



The Branding Iron

-DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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DUARTE MARKET THEN AND NOW



Duarte's oldest commercial building still in use was likely constructed before the turn of the century and stands at what is now the corner of Royal Oaks and Highland. The first building at the present site was a two-story wooden structure with the store on the first floor and a meeting hall on the second. It was replaced by the present brick building circa 1900 and was operated by Joseph Fowler who served as postmaster for thirty years. In those days, if you operated the store you were also the postmaster.

In 1944, Royal Oaks was Foothill Blvd. which continued down Highland, east on Huntington and then to Azusa and on to San Bernardino.

It was in 1943 that Ann and Bill Norgard bought the building for their honey business. The property they purchased was originally two separate buildings, one of which was the market and the other served as the Duarte Post Office and later the Duarte Mutual Water Company. The two buildings were separated by about 50 feet.

The end of World War II in 1945 saw a drastic drop in the demand for honey and beeswax, and Duarte was taking a drastic turn by becoming a residential community and again a market was needed. Since then it has housed dozens of entities including a dance studio, karate studio, carpet store and hair salon. Of late a gadget store recently moved. The pet wash business has expanded and taken over the front of the building as well as the back.



(Photo by Dilip Tiwari)

RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES

Guest speaker Tim Poyorena Miguel of the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians, Kizh Nation, gave an overview of his tribe which is recognized by the State of California as the original tribe of the Los Angeles basin. He said that even today academia continues to desecrate their true name, culture and history by promoting the misnomer "Tongva."

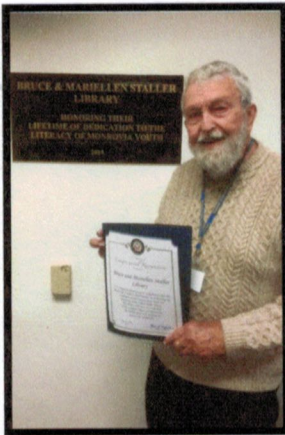
This enlightening presentation was followed by refreshments which included Three Sisters soup made of squash, beans and corn, a meal often prepared by the Native Americans.



MARION STONE'S SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS

Fun, whimsical and a favorite hobby, this collection titillates the imagination. Her favorite is Fibber McGee & Molly which dates back to the 1930s. The display will run through July.

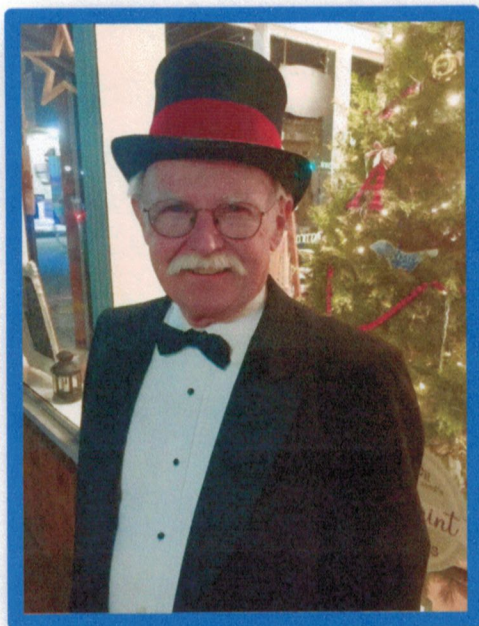
LIBRARY NAMED FOR STALLERS



The charming library at Canyon Oaks High School in Monrovia was dedicated on May 6 in a ceremony lauding the extraordinary volunteer work of the library's founders. Giving countless hours over the years, Bruce and Mariellen

Staller created the library which is now a favorite place on campus. At the same time, Bruce and Mariellen have been dedicated Duarte Museum docents and supporters until Mariellen passed away five months ago.

STEVE BAKER AWARDED CCHS WADDINGTON



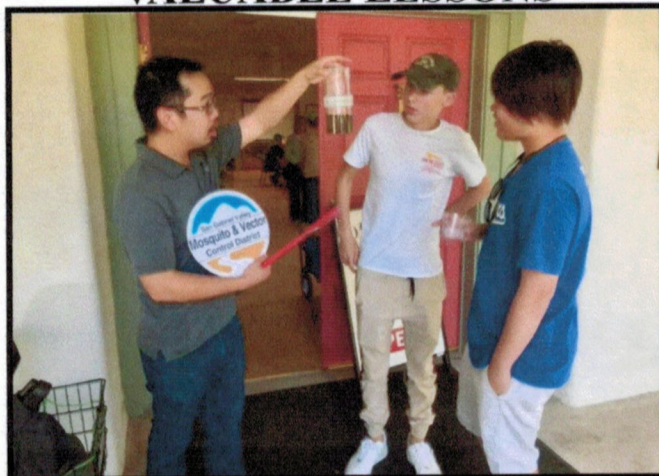
DHS&M treasurer and well-known Monrovia and Duarte historian Steve Baker is the recipient of the Waddingham/Doctor Award of merit from the Conference of California Historical Societies. Described as not only an engaging speaker, he spends countless volunteer hours in both Monrovia and Duarte "sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of local history," says Therese Melbar, president CCHS Region 22. Baker was honored at the CCHS annual meeting in Placerville.

MORRISON RANCH TOUR REVEALS A COMPASSIONATE HISTORY



In 1888 Dr. Wayland Morrison's father bought the twenty-seven acre site where Westminster Gardens stands today. It has been an important part of Duarte's history since then. Thank you to Rev. Doug Edwards and Bernadette Chang for an enlightening history tour of this Ranch and its exciting past..

VECTOR CONTROL TEACHES VALUABLE LESSONS



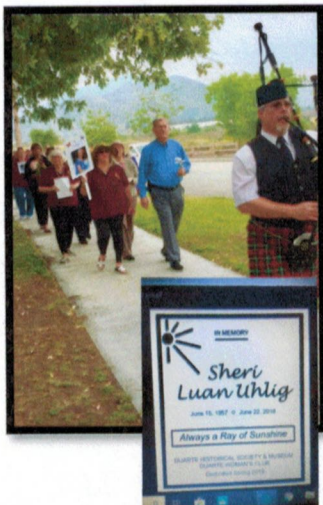
SGV Mosquito & Vector Control employee Levy Sun shows a sample to foreign exchange students (L-R) Finn Christensen (Germany) and Pat Tanaponpaisit (Thailand) at the Museum. The presentation and exhibit outlined ways local residents can free their yards of the pesky and sometimes deadly mosquitoes and aid in the District's efforts to eradicate mosquitoes. More than 750,000 deaths a year are attributed to viruses spread by mosquitoes in a world-wide epidemic.



GONE WITH THE WIND CELEBRATED AT MUSEUM

It was nostalgia time as Colleen MacKay shared her extensive GWTW collection at a museum party celebrating the 90th anniversary of the famed film. Plates, magazines, statues, books and other movie memorabilia represented the story, the actors and famous lines which remain familiar today. "Frankly dear, I don't give a damn."

Colleen's favorite is Scarlet played by Vivien Leigh who died in 1967. The lovely dress Colleen wore for the party was reminiscent of the gowns of the period. Olivia de Havilland (Melanie) is alive today at 102.



FAREWELL TO SHERI

Led by bagpiper Richard Strayer, friends and family of our beloved Sheri Uhlig marched down Encanto Parkway to the museum on April 28 to dedicate the tree and plaque erected in her memory.

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ROUTE 66 PARADE SEPTEMBER 28, 10:00 A.M.



Actor John Michael Higgins. Grand Marshal, will lead the parade and Hometown Heroes will be honored. Post parade, visit the car show and the Duarte Museum booth at the city picnic in Royal Oaks

VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY



Docents, scanners and dedicated museum volunteers were honored at the Old Spaghetti Factory on June 12. Top are docents Mike and Janet Jones; Lower: (L-R) Sharman Warner, DHS vice president; Karen Herrera, Deputy City Manager; Claudia Heller, DHS president, and docent Doug Ross (who attended the old Duarte Schoolhouse in grammar school.) Dinner, entertainment and awards were enjoyed by all. Entertainment by Ricky Barron. (Photos by Dilip Tiwari.)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 6, 6 p.m.—National Nite Out at Encanto Park: Museum Open House

September 28, 10 a.m.: Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade Honoring Hometown Heroes—leaves Route 66 (Huntington) and Cotter ending at Mt. Olive Drive. Car show and City Picnic follow at Royal Oaks Park.

December 7, 9 a.m.: Holiday Craft Fair & Vintage Market, Statue Plaza and Grace Fellowship Church featuring local vendors and an author's circle.

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