



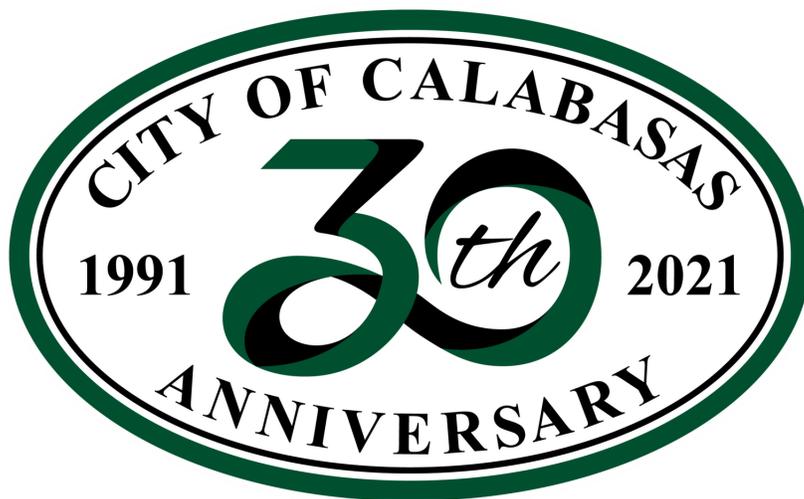
President's Message

After a year and a half of pandemic life, there are signs of a return to some normalcy, but as I write this, we have been told to keep our masks on in public places again. As at all times in history, this too shall pass. What is most important is that we all stay healthy and keep active! Keeping active is not just about physical activity, but about mental activity as well and the May 13th History of Water in Early Los Angeles Zoom Lecture with Jack Feldman was a great opportunity to do just that! We are working on more programs for our members and promoting events at the Calabasas Library, too. We hope you enjoy the emails alerting you to these and if you are not on our email list, please send us a request at clvhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Martha deCarteret

Remembering members we've lost:

- Donald L Mitchell
 - husband of Charter Member Robin Mitchell
- Marilyn O'Connor
 - Charter Member
- Pat French
 - wife of George French
- Margaret Hampton



Happy 30th Birthday, Calabasas!

April 5, 1991 to April 5, 2021

To help commemorate this wonderful milestone, the City of Calabasas is sponsoring a first-ever Historical Treasure Contest all year long. Every month, they will award a \$100 gift certificate to the individual who provides them with the most interesting find from Calabasas' past.

You do not need to surrender the item to them, though they will gladly accept donations. They just want the opportunity to capture its image.

Be creative. Nothing is too trivial, obscure, or just plain weird. Submissions are due by the 20th of every month. The contest is open to all. So dash off to your garage, attic, storage locker, parent's house, or wherever else you might find a buried treasure. Happy hunting, and good luck!

Send your entries to info@cityofcalabasas.com





In Memorium: Dr. Richard Doyle

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Dr. Richard Doyle, Past President and longtime SFVHS Board member. He was a beloved light in the Los Angeles historical community. Dr. Doyle had a twinkle in his eye and an encyclopedic knowledge of history. He was very involved with the rescue, capital campaign and installation of the Lankershim Reading Room at the Adobe. He also obtained the beautiful Victorian furniture in our living room. He was an avid collector of beautiful antiques and original artwork, especially plein air and paintings by Leo Politi. After serving in the Navy in WWII, he graduated from Loyola Medical School where he met his wife, Theo. For many years he was an internist at

Facey Medical Group. He has exhibited his extensive collection of medical quackery many times for the SFVHS. He loved his elaborate art glass epergnes, "sad irons," (see the collection upstairs at the Adobe) his books, and much, much more. He and Theo were avid rock and mineral collectors. Dr. Doyle was known by nearly everyone involved in San

Fernando Valley history. He was also a member of the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners, the Antiquarian Society, the Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Association and was President of the Friends of the Archives at the San Fernando Mission. He was active until the end, even having attended our recent Memorial Day commemoration at the

Pioneer Cemetery. His life was so rich and his interests so broad and deep. He was 95 years young. He is survived by his wife Theo, 4 children and 7 grandchildren. We will miss him greatly.

Our Story

The Calabasas Historic Preservation Commission was created 12 years ago by the city of Calabasas to safeguard the heritage of Calabasas by protecting our unique historic places for the education and enjoyment of the people. Thus far, there have been seven properties placed on the Register of Historic Places.

The commission consists of five Calabasas residents with an interest in history in the area. Each council person makes an appointment subject to the approval of the entire Council. One nonvoting member is appointed by the Calabasas Historic Society, established in 1979 to promote and preserve the historical interests of Calabasas and its surrounding environs.



A Look Back from Spring 2019

Our Zigzag Moderne Fountain

by Arlene Bernholtz

The Calabasas Las Virgenes Historical Society, formerly The Calabasas Historical Society, is approaching their 40th Anniversary on July 3, 1979. As a charter member, I have been reflecting on our purpose, which is "to promote and preserve the historical interest of Calabasas and surrounding environs." I am pleased with their accomplishments. The fear of encroaching development which could have led to the demise of Park Moderne, an artists' colony built in the first subdivision of Calabasas in 1927, was an immediate concern.

Preserving the stylized Zigzag Moderne Fountain, by architectural designer Jock Petes and dedicated in 1931, was their first project. The 8' tall fountain obelisk stands in a rectangle basin with chevrons and glass to enhance the streamlined fountain. A bronze plaque rests at the base, noting that the fountain was established in 1931.

With the help of the Los Angeles Building Department, the Society was able to restore the remaining American Indian path and maintain the area.

On November 1, 1993, the Society rededicated the fountain along with Marvin Lopata, Mayor of Calabasas, Mike Antonovich, our representative from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, friends and neighbors. For the occasion, wooden signs carved with the Park Moderne logo were placed at the top of the path (Blackbird Way) and at the bottom (Meadowlark Lane).

Take a trip back in time as you drive the meandering roads, formerly dirt paths and view this Calabasas work of art, that has been featured in architectural magazines and books as an example of the Zigzag or Art Deco style of the day that still remains elegant.



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Join the CLVHS!

The Calabasas-Las Virgenes Historical Society is making an incredible offer! With a \$25.00 membership, you will receive two books by Catherine Mulholland:

Calabasas Girls: An Intimate History 1885-1912 and ***Calabasas Lives: Pioneers of Western Outpost***. Read of the hardscrabble and often dangerous life of the original settlers of this area.

Join today at calabasahistoricalsociety.com

Do you know a local historian, author, researcher, or other person who can share historical information with the CLVHS? If so, please contact Matha deCarteret at (818)-451-3104.



PRESERVING THE PAST.
PROTECTING THE FUTURE.

The Calabasas-Las Virgenes Historical Society is:

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Past President.....Judy Jordan
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CALABASAS-LAS VIRGENES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join or renew, please print out this membership application and send it with your check made payable to the Calabasas Historical Society - a 501(c)(3) non profit organization - P.O. Box 8067 Calabasas, CA 91372

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Annual Membership Dues:

\$25 - Member/Squatter

\$35 - Family/Homesteader

\$50 - Patron/Cowboy

\$100 - Deputy Sheriff

\$200 - Silver/Rancher

\$250 - Gold/Sheriff

\$500 - Expedition Leader

For more information, please contact membership director Julie Shy-Sobol shyj742@aol.com

