



# EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall, 2018

## Los Angeles' Visual History

Please join us for our FREE AND OPEN TO ALL public meeting Tuesday, October 16th at 7pm at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock with Senior Librarian and overseer of the Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection, Christina Rice. Delicious Swork coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Christina will be introducing the LAPL's library photo collection of millions of images with over 125,000 (and counting) available online. What does all this mean? Christina will be giving us an overview of what's in the archive and how to find what you're looking for.

For us at the Historical Society, we are naturally looking for images of our community (both old and new) in this vast collection. The LAPL has images of


early Eagle Rock that are essential to our understanding of our community's history. Lately, the volunteers at ERVHS have been putting extra energy and time into researching the LAPL's Eagle Rock photos and making sure they are identified correctly (address/year/etc.) and/or if there is something we can learn from the information identifying the image for our own records in our archives. Have you ever taken a gander? Try it!

Where did the Eagle Rock photos come from? Security Bank, which used to have a branch on the Northeast corner of Colorado and Eagle Rock Boulevards (demolished years ago but Chase Bank stands in its wake), collected an impressive photo archive. Some of these were shared with ERVHS over the years. The entire collection was finally donated to LAPL.

So come on out! View some fabulous photos of your neighborhood, a friend's elsewhere in LA, or just for the coffee and the conversation! Learn how to navigate those millions of photographs from the comfort of your home. Looking forward to seeing you!

Christina Rice is the author of *Ann Dvorak: Hollywood's Forgotten Rebel* (University Press of Kentucky, 2013) and has written multiple issues in the *My Little Pony* comic book series (IDW Publishing). When not writing about Hollywood and horses, she oversees the Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection. She lives in North Hollywood with her husband, writer Joshua Hale Fialkov, their daughter, and two adorably rambunctious dogs.

OUR VISUAL HISTORY  
 THE LA LIBRARY PHOTO COLLECTION  
 WITH CHRISTINA RICE SENIOR LIBRARIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS, EAGLE ROCK  
 2225 COLORADO  
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7:00  
 FREE AND OPEN TO ALL  
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LAPL-HERALD EXAMINER COLLECTION  
 MARTHA STRIVELL, JACKIE ELPHSTIN, ELMA PALMER AND VIRGINIA KAY AS WATER LILIES IN 1928  
 VISIT OUR WEBSITE [EAGLEROCKHISTORY.ORG](http://EAGLEROCKHISTORY.ORG)

## President's Message

### Hello, Eagle Rock!

Another note from your Historical Society president to tell you what we've been up to and what's coming up. Our annual Ice Cream Sundae was a fantastic success with fun and ice cream. Neighbors and friends came together on a hot August afternoon to swap stories and generally become more acquainted – all while enjoying ice cream. A big thanks to our local businesses who donated prizes for our raffle: Oinkster, Street Food Cinema, The Lab for Hands on Learning, Taylor Brothers Architectural Products, Trader Joe's, Tritch Hardware. Thanks to Sir Michael's Party Rentals for supplying the PA system.

There are two community events that the ERVHS will be involved in during October. We will have a booth at the 19th Annual Eagle Rock Music Festival, bringing photos and stories from our past to the music-goers in this local event ([eaglerockmusicfestival.org](http://eaglerockmusicfestival.org)). The other event is the 13th annual Los Angeles Archives Bazaar at the USC Doheny Memorial Library, Saturday, October 20th ([laassubject.org](http://laassubject.org)). This event brings local governmental archive organizations, educational institutions and historical, genealogy and memorabilia organizations together under one roof for a free event. We will be sharing a table with our community partners; Occidental College and Highland Park Heritage Trust. There are many interesting conference sessions and a vast array of interesting expo-like displays. If you have never been, or even if you have, you should try to make it this year.

The last thing I will mention this month is the fruits of our/your work towards scanning old newspapers has born more fruit – there are more issues available on the California Digital Newspaper Collection website ([cdnc.ucr.edu](http://cdnc.ucr.edu)). You can now find all issues of the Eagle Rock Sentinel from 1910-19, 1923, 1925-30, and selected issues from 1959,1960,1964, 1980,1981 and 1985. You can also find most issues of the Eagle Rock Advertiser from 1928 to 1933. On a personal level, I found out much more about the family, "Braasch", who built my house in 1923 and even more about the ar-

chitect/builder, "Egasse". You probably have your own keywords to search for – you don't have to limit your search to only surnames, but places or events. You can also just digitally "flip" through issues. This collection has two objectives: to provide access to digitized California newspapers and to archive the digital files of those newspapers for posterity. You can browse online without a login account, but you are encouraged to create either a free account or a low-cost paid account. The money goes to help maintain the 120 terabytes, and growing, of data stored in the archive. The project can be crowd-corrected. While you are browsing with either type of account, you can make corrections to the OCR'd (optical character recognition) text.

### David Dellinger, President

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#### 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  
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## Early Eagle Rock from the Security Pacific Collection/Los Angeles Public library

**Eagle Rock's Second School, Completed About 1909.** This new Craftsman-style brick building accommodated, for a few years, the rapidly growing population facilitated by the new trolley service and residential subdivision. It was replaced by the Eagle Rock School building facing Chickasaw Avenue in 1917



**West (San Rafael) School** The school was built after the 1917 Eagle Rock District bond issue mandated regional schools. Classes were held in rented rooms until a building was constructed. It was located near Broadway and El Verano. The date and circumstances of the doubling of the school are unknown. The building to the left appears to be the addition. Possibly a bathroom with outdoor access has been added to the right. The location remains an open field of wild flowers.

**East School (Dahlia Heights)** Another result of the 1917 bond, the building stood on the corner of Colorado and Floristan. Classes were held in the Murfield Block at Townsend and Colorado, and under a large tree in its rear, while this building was constructed. It looks very similar to the West School and may have been built by the same hands. The pillared portico and left hand end of the building survived as a kindergarten until all the buildings were torn down and replaced by today's building.



## Our Town, Our History

**Francis R. Line in 1953** “Someday we want the Rock and its surroundings to be one of the beauty spots of the country”... “plans must await the return of peace”. He built a path up the back and, for a time, opened it to sightseers. Line, a nationally known lecturer and documentary filmmaker, purchased the Rock and 13 acres around it, in 1944 from Alonzo C. Mather. Mather bought the land from the Campbell-Johnston’s San Raphael Land Co. in 1925, planning to build a resort hotel.



**The Egasse-Braasch House** Albert Braasch was a successful heating manufacturer. He and his wife Constance hired architect Egasse to build this and several other houses on a large property on Hill Drive in Norman French style. The interior details and a large stained glass window carry through this theme. Constance is remembered by many as the neighborhood piano teacher. The house was declared an Historic Cultural Monument at the behest of the current owners, David and Myanna Dellinger.

**Eagle Rock’s City Hall at Christmas** The date of this photograph is unknown. Folks turn out in large numbers even today to celebrate the annual tree lighting. The tree has grown a bit! The building was completed in 1923 , just prior to the consolidation of Eagle Rock City with Los Angeles.



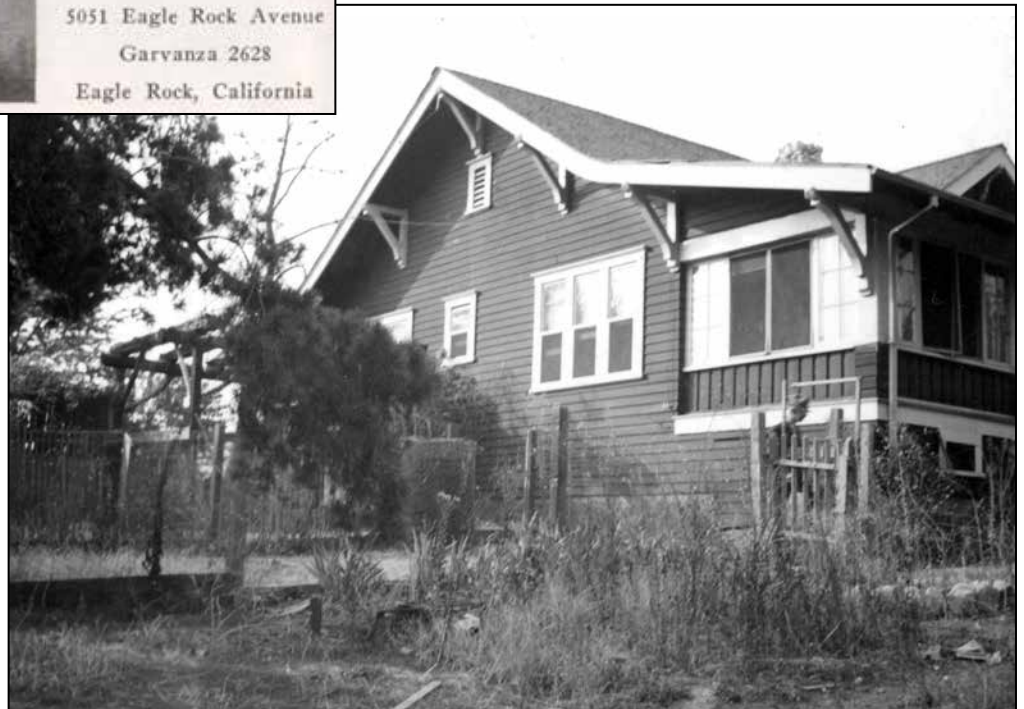


## Various Houses—Unknown Locations

This Ranch style house was featured in a Chamber of Commerce brochure published in 1955.



The building by J.B Brown was proudly featured in a 1924 article featuring the Egasse- Braasch House. Several members of the Brown family were involved in construction of Eagle Rock's houses.



This photograph of a Craftsman-style house is part of the Huntington Library collection.



**at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock  
2225 Colorado Blvd. Eagle Rock CA, 90041**

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THE LA LIBRARY PHOTO COLLECTION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 7:00**

**B E S I D E T H E L A R I V E R  
A STORY OF EARLY LA PIONEERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 7:00**

**E A G L E R O C K ' S F I R S T P E O P L E  
THE KIZH/GABRIELINO MISSION INDIANS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2019 7:00**

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Membership Category:

- Individual \$20    Business \$35    **New**  
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Will you help with the ongoing activities of the ERVHS ?

- Yes    No
- Archives    Newsletter    Oral history  
 Meetings    Fundraising    E-mail me  
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Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Clip and mail to : **ERVHS**  
**c/o Center for the Arts**  
**2225 Colorado Blvd.**  
**Eagle Rock, CA 90041**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### The Member's Corner

#### Mark Valley



Two years ago, when Mark decided to give L.A. one last try before moving back to his hometown state of New York, he decided to check out Eagle Rock per a friend's recommendation. As he drove down Colorado Blvd., he realized with an eerie sense of deja vu that this wasn't his first time there. Fifteen years prior, for a TV pilot, he had played a man living in Eagle Rock and had to drive around for the shot. It felt like kismet and he took the leap. Since then, he has been an active volunteer in our community garden and recently became a Historical Society member.

Mark grew up in upstate New York, majored in math, and went on to study at West Point. He joined the army and was stationed in Berlin for 5 years. He fell into acting and writing, becoming quickly successful. His imdb credits are there to prove it! He tried living in Hollywood, Venice, and even mid-city but he "wanted a place a little bit more suburban but walkable with a sense of community." Welcome to the neighborhood, Mark! Joining the Historical Society helped him feel even more at home, getting to know the nitty-gritty of where he lives. Fact: he found a two-foot ship anchor buried in his backyard! Hmmmm, not sure what that says about Eagle Rock exactly but for him it all makes weird sense.

-Katie Taylor