell Guldberg**, who is currently creating a professional Disaster Plan for the Castle, working from her home up north on the Russian River.

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### Pictures from Castle Movie Night.



Susie Kramer with John Brooks under the umbrella. Charley Feldman & Dustin Stevenson down front.



A 16 foot screen!  
from Livonian Cinema



David Reiman from Livonian Cinema, posing with Saint Acetylene.

PHOTOS: RYAN SCHUDE



## GRADUATION IN SIGHT FOR SOPHS

### SCIENCE AWARD

Working toward being the top of the class can pay off in more ways than one, as Robert R. Belanger found out. While getting the top grades in chemistry, he was awarded a science handbook by the Chemical Rubber Company last Friday.

Mr. Curtis Johnson, chemistry instructor at Citrus, stated that Belanger was chosen by all of his science teachers. He had one of the best grade averages, and was excellent in lab work. "We think Robert Belanger has great potential for doing very well in science," Mr. Johnson said.

The C.R.C. Science Achievement Award Program has been maintained for 18 years. It is made to "inspire, encourage, and sustain student interest in science."

Belanger received the 46th edition of the "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics."

### Sophomore Breakfast

All sophomores planning to attend the Sophomore Breakfast should show up at 8:30 a.m. in the student center. Mr. Gordon Christensen, sophomore advisor, stated that guests may be brought to the breakfast scheduled for Sunday morning.

The occasion will last about an hour, and food will be served by the Susho Catering Company. Some sophomores will be honored with awards in various fields, one of which is the Wall Street Journal Award, which will be presented by Mr. William Schneider.

Mr. Christensen plans to have church ministers in the area alerted so that they will loan their services toward local church projects. The breakfast will be over soon enough for people to still attend church.

The price for the breakfast will be minimal.

### COMMENCEMENT

With golden caps and gowns, commemorating the golden anniversary of Citrus College, the class of 1965 will graduate June 18 in the college gymnasium.

Friends and relatives will be present while 200 students participate in this related event beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Several scholarship awards will be presented to the outstanding students of the year.

Mr. N. H. Hawkins, Regional Marketing Manager of I.R.M., will address the graduating sophomores.

### Gavel Transfer

The gavel changed hands as Mary Winstenberger relinquished his office to Eric Smith at the last Executive Board meeting of the year Tuesday.

### District Merger

## CITRUS EXPANSION URGED

By Jo Ann Garlington

Expansion of the Citrus College District to include Duarte and Monrovia Unified School Districts has been recommended in a research report by Metro Associates, Inc. Possible affiliation with the Claremont Unified School District was also endorsed for a later date. Requested by the Citrus College board of trustees, the 38 page statistical study explored all possible combinations of the three school districts with Citrus.

Dr. Glenn G. Vaniman, Citrus College president, gave five reasons, taken from the report, of why Citrus wants them to join and why it is to their advantage to

### CLARION

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**Songleaders Chosen**  
Sun Heng was recently selected to the position of lead song leader for the coming semester. Assisting Sun will be Linda Murphy.

**Clarion Staff Members Announced For Next Fall**

### Masthead for the June 11, 1965 issue of Citrus College Clarion

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Our ad hoc Preservation Committee is making progress with preservation architect volunteers **Kaitlin Drisko** and **Bob Knight** from **Drisko Studios** in Los Angeles.

You already know the Glendorans on the Board, and we mean no short shrift in this article about a Board Without Borders. This is about the progress made possible by our far-flung members and how technology has unlocked their potential in our Society. Please see the impressive qualifications of all our Board members in their biographies from the May issue here: [ghs.news/2022boardbios](#). — **Scott Rubel**

**I can't stop thinking about it, for so many different reasons - as much for the great people as the place.**

—Hugh Weber about Rubel Castle on Instagram

**In toxic cultures, time off is a reward earned by working to exhaustion. Burnout is proof of commitment, and vacations are required to recover.**

**In healthy cultures, time off is a right granted to everyone. Well-being is a top priority, and vacations are encouraged to rejuvenate.**

—Adam Grant

**F**IVE DECADES OF the student newspaper, "Citrus College Clarion," are now searchable online thanks to an Innovation Grant from the Citrus College Foundation. The Clarion was added to the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC), a project of the Center of Bibliographical Studies and Research at the University of California, Riverside. Look for articles and photos of friends and family members, search any keyword, or simply browse the collection by date using the free and open website [cdnc.ucr.edu](https://cdnc.ucr.edu).

The CDNC includes over 40 million articles from 500,000+ California newspaper issues dating back to 1846. Use it to research local and California state history.

Our Citrus College Clarion digital collection includes issues from October 9, 1964, to December 5, 2018. Recent "born digital" issues from 2009 to current are accessible via the website [issuu.com/citruscollegeclarion](https://issuu.com/citruscollegeclarion) or on the Citrus College Clarion website, [ccclarion.com](https://ccclarion.com).

## RUANNE SKEELS



**O**N 1 NOVEMBER 2022, Ruanne Skeels passed into history.

More than an active member, Ruanne was crucial in bridging many facets of the Society; coordinating member events; while as Society Treasurer professionalizing our finances during her decade of Board Service. She truly dreamt of a rising sun over Glendora, Rubelia, and the Museum.

Additionally, Ruanne is recipient of the Founders Award, the highest honor our Society bestows.

We will all miss her industry, positivity, and bright smile.



SOCIETY DOINGS

## SCENES FROM OUR YEAR



**Museum  
Elves**



**Bonnie Asa**

**Dalton**



**A ride! Thank you, Oznic.**

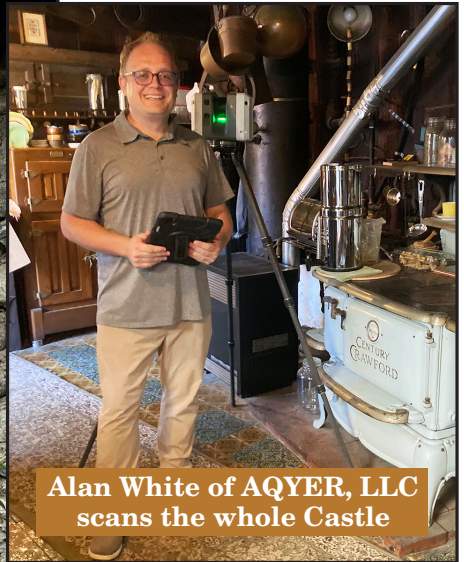


**Farewell to Sophee**

**Kathleen McPherson  
checks pressure**



**Hello Happee**



**Alan White of AQYER, LLC  
scans the whole Castle**



**Eric Butterworth planting  
parkway tree**



**Visit with Glen Speer  
Mongoose Junction**



**We will miss Shovel-Ready Amy Wolkins as she moves away and into the big wide world. Fifteen trees were planted in the Castle parkways on a Nov. 20 project. We are grateful for her dedicated service which advanced the cause of the Castle and of the Society, implementing improvements and ways of thinking that set us up for a successful future.**

PHOTOS: SHEHARAZAD FLEMING, SCOTT RUBEL, JOHN THUM, CYNDEE BESSANT



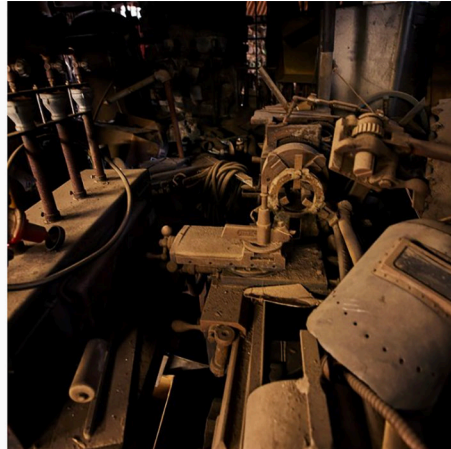
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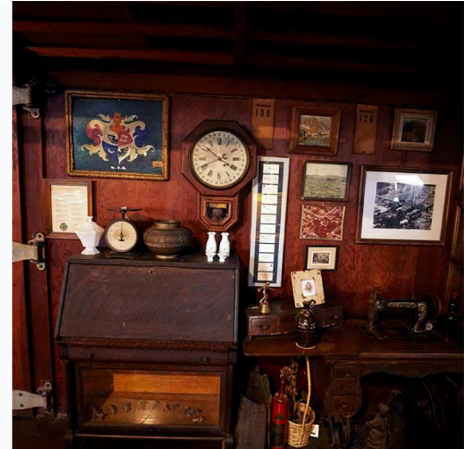
Since our social media report last newsletter, we have covered more tidbits of town and Castle history on Instagram and Facebook. Follow us by clicking on the icons above or the photographs below to reveal their stories. Reading this on paper? **Go to** [ghs.news/211101](https://ghs.news/211101)



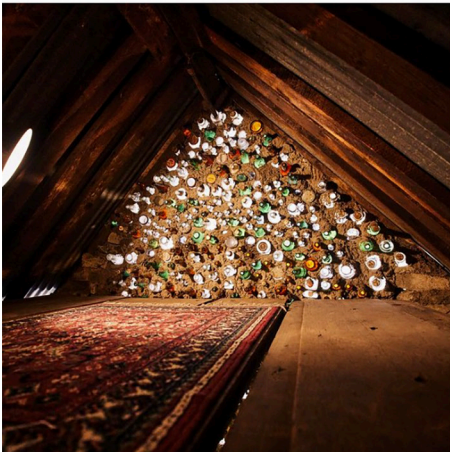
**New Sentry Oak**



**Junk Shot**



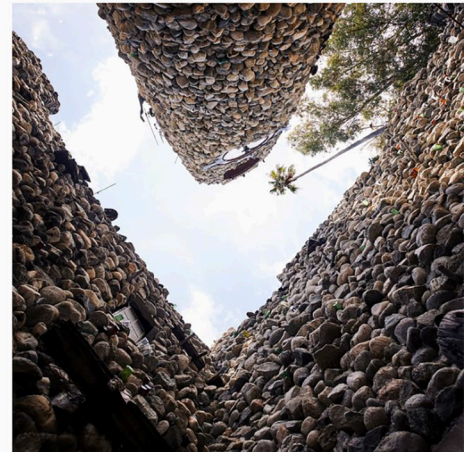
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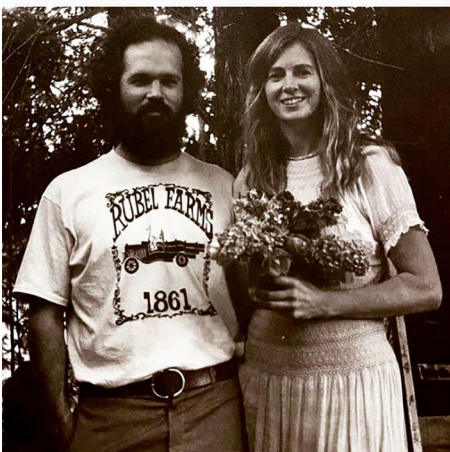
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**Clock Tower Niche**



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**Featured In Black Box**



**Wanmore Rubel Whiskey**

