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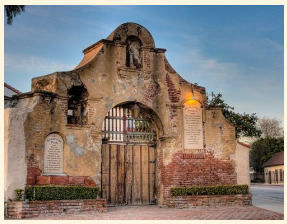

The Grapevine

San Gabriel Historical Association

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GENERAL MEETING& DINNER

PROGRAM

The Japanese Experience in San Gabriel up to and after World War II.

Speaker: Don Murashige and Family

Enchilada Dinner
(Catered by Lunas Mexican Restaurant)
Cost: $15.00
Menu: Cheese Enchiladas - Rice & Beans - Salad - Drinks - Dessert

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by calling Bill Williams at 626-282-0749, Mary Cammarano at 626-286-0565, or by sending an emailing to: *marycamm@sbcglobal.net* by Wednesday, March 14th

When: Monday, March 19, 2012
Dinner Starts at 6pm
Program Starts at 7:15pm

Where: Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Center
320 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

Open to the Public
For transportation, call (626) 282-0749

Don Murashige and his family will be speaking about their family's experience growing up and living in San Gabriel. We hope to see you there.

President's Message

We are only two months into 2012, but members of the Historical Association have been very busy. In late January, Historical members toured the archaeological excavation required for the San Gabriel Trench Project. In February, members of the SGHA were invited to a special viewing of Michael Hart's exhibit "Water Began It All" at the Huntington Library. Our February Pala trip was a great success, with over 50 folks boarding the bus for a day of fun at the Casino. And Mary Cammarano & Ellie Andrews are representing the SGHA on the City Centennial Committee as they work toward our 100th anniversary in 2013.

During our visit to the archaeological excavation located across the street from the San Gabriel Mission, lead archeologist John Dietler gave a presentation on the excavation and what they have found so far. The biggest surprise is the discovery of the foundation of an unknown adobe building. The excavation has also produced "thousands of artifacts and animal bones, pieces of pottery, gun flints, smoking pipes, gold coins, and medallions." Early in the planning for the San Gabriel Trench project, SGHA Trustees (and the husband and wife team of) Eloy Zarate & Senya Lubisich recognized that the dig was a great learning opportunity for our local children. Working with the local schools and the Alameda Corridor East (ACE), a viewing platform was constructed and Eloy & Senya put together presentations explaining what archeology is, what they will see and the safety rules they need to obey when visiting the site. Many thanks go to Eloy & Senya for all their hard work making these tours a reality. To view Senya's & Eloy's presentations, John Deitler's talk during our visit, or pictures taken at the dig, visit our website at WWW.SGHISTORICAL.ORG and click on "Archaeological Excavation San Gabriel Trench Project".

Artist Michael Hart spent 40 years as the Vice President and General Manager at Sunny Slope Water. After retiring, he spent three years producing eight drawings and maps of the San Gabriel Mission and its water system. The exhibit featured Mr. Hart's eight drawings and maps along with maps and photos from the Huntington Library's collections augmenting the experience. Mr. Hart was on hand to answer any questions we had about his paintings. The Association purchased two limited edition hand signed copies and will display them in the museum once they are framed. To view his maps and paintings, you can visit his website by going to the Links page on our website.

Join us on March 19th when Don Murashige and his Family will be speak about the Japanese Experience in San Gabriel up to the end of World War II and after following another delicious dinner catered by Luna Mexican Restaurant. Please join us for great food and an interesting talk. Don't forget to put in your reservation. We hope to see you there!!

Bill A'Hearn, President

CENTENNIAL NEWS

In 2013 the City of San Gabriel will celebrate its 100th birthday. As you may know, the Historical Association has been a partner of the City from the very beginning of the planning. As the year approaches, we invite all of our members to participate in the year-long celebration.

Do you have ideas for community activities?

Would you like to serve on an existing committee (ie Events, Public Relations, Research, History on Display II)?

Could you contribute funds to the City float in the 2013 Rose Parade - the kickoff to our big year?

If the answer is "yes," please call:

Ellie Andrews 284-6685 or Mary Cammarano 286-0565

Go to : *http://www.sangabrielcity.com/contact/centennial.shtml* for more information about the City's plans for the Centennial

MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum and Hayes House continues to be open to the public the 1st Saturday of each month from 1-4PM. The new docent co-chairwomen for this year are Mary Cammarano, 626.286.0565 and Senya Lubisich,626.287.3346. We are in need of docents. Please call either of them to be placed on the schedule. The work day for the museum will continue to be on Tuesdays beginning at 10 AM to 12Noon.

If you are interested, please call Camila Lopez at 626-287-8482.

Camila Lopez, Museum Chairperson

HAYES HOUSE NEWS

Guests continue to enjoy their visit to the Hayes House. So many items catch one's eye due to their age, novelty or loveliness.

The Eastlake hardware in the house is a true favorite, as well the beautiful red etched-glass window which graces the front door. The docents like to delight visitors by ringing the Victorian brass door bell set into the door.

There is so much to see in the house-furniture, clothing, china and glassware, linens, kitchenware, toys, paintings. Please come by to appreciate some of the treasures belonging to the Wilson-Hayes family.

Helen Sanchez, Hayes House Chairperson

Pictures from the Archeological Excavation for the San Gabriel Trench

The picture on the left shows the partially excavated Chapman Millrace. The picture on the right shows the wall foundation and the clay tile entry of the previously unknown adobe structure. For more information & pictures about the excavation, visit the Historical's website at WWW.SGHISTORICAL.ORG