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Centennial Heritage Museum



Kellogg House

The historic Kellogg House built in 1898, is the centerpiece of the museum and its programs

Photo from their website centennialmuseum.org

The Kellogg House and the man who designed and built the home will be the focus of our June 9, 2005 general meeting at the Kidseum at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Adam Reed England, Site Interpreter at Centennial Heritage Museum.

The 1898 Kellogg House, the 1899 Maag House, a nature center, a blacksmith shop, a small orange grove and a picnic area make up the museum complex on four acres south of Centennial Park on Harvard Street off Fairview, see map on page 2.

The Discovery Museum (now renamed the Centennial Heritage Museum) is where the Orange County Historical Society had office and archive space for several years in temporary buildings no longer there.

We lost our office on 20th Street in Santa Ana when the building in which we were located was razed as part of Bowers Museum expansion. We relocated to the Discovery Museum property in 1990. It is interesting to note that those individuals who made that move feasible are still active in the society today, Bruce Sinclair and Richard Vining, the movers. Linda Herman, was the curator who packed, unpacked and organized office and archive.

We moved to our present location in the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum in 1996.

The museum promotes local history through hands-on-educational programs for students and visitors of all ages. Children learn what life was like in the 1890s by playing with vintage toys, doing laundry, making butter and trying on vintage clothing.

Other tours focus on the blacksmith shop, life in the gold camps, eco-system study in the fresh water pond, plant study and compass and map reading. All these are made understandable to children with activities and crafts that engage their interest through hands-on.

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In additions to school programs the museum also offers the facilities for scout programs, birthday parties, weddings and special events. During the summer months there are week-long summer camps as well as one day camps.

Visit their website centennialmuseum.org or call (714) 540-0404

Programs and Summer programs (714) 850-9452

Weddings (714) 540-0424

Join us on Thursday evening to hear about Hiram Clay Kellogg, Orange County's first civil engineer. Learn of his contributions to roads, waterways, towns and bridges. Find out why his youngest daughter was named Oahu Rose.

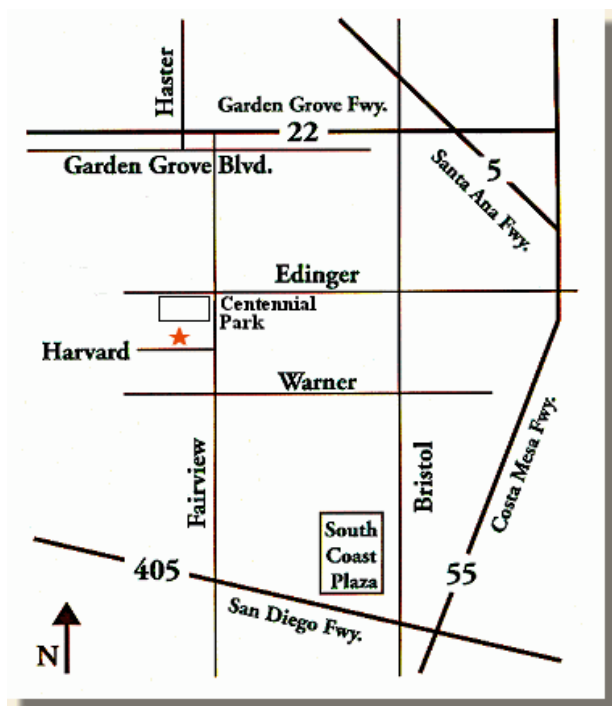
Our meeting place is the Kidseum on the northwest corner of Main and 18th Streets in Santa Ana. Parking in back, with entrance at back and side of the building. The public is welcome.



Former John Maag House shortly before it was moved, May 1982 showing a view of the front and left side.

from Orange Public Library,
Photograph Rick Peoples
photographer

Centennial Heritage Museum Location



The Centennial Heritage Museum is located at 3101 West Harvard Street, Santa Ana enter the museum grounds through the gate on the north side of Harvard, just west of the elementary school. Follow the drive to the parking area in the rear.

THE MAAG HOUSE

If the name Maag seems familiar it should, Jorice and Joseph Maag have been long time members. Jorice has presented several programs through the years. Many will remember her talk on the Dr. Clark House part of the Fullerton Arboretum. The Maag house at Centennial Heritage Museum was the home of Joe's grandparents, John and Catherine Maag.

John Maag was born in Westphalia, Germany. Along with his mother and brother, he migrated to the U.S. In 1865 at the end of our Civil War. First settled in Michigan, moving to Nebraska, where he married Catherine Steffes in 1884, then moved his family to southern California in 1891.

He bought 31 acres of farmland in what is now Santa Ana and became an orange grower.

Over production of oranges by so many growers created a buyer's market, so farmers could not make a profit. Maag organized the oranges growers between Santa Ana and Redlands into the Santiago Orange Growers Association. As a group, they established fair prices for the oranges. Maag also helped in the creation of the Central Lemon Growers, the Olive Heights Orange Growers, and Richland Walnut Growers associations. Membership in



The house, carriage barn and water tower ready for move to Centennial heritage Museum

such organizations led to Mr. Maag's involvement in the development of Sunkist Growers.

Buying more property over time, he branched into banking, helping to organize the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank of Santa Ana. This bank is now known as the California National Bank. He died on his ranch in 1931.

Catherine lived in the house until her death in 1955. The ranch was then purchased by the adjacent Fairhaven Cemetery. Their caretakers lived in the home until the property was sold to a mobile home park in the 1970s. In 1982 it was moved to the Discovery Museum in order to save it from demolition.



The Maag house is slowly being restored as funding allows, but it still needs a great deal of work. When restoration is completed, it will house a regional history museum.

POSTCARD BOOK

The Board of Directors voted to sign a contract with Arcadia Publishing for a book in their Postcard History Series. The publisher has chosen our title *Orange County In Vintage Postcards*. [Our postcard title contest isn't possible on the publication but we will have a powerpoint program in the future with the postcards that didn't make the book. The winning title will be used for this special presentation.] Postcards have been selected for consideration in the 208 spots in the 128 page book. Research is underway for captions and copy to include with the images. This is being accomplished by the postcard committee: Carolyn Schoff, Tom Pulley, Don Dobmeier, Richard Vining, Ken Leavens, JJ and Harriet Friis, Jane Norgren, Tracy Falk, Judy Moore, John Sorenson and Betsy Vigus. Any OCHS member who would like to join this committee is welcome. We have just begun the process. Please let Carolyn Schoff know so you can be notified of committee meetings.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JUNE 30, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006.

If you have already renewed or joined in the last three months your newsletter label will read EXPIRES 6/30/2006.

This year you will receive an envelope for sending in your renewal **WHETHER YOU NEED TO OR NOT**. Bulk mailing requires that all mail be identical. So if you do not need the envelope pass it on to someone who you think would enjoy our programs and would like to join.

BOOK ON THEODORE PAYNE

Information from ELLEN LEE

This "new" book includes material from *Life on Modjeska Ranch in the Gay Nineties* plus some new photographs and material by Payne.

BOOK Title: *Theodore Payne In His Own Words*
\$16.95 paperback

To purchase write to:
Many Moon Press
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Pasadena 91104



The San Clemente Historical Society will host the Annual Meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies to be held in San Clemente from June 23 to June 26, 2005. A highlight of the three-day affair will be a tour of historic Casa Pacifica, also known as the Western White House, with guest speaker Donald Nixon, nephew of President Richard Nixon. Other tours include the historic Forster Ranch House, Chapel and Bunkhouse Museum on Camp Pendleton, with tour guide (and descendant) Tony Forster, President of the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society.

Local residents are invited to join in any or all of the tours and festivities.

"This will be a big deal for San Clemente and our neighboring cities," said Mike Cotter, President of the San Clemente Historical Society. "We should have about 100 to 125 visitors from all over California, and about 50 to 75 local residents signing up for one or more of our historic tours and presentations."

"The Western White House tour is going to be a big draw for participants," said Richard Proctor, President of the Conference of California Historical Societies, and also a San Clemente resident.

The three-day event is co-sponsored by the Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano Historical Societies.

The Camp Pendleton tour includes lunch at Lake O'Neill. After Camp Pendleton, the tour stops by El Rancho Guajome Adobe in Vista, California, one of the oldest buildings in California.

Other tours include Mission San Juan Capistrano and the historic tall ship, the *Pilgrim*, a full size re-creation of the hide brig immortalized by Richard Henry Dana, Jr. in his American seafaring classic novel, *Two Years Before the Mast*. The *Pilgrim* is located at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point Harbor.

Additionally, registrants can sign up for a tour of the Goldschmidt House, a 1928 Spanish colonial revival residence by noted architect Paul R. Williams, private home of Lee and Dena Van Slyke, and the only residence in San Clemente listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

The Ocean Institute will be the setting for a presentation by Bill Bluett, a Director of the San Clemente Historical Society, entitled, "Genealogical Research Sources." Additionally, local radio theater director and producer Casey Hayes will deliver a presentation entitled, "Lurid Story of Doheny Mansion."

On Friday evening, June 24, following a dinner at Casa Romantica, there will be a presentation by author and Orange County Historical Commissioner Doris L. Walker entitled, "How Local History Has Linked a Trio of Towns: San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point." Casa Romantica is San Clemente founder Ole Hanson's original 1927 Spanish colonial revival style residence which has been fully restored as a cultural center and

is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

On Saturday, June 25, after musical entertainment and dinner at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Cotter will deliver a Powerpoint presentation entitled, "Stopping the Bulldozers -- The Birth of the San Clemente Historical Society."

LATE REGISTRATION IS AFTER MAY 25 [this will only increase your fee by \$10.00 unless you are a CCHS member then it is \$15.]

For further information about this event:

Download an event program at

<http://sanclementehistoricalsociety.org/cchs/cochs.htm>.

Once at the website, scroll down and click on [Click Here to Download the San Clemente Historical Society Registration Form](#) to download an official registration form. **NO INTERNET CONNECTION? Call Betsy 714 525 4879 for registration form by mail.**

Contact Adelaine Antonino, a San Clemente Historical Society Director and Events Committee Chair, at 949-481-6727 or

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Mission San Juan Capistrano and the San Juan Historical Society Trails of Discovery Lecture Series

Soldiers Barracks, Mission SJC

Further information 949-493-8444

web site- www.missionsjc.com

"Unmasking Zorro"

Speaker: Dr. Paul Apodaca

Thursday, May 19, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Early Ranchos - Feudalism in California Culture"

Speaker: Pamela Gibson Booksigning

Thursday June 16, 2005 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

"California in the Civil War - Men, Money and Morality"

Speaker: Terry Carter

Saturday, July 9, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Dance Ethnology of Early California, What the Dance Tells of the California"

Speaker: Richard Duree

Saturday, August 27, 2005 10:00 am-11:00am

"Southern California's Fascinating Pioneers-
Their Untold Stories, Culture and Cuisine"

Speaker: Elizabeth Cox

Saturday, October 15, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Prisoners of the Civil War,

The Story of Two Orange County Soldiers"

Speaker: Doug Westfall

Booksigning

Thursday, February 9, 2006 10:00 am-11am

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- Board Meeting
- Thursday June 2, 2005 at 7:00 PM
at Kidseum
June Meeting
- **Thursday, June 9, 2005**
- Opening at 7:00 p.m.
- **Bower's Kidseum**
- **18th and Main Sts., Santa Ana**
- **7:30 p.m. Program:**
- **Centennial Heritage Museum**
H. C. Kellogg, the Man, His House
- September 8, 2005 Dessert Potluck at Sherman Gardens and Library.
- Program will be in the September *Courier* . Return your membership envelope so you won't miss a single newsletter.



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Books listed below in BOLD are pictured and described on our website: www.orangecountyhistory.org

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