

A Message From Our President Don Williamson

Dear Members:

The work of the CHPS to commemorate Corona's legendary past continues to move forward. To that end, our latest contribution is a new plaque installed at the entrance of the Corona Public Library. All who enter the building are now greeted by a tribute to the three permanent libraries our city has operated beginning with the beloved Carnegie Library. The plaque features an early photo of that first library along with a quote from the dedication speech of city official, William Corkhill.

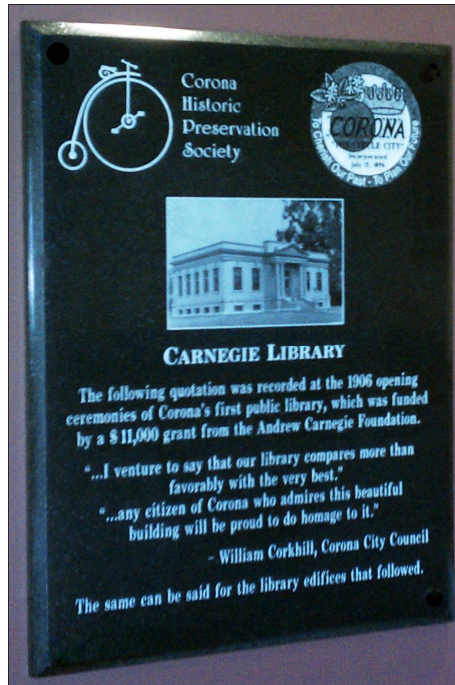
We are finalizing approvals for another accolade to the Carnegie Library. A historic marker is to soon rise on the corner of Main and Eighth Streets where that library served this community from 1906 to 1971. Some of you may not be aware that the genesis of our Society was the attempt to save that wonderful edifice which was, to still lingering regret, demolished in 1978.

Our first quarterly meeting of this year will occur at the Glen Ivy Hot Springs at 9:00 a.m. on March 30. Glen Ivy executives will offer a tour and presentation of the facilities that were first open to the public in 1860, the same year Abraham Lincoln won his first presidential election. At this meeting, we also plan to unveil a new historic landmark plaque acknowledging Glen Ivy's importance in the development of this community. Do not miss this chance to learn about the often over looked historic aspect of this entertaining and exotic resort.

The 2013 Vintage Home Tour is on Saturday, May 4. We think you will be pleased with the sites secured for this year's excursion. Our sincerest gratitude to the Woman's Improvement Club (celebrating 100 years in this building) and the four homeowners on East Grand Boulevard that are allowing all of us to enjoy their cherished structures. We need Docents/Greeters for this event and your participation is most welcome.

We are proud that the City of Corona is co-sponsoring the Vintage Home Tour this year. It is one of the first events in the yearlong celebration commemorating the first Corona Road Race, 100 years ago. We will prominently display the city's new commemorative centennial Race logo, which is reminiscent of the poster advertising the 1914 Road Race.

The Corona Road Race Centennial celebration will be at the Corona City Park on September 14. I encourage everyone to be in



Corona for the festivities in the Park, which is also a century old this year.

Corona Regional Medical Center (CRMC) has recently announced plans to expand. The expansion calls for the closing of Belle Street between Eighth and Ninth and the removal of two historic structures on the corner of Ninth and Sheridan. We are looking for a person or entity that will save these two buildings and move them to another location. There is more information in this newsletter on page 6. Please contact Jeff Tupper with CRMC (see page 6) or Christine Gary (of CHPS at 951.734.0977) with any questions.

We appreciate and thank the Corona Regional Medical Center CEO Kevin Metcalfe along with staff members Jeff Tupper and Linda Pearson for including CHPS in the updating of this project as it has developed. They continue to demonstrate great sensitivity to the historic importance of their inner Circle location.

A wonderful chance to explore the history of our region will occur at the Riverside County History Symposium on April 6 at the Bob Glass Gym in Perris from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The host of the symposium is Steve Lech. Steve gave a presentation at our fall Quarterly Meeting last year discussing the motion pictures and television programs filmed at the Mission Inn. Registration for the Riverside County History Symposium is \$25. Find information and registration at this link: <www.riversidecountyhistory.org>.

Hope to see you at Glen Ivy on March 30.

Sincerely,

Don Williamson



Our Preservation Grant Program in Action

We received the following letter from the Tom and Sunny Richins family who received a CHPS Preservation Grant in 2012.

As a family we have been blessed in many ways. A couple of years ago, in the spirit of growing our family, we asked our real estate agent to find us a bigger house and, if possible, an old house. The agent, complying with our request, brought us to 1031 E. Grand Boulevard. Sunny and I both fell in love with the house immediately. In fact, when we were in escrow, the real estate agent had to tell Sunny to stop working on the yard and house until escrow closed. Truth is, we just couldn't wait to get started on our dream home.

Because of time constraints and the amount of work that had to be put into the house, it took us roughly two years to complete the remodel. Along the way we met many members of the Corona Historic Preservation Society and, in all honesty, we can't thank them enough. Everyone we have met has been very nice and has given us many compliments on the house, which we truly cherish. At times those compliments are what gave us the motivation to keep pushing forward. We appreciate all of the Society members who have given us building materials, played with and watched our kids, allowed us to rent their guest house, and have donated their time to working on our house.

We would also like to thank the Corona Historic Preservation Society for the very generous \$1,000 Historic Preservation Grant they gave us to assist with the costs of the exterior renovation. As you know, restoring/remodeling an old house is an expensive endeavor and when we found out about the CHPS Preservation Grant Program, it was a relief to know that those funds could help us with our project.

Now that we have moved in, we have been able to accomplish our goal of growing our family. Since the remodel started, little baby Wyatt joined our family and both he and his older brother, Porter, love the house. They run and play in every room every day. It feels complete to come home from work to a beautiful home and family. We are excited to place our house on the Vintage Home Tour this year for all to see. Our house speaks of an older time and place but in today's times it is timeless. Thank you for helping us preserve our home.

Sincerely,
The Richins Family

NOTE: Proceeds from our Vintage Home Tours go toward our Historic Preservation Grant Program which assists in funding restoration and refurbishment improvements to the exterior of Corona's historic homes.



Grant Chairman Mark German presenting a check



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NOW

Our Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would like to assist local homeowners in making necessary improvements to their historic homes.

We will process any application within 60 days after submittal. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and onsite final approval.

Take this opportunity to do some fixing up and have part of the material cost covered by CHPS. Remember we are interested in helping people beautify their homes for others to see, so applications are primarily for curb appeal projects.



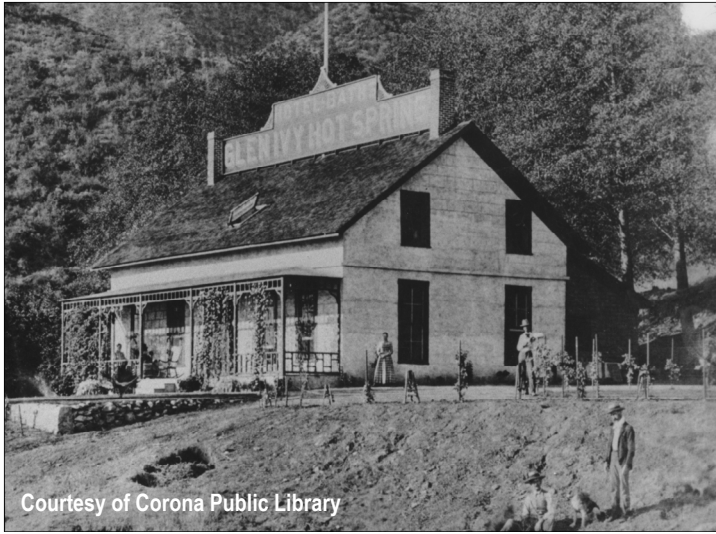
If you have a place that you feel needs help, either your own or a neighbor's, please feel free to contact Chairman Mark German (951) 500-2767 or send him an E-mail at <mgerman@ca.rr.com>. He will help in any way possible to provide the information you need.

Grant applications are available at the Community Development Department at Corona City Hall at 400 South Vicentia, and at the Heritage Room of the Corona Public Library.

More information and grant applications may also be downloaded from our Website:
<<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>>

Please share this information with others!

Quarterly Meeting at Glen Ivy Spa



Courtesy of Corona Public Library

CHPS members only have been invited to learn more about the history of Glen Ivy Spa. It was originally known as Glen Ivy Hot Springs Hotel, as seen in this c. 1890 photo.

WHEN: Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. SHARP
Will last from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

There will be a presentation and a walking tour of the grounds so wear comfortable shoes.

WHERE: Park in parking lot and meet at the Main Entrance to Glen Ivy Spa
25000 Glen Ivy Road, Corona

SAVE THE DATE ~ 2013 Vintage Home Tour

See it. Celebrate it. Preserve it.

May is National Historic Preservation Month with the theme shown above. CHPS is proud to focus upon Corona's rich past by presenting the first event celebrating the 100th Anniversary or Centennial of Corona's Grand Road Race in 1913. You can expect to see the logo, shown below, around town and on many publications during 2013. The City of Corona is co-sponsoring this event with CHPS and has graciously allowed us to use the Corona Grand Race Centennial logo.

Featured properties' construction dates range from 1904 through 1948 and two of them will also meet the century mark since they were built in 1913. On this walking tour, automobiles of many eras will be on display. More details will soon be available on the CHPS Website: <www.Corona-History.org>. You may obtain information from Christine at 951.734.0977 or send an e-mail to vintagehometour@aol.com. Pre-Sale tickets \$18, \$20 on day of event.

Saturday, May 4th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



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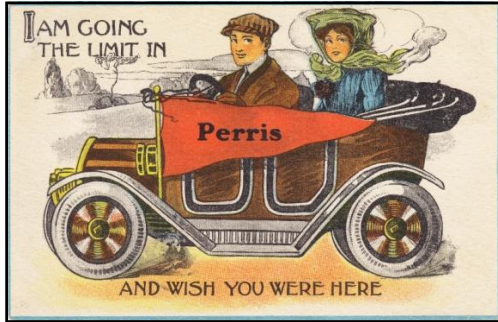
1133 E. Grand Blvd.



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Riverside County History Symposium

Saturday, April 6, 2013
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bob Glass Gymnasium
(former Perris Union High School Gym)
101 North "D" Street in Perris, California



Featuring:

Drive-Ins of Riverside County • Kim Jarrell Johnson
 Riverside County's Colorful Characters • Steve Lech
 Southern Emigrant Trail through Riverside County • Anne Miller

The Story of Mount Rubidoux • Glenn Wenzel
 An overview of Perris Historic Buildings, tours of the Historic Perris Depot and Museum, the Perris Archives in the old Perris Bank building, and the Southern Hotel.

\$25 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch all sessions and tours.

Go to <http://www.riversidecountyhistory.org> for registration materials.

Approved Budget for 2013 by Richard Winn, Treasurer

The Budget approved for 2013 represents the Board of Directors best projection of anticipated expenses. Our 2012 expenses were \$17,796.59 on a budget of \$23,535.00. (un-expensed items included). The 2013 budget reflects similar spending patterns with increased costs from several ambitious goals: creating another local historic district, marking of Grand Blvd. Historic District, naming of one or two structures to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and additional historic site marker plaques.

ITEM	2013 APPROVED
BUDGET	
Telephone Charges	430.00
P.O. Box Rental	80.00
Corona Chamber of Commerce M'ship	270.00
Secretary of State filing (bi-ann)	50.00
Board of Equalization (sales tax filing)	180.00
Franchise Tax Board	50.00
Riverside County Tax Collector	170.00
History Day Awards	100.00
Grand Boulevard Historic District marking/labeling	2,000.00
US-91 remnant to local Historic District + repairs	2,000.00
Nominations to NRHP: Landmark Bldg. Jefferson School	2,000.00
Newsletter Printing	700.00
Postage	400.00
Printing, Other	600.00
Stucco Flyer	0
Membership Flyer	0
Stationery	0
Home Tour Banner	80.00

Walking Tour Brochure reprint	200.00
Vintage Home Tour tickets, Booklet. + promotion	800.00
Web site maintenance and development	700.00
Office maintenance fee (City of Corona)	450.00
Office equipment (office set up)	100.00
Settlement House/511 Vicentia support	50.00
Recognition awards (officers/other & Notary)	175.00
Liability insurance policy	1,000.00
Historic Markers (Nos. 19 & 20)	2,000.00
July 4 Parade entry	25.00
Antiques & Collectibles Faire	
Lemonade stand consumables	50.00
Quarterly Meeting refreshments	200.00
Holiday Party	225.00
Arcadia Publishing (<i>Images, Then . . . Corona</i>)	1,000.00
RivCo Parks – Chronicles	100.00
Supplies (office, etc.)	50.00
Preservation Grant Program distribution(s)	2,500.00

Total 20,760.00

Donations

Corona Pub. Library.	
<i>Old-House Journal</i> Magazine	35.00
Corona High School Madrigals	300.00
3rd Grade Dictionaries Lincoln School	325.00
W.D. Addison Heritage Room - Corona Public Library	300.00
Woman's Improvement Club	175.00
Quality West Wing	200.00
Settlement House	50.00
Community Improvement Project(s)	250.00

Total 22,395.00

Meet Betty Yocum aka 'Betty the Riveter' By Doris Osko

You've all heard of "Rosie the Riveter," made famous in posters and music in World War II as a symbol of American women who went to work in the factories and took jobs in place of the men of America who were off to war. Corona has its own "Rosie the Riveter" in the form of ninety-three year old Betty Yocum who left her birthplace in Superior, Wisconsin and headed to Southern California in 1941 where she became a riveter on B-17s at Lockheed. Betty in an interview on January 23, 2013 said she wanted to "cut the apron strings," and so to California she came.



Betty has enjoyed living in Southern California since 1941.

She was one semester shy of a Bachelor's Degree from Wisconsin State Teachers College, where she had trained to be a teacher, a profession she had dreamed of since she was a child. Although the family had suffered the effects of the Great Depression, the McClean Family was able to afford the \$21.00 a semester for tuition, and books were furnished. All Betty had to buy were blue books for exams. Living in Hollywood with a distant relative, Betty then went to work at Timm Aircraft gluing together plywood parts for training aircraft. She was surrounded, she said, by P-38's, but spent her time on the plywood planes.

This was not to be Betty's continued career because her next job took her to San Jose to the Agnews State Hospital which specialized in mental health. Her work was in the office, but Betty became expert in learning all about the various ailments that brought patients to the hospital where she worked for fifteen years. At a convention for CSEA employees, Betty met her future husband who was working in the prison system at CRC. He got Betty a job immediately in

DVI (Dual Vocational Institute,) and they were married and lived in Swan Lake, a mobile home community in the area which is now Eastvale. Betty was shocked at their first winter in Swan Lake when a fierce wind buckled her golf cart and sent her searching for medical treatment. Off to Corona they went to Dr. Herman's Hospital. Betty described it as "no more than a wooden structure with stacks of paper work spread out on various surfaces." Dr. Herman put his knee in her back, and put a harness on it to help her recover. Betty was used to the St. Claire Hospitals, which were huge by comparison and had all the modern equipment.

Also part of her new environment at Swan Lake

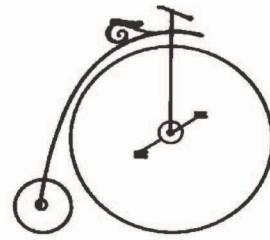


Cover of the published music to the song "Rosie the Riveter" (1942)

was the fog. She said that the fog was so bad that people drove by sound, not by sight. A driver would have to listen for approaching vehicles before turning into dirt roads to head to work. Dairies were just starting up between Eastvale and Chino, and there was an influx of Dutch and Portuguese dairymen in the area. Betty retired from her job in the Department of Corrections in 1957, and her husband passed away in 1971. They were avid travelers and used their weekends to go to as many places as possible. Betty used to volunteer seventy hours a month at Corona Regional Hospital in Outpatient Surgery, and loved her job. She is

an avid reader and is active in Woman's Improvement Club of Corona. She attends Bible Study Classes, and says she still loves Corona for its small-town atmosphere and its friendly people. She feels safe here and is glad she took the "Baked Potato Line" train to California where she has never ceased to be amazed how nice people are.

Houses to Move in Corona



Corona
Historic
Preservation
Society

**Please contact Jeff Tupper
at 951.808.6783 for
additional information**

Two houses are now available for relocation due to Corona Regional Medical Center's planned expansion

This Vernacular wood-frame structure was built before 1920. It measures approximately 1,100 sq. ft. It is the former site of the Free Methodist Church as well as the first Temple Beth Shalom in Corona. Includes a foyer plus office area and large high-ceilinged, all-purpose single room 30' x 27'. Possible uses: a sandwich shop, antique store, tea room, club or scout troop meeting-house or as an historic environment for weddings. Interior space could also be reconfigured for residential use.



One-story single family dwelling in Craftsman style with spacious living-dining room, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and large kitchen built in 1916-1917. Approx 950 sq. ft., it formerly served as the parsonage for the ministers of the Free Methodist Church. Currently has a cast iron stove in the living room in lieu of a fire place A great example of simple Craftsman style construction of a century ago. This home could easily fit in within the Grand Boulevard Circle as an in-fill property on a currently vacant lot to maintain the integrity of our historic downtown neighborhoods. A great fixer-upper!



Membership Information

**When joining or renewing your membership, please make your
tax deductible check payable to "CHPS"**

Individual Member	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to volunteer!	
Family	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter writing articles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Home Tour	
Patron	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	docent / volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life	\$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s) _____				
Address _____				
City _____		State _____		Zip _____
Telephone _____		E-mail _____		
Gift from _____				



Membership Status: Renewal New

Please complete form and mail to:

**CHPS
P.O. Box 2904
Corona, CA 92878**



We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

David & Sylvia Barnett
Richard & Martha de Blois
Mike & Julie Downs
Ed & Linda Faxon
Christine Gary
Nita Grantham - *Patron*
Kent & Ginnette Lillibridge

Jeff & Debora Miller
Jim Morrell
Tom & Paula Muñoz
Nathan & Roberta Reed
Jason & Dee Scott
Frances Tassin
Marla Wsaiki

See it. Celebrate it. Preserve it.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation reminds us that May is National Preservation Month and this year's theme is "See it. Celebrate it. Preserve it." Communities throughout the nation are filled with unidentified and unexplored historic treasures.

We encourage all our members to take this theme to heart and check out our local communities:

- Pay attention to historic sites in the community you don't know much about.
- Compile a photo archive of the hidden gems you discover in our community(ies).

- Make a list of places you feel ought to be recognized with a local historic site marker and let the CHPS leadership know what and where they are found.
- During the month of May, plot out a walking or driving tour of the finest historic homes, other structures and places. Seek out additional information about these places and share it with others.

Ensure that our community's treasures will be protected for future generations and spread the word of our Vintage Home Tour to be held on May 4, the first Saturday in May.



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To contact us call
951.898.2044

*Please leave a brief
message*



Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization dedicated to preservation and revitalization of Corona's historic buildings, neighborhoods and sites.

Through education, persuasion, legislation and organization, CHPS acts as an advocate for the preservation of Corona's historic resources.

Monthly Meetings

CHPS Board meetings are held each month to transact Society business, discuss issues affecting the Society and preservation of local historic resources.

All members are invited to attend.

The next meetings will be:

Thursday, Mar 21, 6:30 p.m. at CHPS office

Thursday, Apr 18, 6:30 p.m. at CHPS office

Visit us at: www.corona-history.org



P.O. Box 2904
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Glen Ivy Hot Springs Hotel c. 1890



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at Glen Ivy Spa See Pg. 3 for details**