



EAGLE ROCK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer, 2025

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO CELEBRATE WITH A SCOOP: OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

OH boy it will be a hot one! It is no surprise why we need to throw this party year after year for over two decades. We love to draw neighbors and friends together in summertime over ICE CREAM. What started as an old fashioned event with good times and prices and has continued to do so. Yes, for only two dollars a scoop and endless toppings (and let's not forget FREE ADMISSION) we are happy to provide some slow down to this fast paced life we all are leading. So take a break from the heat in the gorgeous and air conditioned Center for the Arts Eagle Rock and JOIN US in celebration of our fantastic community and fascinating local history over ice cream, live music, a bakery booth, local history chit chat (the Route 66 Anniversary next year! What's up with our unique Oil Service Station? What is happening with the Sparklett's building?) and much more!

This year's Social will be dedicated to our late Board member Karen Warren who recently passed. She was at the heart of the Social's success year after year with her

artistic eye of decorating and making the public of all ages feel welcomed into the space. You will learn more about Karen's incredible legacy and dedication to not just the ERVHS but to our community overall. Please read all the way through this newsletter to the back page where you can learn about her life.

Here's what you need to know below, we can't wait to see you on the 10th!

WHEN: Sunday, August 10th from 1pm - 4pm

WHERE: Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock @ 2225 Colorado Blvd. Street parking only! ADA entrance is on the street level, signs will be posted!

FREE ENTRY: The whole clan can come!

WHY: It is our chance to meet you all and offer our information and services to you. We are a volunteer only run organization and are looking to keep our membership up, our archives organized, and our digital preservation goals ever running! Our mission is to keep our shared history preserved and remembered for years to come. We want to engage with you, our local community. Come on by and have some fun!

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Watch the Fifth Friday folk group, your own kid singing their favorite karaoke, and more!

BAKERY BOOTH: When ice cream isn't enough.....

HISTORICAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED: You know you have some!

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS CONVERGE!
The cherry on top!

See You On The 10th Of August!



IT'S COOL!
SUNDAE
AUGUST 10TH
1-4 P.M.
2\$-A-DIP ICE CREAM
"ENDLESS" TOPPINGS
ICY LEMONADE
BAKE SHOP
THE EAGLE ROCK VALLEY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
FREE ADMISSION ! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY !
•FIFTH FRIDAY FOLK BAND
AND FOLK DANCERS
•ENTERTAINMENT BY COMMUNITY BANDS
•GAMES AND PRIZES
CENTER FOR THE ARTS, EAGLE ROCK 2225 COLORADO BLVD

Hello, Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society member!

We truly appreciate your continued support.

We are saddened to report the passing of Karen Warren, a board member of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society for many years. Karen was an active board member, but was most noted for her contribution over the years in making our general meetings, and especially the Ice Cream Sundae (our Ice Cream Social) a tremendous success each year. Not only did Karen work behind the scenes to make our meetings more enjoyable and fulfilling, she often worked on larger projects such as cataloging and sorting of our archives. As we approach our annual Ice Cream Sundae, we take a moment to reflect on the legacy of Karen. She is missed.

As you most likely know, Eagle Rock was an incorporated city from 1911 until 1923, when it voted to become part of the much larger City of Los Angeles. The history of people in the area goes back much further than that, as land was settled by the Tongva/Kizh people. Everyone after the indigenous peoples, including the Spanish and Mexican settlers who came to live on the ranchos, were of course immigrants. There were waves of new people settling in Eagle Rock, including people who were attracted by the promotions of a "pastoral feel" and "gentle slopes" of the valley. Each group added to the diverse culture of the area. As a historical society, we do attempt to capture the essence of all groups who have built up the history of Eagle Rock. In that spirit, we also welcome everyone who has an interest in the history of the Eagle Rock area, and the input they have to our collective knowledge.

I often am asked why we use the word "valley" in the name Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society.

My answer is that early settlers called the area Eagle Rock Valley, even before the city was incorporated, named after the large boulder formation at the eastern edge of the valley. The name has another advantage, in that it is not specifically tied to any government boundaries. The City of Eagle Rock did not originally encompass the entire valley. The historical society with the word "Valley" thus recognizes the history of the entire valley.

-David Dellinger

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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
at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock
2225 Colorado Blvd. Eagle Rock CA 90041
for information call 323-257-1357

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If your mailing label dates before 2025, it's time to renew your membership. Please take a moment and mail your check now. A dues form and envelope are included with this newsletter.

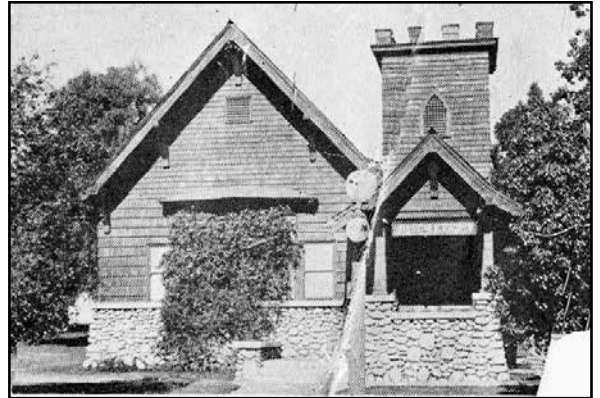
Thanks, We depend on you

... ON ROUTE 66 (aka Colorado Blvd.)

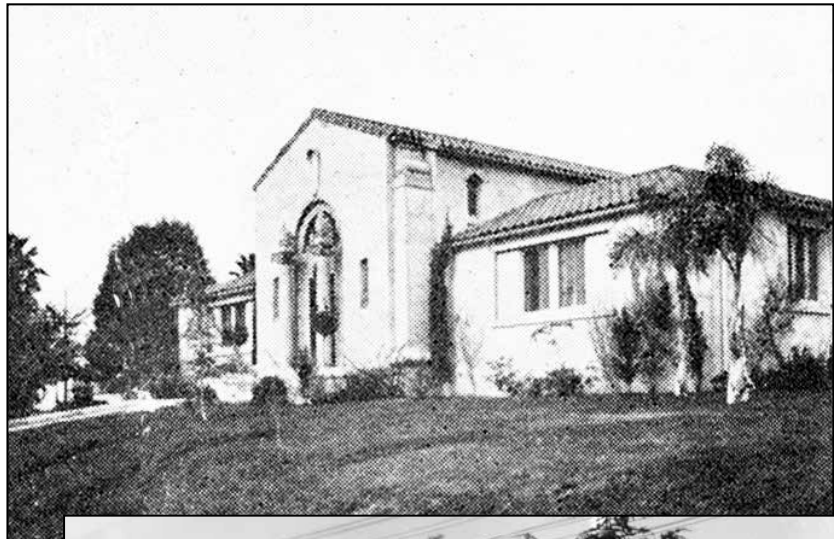
The North Side between the commercial centers

Continuing our series of views of Eagle Rock, reconstructing what it looked like in 1934-36 when the route ran through our community. We celebrate the upcoming 100th anniversary of the opening of the "Mother Road".

The Methodist Church was itself a 1908 remodel of our oldest church building which was built by the citizenry in 1898 to answer the need for a place of Christian worship in the growing community. The congregation then purchased the Reynolds and Eberly Funeral Home around the corner on Caspar to serve as a parsonage and Sunday School. Symphony Hall, the oldest commercial building in Eagle Rock was purchased by the congregation in 1926 and was torn down with plans to erect a church on the corner of Colorado and Caspar to accommodate the churches growth. Nothing came of this plan and the focus of their building efforts shifted to the corner of Hermosa and Colorado. The building was torn down in 1939 and replaced by the current commercial building, itself much remodeled. (Chamber of Commerce Brochure CA 1933-ERVHS)



The Eagle Rock City Hall was built in 1922. It was designed by architect William Lee Woollett to house the city services of Eagle Rock City. Annexation to Los Angeles won by 15 votes out of 600 two years later. It was refurbished and rededicated in 1971, at the urging of the Historical Society and Councilman Arthur K. Snyder. It became the Councilman's office, the Historical Society's Museum and a public meeting hall. Earthquake strengthening necessitated another closure; afterward the building was taken over entirely for city offices. The fire station for engine Company 42 was added by the City of Los Angeles later in the 1920's. The city Hall still stands with the fire station removed. The current station was built in 1959 on the same land. (Chamber of Commerce Brochure CA 1933-ERVHS)

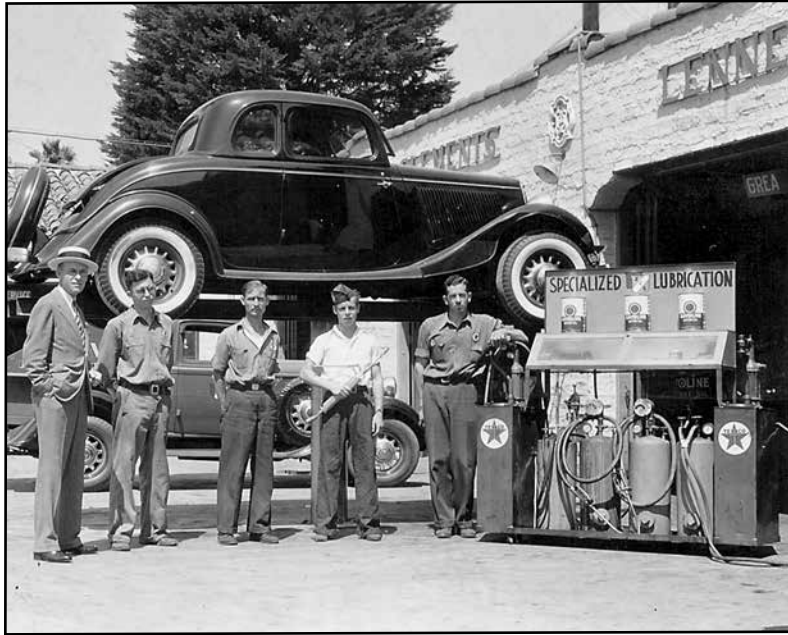


Our Town, Our History

In this early photo of Juett-Clements-Lenney, the largest auto service business in Eagle Rock, A. W. Stearns of the Texaco Co., George C. Juett Jr., Fred Lenney, L. Lechner and Richard (Dick) Clements are depicted. Juett's father purchased the property and moved the business from his bicycle repair shop across Colorado.

They soon felt the need of a mechanic and brought in Fred Lenney, who

worked at the Ford dealership down the street, as a partner. Lenney brought with him a large customer base, which necessitated the building of a larger garage facility, which extended the business to Sherin Ave. Jim's Burgers, now Oinkster, was built on this land. (Sager Photo Service-Donated by Peggy Lenney and the Clements family, published in the Eagle Rock Advertiser in 1934)



This ad from 1935 emphasized the safety aspect of their premium tires. By this time tires and retreads had become a major part of their business, which even included appliances for a time. (Eagle Rock advertiser-ERVHS)

Suppose YOU Had a Blow-out in a Spot Like This?

SEE US TODAY ABOUT GOLDEN PLY BLOW-OUT PROTECTION FOR YOUR CAR

New Silvertowns Give Months of Extra Miles, too

Here's why so many local motorists have stopped gambling on tires and had us rich Safety Silvertowns.

By retaining the heat generated inside the tire by today's high-speeds, the Life-Saver Golden Ply that's built into every Silvertown keeps rubber and fabric from separating—keeps blisters from forming. You get real protection against high-speed blow-outs.

And if you're looking for tires that will give you months of extra, trouble-free mileage, by all means see us about a set of Golden Ply Silvertowns. Remember, they're never, they'll last longer—yet they cost no more than other standard tires.

THE ONLY TIRE THAT HAS THE LIFE-SAVER GOLDEN PLY

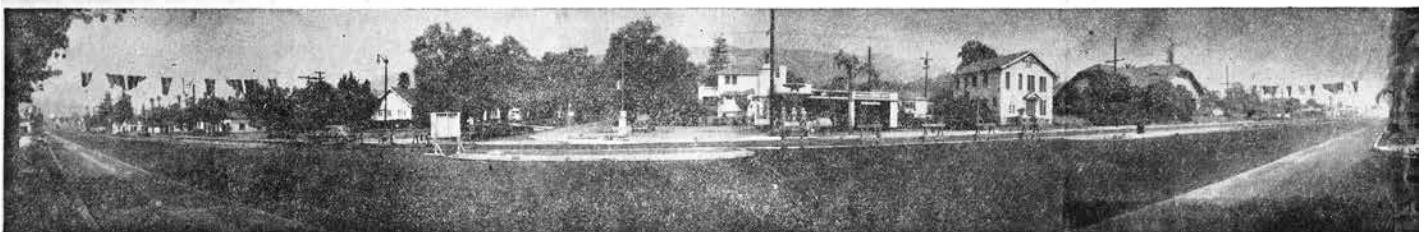
I SEE PLenty OF WRECKs BUT BLOW-OUT ACCIDENTS TURN MY BLOOD COLD

Goodrich Safety Silvertowns WITH LIFE SAVER GOLDEN PLY

6 Months to Pay NO INTEREST
You Do Not Deal With a Finance Company.

Juett-Clements-Lenney
2005 COLORADO BLVD. CL. 69254

HERE IS THE COMPLETED COLORADO BOULEVARD AS IT APPEARS TODAY



This panoramic view published in 1948 celebrates the reconfiguration and re paving of Colorado after the removal of the trolley tracks. The streetscape remained very much as it had been in the 30's. At the far-left end J-C-L is barely visible. Various residential uses lead to Highland View Avenue at the center. The gas station to the right occupies the same corner as the present station with the addition of the land under the apartment building which was torn down in 1961. The last easily visible building on the left is the venerable Women's Twentieth Century Clubhouse. (Eagle Rock Sentinel)

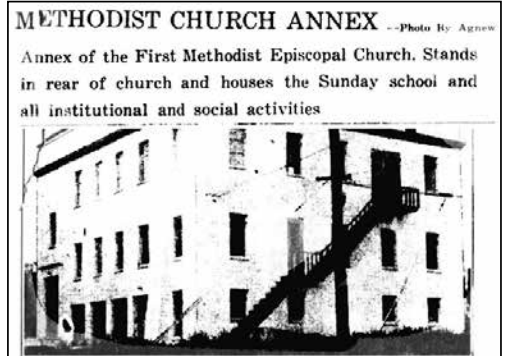
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The Women's Twentieth Century Club was the earliest social organization in Eagle Rock, outside of the church, aimed at improving the community and society at large. The club championed woman's suffrage, the arts, and the social graces. The ladies worked to support the troops in America's wars, cared for and educated young mothers during the depression years, and contributed to saving the redwoods by purchasing a grove in what is now Redwood National Park. The club continues in this spirit into the twenty first century. The Cornerstone was Laid in January of 1915, Frank M. Tyler was the architect and Edwards and Wildy were the contractors for the clubhouse on Hermosa Avenue. At the last, \$175 was needed to pay for the bricks. A fundraising show was put on with skits by the ladies and a song was written and performed by A.S. Bourne, the building supervisor. (Women's Twentieth Century Club-ERVHS)

The annex to the Methodist Church still stands today and serves as an apartment building. Another of the Methodist church's efforts to build a larger church, the caption of this article erroneously speaks of its relationship to a planned church on the corner where Colombo's restaurant stands today. The depression put an end to these plans and eventually led to the merger with the Congregational Church forming the United Church of Eagle Rock. (Photo by Agnew-Eagle Rock Sentinel)



These monuments on the corners of Mt. Royal Drive no longer exist. They testify to the developer's intentional focus on Eagle Rock as an essentially residential community. They graced what was intended to be our most prestigious street. Incidentally it was built on the Hickson property. The roof of Victorian Hickson house, which is still standing can be seen in the center left of the photograph. The principal developer of Eagle Rock, Godfrey Edwards, married Olive Hickson, probably giving him the property base which enabled his success. (ERVHS)

This 1919 Standard Oil designed building brought to the boulevard in 1931, illustrates the evolution of the gas/service station as a significant commercial building type related to the automobile and Los Angeles' flourishing car culture. It exemplifies how a building type's design and site layout are shaped by accommodation to the needs of automobile as well as stylistic and economic trends. Additionally, the building is significant for its association with Route 66, as an automotive serving business providing goods and services to the traveling public. The building was declared a Los Angeles City Historic Cultural monument in 2024. Lately hopes have been raised by the landowner's apparent willingness to adaptively reuse the building in its current location. (ERVHS)



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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
FRIENDSHIP, MUSIC, PRIZES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1:00

HORSES IN THE MOVIES
WITH MARC WANAMAKER
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 , 7:00

TO BE ANNOUNCED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
2026, 7:00



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Member's Corner

In Memoriam: Karen Baars Warren

March 3, 1947 - April 4, 2025



Karen was known to all in the Eagle Rock community as a kind, gentle, loyal and hard-working citizen. Her smile and positive attitude were an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a beloved board member of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society (serving many roles over the years), was historian of The Women's Twentieth Century Club, spearheading the effort to document the historical materials of the club, and served on the board of the Kiwanis Club of Eagle Rock.

Karen Baars was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Kurt and Lydia Baars, Lutherans of German ancestry. When she was three her family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was trained as an elementary school teacher and achieved a Bachelor's degree from Concordia College in Nebraska. She later earned her credential in Fashion Design and Marketing and for the rest of her working career, she worked in department store sales and merchandise display. Throughout her life she embodied the style and good taste of a born artist.

Karen and her husband, Eric, met on a blind date. They had mutual interests in river rafting, an activity which embodied her adventurous spirit, and in music of all types. They enjoyed traveling, exploring the richness of the world's cultures and peoples and also enjoyed returning home to their beloved Eagle Rock community and beautiful home. Karen will be dearly missed and Eagle Rock has lost a dedicated and altruistic community member.

-Katie Taylor