



The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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President's Message



Dorothy and Monty Montgomery with their daughter, Claudia

Dorothy Montgomery died on August 30 at the age of 91. She spent most of her life as a dedicated volunteer aimed at making Duarte a great place to live. We sadly mourn her passing.

For years Dorothy and her bigger-than-life husband Monty were a Duarte power couple, leaders and workers in almost every aspect of Duarte life. Dorothy and Monty were married in 1946, and settled in Duarte in 1957.

Here they raised their family, a daughter and five sons. Whether it was PTA, Duarte Youth Acres, Falcon Booster Club or the Duarte Historical Society, together they spent countless hours supporting these and other organizations.

Dorothy joined the Duarte Woman's Club in 1962 and served as president in 1965-1966 and again in 1996. She remained an active member until she and Monty moved to Costa Mesa in 1987.

According to her daughter, Claudia, although circumstances caused them to move out of Duarte, "my mom and dad always considered themselves Duarteans."

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES TO BE FEATURED NOVEMBER 30 AT MUSEUM



King Carlos III of Spain

Dr. Bruce Phillips, a native Californian and retired educator, will present the exciting history of Los Angeles. He and his wife Katy are members of Las Angelitas del Pueblo and serve as tour guides at the Pueblo where Los Angeles was founded in 1781.

At this annual general meeting of the DHS&M a short business meeting will be held followed by the power point program and refreshments. Please join us and support the Historical Society. Admission is always free. Limited seating.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM: *A HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES*

By: Dr. Bruce Phillips

November 30, 7 p.m. at
The Duarte Historical Museum
777 Encanto Parkway
Duarte
Admission is free

ON THE DUARTE DEBUTS



In a dramatic moment at the Museum, after seven months of labor, a handful of locals were treated to a debut of *On the Duarte*, a poem by museum member Rick Whelan, put to music by Carly Lyman and Max Lee of Monrovia.

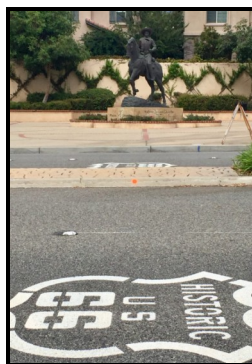
But alas, Poet Whelan is not a musician or a singer. He therefore worked with Max and Carly who created the melody and put the poem to music. The outcome is remarkable. “*On the Duarte* is a fresh way of teaching local history,” says Max. The entire poem is on the museum website.

On the Duarte

*Between Mission San Gabriel
And San Bernardino,
Andres Avelino Duarte
Rode across the Rio Azusa...
Stopping to water his horse
Along the west bank,
He gazed over sloping foothills
Covered with huge oak trees...
This stretch of fertile land
Lush with ripe fields,
And brilliantly colored flowers
And the golden sunshine...
There is truly this magical place!
This spirit of Rancho Azusa de Duarte
Nestled between mountains-
On The Duarte!*

Rick Whelan
7/30/17

RT 66 STENCILS HERE



Honoring Duarte's stretch of the Mother Road, 12 stencils have been applied to Huntington Drive, in time for the Route 66 parade. We join our neighboring towns in this tribute.

DOCENT TRAINING SESSION

Historian Steve Baker will conduct a docent training session at the Museum at 1:30 p.m. **Saturday, November 4.** If you are a docent or are thinking about volunteering, the session will take you on an in depth walk through the museum with information on all of the exhibits. Docents serve once every other month and may choose Wednesday or Saturday duty. For more information, call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 298-6784.

EAGLE UPDATE:

“Got a good look at the bald eagle pair in San Gabriel Canyon August 16. We drove up a ways and in flew what we’re



pretty sure is the female. By: Candace
Always exciting to see.” Dougherty

FALL BIRDING TREK SET

The Annual Fall Birding Expedition led by Kimball Garrett will be held on **October 29**, leaving the Museum at **7:30 a.m.** Coffee and donuts will be served at 7 a.m. The walk last Fall generated a list of 35 species. This and previous walk lists may be found on the museum website. The walk is free.

MONTGOMERY (*continued from page 1*)

For many years, Dorothy served as curator of the Duarte Historical Museum. During these pre-computer days, she steadfastly accessioned artifacts in her neat handwriting on hundreds of small cards. She documented what was going on in Duarte so that nothing would be lost to future generations. When the DHS acquired the current house, Dorothy and Monty along with Herb and Margaret Meier, facilitated the move and oversaw the tedious job of installing the exhibits, painting, signage, and all of the tasks that made our Museum what it is today. Monty died in 2015 at the age of 90.

HISTORICAL VHS-DVD CONVERSION PROJECT

Dozens of VHS tapes containing interviews of local historical interest, many with Duarte pioneers since deceased, must be inventoried and converted from VHS to DVD to be available in the Museum library for the public to easily view. Volunteer Louis Campos has agreed to oversee the conversions.

THE MUSEUM WELCOMED SO. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE students who toured the Museum in preparation for a project on designing city parks.



DUARTE MARCHES TO "THEN & NOW"



WINKLER HOUSE TOUR

Unfortunately the home owners have asked to cancel any tours. We are all disappointed. Maybe we can re-schedule some day in the future.

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 (See website for details)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct. 29, 7:30 a.m. Annual Fall Birdwalk

Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m. Docent training session

Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting

**Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m. General meeting and
Early Los Angeles presentation**

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