



EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer, 2011

Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society Welcomes the Community

Let's beat the heat together at the Historical Society's CENTENNIAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Sundaes, July 31st from 1pm - 4pm at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, 2225 Colorado Blvd. FREE admission for ALL, DOLLAR-A-SCOOP ice cream, "endless" toppings, and luscious baked goods await you! As usual our lovely old library is AIR CONDITIONED!

We will again have family entertainment, Peter Breede and his street organ music (it wouldn't be an ice cream social without him) and folk dance favorites "Fifth Friday Folk Band" (maybe they'll teach you a thing or two!). Headlining will be the Eagle Rock High School Latin Jazz Band! We will be able to meet the famous and infamous from California's past courtesy of the Western Educators, Shooters and Troopers. Fabulous prizes donated by local merchants will be won by a lucky few!

Author Eric Warren will sign his all new "Eagle Rock: 1911-2011." Produced for the centennial, the pictorial history shows the people, events and places in our town in the century after Eagle Rock became a city. A sequel to his earlier "Eagle Rock," the book is another local addition to Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series.

Highlights from the archive will be shown! Historical society postcards and notecards will be available! Join us now and be invited to the Historical Society's Gala 50th birthday celebration at Fatty's: A Place to Eat, Tuesday, October 18.

As a special thank you to all Historical Society members who make it possible, with their membership fees and personal interest in this community's history, for us to sustain and continually add to our already rich archives, a FREE Historical Society T-shirt to all new and current members at the door!!! (Of course, supplies and sizes are on a first come, first serve, one per membership basis).

Be sure to stop by the event with friends and the whole family! We look forward to seeing new and old friends! See you then!

ITS COOL!

THE EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS

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1-4 P.M.**

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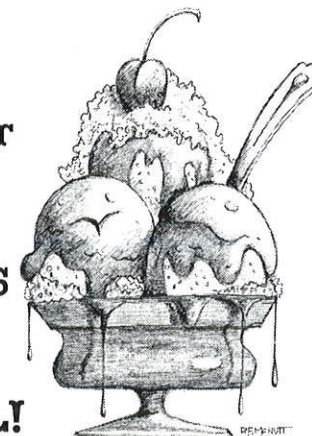
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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, EAGLE ROCK 2225 COLORADO BLVD

•ERHS LATIN JAZZ BAND
•FIFTH FRIDAY FOLK BAND
•PETER BREEDE, THE ORGAN GRINDER MAN
•MERCHANT DONATED PRIZE DRAWING
•EAGLE ROCK 1911-2011 BOOK SIGNING

FREE ADMISSION! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Members and Friends

Centennial Edition: Ice Cream Social

We continue our tradition of welcoming all in the community, especially the children, to our family party. We expect a visit from the firefighters of Station 42 and perhaps a few visitors from California's past. I will be signing my new book: Eagle Rock 1911-2011.

Come and bring a friend!

Exciting Collaboration

We are working together with the Highland Park Heritage Trust and the Occidental College Library to preserve and digitize the regional history contained in the northeast newspapers (see page 5 for more information). In addition, we have appeared together at Lummis Day, the July third fireworks celebrating Eagle Rock's Centennial and Independence Day, and the Eagle Rock Library Centennial event on July 9. It has been a very enjoyable and informative joint activity. It's great getting to know our neighbors.

We will be side by side at the 6th annual Los Angeles Archives Bazaar at USC's Doheny Library Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Soda Tasting

A benefit for the Friends of the Southwest Museum. As many of you know, the oldest museum in Los Angeles is closed and apt to be abandoned by its new owners after the removal of the collection to Burbank and Griffith Park. We support the many volunteers who are contesting this outcome. On Sunday, July 24, at Galco's, 5702 York Blvd. from

5-8 PM a soda-tasting fundraiser will be held. Also featured will be Charles Phoenix mixing "Poptails", live music and an auction. Support the cause and have fun! Advance tickets are \$12 at Galco's or online at www.friendsofthesouthwest-museum.com

Centennial

In 2011, Eagle Rock celebrates its 100th Birthday. A committee of community members is working to coordinate and present special events throughout the year to celebrate Eagle Rock. A good time was had by all at the park for the 2nd annual fireworks show sponsored by 14th district Councilmember Jose Huizar. Specially honored were Past President John Miller and his wife Sue Ann for their many hours volunteering for the community. A Colossal Veterans Day and Centennial Parade is in the planning stage. A date is set for a gala final celebration at the Women's Club. Street banners, tree planting, and artistic enhancements will beautify our community. Get involved, everyone can contribute! We are all volunteers working together to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. We need you! To learn more on how you can get involved with Eagle Rock's 100th Anniversary, visit the centennial website at www.eaglerockcentennial.com or email at eaglerock100th@yahoo.com.

Centennial Calendars & Video

The calendar celebrates the great Eagle Rock and highlights the history of our community. Calendars are available for sale for a minimum donation of \$3. Great for yourself and gifts! Check out the dates for commemorative events! The video produced by Paul and Claudette Harrison and directed by Oxy graduate Nelson A. Melgar features many of our historic photos along with contemporary footage. The video, t-shirts, hats and cups are available online at www.eaglerock90041.net. Proceeds go to Centennial events and projects.

Calendars and videos may be purchased at the following merchant locations:

Read Books (4972 Eagle Rock Blvd.)
Tritch Hardware (1620 Colorado Blvd.)

ERVHS 50th Anniversary Gala

Plans are afoot for a big bash honoring our own anniversary, Tuesday, October 18, 2011. We have reserved Fatty's, a Place to Eat (in the Dahlia Motors Building, LAHCM #692) for a delicious full dinner in this fine vegetarian restaurant. A flight of fine wines will also be available. Look forward to a classy dinner with limited speechmaking and lots of fun. Diva Morganne will perform. Although we will participate enthusiastically in the Centennial, we must not forget the history of our own organization.

The objectives of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society

- to preserve, clarify through research and to perpetuate the history of Eagle Rock Valley
- to make this history available to students, researchers, libraries and all interested persons
- to preserve and protect our local landmarks, especially the Eagle Rock

Membership is open to all who would further these objectives

Public Archive Hours 10 to 12 every Saturday
at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock
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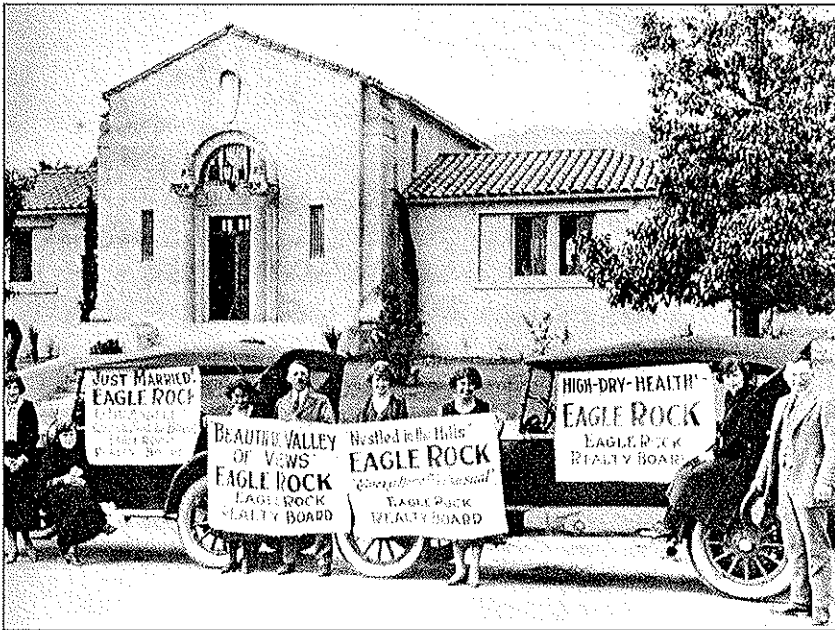
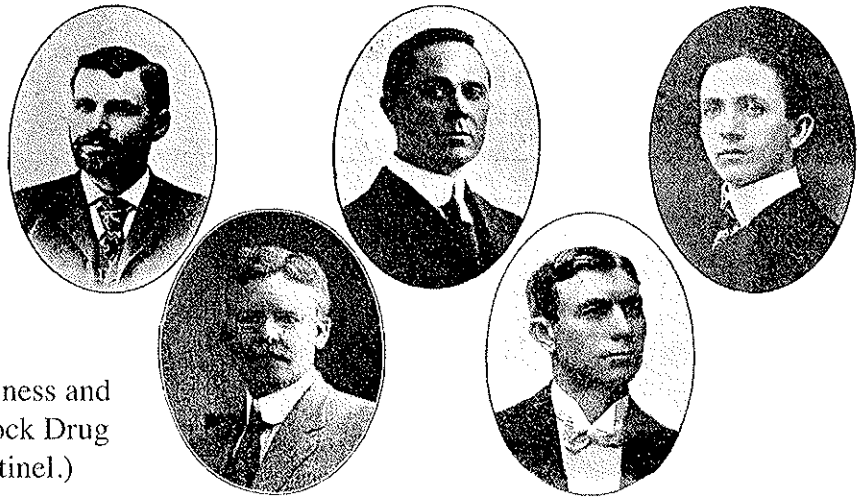
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eaglerockhistory.org

A few photos from our archive featured in Eagle Rock: 1911-2011

Board Of Trustees, 1911. Eagle Rock was incorporated as a city of the sixth class, designed for cities with small populations. As such, governance was by an elected board. The person with the most votes became the Mayor. Pictured above, from left to right, are Charles W. Young, Wallace E. Bruce, Mayor John T. Bailey, William Keen Cowan, and James F. Kincheloe. None had lived in the valley more than six years, they were in business and real estate. Bruce was the owner of Eagle Rock Drug Company. (Published in the Eagle Rock Sentinel.)



Just Married! The members of the Eagle Rock Realty Board express their enthusiasm for the annexation to Los Angeles. They apparently felt that the larger city could deal with the water and sewer problems that threatened to impede further development. Behind them is Eagle Rock's City Hall, which was built in 1922.

Family of Beauties. Ian Blackadder ran a detective agency, keeping watch over local businesses. Growing up at the end of the depression in their home near the Rock, his three daughters soon realized that their intelligence and beauty offered them opportunities unobtainable at home. The eldest took the name Lili St. Cyr and became one of the biggest stars of burlesque. The youngest, Rosemary, pictured right, also a successful showgirl, married Harold Minsky of Minsky's Burlesque, and became a producer. (Photograph by Garbo, Chicago, Courtesy of Rosemary Minsky.)



Our Town, Our History

Future President. Barack Obama stands in front of George Baker's Water Forms II at Occidental College. President Obama, who was a student at Occidental from 1979 to 1981, said "(Occidental) is a wonderful liberal arts college. The professors were diverse and inspiring. I ended up making some lifelong friendships there, and those first two years really helped me grow up". (Photograph courtesy of Eric Moore, Oxy class of 1983.)



Progress Days, 1961. Here celebrity resident Ann Tyrrell, who was Vi from The Ann Southern Show, honors Grand Marshall Elena Frackelton Murdock for her 75 years of community leadership. Local and state politicians opened the refurbished Eagle Rock Boulevard where the tracks had been replaced by planted medians. Mrs. Murdock led a parade featuring community organizations, and a carnival and evening dance were held on the Eagle Rock Lumber grounds, in honor of fifty years of Eagle Rock's progress. (Photograph by Joe Friezer.)

The Torch Passes, July 1984.

The Olympic torch passed through Eagle Rock on a circuitous route through Los Angeles, ending at the Coliseum. The torch was carried by disabled people and attracted an enthusiastic crowd. In the background is Caspar Avenue heading south from Colorado Boulevard. The foreground storefront now houses Camilo's restaurant; the background corner, Cornerstone Pizzeria. (Photograph by Paulino C. Acevedo.)



Why do we want those old newspapers?

Newspapers provide an immediate and generally accurate account of events. Although their coverage is colored by editorial point of view and human error, their accounts are a primary source of events otherwise forgotten or distorted by memory.

The Historical Society has long been in possession of microfilm made by Orrin Asa, the owner of Northeast Newspapers in 1980. The film was made from the historic newspapers in the morgue of the firm at that time. Asa had acquired the regional papers over time and had consolidated their operations for economic reasons. They were published at a joint facility on Figueroa Street. Although these were substantial holdings, there were gaps in the press runs even at that time. For unknown reasons, the microfilm archive ended at 1980, despite the publication of the papers by Asa until around 1992 and by others until around 1996.

A few years ago, I received a call from a man named Curt Kirkpatrick who said that he had been storing a large quantity of bound newspapers, including the Eagle Rock Sentinel and the Highland Park News Herald and Journal. He no longer wished to pay for the storage. The newspapers had come to him via a man who had been hired to clear the morgue of the Glendale News Press after its acquisition by the Tribune Company. He had the sense to realize that they had value and should be preserved.

Hearing of this windfall, I contacted Charles Fisher of the Highland Park Heritage Trust. We went immediately to the storage unit and loaded our cars to the gunwales with this miraculously preserved treasure, which appeared to be the contents of the Northeast Newspapers morgue. The papers were moved to improvised storage provided by our members.

About a year later, the new president of Occidental College, Jonathan Veitch, was expressing a desire for closer relations with the community. Discussions with the new College Librarian, Robert Kieft, led to the thought that the resources of

the college could be very helpful in preserving and disseminating the historical documents painstakingly accumulated by local historical organizations. The newspapers seemed a logical place to start. Clean, dry, and safe storage space was found and rented by the college, Highland Park Heritage and the Historical Society, and the papers were transferred. The process of inventorying the large collection was begun with the invaluable help of the college. It was decided that the deterioration of the papers required that a digital copy of them be generated to preserve and make easy dissemination of the resource possible. Funding of this expensive and time-consuming process is being sought.

It became apparent that we were missing parts of the story. The years between 1980 and the present were critical in the development of the region. Thus we ask the public to bring in any newspapers that might fill the gaps in the collection in these and earlier years.

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The Member's Corner



Claire Latane

Although Claire may not be an Eagle Rock native it appears she will attempt to stay here as long as she can. Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, she went on to get her journalism degree from the University of North Carolina where she also settled down and began raising three children. By 2003 Claire was accepted at Cal Poly graduate school for Landscape Architecture and thus began her big move to the west coast. During her last year in grad school in 2005 she and her family moved to Eagle Rock after two years in Diamond Bar. She had heard about what a great family community it was and Eagle Rock's reputation hasn't let her down since. She loves the public school system (where her youngest is at Dahlia Heights and two eldest at ERHS) and the community's "artistic history." She loves living here, believing that "Eagle Rock is a great collection of characters."

Acting as the Sustainable Design Manager for EPT Design firm in Pasadena, Claire hopes to make Eagle Rock an even "healthier and more vibrant community" with her ideas for the neighborhood. Recently her and her partner Riaz purchased a home that had "mature trees and a good structure," where their native California garden is thriving. In her spare time, Claire writes regularly about ecological design for Landscape Architecture magazine. She is one of our newest members of the Historical Society and we are very excited to have her!

-Katie Taylor