



# The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2022



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS WED  
MR. & MRS AMADORI

## The President's message...

More wonderful news! The plumbing at the Duarte Historical Museum has been repiped - all the way to the street. This means no more "funny looking" or "smelly" water in the kitchen, in the toilets, or in the bathroom sinks.

Work is continuing on revamping the exhibits in the Citrus Room. Thank you to Sharman Warner, Alice Garcia, Helen Mora, Yusef Mansuri, Judy Blake, Rose Gant, Tokuo Nakamoto, Maria Dixon, Chip Dixon, Ann Noel, and Dilip Tiwari for spending countless hours arranging the new museum displays. The new and improved exhibits look very inviting and visitor friendly.

I found three cases of Glenn Miller phonograph records in the storeroom and have added them to the Glenn Miller exhibit. This exhibit includes information about Glenn Miller Park's dedication, his birth, and Miller's week-end home in Duarte. Located on Bettyhill, the home was named after his famous song "Tuxedo Junction".

The bathroom has been cleared of items, mostly vintage footwear and gloves, and the items have been placed into a display case in the Citrus Room. Did you know that in the 16th century, about the time when shoe heels appeared, that shoes were built symmetrically? One of the first shoe maker manuals states that shoes should be worn one day on the left foot and the next day on the right foot, for even wear.

The newspaper scanning project is moving along. Penny Arroyo has returned to do the prep work and Evette Arcaro has begun checking the scanning to help Kayko Jorgenson. I want to thank Janice Buck for her dedication to the project.

We were all very shocked by the sudden death of Steve Baker. Not only was he our Treasurer, he was a docent, and, having lived in Monrovia all of his 80 years, he was the consummate historian. Steve knew everything!!! (If anyone is interested in being a docent, we do need a docent to replace Steve.)

With Steve's passing we have had to make changes on the Museum Board. Evette Arcaro has accepted the position of Treasurer and Connie Ream is our new Secretary.

And finally, WE NEED YOUR DUES!

I know it's almost June, but it's not too late to pay your 2022 dues. We need your financial support to update the Museum displays.



**LOYD GIBBONS MEMORIAL EVENT  
AT ROYAL OAKS PARK. TOKUO  
TAKES THE STAGE**

It was an intimate group gathered on the bike trail by Royal Oaks Park to honor Loyd Gibbons who died last year at the age of 103. He was a perfect example of what makes this town special. Mayor Margaret Finlay talked about Gibbons and the special place he holds in the hearts of Duarteans.

Since 1985 Loyd Gibbons was a guru to classic bicycle enthusiasts, repairing their coveted vintage Schwinn with an endless cache of parts. His small building on Highland just south of Royal Oaks was always overflowing with bikes and trikes, wheels, tires, Tonka trucks, and memorabilia. Indeed, you needed to pick a path to negotiate through endless antique bikes. Since his passing, the shop remains shuttered.

Loyd kept his shop open Tuesdays through Saturdays and enjoyed “drop ins” who liked to peruse and comment on the variety of classic bikes, sportsters, Indian artifacts, toys, and collectibles. For years he was an integral part of Duarte’s fabric. You can access more of this story on the museum website. [www.ranchodeduarte.org](http://www.ranchodeduarte.org).

## **LECTURE SERIES**

### **What do you know about our neighbors?**

### **Is there life on the moons of Jupiter and Saturn?**

by Tokuo Nakamoto

Sunday, July 24, 2022

3:00 P.M.



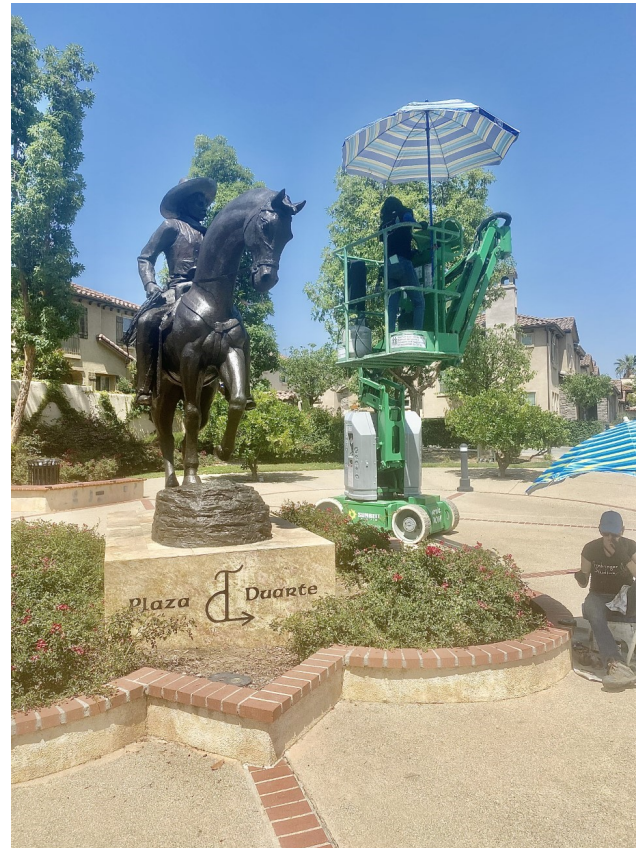
The signage on the displays is being switched to white letters on a rich, purple background. If you haven't been at the Duarte Museum for a while, it's time to visit again and see the updates.

Do you have time to help? We could use a few more hands. Please call or text me at (626) 253-6600,

Liz



## THE ANDRES DUARTE STATUE GETS A SPA DAY



Will you help preserve the rich history of Duarte by renewing your membership in the Duarte Historical Society?

Please indicate the type of membership and the amount of dues you are submitting.

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| * Family Membership                     | \$25.00  |
| * Student, Teacher, Senior Membership   | \$10.00  |
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The museum board wants to honor Steve Baker's memory. If you have any suggestion as to what the museum can do, please contact me at [4lizreilly@gmail.com](mailto:4lizreilly@gmail.com) or 626.253.6600

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THE 2022 DUES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

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