

San Pedro Bay Historical Society Newsletter

Fall 2019

September

San Pedro Says “I Do”

San Pedro couples and families were celebrated in the “San Pedro Gets Married” exhibit at the Muller House. On open Sundays, July through September, visitors enjoyed the engaging exhibits arranged by Kara McLeod, Toni Martinovich, and Donna Dragich. Along with vintage bridal finery, wedding photos of San Pedro couples through the decades were displayed, each presented with biographical details and commentary on the occasion of their marriage. At the exhibit opening, “wedding cake” was served. Thank you to all those who shared photos and memories of your wedding or that of your parents and relatives. With bride’s name listed first, the couples celebrated were:

Blair-Smith	Martinich-Dragich
Brymer-Bezich	McLeod-Mattson
Cameron-Garrett	Meek-Mihaljevich
Cameron-Jeans	Milisa-Dragich
Carr-Dragich	Mirkovich-Iacono
Cavanaugh-Cameron	Molton Beum-Martinovich
Cole-Cameron	Mott-Hall
Cowie-Buchan	Muller-Envolden
Coy-Cameron	Olivero-LaPinta
Datz-Howat	Petras-Polich
DiBernardo-Gasperov	Reid-Cameron
Doyle-Sanford	Rockwell-Morrow
Gunn-Traughber	Royal-Muller
Hall-Dragich	Shults-Orgel
Larson-Peterson	Siverson-Ardaiz
Lopez-Sujdovic	Smith-Griffin
Lowe-Belcher	Stanovich-LaMont
Malicay-Soto	Weinshall-Brodslly



Left: Wedding gown of Judith Webb and a yellow mother-of-the-bride ensemble from Kara McLeod’s personal collection. Right: From the wedding of Lillian Peterson, a peach silk bridesmaid’s dress and ivory silk bridal gown.



Jeannie DiBernardo Gasperov and husband Joe Gasperov visit the Muller House exhibit and later cut the wedding cake.

Beer Taste Coming Up October 12

In a farewell to summer, we’re sampling beers and hors d’oeuvres at the Beer Taste, October 12, on the Muller House patio. See the accompanying form to make your reservation. Details are also posted on our website under “Events.” Your contributions of silent auction items or food are always welcome.

CALENDAR

October & November – Muller House Photo Display of old San Pedro bars and clubs. Also check website for program in development.

October 12, Saturday – Beer Taste from 3:00 to 6:00 at the Muller House.

November 16, Saturday – Annual Meeting & Election. Location to be arranged.

December 14, Saturday – Holiday Dinner at the Muller House

Connecting the Dots in the Archives

If you have ever visited the SPBHS Archives, likely you have noticed the promotional painting of developer George Peck's vision for San Pedro. Its size makes it hard to miss. The painting shows a fantastical harbor with more than twenty piers (never built) sprouting off the breakwater, many multistory buildings along Pacific Avenue (also never built), and the empty tracts of land on the south that Peck was marketing. A tiny PE car inches along the stretch of Pacific Avenue which once curved towards Point Fermin before the great landslide that began in 1929.

We assumed that the painting once hung in Peck's real estate office. Proof positive was found the other day by archives volunteer Chuck Short. He came across an archives photo that clearly shows the painting in the right front window of Peck's office on Beacon Street. In fact, the fellow at the wheel of the the auto out front looks to be Peck himself.

Our hope is to have the painting professionally conserved and covered with a protective barrier.



Photo above: George Peck's real estate office with promotional painting displayed in window on right. Below: Cropped photo of the same painting today in the SPBHS Archives.

Nominations for 2020 Board of Directors & Officers

Officers

President: Mona Dallas Reddick
Vice President: Linda Howat
Secretary: Frank Anderson
Chief Financial Officer: Mary Jo Walker

Board Members at Large

Irene Almeida
Bob Bartlett
Gina Bellous
Donna Dragich
Amy Epperhart
Andrea Luse
Toni Martinovich
John Mattson
Kara McLeod
Toni O'Donnell
Chuck Short
John Smith
Ann Tompkins

The election will take place at the
Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 16.

The location is still to be determined.
Nominations may also be made from
the floor at the meeting according to the
eligibility rules of the SPBHS Bylaws.

To the businesses and organizations that donated items for the July Wine Taste, Thank You!

The Wine Crush of Long Beach
The Fish Market
Pappy's
Starlight Cinemas, RPV
Joe McKinzie
Aquarium of the Pacific
Captain's Treasure Chest
Point Fermin Lighthouse Society