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DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

JAN-FEB-MARCH 2020

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND GENERAL MEETING



CHARLES BRISTER

The Museum will hold its annual meeting on February 22 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate Black History Month with Charles Brister as the guest speaker. He is the third generation Brister growing up in Monrovia. Brister is retired from the Merchant Marines and will talk about the history of African Americans in the American Military. He attended school at Wild Rose Elementary and Immaculate Conception in Monrovia and graduated from Don Bosco High School in Rosemead. He then graduated from Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point New York.

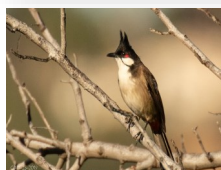
As an officer in the Merchant Marines he served during Desert Storm. "It was a job that had to be done," he says.

Since retiring, he owns a business called 1-Unite US, striving to improve the African American economy and to help further employment opportunities.

There will be a short business meeting and the election of officers for the year 2020. See the Museum website for the slate.



En plein air artists from around the San Gabriel Valley displayed their paintings at the Duarte Historical Museum on the evening of October 5 at a grand opening celebration.



On November 23, more than 30 birders walked the Encanto Park bioswale trail, crossed the Puente Largo bridge and hiked north on the bike trail to the first spillway. Over 35 species were spotted and recorded. The list is available on the Museum website. Bird pictures are by Candy Dougherty. The trip was led by Kimball Garrett, collections manager of the LA County Museum of Natural History. The Museum normally offers bird walks each Spring and Fall.

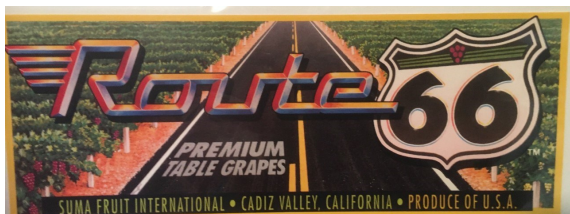
DUARTE'S NEWEST PARK PROMOTES CITRUS HISTORY



Duarte's newest park has opened at the corner of Oak and Third Streets. The citrus theme honors Duarte's years as leaders of the bountiful citrus enterprises in the San Gabriel Valley. Playground equipment is decorated with citrus labels and interpretive signage depicts our local history. A walk in the park is a unique experience.

UNIQUE HOLIDAY TREES DISPLAYED LAST MONTH

Celebrating the holidays, Duartean Ann Valle-roy and her daughter Jeanne shared their Christmas tree collection in memory of John Valleroy (1932-2000).



Thanks to the Goodenough family for donating this unique crate label. It has found a home in the Museum's permanent Route 66 exhibit.

Thanks to the Margiloff family for their generous donation in honor of Irwin Margiloff who did so much for preserving our local history.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci has health challenges but she handles life with a positive attitude and keeps a smile on her face. To our dear Museum member and our esteemed Mayor, we are sending you good vibes and always know we love you. **Jack Collins** is comfortable at a senior home in Arcadia. **Larry Walls**—May you enjoy good health and a long life. **Pauline Montgomery**, we send our love.

ARBOR DAY



At a city-sponsored event 100 trees were planted in Encanto Park on Arbor Day. In October, more than 80 volunteers grabbed shovels and helped out. Above Council member Liz Reilly digs in to plant a tree with the help of local students.

THE DUARTE MUSEUM HAS NO PAID STAFF

WE COUNT ON OUR MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE MUSEUM WITH THEIR ANNUAL DUES. DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR. WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOU. SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS. AND PLEASE ENJOY OUR MEETINGS, EXHIBITS, TALKS, TOURS AND PROJECTS WHICH ARE ALWAYS FREE. www.RanchoDeDuarte.org.



THE MUSEUM ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR SUCCESSFUL THOUGH A BIT SOGGY

The community supported the Museum's fundraiser in full force on December 7 at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza. Much thanks to the Grace Fellowship Church for their hospitality. Thanks also to the two student volunteer groups which helped out— The Youth and Missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints and DART. We are indebted to Morralito Mexican Restaurant which kept us fed; and our volunteers who arrived at the break of dawn in the rain. Thanks to the Teen Center! Kudos to Jerry Delker for loaning us awnings. More than 25 vendors sold their handicrafts and authors C.R. King and Marisela Adams signed and sold their books. A beautiful array of hand made wreaths, blankets, baked goods and artistic holiday items were sold. The statue of Andres Duarte on his stallion watched over the event. A special thanks to Lon Daugherty and Karen Levein for their help in orchestrating the event.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 22, 4 :30 p.m.: Black History Month:
 General meeting and talk by Charles Brister.

March-April Exhibit: Barbie will make her debut.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a docent once every few months, please call Sharman Warner at (626) 358-2001. Our scanning project also needs volunteers. If interested please call Dilip Tiwari at (818) 482-9335.

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