

# San Pedro Bay Historical Society Newsletter

SUMMER 2018

AUGUST

## SPBHS Symposium World War I: Its Impact on the Harbor Community

November 3, a Saturday, has been set as the date of our symposium to commemorate the end of a war that not only upended people's lives but transformed our harbor towns and the country. There will be several speakers and slide shows, along with an exhibit at the Muller House. The symposium is planned for the afternoon, but the exact venue is still being arranged.

Jim MacLellan, director of trade development for the Port of Los Angeles, and Mona Dallas Reddick, SPBHS president, are the coordinators. If you have stories or memories of those who experienced the war or artifacts for the exhibit, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Mona at xxxxx or email [mdalred@gmail.com](mailto:mdalred@gmail.com).

## News from the Archives

August's first Saturday open hours again brought in enough new visitors to keep our volunteers busy straight through. Visitors sought information on Mexican Hollywood, local labor history, the Tongva, the Fishermen's Fiesta, and other topics. So far it has been a great way to make the collection more accessible and also spread the word about the multiple projects of SPBHS. The Saturday hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and it is only the first Saturday of the month that the Archives are open, in addition to the usual Monday & Wednesday hours of 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

On October 20, the SPBHS Archives will make its debut as an exhibitor at the LA as Subject Archives Bazaar. This one-day event, hosted in USC's



World War I Era poster promoting shipbuilding

Doheny Memorial Library, is a stellar opportunity to introduce our collection and the Society to the rest of Los Angeles. The diverse local history and cultures of Southern California are well represented by dozens of organizations exhibiting at the bazaar. The event is free and open to the public. See the website: <https://laassubject.org/archives-bazaar>

**Flea Market Saturday, August 25**  
**at the Muller House**  
**8:30 a.m. — Noon**  
Items to donate? Call 310/344-0713.

## A Word of Thanks!

Over 60 people enjoyed a not-too-warm afternoon at the July 28 Wine Taste and silent auction in support of the SPBHS. The Wine Crush provided their always generous pours, and the hors d'oeuvres table saw a lot of action.

Many thanks to the businesses, organizations, and individuals who made a donation or contributed their time.

Denny's  
The Fish Market  
Grand Vision Foundation  
The Grinder  
Los Angeles Harbor International Film Festival  
Pirozzi's Deli  
Point Fermin Lighthouse Society  
Starlight Terrace Cinema  
Trader Joe's  
Walker Advertising  
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Irene Almeida  
Frank Anderson  
Sandy Cardot  
Martine Garcia  
Betty Jacobelly  
Andrea Luse  
Toni Martinovich  
Joe McKinzie  
Martha Austin McKinzie  
Kara McLeod  
Bob Reddick  
Mona Dallas Reddick  
Chuck Short  
Ann Tompkins  
Mary Jo Walker

## Muller House Improvements

The Muller House and garage are once again outfitted with multiple security lights, some with motion sensors. Thanks go to the talented Jim Howat, who researched the outdoor security needs, ordered the lights, and installed them at strategic locations.

Our wonderful board members do much to keep the trash picked up around the Muller House. Regular efforts to keep trash and discards in check have also been provided by Clean San Pedro and the Beacon House. Thanks everyone!

## Invitation to Volunteer

As with any non-profit volunteer-based organization, the donation of one's time is as important as membership dues or cash contributions. The Society is fortunate to have a steady group of volunteers, but there's still a need to cover some bases.

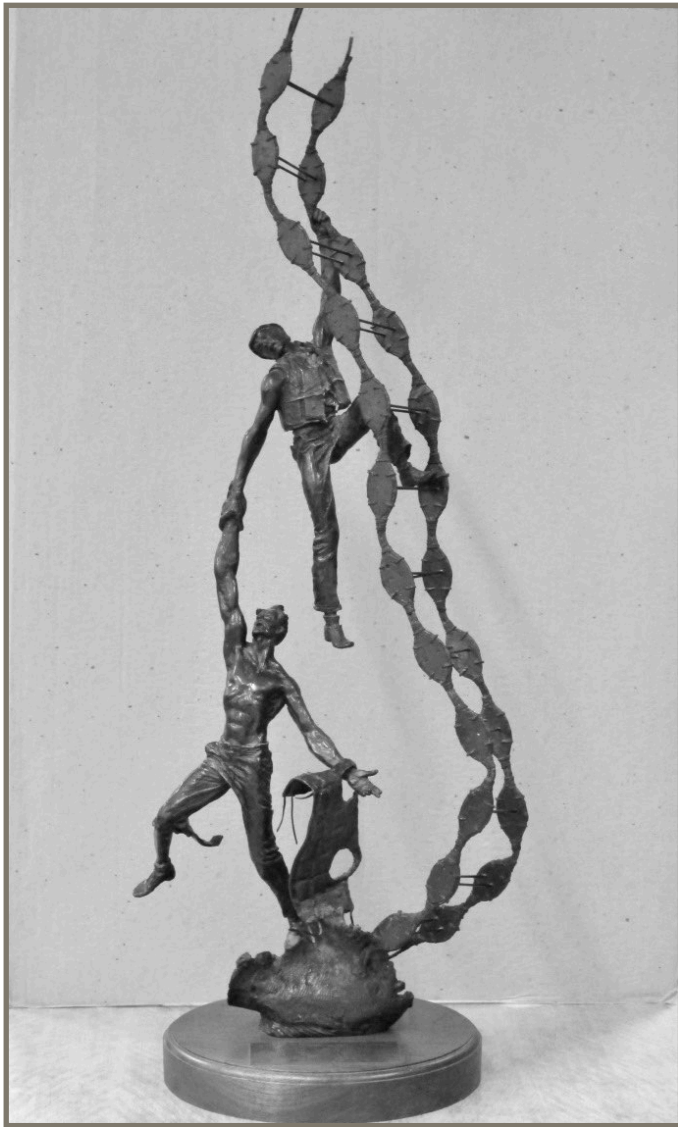
Help is needed at the Muller House on the Sundays when tours are given. Could you be on hand for just one of the first two Sundays of the month to greet visitors or sit in the gift shop? Another way to help is to become a docent, leading visitors on a guided tour of the Muller House. There are cheat sheets and a booklet about the house to get you started, and additional guidance is provided by our experienced docents.

Publicity chair, Toni Martinovich, is seeking website assistance. If you have experience with creating or maintaining a website, please get in touch with her by sending an email to [sanpedrohistory@gmail.com](mailto:sanpedrohistory@gmail.com)

Maybe you would like only to be on a list as someone we could call for occasional help, such as mailing the newsletter or tackling a specific task around the Muller House. Let us know! Phone Mona at xxxxx or email [sanpedrohistory@gmail.com](mailto:sanpedrohistory@gmail.com)

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American Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial replica statue by Jasper D'Ambrosi and sons, depicting a Jacob's ladder sea rescue

## A Rare Donation

A small version of the bronze U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial statue, by sculptor Jasper D'Ambrosi and his sons Michael and Marc, was recently donated to the SPBHS from the estate of Don Goldman. To help finance the production of the main memorial statue found in the John S. Gibson Park along Harbor Boulevard, ten of the replicas were made and sold in the late 1980s. We are deeply grateful to Steve Shulman, who handled and directed the donation from the Goldman estate. Come see it in the Archives!

## Debut of a New Oral History Project

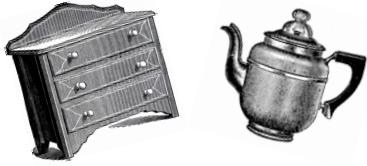
The video/film project *Stories of the Los Angeles Harbor Area* made its public debut on the evening of August 16, with a launch at the San Pedro Brewing Company. The project was initiated by Stephanie Mardesich, who explains in a press release that the goal is to "gather stories from a variety of people and perspectives that capture significant memories and observations about the people, neighborhoods, events, friendships, and families that have contributed to our unique history and have made the LA Harbor Area such a special place to live."

Filmmaker Jack Baric is both the director and along with Stephanie a co-producer of the project. Many of our members will have seen Jack's films *Bloody Thursday* and *Port Town*. The project is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, District 4, through county grant funding.

Previewed at the launch were several of the 20 oral history interviews filmed to date, fascinating and touching stories of the participants' personal experiences and the journeys that brought them or their forebears to San Pedro. Some of those featured at the launch were Oliva Cueva-Fernandez, Dave Arian, Warren Furutani, Steve Kleinjan, and Anita (Fistonich) Mardesich.

Individual stories will be rolled out each Thursday on Youtube, and eventually there will be a dedicated website. The interview of Steve Kleinjan (of Clean San Pedro) has already been posted. He recounts the 1960s clubhouse scene and cruising Pacific Avenue. Just search his name on Youtube for a quintessential Sixties San Pedro treat.

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*Flea Market*  
*August 25th!*

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### Saturday Events on the Horizon

August 25th – Flea Market at the Muller House, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

October 13th – Beer Taste on the Muller House Patio

November 3rd – World War I: Its Impact on the Harbor Community, a Symposium

November 17th – Annual Meeting & Election

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