

# San Pedro Bay Historical Society Newsletter

## Enthusiastic Crowd at Archives Open House

The Archives Open House drew over 80 people on March 3. The event was a way to celebrate San San Pedro's 130th birthday as well as an invitation to the whole community to see what we do. The tours to "Seventh Heaven," the old jail one floor up from the Archives, were a big hit. On display were the 1930s bride's and bridesmaid's gowns from the Peterson family (owners of the original grocery store at Weymouth Corners), various artifacts, photos and of course the library collection. Those with particular interests were assisted in looking for photos and documentation. Many thanks to SPBHS board members and Archives volunteers who made this event happen!

We are always interested in donations or your sharing of old photos and memorabilia related to San Pedro.

## Be a Muller House Volunteer!

Greet visitors or help out in other ways one Sunday afternoon a month. Email [sanpedrohistory@gmail.com](mailto:sanpedrohistory@gmail.com) to be connected with volunteer coordinator Donna Dragich. You can also leave a voicemail at the Archives number on the reverse side.



Photo credit: Roy H. Dallas

US Navy Attack Transport *Paul Revere*, converted at Todd Shipyard

## A Navy Tea for April 15

San Pedro has a rich military history with its connection to the Naval Operating Base on Terminal Island and the shoreside three-level army installation of Fort MacArthur. The naval presence gave rise to a mostly forgotten social ritual, the Navy Teas, retold to us recently by SPBHS board member Donna Dragich. The teas or "Navy Wives' Teas" were afternoon parties where each participant would bring her own teacup. These cups would then be exchanged, and women often acquired a collection of them as mementos of the enjoyable occasions.

In recognition of the bygone tradition, the Society will host a Navy Tea on Sunday, April 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tea cups will be provided and also available for purchase, but guests are encouraged to bring their own tea cup and share its story.

The cost for members is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for non-members. Please use the accompanying flyer to RSVP as space is limited. One may become a member at the tea and receive the member's entry cost. For more information on membership, please visit [sanpedrobayhistoricalsociety.com](http://sanpedrobayhistoricalsociety.com).

## Looking Ahead

A June 22 field trip to the Nixon Library & Museum in Yorba Linda is planned. July will see our usual Ice Cream Social and Wine Taste events, and in August perhaps a mini-flea market!

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**MULLER HOUSE MUSEUM**

**1542 S. Beacon Street, San Pedro CA 90731**  
**Phone: (310) 831-1788**

Open the first two Sundays of the  
month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Docent led tours and gift shop.

The last tour starts at 3:30.

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