



CALABASAS-LAS VIRGENES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Jordan

Calabasas is the only city in the Las Virgenes Valley with a mechanism for preserving local history: Our Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission was established a decade ago. Thus far, we have seven designated landmarks. Can you name them? The Commission is currently finalizing wording and design of each landmark. www.cityofcalabasas.com/commissions/historic-preservation.html

We are continuing our promotion to new members of giving two books by Catherine Mulholland: CALABASAS GIRLS: *An Intimate History 1885-1912* and CALABASAS LIVES *Pioneers of Western Outpost*. We are also reaching out to all surrounding cities.

I'm happy to announce that Agoura Hills residents and current LVUSD Board Members Lesli Stein and Angela Cutbill became Patron/Cowboy members.

Arthur Edeson, Esteemed Cinematographer



Arthur Edeson lines up a shot of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in the classic film "Casablanca" (1942)

Arthur Edeson, a pioneering cameraman of early Hollywood and a founding member of the American Society of Cinematographers, was a resident of Malibu Lake for 40 years.

He had no children and historians have long wondered where his personal photos went. Fears persisted that they were thrown out by an uncaring family not recognizing their historical significance.

Cornell historian and "Three Magical Miles" author Brian Rooney received a message from a woman in Glendora -

east of Pasadena saying, in essence, "I'm Arthur Edeson's grand-niece and have hundreds of his photos. Would you like to see them?" Such messages out of the blue are a historical blessing. If only they would happen more often!

Rooney was in Glendora two weeks later with his scanner making digital copies of over 100 of the best images in Edeson's collection. Edeson was the acclaimed cinematographer behind "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930); "Frankenstein" (1931); "Casablanca" (1942) and "The Maltese Falcon" (1941) among many other films.

Among the photographs are images of him on set with stars like Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Hedy Lamarr, Walter and John Huston, Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre, Ronald Reagan and James Cagney.

The American Society of Cinematographers is celebrating their 100th anniversary next year, and these pictures of one of their founding members will be a centerpiece of the displays.

Edeson was also the co-founder of popular Lake Enchanto amusement park along Mulholland Highway in Cornell in the 1930's, the land of which is intact and protected today by the National Park Service as Peter Strauss Ranch.



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Richard G. Kolostian Sr. 1938-2018

Judge Richard G. Kolostian Sr. was born on December 2, 1931, the younger of two sons born to Kalost Der and Rose Kolostian. He graduated from Fremont High School in Los Angeles in 1949. He worked to support himself and his family while attending Loyola University Los Angeles (now Loyola Marymount). After graduating from Loyola, Richard served in the U.S. Air Force on active duty. Once honorably discharged, he worked full-time at General Telephone (now Verizon) while



attending Loyola Law School in Los Angeles at night. He graduated from Loyola Law School in 1964.

Richard's first job out of law school was with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, where he was a criminal trial and appellate

attorney, and later a legal adviser to the Los Angeles Police Commission. He left the City Attorney in 1968 to enter private practice. In 1973, he became a Los Angeles Municipal Court Commissioner, and in 1980 Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the Los Angeles Superior Court. After being assigned to Sylmar Juvenile Court for one year, Richard transferred to the Van Nuys Courthouse where he would serve the remainder of his judicial career. In Van Nuys, he handled both criminal and civil cases, and was Supervising Judge in 1988.

Richard actively supported organizations such as the San Fernando Valley Bar Association and the Armenian Bar Association. For many years, he was a volunteer judge for the Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trials program. He was a long-time Scoutmaster for Troop 127 of the Great Western Council (now Western L.A. County Council) of the Boy Scouts of America, influencing many young men and helping his own two sons to reach Eagle Scout, the highest award in scouting..

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Richard and his family moved to the Park Moderne neighborhood of Calabasas in 1977. He was involved for many years in seeking to obtain cityhood for Calabasas, and was honored to be selected to officially swear in the first Calabasas City Council on April 5, 1991.

Richard retired from the bench in 2006. In retirement, he volunteered to sit by assignment in the Probate Court of the Van Nuys Superior Court. He and his wife traveled to various places around the world, including China, Egypt, Russia, Central Europe, and the Panama Canal. He especially enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren, who affectionately nicknamed him: "Grandpa Judge."

Richard passed away peacefully on June 9, 2018, and was laid to rest at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. He is survived by Joan, his wife of 54 years; sons Richard Jr. (wife Michelle) and Jon; and grandchildren Peter, Ava, Zachary, and Conner. -JAMES R. BOZAJIAN

Speakers Needed

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

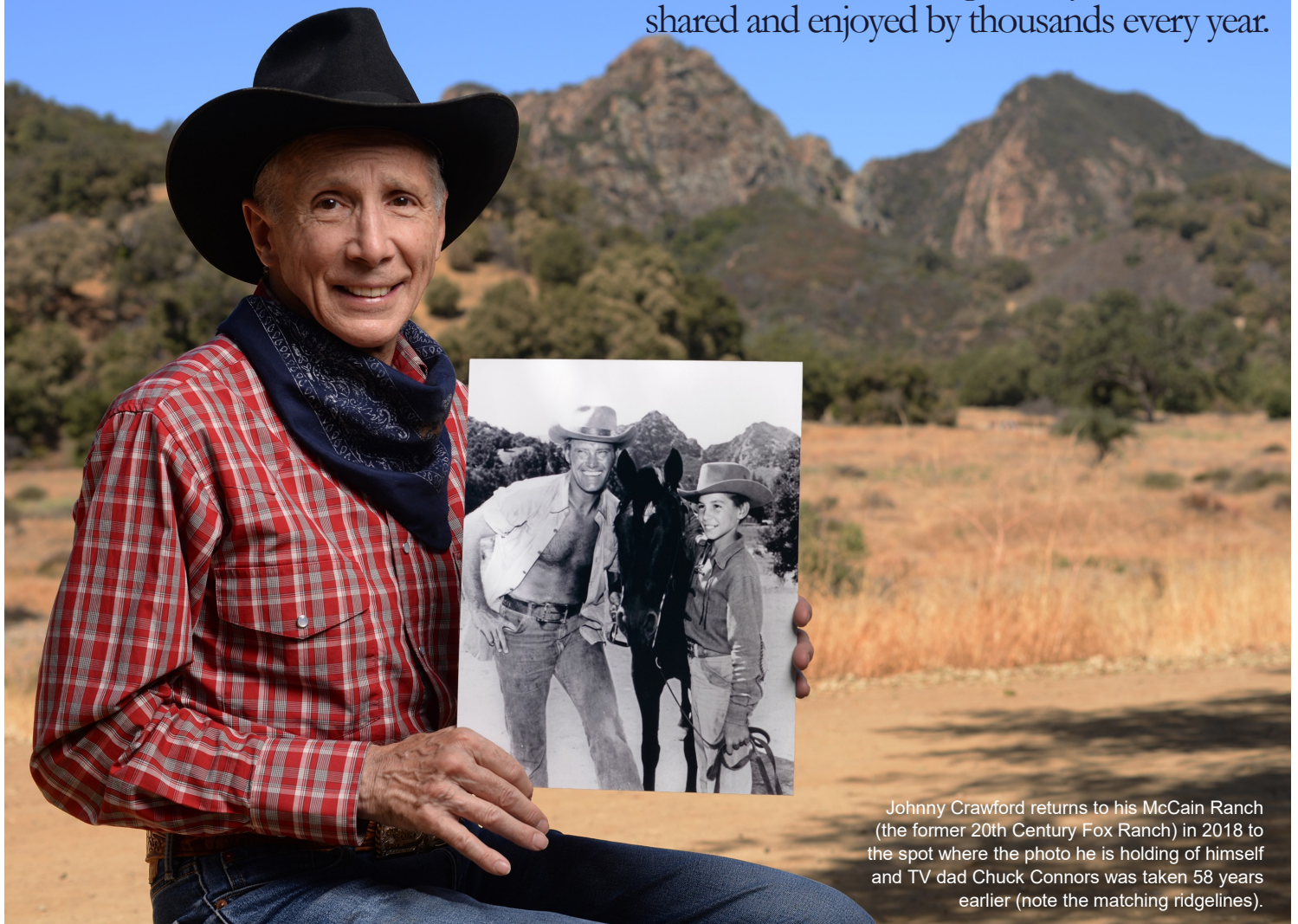
Holiday Luncheon

The annual CLVHS Holiday luncheon will be on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Maria's Italian Kitchen 23331 Mulholland Drive \$25 RSVP to Martha 818-451-3104



News from the Las Virgenes Side

Things are jumping west of Las Virgenes Road where the abundance of fascinating history is embraced, shared and enjoyed by thousands every year.



Johnny Crawford returns to his McCain Ranch (the former 20th Century Fox Ranch) in 2018 to the spot where the photo he is holding of himself and TV dad Chuck Connors was taken 58 years earlier (note the matching ridgelines).

THE RIFLEMAN In one of yesteryear's favorite westerns, Johnny Crawford starred with Chuck Connors in TV's "The Rifleman" from 1958 - 1963. Many of their episodes were shot on the historic Fox Ranch (now Malibu Creek State Park). Johnny stayed busy afterwards logging over 60 screen appearances. And after a 20-year break from acting, Johnny is appearing in a western next year called "Bill Tilghman and the Outlaws".

MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK is pleased to announce that formal metal information displays are finally coming to the very popular MASH filming site. Planned for early 2019 are three displays each 24" x 48" that include lots of pictures of the show's production at the Ranch and information about the show and setting. If all goes well, additional panels will be in place next year as well for "Planet of the Apes".

POSTCARDS & ENVELOPES The 15-year (and counting) search for historic ephemera from the Las Virgenes area takes 5-7 hours a month, but it's worth it. Recent finds include 1920's postcards of an area filmmaker and another with a view of the entire Crags Country Club lodge. Also found is an envelope with a 1938 postmark that helps narrow down when the "Agoura" place name began use and when electricity came to the area as the envelope is to SoCal Edison (likely a payment).

The fourth edition of the popular local history book "Three Magical Miles" that covers the Las Virgenes side of the CLVHS is now available. The new edition is bigger and better than ever and has 400 photos. This title has sold over 4,000 copies through word of mouth, and the new edition is available on-line at ThreeMagicalMiles.com.

The 1992 Pumpkin Festival at Paramount Ranch.
How many of these happy revelers can you recognize?



The Calabasas Pumpkin Festival is one of our region's premier annual events. The very first Pumpkin Festival took place in 1971 outside of Calabasas, 20 years before the City of Calabasas was incorporated. The Pumpkin Festival combines themes of the Old West, fall harvest, Halloween and, of course, Calabasas civic pride. This year's Pumpkin Festival will occur on October 21st and 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Juan de Anza Park in Calabasas. If you attend, please drop by the Calabasas-Las Virgenes Historical Society's booth for a visit. Pictured here is a scene from the 1992 Pumpkin Festival, held at Paramount Ranch in Cornell.

Join the CLVHS!

The Calabasas-Las Virgenes Historical Society is making an incredible offer. With a \$25.00 membership, you will receive 2 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 the original settlers of this area.

Join today at CalabasasHistoricalSociety.org



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