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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello to all! I can't believe half the year has gone by.

First of all, a big Thank you to all of our wonderful members who have donated to the Historical Society.

The Historical Society has been working hard on reducing our bills which includes Internet, phone, Insurance, etc. I want to thank Rick Hall for all he has done in accomplishing this! It takes a lot of time. Thank you so much, Rick.

Our Board members and volunteers are so valuable to the Historical Society. We really need more member involvement. The time is fast approaching for us to start considering becoming more involved. We will need a new President and Vice President for sure. I have moved to Yuma so it is very hard to be in El Cajon for the day to day. Rick, as our Vice President, has been doing it all. So PLEASE let us know if you are interested. Thank you.



Make sure to send in your reservations for our Quarterly Meeting included in the Heritage.

Linda Garity, ECHS Board President



What Is It?

Artifacts in the Knox House Museum

The things you find while docenting on a Saturday at the Knox Museum.

We came across this kitchen item in the Hoosier cabinet drawer. Do you know what it is?

We won't leave you hanging too long—keep reading through the newsletter and you will find the answer.

No peeking!

CAN YOU HELP WITH HISTORICAL RESEARCH?

Local historian and author Richard Carrico is doing research for a new true crime book to follow up his *Monsters on the Loose: The True Story of Three Unsolved Murders in Prohibition Era San Diego*. He is researching the terrible murders of the Thomas Pendergast family in El Cajon in December, 1958. Lois Pendergast and her four children were killed by a sixteen year old hitchhiker, Carl Eder. Eder was caught after a massive manhunt and convicted on five counts of murder. After fifteen years in prison Eder escaped in 1974 and has never been recaptured.

Richard is looking for persons who may have known the Pendergast family, might remember the manhunt, know what happened to Tom Pendergast after the murders, or have any other information about the people involved. Richard can be reached at 760-518-1471 or at rcarrico@sdsu.edu.

ECHS MEMBERSHIP

We are so grateful for your continued support of the ECHS. Your membership keeps us going.

Membership dues are: \$15 for Individual, \$25 Family, \$45 Business & Non-Profit,
\$500 Enhanced Life (Life members never need to renew).

Please continue to "Keep History Alive" in our community.

Please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:

P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973.

We are still gratefully accepting donations to our budget expenses as well. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at the number below.

Telephone Messages: 619-444-3800.

PLEASE ALSO BE SURE TO NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, SO WE CAN BE SURE YOU WON'T MISS YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR PONY EXPRESS!

What Is It? Artifacts in the Knox House Museum Answer



DID YOU GUESS THE MYSTERY ITEM?

"Dunlaps Universal Silver Blade
Cream and Egg Whip."

First Patent date is May 15, 1906.

We hope to share more of these unique
artifacts with you in upcoming newsletters.
Stay tuned!



Maritime Museum

by Rick & Sharon Hall

Hopefully everyone has received their Fundraiser Opportunity Drawing for A Day Trip To The Harbor. We thought this would be a fine time to share more information about the ships and their histories.

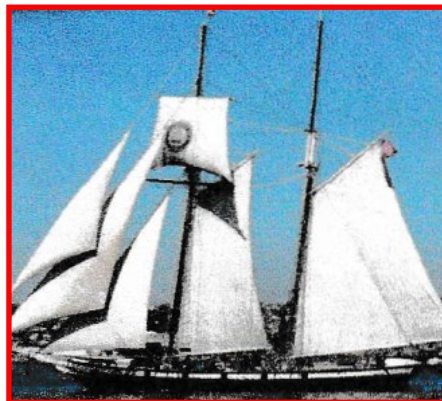


THE BERKELEY

An 1898 steam ferry that operated on San Francisco Bay for 60 years. She is a state and national historic landmark.

THE CALIFORNIAN

The official tall ship of the state, built and launched in the summer of 1984 from the ground up at Spanish Landing in San Diego Bay.

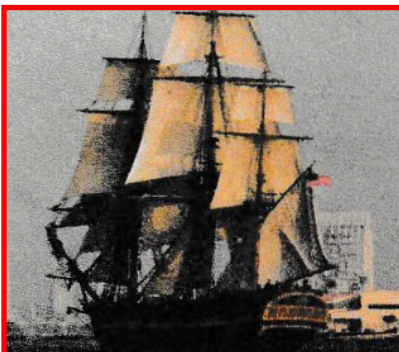


USS DOLPHIN

The deepest diving submarine in the world, responsible for many "firsts" in her nearly 40 years of service.

THE SAN SALVADOR

A replica of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's ship that sailed into the harbor on September 28, 1542.



HMS SURPRISE

A replica of a late 18th century navy Royalstar frigate. This ship was used in the film "Master & Commander: Far side of the World".

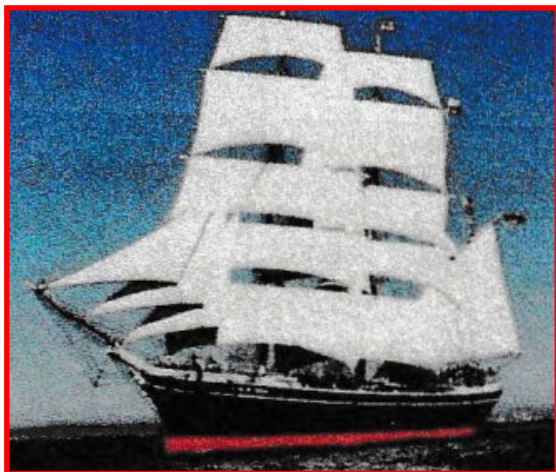
THE STAR OF INDIA

The oldest active sailing ship in the world, launched in 1863 in Scotland as the Euterpe, a full rigged, 3 masted sailing ship, 205 feet long, 35 feet wide.

Originally used as a passenger and cargo ship, sailing between India and the U.K. In 1906, the Euterpe was sold to American owners and was renamed The Star of India.

During her sailing career she circumnavigated the globe 21 times, which spanned over 41 years. When steam power replaced sailing on merchant ships in 1923, The Star of India was docked in Oakland, Ca. In 1957, a group from San Diego purchased her and towed her down to San Diego.

She was restored and is now a museum and tourist attraction at the Maritime Museum.



ALL THESE SHIPS CAN BE FOUND AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM. REMEMBER TO ENTER THE FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO SEE THEM AND MORE!

From: El Cajon Historical Society
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To:

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

The July quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25th at noon at Marechiaro's Restaurant, located at 854 North 2nd Street in El Cajon.

There is extra parking behind the restaurant.

Our guest speaker will be Michael Hirman, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He will be dressed in a period 1776

Revolutionary War uniform and his topics include the American Revolution and the US Constitution.

The cost is \$20 and we hope that you will be able to attend to share good food, friendship and hear more about our early American history. Seating is limited to 30 people and reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Reservations must be in by
Saturday, July 20th

Quarterly Meeting: July 25, 2024 at 12pm

Number attending @ \$20 per person _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Mail reservations & checks to:

ECHS, P. O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973

Reservations not kept become a donation.