



EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer, 2013

Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society Welcomes the Community

It is that time of year again! Let's beat the heat together at the Historical Society's ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Sundae, July 28th from 1pm - 4pm at the Center for the Arts, 2225 Colorado Blvd. FREE admission for ALL. DOLLAR-A-SCOOP ice cream, "endless" toppings provided by the one and only AUNTIE EM'S, a delicious baked goods section, and our ever popular raffle of prizes from local businesses! As usual our lovely old library is AIR CONDITIONED!

We will again have family entertainment, Peter Breede



Community members enjoy the fun at last year's Social.

and his street organ music (it wouldn't be an ice cream social without him) and folkdance favorites "Fifth Friday Folk Band". Headlining will be the Eagle Rock High School Latin Jazz Band.

New this year, the "EMMA" awards will recognize people and projects that have contributed to the preservation of Eagle Rock's unique history. Come and hear who is making a difference big and small in our community! The award commemorates Mrs. C.W. (Emma Elinor) Young. In 1905,

Mrs. Young and her husband, Charles W. Young, came to Los Angeles. In 1906, they located in Eagle Rock and purchased the home known as "Castle Crag", built in 1888 and still standing at 5027 El Verano Avenue. Mrs. Young organized the History and Landmarks Section of the Women's 20th Century Club of Eagle Rock, the forerunner of ERVHS. A noted historian of, not only Eagle Rock, but also of California, she is credited with working with Christine Sterling in the establishment of Olvera Street and with Mrs. A.S. C. Forbes in the marking of the El Camino Real.

Highlights from the archive will be shown! There is much to explore and discuss. Come and see what we have been up to this past year! Historical society postcards, notecards, books, and more will be available for purchase. Our President Eric Warren will be in-house to sign his books "Eagle Rock: 1911-2011" and the earlier "Eagle Rock". And as always, a FREE Historical Society T-shirt will be given to all new members at the door. (Of course, supplies and sizes are on a first come, first serve, one per membership basis).

Please be sure to bring friends and the whole family! This is a wonderful event for all ages. We look forward to seeing new and old friends!

ITS COOL!

THE EAGLE ROCK VALLEY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS

SUNDAE,
JULY 28TH
1-4 P.M.

DOLLAR-A-DIP
"ENDLESS" TOPPINGS
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BAKE SHOP



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FREE ADMISSION ! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY !

- **ERHS LATIN JAZZ BAND**
- **FIFTH FRIDAY FOLK BAND**
- **PETER BREEDE, THE ORGAN GRINDER MAN**
- **MERCHANT DONATED PRIZE DRAWINGS**
- **MRS. C.W. YOUNG "EMMA" AWARDS**

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, EAGLE ROCK 2225 COLORADO BLVD

Members and Friends

Women's Twentieth Century Club Federal Designation

It has been well received by the state commission and has been forwarded for federal consideration. Acceptance is nearly certain. Thanks to Christy McAvoy, Frank Parrello, Karen and Eric Warren and Club President Linda Allen for all their hard work.

"All I Know...."

Our joint efforts with Highland Park Heritage Trust and the Occidental College Library to digitize our archive of local newspapers have resulted in the granting of \$35,000 by the Haynes Foundation to further these efforts. See page 5 for further information.

Egasse- Braasch House

The Norman cottage-style house on Hill Drive has been designated a City Historic Cultural Monument. We are appreciative of the efforts of the new owners, Myanna and David Dellinger, to research and care for this wonderful house. Many, including our board member Doris Thielen, remember the house as the home of music teacher and advocate, Constance Braasch. We will hear more about the house and the designation process at our October meeting.

Dues are due!

Thanks to all of our loyal members who sustain us with their dues. As our system is tied to the calendar year, those pesky envelopes appear again in this newsletter for those who haven't yet paid for 2013. As misunderstandings have arisen about the year for which dues have been paid, we include on your mailing label the last paid membership year in our records. If you disagree, we will adjust, as we value your membership.

Katie Taylor Reports on Lummis Day:

On Sunday, June 2nd the ERVHS joined the Northeast Los Angeles community in celebrating Charles Lummis in a daylong festival.

The annual event is always a great time; a day filled with poetry, artists, music, food, and fun. Sharing our booth with Occidental College and alongside Highland Park Heritage Trust, we spent the day meeting new neighbors and promoting the history of Eagle Rock.

Lummis Day reflects his values in our time: authorship, multiculturalism, community, and preservation.

Lummis is known for promoting the history of the West that had been omitted from the history books of his time, giving new voice to the Spanish and Native Americans. He was charismatic, controversial, tireless, and a crusader. Although he is associated with Highland Park, where you can tour his famous river stone home "El Alisal", and more commonly with the City of Los Angeles where he wrote for the Los Angeles Times; was the head librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library; founded the Southwest Museum; and the Landmarks Club, the inspiration and force behind preserving California's Spanish missions, El Camino Real, (and much more!). Lummis spoke here when the Eagle Rock Library reopened. A rebellious Eagle Rock had seceded from the county system and the citizens had refilled the library with their donated books, much to his approval.

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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Read the Headlines Behind the History

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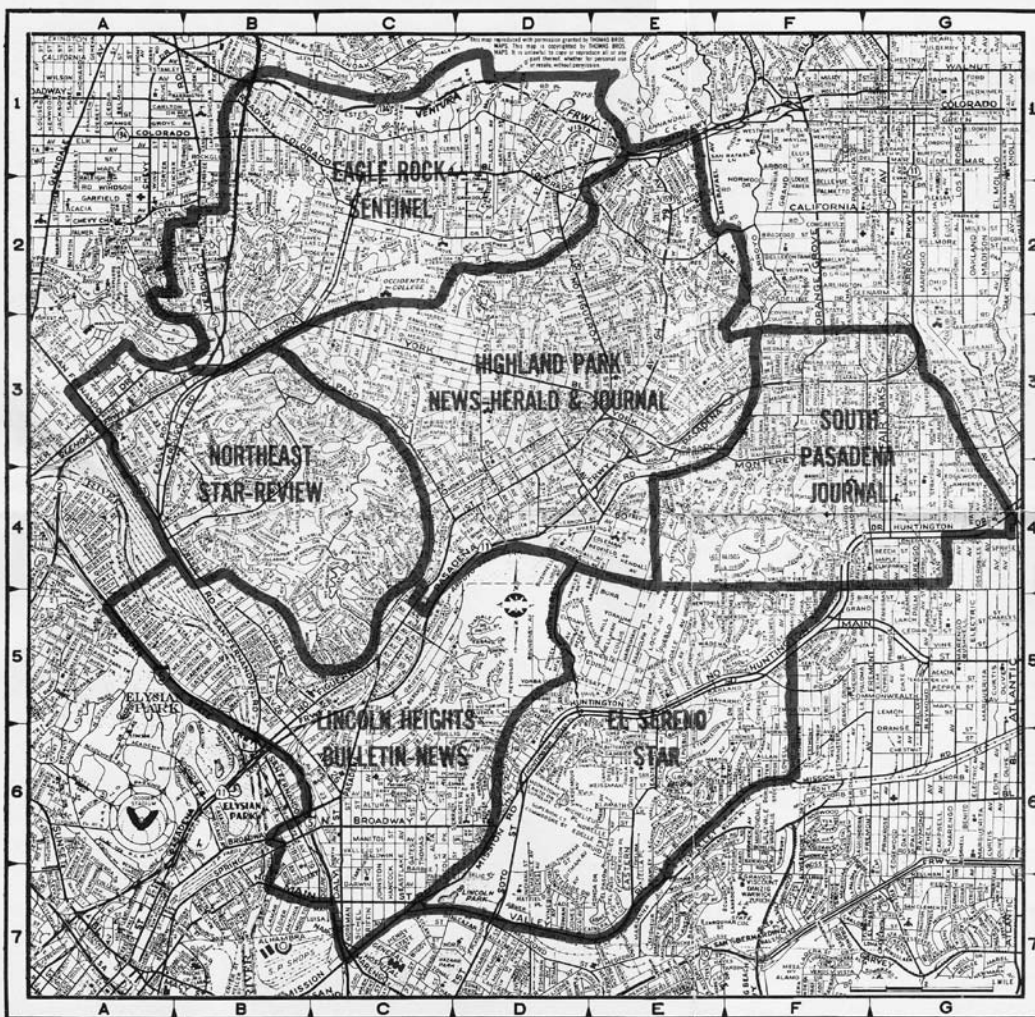
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project (or, "NELA Newspapers") is well underway. I have worked at Occidental College as a project archivist and librarian for the past year, and am thrilled to be working with the ERVHS and HPHT on this important and fascinating project. Please contact me at dundon@oxy.edu if you are interested in becoming involved.

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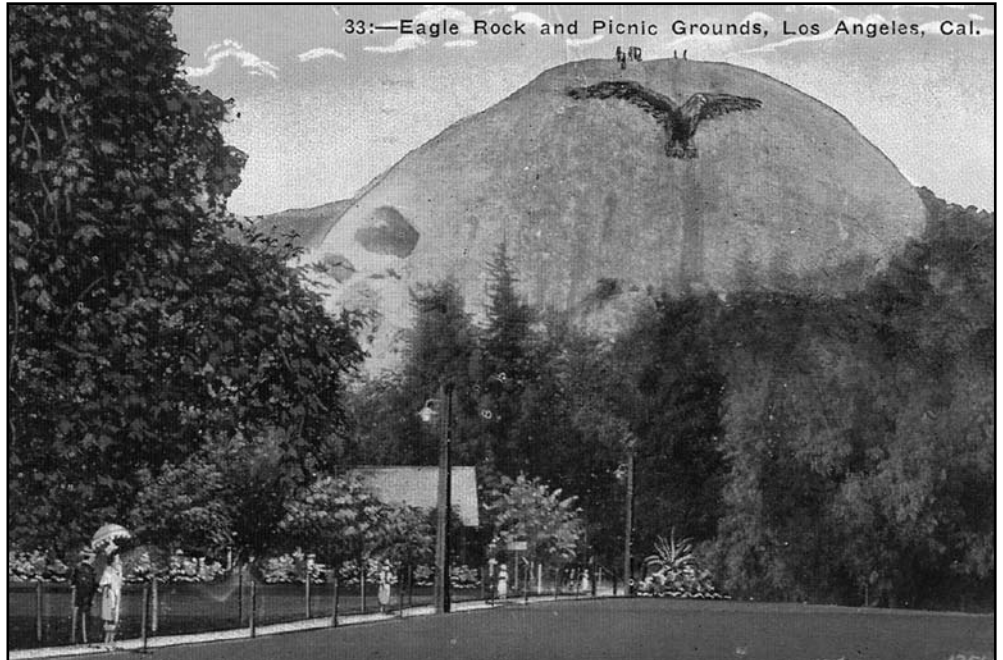


Northeast Newspapers distribution map, circa 1980.

Our Town, Our History



The track to the Rock was originally built to bring heavy construction materials to Huntington's Pacific Power and Light power station that was built to power his trolley system. It was the terminus of the historic Big Creek project. The "W" line ran excursions to the park on Sundays until 1937.



This artful postcard of the park is one of 3 variations, all probably edited and colored in Germany. Note the climbers and the very graphic eagle.



The Grey and Goodwin families pose at the rustic bridge, located about where the 134 freeway exit crosses the stream today. The only identifiable people, from left, are Robert Grey Sr., Martha Grey, unidentified, and Ella Grey Goodwin. (Courtesy the Goodwin family.)



The Oddfellows made the park their destination in 1911 just after the trolley line had been built. (Courtesy the Stargel collection.)

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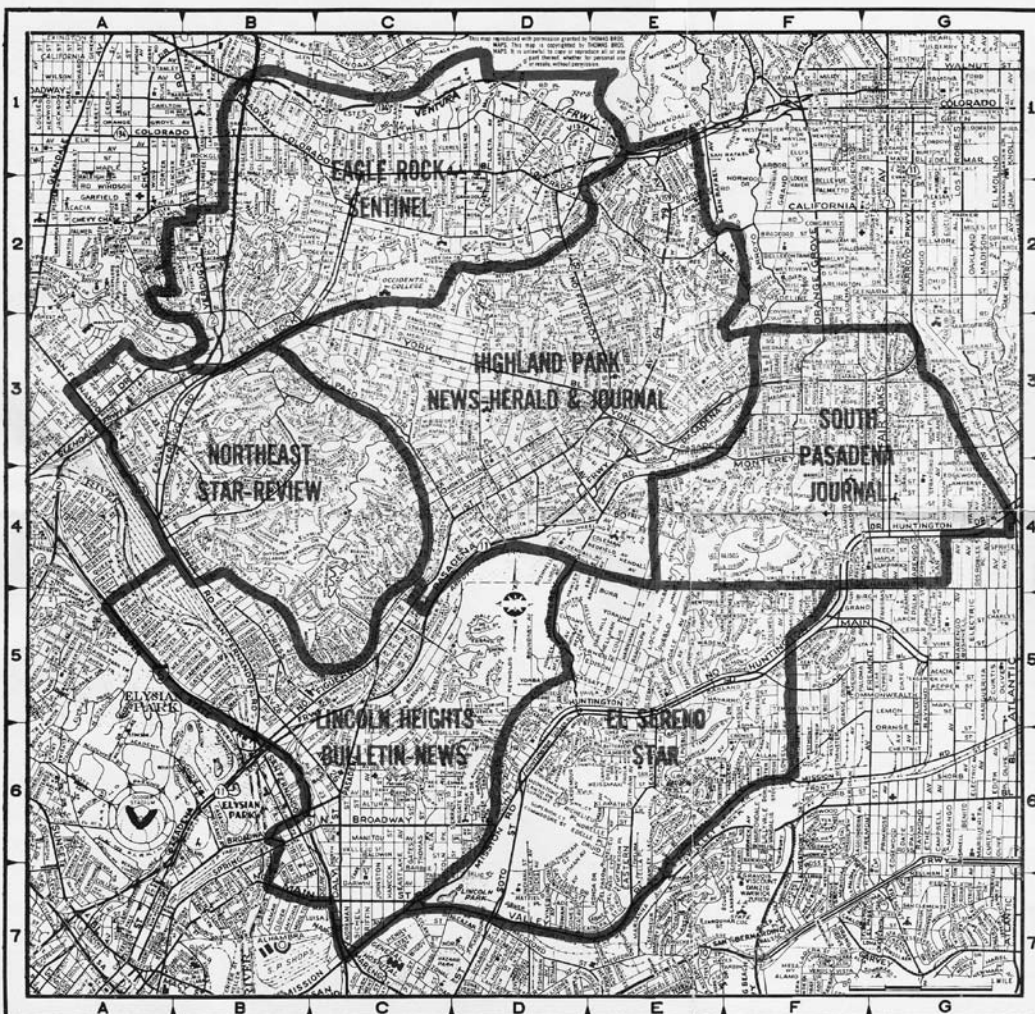
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**for CHAM SOCIETY
MEMBER, MUSIC, POETRY
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013, 1:00**

**The Egasse-Braasch House
Adopting a Historic House
Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 7:00**

**CLANG ,CLANG, GONE !
WENT THE TROLLEY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014, 7:00**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Membership Category:

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Business \$35 ☐ **New**
☐ Family \$25 ☐ Life \$300 ☐ **Renewal**

Will you help with the ongoing activities of the ERVHS ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Archives ☐ Newsletter ☐ Oral history
☐ Meetings ☐ Fundraising ☐ E-mail me
☐ Publicity ☐ Displays to help

Other _____

Clip and mail to : **ERVHS**

c/o Center for the Arts

2225 Colorado Blvd.

Eagle Rock, CA 90041

Date _____

The Member's Corner



Paul Kinney

Paul Kinney was not born in Eagle Rock but in Denver, CO, and didn't find his way here until his teens. Because it "sounded good to go to the coast", he chose Occidental College as his destination, arriving in 1971. He quickly realized the coast wasn't as close as he had hoped (ha!) but found himself loving Oxy and Eagle Rock nonetheless. He graduated in '75 and headed back to Colorado for grad school in Public Affairs, only to return to California in '78. He has been here ever since.

Mainly residing in Glendale where he was an involved community leader, he ultimately bought a 1910 craftsman home on Argus in 1997, at the time a cheaper purchase than a condo! He quickly enjoyed "living in an antique" and being part of the Eagle Rock community that he finds to be a "nice, healthy, alive mix" of people, community issues, and local organizations. He particularly gravitated to the Historical Society as he had become a sizable collector of antique maps, English land deeds, and overall ephemera associated with western mining history and the gold rush.

Paul is a distinguished Wealth Advisor for UBS, joining the company in 2005. He has over 30 years experience as a financial advisor and is the Senior Vice President-Investments of the Kinney Group in Pasadena. Paul is our most recent Life Member, for which we are so grateful. His passion for history and preservation benefits us all. Thank you Paul!

-Katie Taylor