Dear fellow Historical Society folks and lovers of Encinitas! How wonderful to have our many visitors and guests visit us! I love looking through our sign-in list to see where the many folks have come from: Israel, Australia, the Midwest and east coast. I enjoy reporting the various cities and states represented at our Annual Meetings. New docents are always amazed at how small our world really can be. Membership is at one of our highest levels thanks to Marilyn Fowler membership chair. Our gardens around the beloved schoolhouse are in gorgeous full bloom! It is wonderful how many of the docents have self-claimed an area to plant and maintain. Many hands make light work and keep our grounds colorful! Our experts, Gigi Lopatriello and Joy Lyndes instruct, identify and aid in cultivating our plantings. The cherry tomatoes are STILL producing - a year later! The kumquats are plentiful and we have enjoyed snap peas, carrots and lettuce from Joy's beds. Did you know we have an encinitos tree just in front of the schoolhouse? It loves growing there and really took off this past year. It is a great way to educate our visitors on what helped name our town. When allowed to re-open we will open Fridays and Saturdays 12noon until 3:00pm. See you later, Carolyn

Wonderful Gift

We are so appreciative for our most recent gift to the historical society which in turn is a gift to all of the community. Richard Bumann has not only given us the documents and photos of L.C. Kincaid (a railroad man who homesteaded off Saxony) but more importantly the entire Bumann photo collection! We are thrilled to have this for the public to share for generations to come!

Thank You Richard and Adeline “Twink” Bumann!
Executive Board News

Local ancestor to the Hammond Family (who settled here in 1883) Pam Hammond Walker, continues to monitor our banking activity and volunteers on a regular basis – two very important tasks! If you are lucky enough to visit the schoolhouse when she is on duty she can tell the stories.

A big shout out to Connie McIntire, our society's secretary, who continues to fulfill her scheduled docent duties. She mobilizes herself via a walker following a nasty fall. It is hard to keep that lady down!

Our board member IT Guru, Adrian Spector, takes on tasks that literally many of us do not even understand such as our Web site, twitter and Facebook. He is always upgrading and adding to our website. We are so grateful to have this outstanding (young) man to keep us in this digital age!

Big Thanks to our talented and creative editor Terri Wallace for our bi-annual newsletter!

Please Renew Your Membership

Annual dues allow us to maintain our beloved 1883 One-room Schoolhouse and grounds. Membership privileges include free research copies, regular issues of our newsletter, The Little Oaks via mailed hard copy or email, a Calendar of Events, and VIP nights (free for special events) and a 10% reduction on all books, pictures and materials. If you prefer, we are happy to email the newsletter! Send us your email for our records.

Historical & Architectural Walks to Resume Downtown

After plotting a new route, six docents are creating a new route covering more historical buildings, locations and their historic contribution to our early days. Due to the pandemic these walks will resume sometime in the future. Watch for announcements in local papers or just call the schoolhouse. This walk will be offered FREE with only suggested donations to our all-volunteer organization!

Exciting Addition to the Schoolhouse

We are just beginning the long arduous task of applying for a county historical plaque. Thanks to Sean Englert and the E Clampus Vitus organization of San Diego County #1853 for spearheading this effort. Before the end of the year we will be listed as an historical building. Speaking of the building, thanks to Lois Aufmann, the county approved a grant to re-paint the schoolhouse. It is not in disrepair but we want to keep it that way, and for this reason periodic painting helps protect it, especially since we are so close to the damp, salty ocean air.

The Adventure Begins

Docent coordinator Suzanne Spector has been compiling information on the various “Notable People of Encinitas” from the beginning of township to the present. As board members, we are tasked to list who we knew or know. It is truly amazing how many famous and notable people live or have lived in the Encinitas area, even if for a short time.
Community Heritage Tree

“The Lighting of the Heritage” was again a wonderful community event. The children squealed with delight when firemen from Fire Station One brought Santa. Jim Filanc worked diligently well before the night, arranging the equipment to string the lights and place the new topper on the tree constructed by Danny Salzhandler. This past year marked the 25th year local Luis Ortiz has been decorating the Heritage Tree.

Book Project Update

As many of you already know, the Encinitas Historical Society's book project “Encinitas: Our History & People” had a major hiccup with the publishing company, HPN, declaring bankruptcy. Even though we had vetted this company thoroughly before any contract was signed we were taken aback by this turn of events. We initially thought all was lost. Daphne Fletcher, (who was the HPN contracted employee) and her new company Ledge Media, has recently been successful in acquiring all of the files through the bankruptcy courts. Good news! With these files she can now move forward to produce the book via her new publishing company. Please be patient during this process. Together we do hope to have the book ready for the Holidays 2020. Thanks to our many supporters, this local history project is a book we all can be proud of!

Encinitas Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Bumann Ranch, which dates to 1886, in Encinitas is one of the last remaining, still-active homestead ranches in San Diego County and it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Remarkably, the buildings, machinery, and other contents are entirely original and unchanged. The family has owned the ranch for three generations and Richard and Twink Bumann still live there on 10 of the original 160 acres.

Thank you to everyone who wrote to the State Historical Resources Commission in November 2019 to support the nomination of this rare treasure!
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If you opt for the Business Membership, you will automatically receive free advertising in our newsletter, and your website will be just a click away in our Links & Volunteering page.

Join or renew your annual membership in the “Friends of the 1883 Schoolhouse” for 2020

Help to preserve our local history for generations to come and to provide numerous educational programs for our community including monthly walking tours of Historic Encinitas, development of heritage gardens at the Pacific View property and special events to engage our residents in supporting the work of the Encinitas Historical Society.

Membership INFO:___New___Renewal (Please check line)

Senior/$20 ___ Individual/Family/$25 ___ Business/$100 ___

PLEASE PRINT:
Name:________________________________________________
Phone:________________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________
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Would you consider volunteering as a docent for a few hours once a month on Friday or Saturday from 12 to 3 pm. Yes___ No ___

How do you want your newsletter sent? Email___ Regular Mail___

Mail form with check payable to: EHS, 390 W. F Street, Encinitas, CA 92024

Donations to the nonprofit Encinitas Historical Society are tax-deductible.
Encinitas Historical Society Pending Events:

- Quarterly Downtown Walking Tours
- Treasure Hunt (best high-end collectibles)
- Fall Street Fair-2 days!
- Plant Sale
- Historical Bus Tour
- Lighting of the Heritage Tree
- Annual Meeting
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Our Mission

The Encinitas Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the City’s past through its research, library programs, exhibits, and publications. Grounded in 1980 by local citizens who recognized that rapid changing conditions could erase evidence of our town’s rich past. Today the mission is extended by a thirteen member Board, and a dedicated staff of volunteers are serving our community as a whole to preserving the Encinitas heritage.