

## Highland Park Heritage Trust Collaborative Partner in Haynes Foundation Grant

By Carmela Gomes

Occidental College has announced that a \$35,000 grant from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation to an innovative partnership between the Occidental College Library, the Highland Park Heritage Trust and the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society will help preserve a unique historic resource: 20th-century newspapers of Northeast Los Angeles.<sup>1</sup>

The College press release notes that, "Developing a plan to create a repository for more than a dozen community newspapers that chronicle local history is part of an ongoing collaboration between the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society, the Highland Park Heritage Trust, and the Library to promote the preservation and awareness of local historical materials."<sup>2</sup>

Antonio Castillo, President of HPHT, remarked that, "Having our own local history available at our fingertips will provide an opportunity to learn about the events and daily life that shaped the character, culture and heritage of our neighborhoods over the greater part of the 20th century. The ads alongside the current events, alone, puts in perspective the tastes and choices of another time. But a greater benefit is being able to observe firsthand historical accounts, unaltered by modern perspective, and the knowledge we can gain from it as we continue to shape our communities into the future."

The grant will fund an archivist/project manager



Highland Park Herald, June 8, 1918

to lead the planning effort to preserve the papers and making them more accessible. The project includes the identification of missing publications and/or issues and the costs of making a representative number of issues available online through the statewide California Digital Newspaper Collection at UC Riverside (<http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cdnc>).<sup>3</sup>

The grant will also make it possible for Library staff, Society and Trust members, Occidental students, and community members to develop a pilot project. Once this program is available, the collaborative will work together to raise resources to sustain the repository and digitization

program. The grant proposal was supported by city councilmembers Eric Garcetti, José Huizar, and Ed P. Reyes, whose districts include the newspapers' old circulation areas.

Beginning in 2010, HPHT, ERVHS and Occidental joined together in a partnership to gather, house and inventory the backfiles of newspapers of Northeast Los Angeles. At the same time, the collaborative sponsored meetings and discussions at the College to develop a plan of action. With input from these discussions and activities Trust president Antonio Castillo, board member Carmela Gomes, ERVHS president Eric Warren and College Librarian Bob Kieft, both Trust

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**Abbey San Encino, Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument #106**

**S**unday, April 21, 2013, the Abbey San Encino Wine and Cheese Fundraiser and Tour for Preservation Advocacy is an opportunity to visit a place that is more than a residence.

Docent-led tours between 10:00am to 5:30pm will be given every 45 minutes. Since there are only 150 reservations with 15 people per tour, make your reservation online at [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org) (select "Abbey San Encino Fundraiser" button to choose tour time and use PayPal to secure reservations), or by phone (323) 908-4127, soon, will insure you of one of your two choices for time of tour.

The tour with refreshments is \$30 per person for HPHT members and \$40 per person for non-members, and is not recommended for those with difficulty walking on uneven terrain. There are no accommodations for wheelchairs. For safety reasons, no children under 12 years of age will be allowed.



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members, working with Dale Stieber, Occidental's special collections librarian/college archivist and the Occidental College Corporate and Foundations Relations Department, helped to formulate the mission included in the grant request.

"For a century, the newspapers of Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Mt. Washington and other local communities chronicled a vibrant, culturally and socially diverse region of Los Angeles," said Dale Stieber, Occidental's special collections librarian/college archivist. "A repository for print, microfilm, and digitized issues of the papers make an important contribution to northeast L.A.'s historical identity by preserving a resource that isn't available anywhere else and making it more accessible."<sup>4</sup>

The Trust has been active and productive for over 30 years. We have accumulated, and stored away, many items, such as the newspapers, and now find ourselves in the position of having to take time to learn how to successfully archive our treasures. The Northeast Newspapers joint project provides us the opportunity to work with those who have expertise in this area. We in turn have the opportunity to bring the Trust's work to the attention of the community in an organized and resourceful manner.

N.B. 1,2,3,4 Excerpts from the Haynes Grant press release Occidental College website under the "Newsroom" tab.  
<http://www.oxy.edu/news/digitizing-local-history>

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## HPHT involvement in the Community

The Highland Park Heritage Trust will assist ACLA (Art, Community, Land, Activism) in preserving the historic character of the Tierra de la Culebra located at 240 S. Avenue 57.



The Highland Park Heritage Trust will be working with the community to raise up to \$2,500 through fundraising efforts and provide a letter of support to the film producer for *Corsi*, a documentary outlining the life and career of Antonio Corsi, the world's first artists' supermodel who spent the last years of his life in Garvanza. Several HPHT members had the pleasure of meeting documentary filmmaker Jake Gorst when he was introduced to the community by Tina and Charles Miller who then brought the proposal to the board.

<http://antoniocorsi.com/>

HPHT is partnering with community organizations to bring co-sponsor this debate for the upcoming May 21 election:

- **Saturday, April 27, 2013, 10am-12:30pm,** Council District 1, Highland Park Recreation Center, 6150 Piedmont St.

<http://www.hpht.org/>



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## Sunday, June 2 – 8th Annual Lummis Day Festival

Beginning with poetry at 10:30 AM and continuing with a sampling of the music, dance, family activities, arts, and crafts that represent a rainbow of cultural traditions for which the communities of Northeast Los Angeles are known. Information online at [www.lummisday.org](http://www.lummisday.org)



## 10 Year Anniversary of Autry/Southwest Museum Merger

Los Angeles City Council is looking at a citywide issue, similar to the efforts to preserve and expand the Griffith Observatory (another type of iconic hilltop museum), as a way to preserve the Southwest Museum and the Casa de Adobe. Using the Observatory and the Getty Museum as anchor institutions, the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition has provided support and technical solutions, including a new architectural solution by HPHT board member Louisa van Leer, illustrated by whimsical drawings by Roderick Smith, with the title "Los Angeles: Three Castles on the Hill in the City of Los Angeles." Each of the three institutions

epitomizes the cultural pinnacles of Los Angeles. The Coalition is emphasizing visiting the Southwest Museum on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm even while the Collection, which has been conserved by the Autry with public funds, is being moved to a storage facility in Burbank, outside of the LA City limits. The Trust will continue to pursue every option, along with all of our Friends, who work side by side, until the museum's future is secured. Continue to visit [www.friendsofthesouthwestmuseum.com](http://www.friendsofthesouthwestmuseum.com) and sign up to get email updates on the home page.

**LA HERITAGE DAY**  
 presented by the LA Heritage Alliance and El Pueblo Historical Monument, in association with El Pueblo Park Association

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# Membership is Our Life Blood

By Anne Marie Wozniak

The membership of any organization is the primary asset. It is the backbone and allows the organization to thrive and concentrate on achieving its goals. We are indebted to our members and are grateful for their continued support. We would like to thank each and every member that afforded our continued success by renewing their membership last year.

The time is here again for your membership renewal and we trust that we can count on your continued support for 2013.

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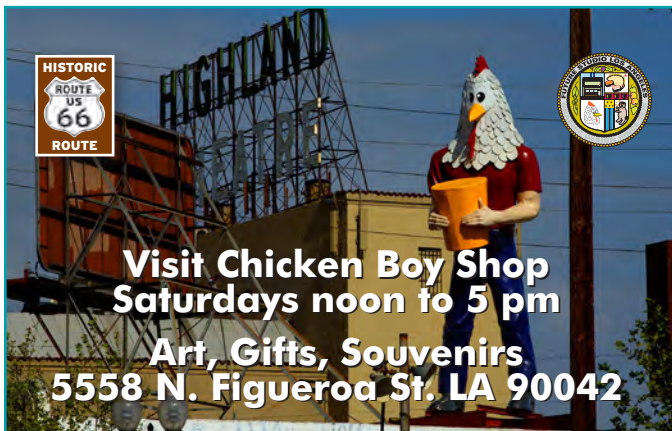
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# Calendar of Upcoming HPHT & Community Events

- 2nd Monday, Monthly HPHT Board and Program meetings, 7-9pm, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8 • Hathaway-Sycamores Family Center, 840 N. Ave. 66
- April 8 – HPHT Meeting • HPHT members are invited to attend an interactive discussion with the developer team for the Highland Park Transit Village from 7 to 7:45pm. The discussion will be limited to the Trust’s scope, including design, compatibility and preservation standards.
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month – Highland Park/Garvanza HPOZ – 6:00pm • Arroyo Seco Library Community Room, 6145 N. Figueroa St., Highland Park
- Saturday, April 13 – 11am-4pm • Vintage Fashion Show and Tea, Heritage Square Museum, 3800 Homer St., Los Angeles, CA 90031, <http://heritagesquare.org/> or call (323) 225-2700
- Sunday, April 14 – 11am-4pm: LA Heritage Day • Pico House, Puebla Park (see announcement inside *Our Cornerstone*)
- Sunday, April 21 – 10am-5:30pm: Docent-led Abbey San Encino Tour • reservations online [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org) or (323) 908- 4127
- Saturday, April 27 – 10am-12:30pm, Bi-monthly, docent-led Sycamore Grove Walking Tour • reservations by Thursday prior to tour, online [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org) or (323) 908-4127
- Saturday, April 27 – 10am-12:30pm: CD1 Debate • Highland Park Rec Center, 6150 Piedmont Ave., Highland Park
- Saturday, May 11 – 10am-4pm: Peace in the Northeast, Annual Walk and Community Fair • Highland Park Rec Center, 6150 Piedmont Ave., Highland Park
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 23 to 25: Puppets Retake Northeast Los Angeles Puppet Shows • Ebell Club, 131 So. Ave. 57, Highland Park, [www.arroyoartscollective.org](http://www.arroyoartscollective.org) for information
- Sunday, May 19 – 10am-4pm: Museums of the Arroyo Day • Free to the public, shuttle Buses leaving from museums throughout the Arroyo, [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org) for flyer
- Sunday, June 2 – 8th Annual Lummis Day, [www.lummisday.org](http://www.lummisday.org)

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