



EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer, 2019

Some Things Never Change

Being in the history 'business' we read about all kinds of things at our archives, bizarre facts and amazing events that took place right here on the streets of Eagle Rock. We also read about the fairly mundane events that come and go on a daily basis and give us a sense of what a typical life in Eagle Rock might of looked like back in1915, 1925, 1940, etc. I find myself often thinking: what will our predecessors look back on when we are all part of the 'archives' of life? What local events will stand out? What will get lost?

Although I, of course, have no answers to those questions I am boldly stating (publicly!) that our annual Ice Cream Social will make the cut! Year after year for almost two decades we have thrown a community party that continues to draw neighbors and friends together for a few hours of old fashioned good times and prices****. Yes, you can STILL

get a bowl of ice cream with heaping toppings for only **ONE DOLLAR**. And let's not forget **FREE ADMISSION**. We like to think that in this fast paced life we all are leading, that some things never change. So **JOIN US** please in celebration of the amazing and the mundane and of life in Eagle Rock in 2019!

Here's what you need to know below, we can't wait to see you there!

WHEN: Sunday, August 4th from 1pm - 4pm

WHERE: Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock @ 2225 Colorado Blvd. Street parking only.

WHY: It is an excuse to throw a party for the community and raise funds for the archives and our online presence. It is our chance to meet you all and offer our information and services to you. We are a volunteer run organization and are looking

to keep our membership up, our archives organized, our digital preservation goals ever running, and to engage our local community. Come on by and have some fun!

FREE ENTRY: The whole clan can come!

FREE ENTERTAINMENT: The organ grinder man, Fifth Friday folk group, and the Eagle Rock High School Latin Jazz Band!

LIVE RAFFLE: What generous merchants in town support our cause? Come find out and WIN cool stuff!

BAKE SALE: When ice cream isn't enough.....

HISTORICAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED: You know you have some!

***FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS CONVERGE!**
The cherry on top.*

See You On The 4th Of August!

IT'S COOL!
SUNDAE
AUGUST 4TH
1-4 P.M.
DOLLAR-A-DIP
"ENDLESS" TOPPINGS
ICY LEMONADE
BAKE SHOP
THE EAGLE ROCK VALLEY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
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
CENTER FOR THE ARTS, EAGLE ROCK 2225 COLORADO BLVD



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 is right around the corner on Sunday (Sundae?) August 4th. If you know of an Eagle Rock business that would like to advertise by making a donation of a raffle item, please let us know before August 4th.

As some of you have heard, Metro LA is considering transportation alternatives that include a bus lane through Eagle Rock. The Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society tries to remain non-political, preferring to preserve and remind people about the history that got us to where we are today – a vibrant and tight-knit community. Before Colorado Blvd continued through to Pasadena, and before most residents had the new automobile, Eagle Rock had a two passenger rail trolleys that both brought Eagle Rock residents to other parts of the city and to Glendale, but also brought needed customers to early businesses along Colorado Blvd. and what is now Eagle Rock Blvd (it was known as Central Avenue then). Eagle Rock had its rapid expansion period due in part because of these rail lines, and then people shifted to cars. Also, as documented in previous issues of this journal the CA 134 freeway was originally planned to go down Colorado Blvd., but residents stood up and kept it on the hill above. The point is that we adapted with the times, fought for obvious intrusions, but we still stayed a community. Whether the bus line is added or not, we need to keep an open mind and not reject just because it is different – it's not all that different after all than how we started.

For our April meeting, we had a representative of very early Eagle Rock – Timothy Poyorena-Miguel of the Kizh/Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians. The guest speaker was very adamant that his views were 100% correct and others were 100% incorrect. We had a few complaints about his "my way or the highway" views, and I apologize that we did not stress that these were his views and not necessarily the view of the Historical Society. Many current and

reputable sources counter the Kizh/Gabrielino version of how history played out.

This October we have our bi-annual officer elections. These seats are always up for election: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. We currently have no one as Secretary, so that position is completely available. If you want to step up and help in one of these capacities, please let us know prior to the October meeting so we can discuss what each position entails.

David Dellinger, President

president@eaglerockhistory.org

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

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It's time to renew your membership. If you have already paid your 2019 dues, thank you. If not, please take a moment and mail your check now. If we have not heard from you, a dues form and envelope are included with this newsletter.

Thanks, we depend on you.

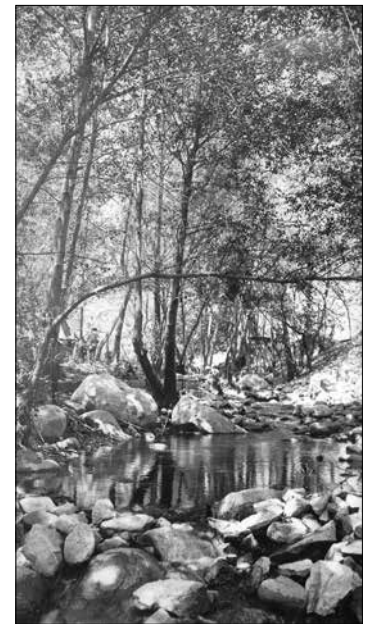
The McNary Album

A few years ago we acquired a scrapbook on eBay. What attracted our attention were photographs of Occidental College in Highland Park and Eagle Rock. At that time we copied some significant photos but were at a loss to put the scrapbook in context or to identify the photographer.

Recently the editor was asked to produce a project for his classes' 50th reunion. In the course of this production (<http://scalar.cdla.oxycreates.org/neighborhood/index-> Check it out) we discovered that several of the photos were printed in Oxy's 1914 "La Encina" yearbook. The photographer was Hugh A. McNary '14. We then could identify more of the photographs taken by this talented and hitherto unknown photographer.



O. M. A. Members Shauer, Carson Smart '15, and Hugh McNary '14 pose after their fraternity initiation (the Order of the Mystic Apes is a fraternal organization traditionally favored by Oxy's male athletes. It still exists nearer the campus. It is formally unaffiliated with the College.)



At the time this photograph was taken, around 1912, the Arroyo Seco was still in its natural state.

Two unknown women pose with an early "Indian" motorcycle, probably in Highland Park.



Our Town, Our History

Occidental was in its last years in Highland Park.

The students shown here in 1911 were part of the class of 1914, the first that would graduate at the new campus in Eagle Rock.

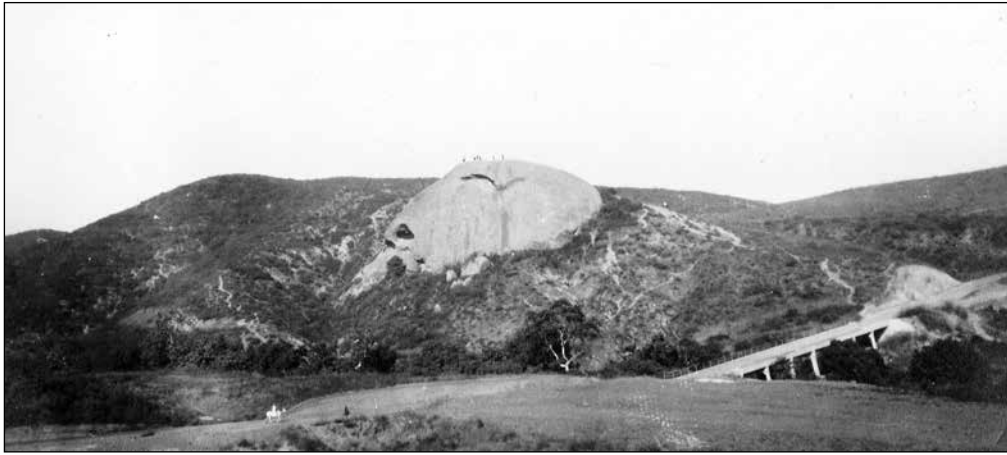


The Hall of Letters, the academic center of the Highland Park campus in its heyday still stands, much altered, near the corner of Avenue 50 and Figueroa Street.

Oxy's teams still played on this field surrounded by suburban Highland Park until the new Patterson Field was ready in Eagle Rock in 1917.



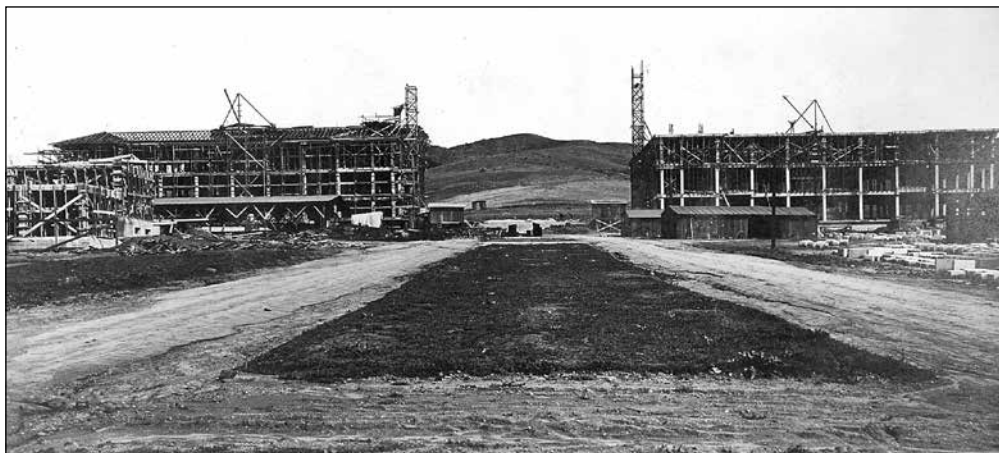
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The Eagle Rock is depicted around 1912. The road and bridge in the foreground were part of State Highway 134 (later Colorado Boulevard) the early route to Pasadena.



Kay and T.B. McNary are depicted on Hugh's uncle Tom's porch in Eagle Rock. It is unknown whether this is the same Thomas McNary who built the McNary House on Eagle Rock Boulevard.



This photograph from around 1913 shows the three buildings of the new campus with construction well under way.



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

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MEMBERSHIP, MUSIC, PRIZES
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2225 Colorado Blvd.
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The Member's Corner

Is This You???



Hello there reader! The Member's Corner is on summer hiatus at the moment BUT this corner still appears in place ready to be filled. Are you a member by chance? If yes, **THANK YOU** for your financial support that keeps our website running, newsletters printed and mailed out, acquiring new material possible,

and our collaborative newspaper digitization venture with Occidental College and Highland Park Heritage Trust a reality! Without membership dues we grind to a halt. Without membership dues we have no chance to expand, promote, or process material for its future home in our archives. If you are not a member yet please consider being one. A single membership goes a long way for us. If membership is too much of a commitment we love visitors! We love questions! We love curious people who are up for a conversation and for digging around. We need the help making the connections and bringing buried interesting facts/events/etc. to the public for enjoyment and education. The more you know about the place where you live, the more connected you feel to that place, a basic sentiment at the heart of building community.

Lastly, please come support our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 4th from 1-4pm. I promise you a good time will be had by you and the 50 people I hope you'll bring with you! Happy summertime in Eagle Rock everyone!

-KatieTaylor