

CALENDAR

February 26th Scripps Institute of Oceanography Misconceptions & **Mysteries of the Áncient Maya**

March 19th **Celebrating Coronado History Gala:** Coronado & the Navy A Story for the Ages

May 8th Mother's Day Historic **Home Tour**

June, July & August **CHA Summer Camp**

July 4th **Spreckels July 4th Breakfast Parade Viewing**

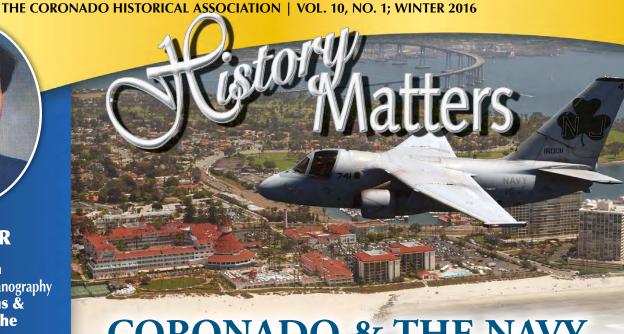
> September 10th & 11th **Coronado Art Walk**

September (Date TBD) **NEW EXHIBIT Featuring the Architecture** of Irving J. Gill

> October 8th **Coronado Treasures Roadshow**



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CORONADO & THE NAVY A STORY FOR THE AGES

After the United States Navy established operations in San Diego, it was not long before Coronado became its crowned jewel. Coronado and the Navy have a great story to tell.

One such story was when Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet arrived off the shores of the Hotel del Coronado, April 14, 1908; a worldwide statement was being made. Coronadans received the Naval fleet in typical island style; sailors were pelted with flower blossoms and greeted with lemonade from "fruit committees."

There are endless stories to tell, many so compelling that they have lasting impact. Perhaps the greatest stories are told amongst neighbors and within the homes of Coronado. What makes these stories exceptional are the people and their relationships to each other across generations. Bonds that extend beyond our shores then home again.

Share in the nostalgia at the 2016 Celebrating Coronado History Gala on March 19, at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort. Included will be a special tribute to Sybil Stockdale, with a video tribute to Sybil and the Navy from Senator John McCain.

The evening will include a gourmet meal with friends, a compelling program and an opportunity for exciting auction items and experiences from Coronado and beyond. We will honor and celebrate Coronado and the Navy, truly A STORY FOR THE AGES!



Naval history



in the mail soon!



FROM THE DIRECTOR
Bruce Linder,
Executive Director

It's a new year... with high promise, enthusiastic spirit, and wonderful anticipation in the air; and a new year with a lot of history taking place.

As we look ahead to 2016, expect all kinds of historical action – from our Celebrating Coronado History Gala, Mother's Day Historic Home Tour, and Summer Art Walk to those special events that include our Coronado Treasures Roadshow, Wine & Lecture series, Summer History Camp, and new Museum exhibits.

Believe it or not, our stunning building at 1100 Orange, which is owned by Don Budinger, and held in stewardship by CHA, is celebrating its 105th anniversary this year! Many buildings in Coronado's business district are there for commercial reasons, but our building has been in place for

something unique and different – service to the community. We are the stewards of the historic treasures of Coronado, and stewards of the amazing resource of the treasured Coronado Historical Association building. At various times since its 1911 opening as Coronado's first bank building, our building has stood for Service (with a capital "S") including time as our City Hall, the city's Post Office, the Coronado Visitor Center, the Coronado Museum, the archives of Coronado's history, a place of safety for your life savings, and a convenient meeting place of learning. It's the only building of its kind in Coronado and has served Coronadans continuously for 105 years.

One of the new initiatives you will see in 2016 from CHA is a fresh emphasis on personal histories in Coronado. Not only do we want to create a special series of short biographical sketches on many who have found pleasure in our village, but we want to produce these in an entirely different way than we have done in the past. Our goal will be to research and write new personal histories through the technique of "multiple voices." I have seen this work well in different museums and I want to "up our game" by employing this proven writing technique in Coronado.

We will be seeking professional or experienced writers (or just those with a love of both history and writing) and challenge them to research and write short biographies – injecting their own style and perspectives. Subjects could

include individuals in history, residents with special stories, a favorite teacher, politicians with special merit, someone who has made a difference in our quality of life, or your next door neighbor. This challenge is not for everybody, but we think that many in the community would like to contribute. In all cases these personal histories will be entered and cross-referenced within our Coronado Museum collection.

Please plan on attending our Celebrating Coronado History Gala in March for a fresh new look at one of the most fascinating themes of Coronado's history, our riveting relationship with the Navy. It's a positive and inspiring theme

that brought many of us to Coronado in

the first place and has helped shape Coronado into what it is today. Our program is going to be provocative and fun-filled; our live and silent auction items promise to be the best you'll see on the Island this year; and there will be surprises galore!

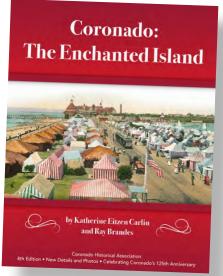
The year-long effort of 2015 to release the long-overdue 4th Edition of our historical mainstay, "Coronado: The Enchanted Island" has been a great success. Our primary aim was to focus on value — value embedded within the breadth of Coronado history and value of the book itself by releasing the

4th Edition as a limited edition

collector's volume. With new historical research, 60% new pictures, and a new "Coronado Almanac" in the back, this book breaks new ground. Only 125 copies were offered (signed and numbered with a nod to Coronado's celebration of its 125th year) and, as we begin 2016, only about 20 remain.

We think our fresh new account of Coronado's treasured past is an important addition to the historical record, and will earn a place on every Coronadan's bookshelf.

Coronado, a world away from the California mainland. — Bruce



Winter 2016

Our Lecture Hall Vision by Bruce Linder

CHA acts as the

steward for this

legacy, as Don
Budinger intended,
devoted every day
to safeguarding the
theme of service

to the people of

Coronado.

Some twenty years ago, our proud building at 1100 Orange Avenue was in the midst of transition. CHA had outgrown its digs at 1126 Loma, Coronado's Palumbo family was anxious to sell after thirty years of Marco's restaurant service, and an Arizona-based entrepreneur and philanthropist with a love for Coronado was looking for local property.

All these threads came together — famously — when Mr. Donald Budinger took title to our building and helped position CHA to operate the building as a direct benefit to the Coronado community. CHA acts as the steward for this legacy, as Don Budinger intended, and devotes each day to safeguarding the theme of service to the people of Coronado. In a noble and inspiring expression of generosity, Mr. Budinger has guaranteed the eventual transfer of the building to CHA as a gift, thereby ensuring that this most distinguished building of Coronado will continue to represent what is best about our village.

Under Don Budinger's eye and with CHA's requirements in mind, 1100 Orange was completely upgraded to a fine level of neoclassical brilliance; a restoration that included sparkling museum galleries, a new museum store, and secure areas for the preservation of Coronado's historical collection. The renovation concept included a "Lecture Hall" dedicated to the pursuit of learning and educating others, seating about fifty. The architectural sketches twenty years ago envisioned no wall between the Museum galleries and the Lecture Hall, fully integrating both within the same ambiance.

This concept never quite came together as originally visualized.

Our Lecture Hall today is lively and comfortable but rather utilitarian and misses that enjoyable link with the character of a classy museum.

All that is about to change.

Guests at the Stockdale exhibit opening, look on as POW's speak and members, Ross Perot and Sybil Stockdale looking on. We set out last year to plan for the Lecture Hall's next chapter. We interviewed three different architects; we inspected every element of our Lecture Hall operation; we identified areas needing repair, replacement, or upgrade; and we looked for ways to enhance the Museum-Lecture Hall interface.

By last November, our Lecture Hall planning had matured to the

point that we could identify this project as the focal point for our annual end-of-year donation appeal.

The response from CHA's members has been phenomenal – over forty donations were received stretching from Texas to Coronado – and it's become clear that our renovation plans hold a certain resonance for a lot of different people.

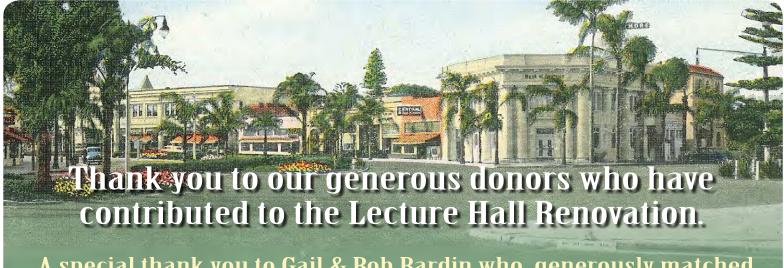
Not only did your individual contributions show up at our door step to help our efforts, but many of those were accompanied by short penned comments including: "We come to Wine & Lectures all the time," "Coronado needs this," and "Smart idea!"

At that same time, one of Coronado's leading couples, Bob and Gail Bardin added a brilliant boost to our efforts, offering to match dollar-for-dollar every donation we received. Their collective comment tells it all: "It's important that Coronado has quality gathering places like the Lecture Hall to match the wonderful quality of our community. We want to help!"

With our solid and wide-spread donation response we are launching Phase 1 of an anticipated three phase effort for Lecture Hall renovation (right now!).

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A special thank you to Gail & Bob Bardin who generously matched all donations received in the CHA Annual Appeal.

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Winter 2016

HISTORY MAKERS:

Interview with the Mayor by Janet Francis

Nelcome

Casey Tanaka graduated from Coronado High School (CHA), class of 1994 —the same year President Clinton visited our town. Nurtured from his youth by "NADO," Casey demonstrated his aptitude early, winning the Bill Davis Award for excellence in the study of History and the first ever Islander Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences. He went on to earn his Bachelor's of Arts in History --with honors, at the University of California, San Diego. By the time he accepted that diploma, his goals for the next chapter in life were clear; make an impact in his hometown.

It would not take long before his goals became reality, accepting his first teaching assignment at CHS on his 21st birthday; which began an illustrious career teaching history to generations of Coronado's youth. His aspirations also included involvement in local government. As a beloved teacher for 19 years, a two-time City Councilmen (2002, 2006) and two-time Mayor (2008, 2012), he has certainly accomplished his goals and made a historic mark on Coronado.

As Mayor Tanaka considers his future, there is no hesitation when he says he will continue to teach. Beyond that, there is no need to set such succinct goals. This time he'll wait to see how the 'stars align' to begin writing the next chapter in his personal history.

When asked what his crowning moments were as Mayor, he deflected any personal credit. However, he does admit to feeling satisfied that he was able to sustain the high level of stewardship left to him. The City was in a good position when Mayor Tom Smisek handed the keys to over to him. "I feel good that Coronado has sustained its level of prosperity." That prosperity in large part is due to dedicated people. Close to Mayor Tanaka's heart, the city staff. "I'm the benefactor of working with very dedicated people with a lofty spirit of public service - superb public servants, the employees have been so fantastic."

As a Mayor that cares about preservation and maintaining the history of Coronado, I asked his thoughts about the Coronado Historical Association's role in the community. Mayor Tanaka shared; "The Historical Associations job is to maintain the institutional memory of the City, one that can be so easily lost. As people turn over and retire, it's so easy to lose that memory. It's like when a house has a fire---it's hard to get that back."

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New Visitor Guide!

Dear Casey, We're so proud of your accomplishments. How exciting to be moving on to new and bigger chal-lenges. Qo for it! We'il be watching. Love, Dad, Mom, Alika and Kai.

The 2016 City of Coronado Visitor Guide is here! Stop into the Visitor Center and pick up your free copy. A new feature within the 2016 Visitor Guide is a pull-out map. The four page pull-out has Coronado businesses on one side and two helpful maps on the other. This year's guide is similar to the inaugural 2015 issue with beautiful photography, "perfect binding" in a handy 8.5" by 5.5" size. The guide is chock-full-of

helpful information and ideas for Visitors and Residents alike!



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Focus on the Archive

Stephanie Washburn, Registrar & Archivist





To many people, a museum or archive is a place to visit and see "old things." Objects that tell a story are on display with labels that point out interesting facts and photographs which highlight changes over time. But why are these specific objects and images kept?

As donations come into my office, there is a very specific process that helps the Collections Committee determine if the new donation is important and historically relevant to Coronado, and, if the donation will take a place in the "vault." A temporary custody receipt is filled out to ensure that documentation shows CHA will take care of the objects even before it is formally accessioned into the collection. From there, extensive research helps build a file that provides provenance for the object. Provenance is why the object is relevant to the overall collection. Does it show how the object is related to and unique to Coronado? Is the object in someway related to a

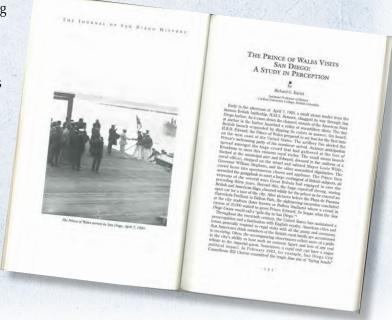
prominent Coronadan? Does it define a particular part of Coronado history? Is it related to a specific landmark? Does it show an everyday aspect of Coronado that you may not deem remarkable, but a researcher comparing Coronado to another city might deem noteworthy? Provenance is what makes an object historically significant. If the provenance is robust, the object is valuable to the history of Coronado.

After determining the provenance of a donation, an acquisition recommendation report is pulled together and presented to the Collections Committee. This report explains how the donation will be an asset to the overall collection and how it will be cared for.

For example, a recent donation of a Journal of San Diego History will be considered for acquisition because of an existing collection of journals

in CHA's research library. Determining factors include an article in the Journal discussing Coronado, and this edition does not exist in the current collection. If the committee agrees that the donation is an asset to the CHA collection,

each item is accessioned – and becomes the legal property and responsibility of CHA. A unique accession number is assigned that consists of three parts. For the Journal of San Diego History, 2016.01.01 designates it as the first donation of 2016. The ".01" describes it as the first object of the donation. By giving each object in the donation a specific and unique accession number, the collection as a whole is easily inventoried, and most importantly objects in the collection are quickly identified. The collected provenance is placed together with the accession paperwork, including the signed deed of gift, and temporary custody receipt in a catalog file denoted by the accession number. This file is used to reference the object for research and future exhibitions. Check back with us in the next History Matters to discover how CHA preserves each item in the collection.



New Accessions

Coronado Historical Association Collection

Robert Byerly – 1926 Aerial Photograph of the Naval Training Center at Point Loma.

Mary-Ann (Pat) Mearns – Three Vietnam-era prisoner of war posters. In memory of Colonel Arthur S. Mearns.

Arlene Simpson – A history of the carousel at Balboa Park. In memory of Henry Dyson Simpson.

Clarke Lewis – Photographs of the Coronado Hospital in 1953, newspaper clippings, ephemera on the Realty Board in Coronado, and photographs of Coronado Realty. In memory of Alice V. Lewis.

Kimberly Kelly – Illustrated letters from her grandfather to her aunt, Sandra, and mother, Patricia, during WWII while he was stationed at Coronado. In memory of the Szafader Family, Matthew, Helen, Sandra, and Patricia

Nancy K. Cuddy – Illustrated letter from her father to his grandchildren describing the 1972 Fourth of July Parade. In Memory of Colonel Alexander G. Kirby.

Marin County Free Library – 1906 Hotel del Coronado picture postcard.

Commander Todd Perry – Wullenweber Low Band Reflector Screen Insulator In honor of the Cryptological Community

William Burlem – Newspapers and booklets relating to Coronado and the Bridge as well as a World War II ration book.

Adele Wagner – Images of Coronado from Central Drug. In memory of Charles L Wagner, owner of Central Drug

Eric Raiter – Twenty seven digital images of Coronado scenes

Keith Fargo – Digital images of 50 postcards depicting Coronado and San Diego.

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Regarding historic preservation he shared a practical approach, stating; "Managing growth and progress is a balancing act; maintaining the historic significance of a town is not easy. It's important to protect against over development, while realizing that some development is good."

To add a little extra insight into the personal side of Mayor Tanaka we asked him some fun questions:

- Q. If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?
- A. Living- Martin Scorsese or President Bill Clinton Past- President Lincoln
- Q. Where would you travel today if you could?
- A. Anywhere in the United States.
- Q. What is your favorite way to spend a Sunday?
- A. Walking the dog, then a breakfast sandwich while watching football in my living room.
- Q. What are your thoughts about the possibility of a Chargers Stadium downtown?
- A. Knowing how that story will end (meaning the Chargers new stadium location) is like "Pinning Jello to the wall."
- Q. If you could have one 'super power,' what would it be?
- A. I think I would choose to fly-sometimes I dream about flying.

Mayor Tanaka—we think you already have!



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Phase I will include repairs to our historic La Avenida podium, repairs to linoleum flooring and walls, upgrades to our audio system, replacement of window shades, a general repainting, and replacement of our overhead projector with a new large screen display with electronics upgrades. We will also inject a healthy dose of Coronado history into the Lecture Hall with new pictures and Museum display cabinets.

Phase II will begin with the relocation and updating of our important CHA Donor Recognition Wall. Phase III will involve direct engagement of a chosen architectural firm with an aim to fully integrate Museum galleries with our Lecture Hall (as originally envisioned twenty years ago).

We fully expect that all CHA members — as well as all those in Coronado — will quickly see the handsome impact of improvements. Our goals are geared to both match Mr. Budinger's vision of "The People's House" as well as the Bardin's generosity. For as the Bardins mentioned this month "The cornerstone of our Lecture Hall is education: to help us see who we are, where we came from, and what our community is all about."



Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage and promote the appreciation, preservation and understanding of Coronado's history, culture, and historical resources to enhance the essence of our unique Village community.

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In Memoriam

One of the most intriguing aspects of Coronado history is undoubtedly the fascinating residents who have called our town home. From artists to movie stars and entrepreneurs to military heroes, the history of Coronado is filled with those who have made lasting impact on the character of Coronado.

Vice Admiral James Stockdale and Mrs. Sybil Stockdale will remain two of Coronado's most treasured and celebrated citizens. At the Coronado Historical Association, we were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Sybil Stockdale on October 10, 2015. We are humbled to honor her incredible legacy forever intertwined with her husband VADM Stockdale.

For their efforts on two fronts during the Vietnam War, the Stockdale's will remain two of Coronado's most distinguished and honored residents.

During his seven years of captivity, both James and Sybil fought with an indomitable will. As a prisoner in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, VADM Stockdale defied his captors by organizing prisoner resistance. His selfless acts

and bravery in the face of torture would earn him the Medal of Honor.



Here on the home front, Mrs. Stockdale fought her own battle. She defied the expectation of Navy wives to adhere to the "code of silence" and rallied the wives of other servicemen to speak out publicly against the treatment of POWs. Through her leadership the National League of Families was created. Forming this organization in Coronado, she was the first national coordinator and publicly demanded the President and Congress acknowledge the mistreatment of prisoners of war. Her tireless efforts earned the attention of the American press and its people. When speaking of Sybil Stockdale author Alvin Townley wrote "she helped launch a movement that united a terribly divided nation around a common goal: Bring home our prisoners of war."

Mrs. Stockdale's efforts to raise awareness prompted the administration to publicly acknowledge the mistreatment of prisoners of war and to accuse North Vietnam of violating the Geneva Convention. Mrs. Stockdale was instrumental as a liaison to the White House and the Department of Defense. She learned to share secret messages with her husband that passed vital information back and forth during his years of captivity.

Mrs. Stockdale's accolades are a testament to the extraordinary strength of character she possessed. Author, teacher, mother and wife, Mrs. Stockdale embraced each role with grace and drive. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Mrs. Stockdale also earned her Masters Degree in Education from Stanford University. She worked as a school teacher and raised her four sons during her husband's seven years of captivity. Most notably, for her actions during her husband's imprisonment, Mrs. Stockdale was awarded the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest honor awarded by the Navy to a citizen. She remains the only wife of an active-duty naval officer to have received this honor. The award was given to Mrs. Stockdale with the citation crediting her "indomitable spirit in the face of many adversities."



The Stockdale Family remains a testament to the strength of the human will. The Coronado Historical Association is honored to celebrate the legacy of this remarkable Coronado family.

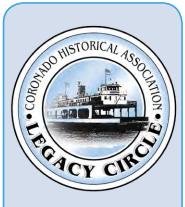
Stockdale: Character, Community, Leadership is a current special exhibit featured at the Coronado Historical Museum. Anticipated exhibit closing is Fall of 2016.

MEMBER NEWS

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Please note:

The members' list reflects membership changes that occurred between 10/13/15 and 1/22/16. We thank you for your support!

In Memoriam

With sadness and sincerest condolences, we honor the passing of loyal members and supporters of the Coronado Historical Association.





Edward Patterson



Capt. Clyde Van Arsdall III (Ret.)



Janet May Smith

The GEM Award

Coronado Historical Association's GEM Award has made quite the impression in the four years this preservation award has been given. Each year a selection of homes are considered for this special acknowledgement, which celebrates home owners that have "Gone the Extra Mile," to preserve and restore the original structure rather than tearing it down and replacing it.





We shape our dwellings, and afterward, our dwellings shape us.

—Winston Churchill

At the 2016 Celebrating Coronado History Gala, the winner of the 2016 GEM award will be announced. There are many factors that go into deciding whom should receive this distinguished award.

Some of what is considered: the overall result of the home restoration, the historical importance of the home, the architectural merit, sweat equity invested in the restoration and any history connected to the home. A committee of qualified Coronadans is selected early in the year to come together, and choose the homes to be considered. After a site visit, research and evaluation the committee decides the winner. Drum roll please.....see you at the Gala!





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