



The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUL-SEP 2023



President's Message

In March, there was a dramatic change at the Duarte Historical Museum. New laminate flooring we installed throughout. The old carpeting

was removed, the floors repaired and leveled, the subfloor strengthened, and new flooring installed.

I think it looks beautiful, but then I'm prejudice. The rooms look larger, the musty odor is gone, and the Duarte Museum looks renewed and refreshed. All positive qualities.

Thank you to the City of Duarte for including the Duarte Museum flooring replacement in their budget for 2022-23. We are very appreciative.

I didn't see any of the installation process as I was on a trip to Australia and New Zealand. I worried that there would be a problem, however, "everything went off without a hitch" under the watchful eye of our Curator, Dilip Tiwari.

By the time I returned, the rooms were reassembled and ready for visitors, thanks to Connie Ream, Evette Arcaro, Judy Ann Blake, Mark Montgomery, Tokuo Nakamoto, Sharman Warner, Dilip Tiwari, Maria Dixon, Yusef Mansuri, Alice Garcia, and Mike and Janet Jones.

Getting the museum ready for the floor installation involved a lot of packing. The artifacts had to be removed from the display cases to make the move easier. Those cases are HEAVY. And, we didn't want anything to break in the move either.

All the books were removed from the library shelves, so that the book cases could be moved without the books falling out. Thank you to Dennis Rocklein, Rose Gant, and Carolina Flores-Helizon for helping with the heavy lifting.

Returning the Museum Library to a useable condition will take the longest time. As the books are reshelfed they are separated by categories, so that similar topics are grouped together.

The large storeroom was emptied of trash and the remaining items sorted and stored. This room will become the Route 66 Room. Display cases have



Museum Speaker Series

Alan Heller returns to speak about "Curiosities of the Desert" on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 3pm. Over the years, Claudia and Alan have traveled extensively and explored many unbeaten desert treks. Alan's talk is certain to inspire you to venture out into the desert to see the numerous, unexpected objects waiting to be discovered when you take the time to pay attention.

Please join Alan at the Duarte Historical Museum for a fascinating and unusual trip through the desert.

Refreshment will be served.



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already been moved in and many of the Route 66 artifacts will soon be displayed in them, and then the room will be opened to our visitors.

Getting the Duarte Museum ready for the floor installation took months. I didn't want to just throw everything into a box. Stray items were added to established collections. Papers were sorted by categories.

I am grateful to all who helped. Thanks for your enthusiasm.

LOTS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

On June 11, 2023 Sharman Warner introduced speaker Tim Thompson to an enthusiastic crowd that learned ... "What Is Gravity, Really?"



Duarte Historical Museum members took a field trip to the Mosquito & Vector Control Division facility in Irwindale on June 13.

Keeping your home mosquito free leads to a bite-free summer.

- *It takes only 7 days for mosquitoes to grow from egg to adult.
- * Eliminate all standing water. Mosquitoes need stagnant water to breed.
- *Repair torn or bent screens and doors.
- *Wear loose-fitting long sleeves and pants.
- *Use bug repellent that contains Picaridin, DEET, IR3535, or Oil of Eucalyptus.

REPELLENTS THAT MAY NOT WORK!

Bracelets-only protect the wrist area
 Bug Zappers-mosquitoes are drawn to the CO2 we breathe and body heat, not light
 Candles-a breeze reduced effectiveness
 Citronella, "mosquito plants" -you must crush and extract the plant oils
 Dryer Sheets-don't hide your scent from them
 Essential Oils-only protect for a few minutes

CRANE FLY - Doesn't bite nor eat mosquitoes
 MIDGE - Doesn't bite, Does swarm
 GNATS - Don't bite, Do swarm
 Mosquitoes -Do Not Swarm



Alan Heller spoke about his and Claudia's many adventures along Route 66 to a capacity crowd on May 7. Pictured with Alan are attendees (L-R) Tina Healy, Kathy Kirchner, and Ruby Shiroma.



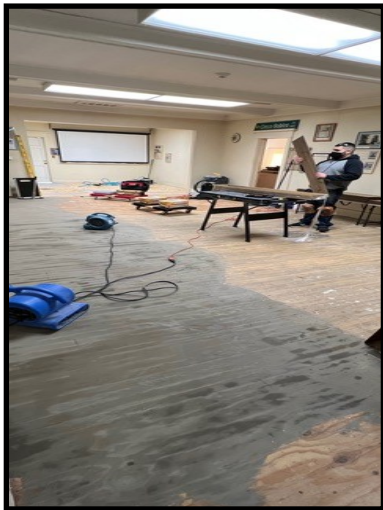
Claudia Heller enjoying the sunshine during a recent visit from Liz Reilly and Judy Ann Blake. Keeping warm in a shawl hand-made for her by Kathy Kirchner.



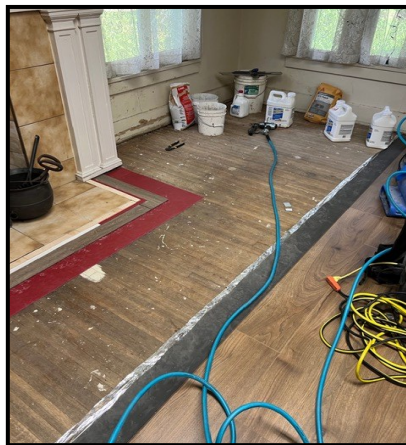
Alarm System Updated

The Bay Alarm System at the Duarte Museum has been updated. The ceiling receptor in the Route 66 Room has been replaced and the router in the main panel updated. There should be no more noisy alarms going off unexpectedly when nothing is wrong.

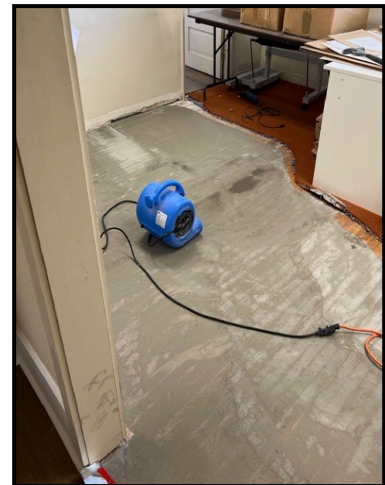
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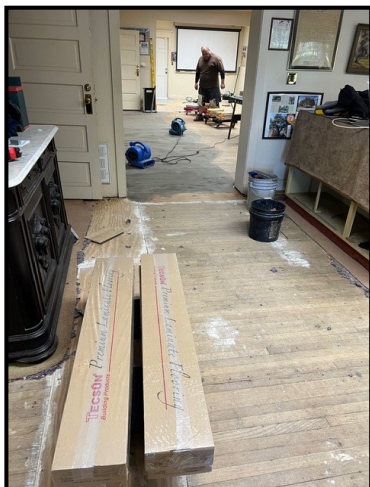
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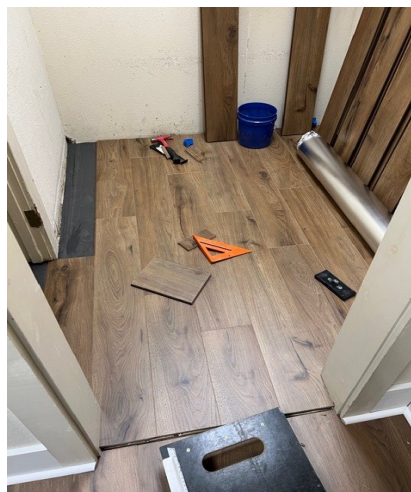
Living Room Corner by Fireplace



Office



View From Front Door



Chair Storeroom

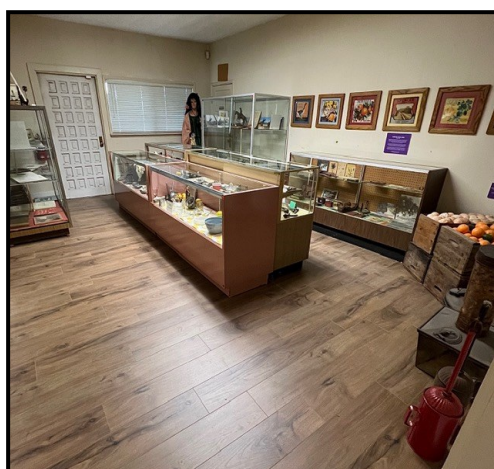


Living Room

After...



View to Front Door



Citrus Room



Library

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