

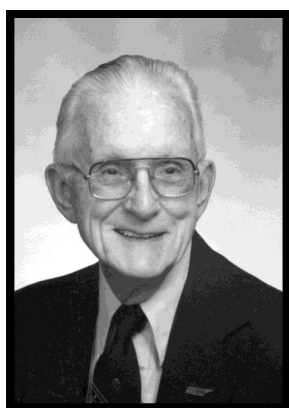


# The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2018

## FULBRIGHT CHRONICLED DUARTE HISTORY

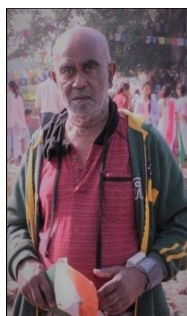


Originally in the San Gabriel Valley to work on a citrus ranch, Lovell Fulbright described life in Duarte in his book entitled "My Thirty Years on the West Coast." These being war years, the national speed limit was 35 mph, and there was a crucial housing shortage in Duarte which

forced his family to live at the Monte Vista Motel. Eventually they moved into a "rock house" built by Duarte Pioneer Bill Bacon. That house still stands on Royal Oaks near Tocino. Eventually Fulbright became owner and editor of the Duarte Dispatch and immersed himself in the events that made our town what it is today.

His book takes us back to a time in Duarte of which few of us are aware. Floods, fires, and zoning issues were important issues even then. Eventually the Fulbrights returned to Kentucky.

Lovell died in 2003 at age 96. We are indebted to him for his dedicated efforts to chronicle his life in Duarte. His book is available to read in the Museum library.



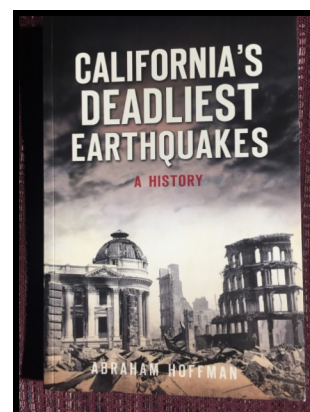
## MAY 11 AT 6 P.M. FIND THE PALACE OF PRINCE SIDDARTHA

Dr. Sunil Jayasinghe will take us to Nepal and share his discovery of an ancient site. He will talk about these historic Buddhist ruins and his efforts to convince UNESCO to protect and preserve them.

## CALIFORNIA'S DEADLIEST EARTHQUAKES



Abe Hoffman



Historian Abe Hoffman, author of *California's Deadliest Earthquakes*, will talk about the personal accounts and aftermath of California's most destructive tremors on Saturday, **April 7, 4:00 p.m. at the Museum.**

More than 3,000 persons died in the 1906 San Francisco quake, and Long Beach's 1933 temblor caused a loss of nearly \$50 million. Thousands were injured in the more recent Northridge earthquake (1994). And then there are quakes not so famous such as the Whittier Narrows shake up in 1987, the Loma Prieta "World Series" quake in 1989, and the many quake events in Early California.

Learn why California has more earthquakes than any other state in the Nation, and what you can do to prepare for the one that is coming. Professor Hoffman warns: "And be assured, there is one coming."

He will sign and sell his book after the talk. Admission is free. Space is limited.



**MONTY & DOROTHY  
MONTGOMERY  
MEMORIAL PLAQUE  
UNVEILING  
DATE: TBA**

## LARRY WALLS TALK FILLS MUSEUM



Before a large crowd, Larry Walls recalled his childhood in Duarte's Rock Town, his years struggling to succeed despite deep-seated prejudice in the Duarte schools, and his eventual graduation from law school leading to a career with the L.A. District Attorney's office. The audience, many having lived like experiences, were glued to the talk, nodding their heads with understanding.

To purchase Walls' book *Hurdles: Struggles of a Black Man in the Land of Milk and Honey* send request with check for \$35 which includes postage to the Walls Scholar Athlete Foundation, P.O. Box 431514, Los Angeles, CA 90043.



**EGG CUPS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE ON DISPLAY THROUGH MAY. JEAN GLASS SHARES HER COLLECTION.**

## THANKS TO OUR SCANNERS

**KAYKO JORGENSEN:** Thanks for serving as "Scanning Coordinator," training and supervising the project.

**Scanners:** Rose Gant, Janice Buck, and Cathy Long. We need more help.

## SHARMAN WARNER



Sharman Warner

Sharman Warner will serve as the DHS&M secretary, filling the post after the retirement of Zoe Osburn. Sharman has been a dedicated Museum member for years and will certainly be a welcome addition with her expertise and cheerful attitude.

## KIMBALL GARRETT TO LEAD

**ANNUAL  
SPRING BIRD  
WALK**

Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at 7:30 am  
Donuts and coffee will be available for attendees at 7:00 am.  
The walk is easy and will cover Encanto Park and some areas around the river bed!  
Meet at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway.  
This event is FREE!  
Sponsored by the Duarte Historical Museum  
For questions please call (626) 357-9419

## PHILLIS SOMMERVILLE

She was a steadfast Museum supporter, history buff, avid collector, loving mother and grandmother. Phyllis passed away on January 8 at the age of 95. We will miss her.



## HISTORICAL DVDS AVAILABLE

Thanks to volunteer **Louis Campos**, dozens of videos have been transferred to DVDs and are available for museum visitors to watch in the museum library. These historical interviews and other productions, most by DCTV, are truly gems, many with local pioneers who are no longer with us. Example: Save our Mountain rallies; Azusa City Council Meetings discussing Vulcan issues; interviews with locals who spent their summers on our mountain in the Fish Canyon cabins; museum tours; Live Oak cemetery tours; Remembering Rock Town; Route 66 parades, and much more. Find the list on our website: [www.RanchoDeDuarte.org](http://www.RanchoDeDuarte.org). Just ask the docent to help you.



**March - April 2018**  
**Wed., Sat. & Sun. 1-4**  
**Historic Sante Fe**  
**Depot at Station Square**  
**1629 S. Myrtle Ave. at**  
**Duarte Rd., Monrovia**



**Friends of the Duarte Library**  
**Presents**  
**VINO! LIBROS! ALLEGRO!**

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Join Us On  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**D'Aquino Italian Imports**  
**1850 Business Center Drive, Duarte**

*Friends, Wine, Music, Hors d'oeuvres,*  
*Silent Auction and More!*

For information:  
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**Tickets:**  
**\$25 in advance**  
**\$30 at the door**

  
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## HORSELESS CARRIAGES VISIT MUSEUM

Many thought the craze wouldn't last. Today these vintage antiques are a sight to behold as they chug along to the delight of those who see them. The Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California arrived at the Duarte Museum on a lovely morning, served a pancake breakfast and displayed over a dozen pristine carriages before trekking on to the West. Thanks to Bradbury Councilman Rick Barakat and those in the club who brought this wonderful sight to Duarte for us to enjoy.

## WESTMINSTER GARDENS TOURS MUSEUM

Residents of Westminster Gardens visited the Museum on March 22 and were treated to a tour by Historian Steve Baker, assisted by Zoe Osburn. Soon they will return the favor and offer a tour for our Museum members. Westminster Gardens has a rich history going back to the days it was created as a home for Presbyterian ministers. Date to be announced.

**2018 DUES NOW LATE!**  
 (See website for details)  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**April 7, 4 p.m.:** California's Deadliest Earthquakes, a history of local temblors.

**April 8, 7:30 a.m.:** Bird walk led by Kimball Garrett, meet at museum.

**April 11, 4:00 p.m.:** DHS Board Meeting

**May 11, 6 p.m.:** Dr. Sunil Jayasinghe will take us into the jungle of Nepal to reveal a monumental discovery.

**June 16:** Gala museum event at D'Aquino Italian Imports. Details TBA.

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