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Home Tour Romance Leads to Home Tour Garden Wedding

by Jerry Wilson

If you attend this year's California Heights Home and Garden Tour, you'll be visiting the site where Sarah and I were married in 2007 – our home's backyard. Sarah and I met in 2003 when her Cal Heights home on Lime Avenue was on the Tour. In 2011, our home on Lewis Avenue was featured on the tour and this year our garden will be highlighted.

It was October 2003 and I was the first docent that tour guests encountered as they entered Sarah's home. After giving my docent "spiel" about her kitchen, I asked the group to continue through the doorway to my right but one group member chose to exit left rather than to follow my direction.

Not knowing who she was, my first words to Sarah were, "Lady, can you please stay with the tour?" "I live here" was her curt response with a look that has become more familiar with time. She disappeared from my sight as another group of Home Tour guests entered the room.

It was the final shift of the day. Sarah returned home once again before the tour ended. As the crowd of visitors thinned I offered my awkward apology and she laughed. A friendship ensued. It took two years before I asked Sarah on our first date. On Valentine's Day 2007, I asked her to marry me.

For reasons we no longer remember (What were we thinking?), we decided to get married in April, just a little over 10 weeks away. In that short time, we planned and held a lovely, intimate garden wedding in our backyard. We also somehow managed to sell Sarah's house and join households. It was a crazy, busy time but now we're living happily ever after.

Each Cal Heights Home and Garden Tour is a marker that reminds Sarah and me of our first uncomfortable meeting, our friendship and courtship, and our wedding in the most special place in the world – our backyard.

Oh yeah, Sarah still doesn't follow my directions. 🐾

President's Message

A MESSAGE FROM HUGH LITTLE

Well, if nothing else, this should be the last letter I write for some time with more than a passing mention of the Home Tour. It is go-time for us. The tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. It's advertised on our Facebook page, the CHNA website (www.calheights.org), and coverage in local media should begin soon, if all goes according to plan.

We could still use volunteers. The Home Tour really takes a village and we've got room for more than a few more villagers. If you're interested in helping with ticket sales, packet pick up, or serving as a docent, please let us know. That few hours you would spend that day could make such a difference for us. If you are willing to help us out, let me know (hughlittle@gmail.com) and I'll put you in touch with our volunteer coordinator.

Two things on the local 'political' front to keep an eye out for; on August 19th the city held an informational session at Dana Branch Library to explain the options available to us for planned resurfacing of Orange Avenue. Some pros and cons of each of the pavement options currently being considered were presented. At the end, a third as-yet unexplored option was going to be researched for cost and feasibility. When that information comes back, Councilman Uranga's office will prepare a survey summarizing the available options, listing their pros and cons for everyone's consideration and distribute it to the entire neighborhood. As with so many decisions facing us, this one is complex and many residents have voiced different opinions.

Also, keep an eye out for word from the city regarding, at least two, community input sessions on the proposal to add a customs facility at Long Beach Airport. The city is now taking bids from firms for the feasibility study, and we should expect to see at least one of those sessions in the coming months. We will, as always, publicize those on the CHNA Facebook page and send out email reminders. If you haven't signed up for our eblasts you can do so by visiting calheights.org and signing up at the bottom of each page.

Here's hoping I'll be complaining about the rain next time I write. ☔

Kindly,



Hugh Little, CHNA President

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Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner



"After all the traveling I have done, I was lucky to be born in the right place", and that place was Long Beach on February 2, 1914. That's quite a statement from our Cal Heights neighbor Carl, who has celebrated 101 birthdays.

I was lucky enough to spend a morning listening to Carl's encyclopedic knowledge of growing up in Long Beach and Cal Heights. It was like opening a historical novel as Carl told me of his life. Carl's Long Beach story starts when his mother's family moved here in the 1880's and opened the William Schilling Mercantile on the corner of Pine and Broadway. That store was eventually bought by the Buffum brothers to create their first department store. Carl experienced first-hand many of the significant events in Long Beach's past. His family lived on Signal Hill when oil was discovered and the drilling frenzy that ensued forced the family to leave. Carl's father then moved the family to Cal Heights, eventually living on Olive Avenue.

Carl attended Long Beach Poly in 1933, when a devastating earthquake struck, destroying much of the school (as well as damaging over 250 other schools in the Long Beach area). Temporary buildings were brought in so students could complete their studies. He even had the opportunity to briefly attend USC in a special arrangement for survivors of the earthquake. "Construction and working outdoors was what I liked best", so Carl began a long career working on building the infrastructure of Long Beach. He participated in several important projects including the building of Long Beach Memorial Hospital and the oil pipelines that brought wealth to the city. When he married he even built his own house on Bixby Road and raised his two children there.

Carl's advice for long life is to live a 'life of moderation'. He still keeps a journal where he writes about his daily activities. You know, he told me if you can't write about it in your journal, maybe you shouldn't be doing it. Good advice, Carl!

If experience is the best teacher, then those who have lived to the century mark have much wisdom to impart to us. Carl would like to know how many neighbors have reached 100. If you are one of the lucky ones who have celebrated 100 birthdays, please email newsletter@calheights.org and I promise to let Carl know. 🐾

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By the time you read this, the California Heights Neighborhood Association's major fundraiser, the Home and Garden Tour, will be only a couple weeks away! So mark your calendars, purchase tickets and come join the fun at the Fifteenth California Heights Home and Garden Tour!

This year we have a new location for check in. All guests will check in at Hughes Middle School beginning at 9:30 am. Guest speaker, Carole Coates, author of Catalina Island Pottery and Tile 1927-1937, will speak on the topic of historic art tile and vintage California furnishings. Her presentation starts at 10 am with a second presentation at 11:30, please note seating is limited. Homes will open for viewing at 11 am and close at 4 pm.

This year's tour features several beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival style homes that dominate the Cal Heights landscape as well as a stately Colonial Revival home, which are far and few between in our neighborhood. The homes have both original architectural features as well as stylish and appropriate additions. In addition, we have two charming and recently re-landscaped gardens that are so inviting you may want to relax and hang out for awhile.

Our little red trolley will be back to pick up and drop off home tour guests near each of the homes and gardens. Make sure to stop by our refreshment location where you can purchase a home tour t-shirt, listen to music or grab some coffee or sweets from Sweet Lucie's Ice Cream truck, our own Sweet and Saucy Bakery, and Steelhead Coffee.

Tickets: \$20 presale at calheights.org through October 16th, or mail checks postmarked no later than October 12th to CHNA, 3553 Atlantic Avenue, #350, Long Beach, CA, 90807. Tickets \$25 day of. No paper tickets will be issued. Tickets become donations in the event of rain. ☔

CHNA Upcoming Projects

by John Moreland

As we mentioned in our January/February 2015 issue of this newsletter, all of the lampposts within California Heights have been restored and refinished. Once again, special thanks to all who have contributed to this important neighborhood project. Since the last lamppost was restored, many CHNA Board members have been asked, "What is the next project?" We have pondered, discussed, researched, took suggestions via Facebook and asked our neighbors. After this deliberative process, we have decided to announce that our next project is...(insert drumroll)...actually two projects – security cameras and painting utility boxes!

With some crime statistics increasing in Long Beach, CHNA has been exploring different options to help protect our community. One project we will be pursuing is to place security cameras at major intersections that are linked to the Long Beach Police Department network. We have had some discussions with the North Patrol Division with the implementation details.

We will also be looking into installing security cameras along our alleys. Back in our July 2012 issue, we mentioned residents on the 3700 blocks of Gardenia, Rose and Gaviota Avenues installed security cameras in their alleys. We envision replicating those cameras and associated signage in alleys throughout our neighborhood. After our home tour in October, we will be working with the North Patrol Division and our fellow neighbors on this project.

Lastly, we will also be sponsoring painting the unsightly, above-ground utility boxes within our neighborhood. The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association successfully painted these eyesores along their major corridors; enhancing the streetscene and adding interest to this necessary, utilitarian infrastructure. CHNA has identified 26 utility boxes within our neighborhood that could possibly feature a local artist. In the coming months, we will be working with our neighbors, utility companies, City of Long Beach Public Works Department and Long Beach artists (ideally Cal Heights artists).

Stay tuned for updates on these projects! 🐾



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Rediscover Linen for Your Home Furnishings

by Karen Highberger

Linen comes from the flax plant, which has grown for thousands of years. Flax, by nature is a "green" product. The plant itself has inherent ecological properties since all parts of the plant are used and they are 100% biodegradable or recyclable. The flax plant is gentle on the land and is easy to incorporate into crop rotation cycles. Flax is one of the few crops still grown in Western Europe. This area has the perfect climate conditions. No irrigation, other than rainfall, is needed to grow flax. Flax seed is a high nutrition food, due to its high content of alpha omega-3 fatty acid, and is used as a base for a fine flour used in medical compresses. Linseed oil, a byproduct of the flax seed, is used as a component in paints, cosmetics and in linoleum flooring. Flax fibers are also used in insulation and packaging, as well as fiber board and bank notes. However, flax is best known as the source of beautiful linen fabric.

Linen is a crisp and comfortable fabric. It is strong and durable, yet has a soft hand. The more it is used the softer and stronger it becomes. It has been a staple for table linens and bedding for hundreds of years. The color tone of natural linen comes from nature itself. The harvested plants are spread in the fields for a few weeks and are exposed to the elements. This exposure imparts the lovely golden tone to the fibers. Linen launders beautifully and is non-allergenic. Linen can absorb up to 20% of its weight in moisture before it feels damp—think linen dish towels in your kitchen. The varying thickness of the fibers provides a variety of textures available in linens for upholstery use. Quality linens that are produced with strict regulations, both socially and environmentally, carry the Belgian Linen trademark. This trademark assures the consumer of the best practices for the production of linen as well as the source of the fibers. 85% of the flax fiber must be of Belgian origin in order to carry the trademark.

Linen fabric is not inexpensive, but the beauty of the fabric, coupled with its ecological benefits makes it a choice worth considering. 🌿

Last call for

Home Tour Volunteers!

We still need several volunteers to assist with the home tour. If you are interested in being a docent, assisting with sign-in, or helping at the refreshment house email us at hometour@calheights.org. Volunteers get a free admission ticket!

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From the North

Commander Rudolph Kosmiza

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Staying informed is one way to create a safer community. Please remember the best number to report an issue to the North Division is 562.435.6711. See you in the neighborhood. 🚓



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From the 7th District

Roberto Uranga Councilmember

California Heights: Where Small Business Thrives

Over the last year, Long Beach has tackled its fair share of contentious issues. When it comes to our local economy, there are no bigger concerns than assisting our small businesses and the possibility of establishing a city-

wide minimum wage that is in line with increases in cities across the nation, such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. In California Heights, these two policy issues will have a significant effect on the growth of the blossoming Wardlow Strip.

On the Wardlow Strip, a stretch of Wardlow Road, centered at the intersection with Orange Avenue, there is a clear, unifying identity that is developing. Local establishments, such as Blackbird Cafe, Roxanne's Cocktail Lounge, The Vintage Emporium, Orange Salvage, Hole Mole and Mac's Barber Shop, have been thriving and growing their ties to the community. By the same token, newcomers, including Conversation Pieces and Steelhead Coffee, are making great strides in not only providing quality retail experiences, but also developing community partnerships. It is easy to see that the Wardlow Strip is garnering a loyal customer base and being activated in a way comparable to its "older sibling," the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association. That being said, I am pleased to hear that business owners on Wardlow are currently exploring the possibility of establishing a business improvement association of their own!

Assisting in the establishment and survivability of small business communities in the Seventh District and across the City are two crucial goals for me. That is why I supported efforts to establish an Incentives for Small Businesses Program, a pilot for Fiscal Year 2017 which supports businesses looking to open or relocate to Long Beach, businesses looking to expand their workforce, businesses looking to renovate or expand their work space, and more. There is no reason why we shouldn't make processes for our small business community effective and streamlined.

Lastly, as the City Council awaits the results of a study into the potential effects of raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, I welcome the comments and insights of all business owners in the Seventh District. district7@longbeach.gov (562) 570-7777 🐾

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At Your Local Library

by Melissa L. Strasser

Branch Librarian - DANA Neighborhood Library

Hey Cal Heights!

In this edition, I have some really exciting updates, but first, the business.

The DANA Library Summer Reading program was wildly successful. We had a 16% increase in registrations and had almost 1600 kids show up at the 26 events over the summer. A warm thank you to everyone involved: LBFD, LBPD, LB Emergency Services, the Kiwanis Club of Bixby Knolls and North Long Beach, and of course YOU, for all the support. It is wonderful to be loved.

Additionally, September marks a few interesting events for the Library: Library Card Sign-Up Month and Banned Books Week. Library Card Sign-Up Month is just that; if you know anyone who doesn't have a Library card (*gasp*), tell them to come on in. Especially the little ones. This is really the month when we focus on getting Library cards to kids and students, but new Neighbors are also good targets. Banned Books Week is a celebration of the Right to Read, and Long Beach Public Library strongly supports the Freedom of Information, so we'll support the American Library Association in the struggle against censorship.

Okay, now the fun stuff.

Get in here ASAP to see what we've done with the place. You'll be amazed. Over the Summer, we've gotten some new paint, new furniture, new computers, and a new flow. We've opened up some windows, removed and renovated the shelves, and scaled the collection to make it more browse-able and easier to navigate. During the month of September, we'll be adding a magazine lounge and a laptop bar, so things are really changing and we're really excited.

Finally, join us on Wednesday, September 23rd from 5:30-7pm at the Weiland Brewery Restaurant for our first Trivia Night! Weiland will honor their Happy Hour prices, and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation will provide some appetizers while we provide some FUN! Come test the nonsense—I mean knowledge—in your head and support the Library.

Hope to see you soon! 🐦

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One Place

by John Royce

A new AAA card thanks you for 30 years of membership; AARP and Neptune Society invitations arrive on the same day; your younger coworkers have no idea who Johnny Carson was, not to mention a typewriter or a valley girl - all indications of time's relentless march.

But when it comes to the places we call home, those signals of longevity can indicate something far more heartwarming - a sense of belonging, connection and history. For it is one thing to comprehend a sense of place, yet quite another to feel part of it!

Manifest Destiny has always had Americans on the move. During the explosive growth of post WWII America, the Jet Age and vast stretches of Interstate beckoned and made it easier, cheaper and more comfortable to relocate. A transient America resulted, where people move for jobs, fresh starts or just a restless need for change. Maybe time to know the neighbors, maybe not, and certainly not the butcher, baker or candlestick maker, as local merchants found themselves replaced by national megastores and strip malls. Many of the "neighborhoods" that sprang up as a result were more conducive to personal motels - a place to rest between commutes and trips to the mall.

When we live someplace for a long time, we allow ourselves the privilege to witness the changes that shape our surroundings and those who share it with us. We see the neighbor kids grow up, leave for college and return on holidays with new loves, pets, kids of their own. We observe the guys down the block training young pups who tug on their leashes, walking by day after day as the years pass until their canine companions gray, slow down and eventually vanish. Old timers who shared their stories of the past pass on and new neighbors arrive, providing opportunities to connect with those we may not otherwise meet. Really, our neighborhoods act more like hosts, introducing us to new, perhaps lifelong friends, embracing us, granting refuge, familiarity and comfort; places we share, thrive and, well, live, until our presence fades to make room for the next home seeking souls.

And that, my friends, is why I feel privileged to live in a community that provides a sense of place and history, where lasting relationships are as common as a sunrise, local merchants who are, quite often, as familiar as the neighbors themselves; a place that invites me to settle in for the long haul. Explore I will, but I'll have one place to return to and call home. I wouldn't have it any other way. 🐾

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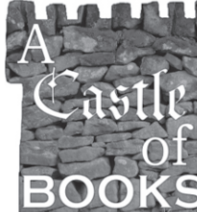
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Heart and Home

By Bungalow Kev

HIGH CHAPARRAL STYLE Summer Solstice sunrise in heart of the Santa Ana Mountains; quietly afoot I traverse Silverado Canyon. Herbal aromas, sage and buckwheat scent the morning's landscape alive with birds, bees and butterflies. Mother Natures garden wild and native perfectly at home, it graces my journey.

A CALIFORNIA STATE OF MIND California Chaparral has long inspired the creative efforts of painters, poets and landscapers seeking expressions of harmony with nature. Mission, Craftsman, Pueblo and Spanish style gardens all employ hearty native plants in scenarios that, when well designed, bespeak the romance of the architecture in rural settings long time gone. Many homes locally are surrendering long established turf traditions in favor of drought tolerant alternatives. A few of them stand out among the rest in concept, design and installation. You can make yours one of them. The key resides in a smart, creative overall vision backed by careful preparation planning and installation.

THE DESIGNERS EYE Hiring a savvy designer can save you time, money and lessen your learning curve. Artistic water wise chaparral gardens result first from a concept that captures the essence of the local natural environment stylized to retain an air of authenticity. The concept should marry personal and practical needs with a unique site-specific concept that harmonizes with the architecture, lot size and streetscape. Exemplary gardens utilize basic elements of special design that enhance distance, employ contrast and variety; establish focal points and elements of mystery. Drawings are essential to the process and become points for discussion and fine-tuning so you understand the cost and aesthetic outcome ahead of time.

As personal preparation, take a few hikes in the local Santa Monica or Santa Ana Mountains with a sketchbook journal and camera. Wander slowly, be especially observant and record your impressions. This will help you and your designer as you collaborate to achieve a personal look and feel for your garden. The installation will entail a solidly designed hardscape utilizing quality materials plus all the plantings and ornamental objects. Once finished, relax there often with family and friends as you enjoy your California Chaparral for years to come. 🐾

Long Beach in Pictures

by Cal Heights Photographer Tom Underhill

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**IN THE KNOW'LLS****What's New? What's Happening?**

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

We are continuing to see new businesses coming to Bixby Knolls to open up or relocate or expand from other parts of the city. **Lola's Mexican Cuisine** has moved into the former Le Yen space on Atlantic & Cartagena; **El Pocho Grill** opened up next to First Bank and The Factory; retailer **Twig and Willow** will soon be opening in the space next to Gems & Jewels on Atlantic (across from Trader Joe's). I previously mentioned **Steelcraft** container park coming to Long Beach Blvd and Bixby Road. We are at an exciting crossroads of time for our area. It is a combination of old school meeting new school. Some long-time businesses are set to retire and new businesses are eager to set up shop in the neighborhood. We play "Changes" by David Bowie a lot in the office as the theme for the times. There are other leads, inquiries, and interest in investing in the area and will keep everyone posted as they come to fruition.

Clean & Safe: Keeping the district clean and safe is a top priority for us. Every day. Our board voted to add additional security patrols at night and now during the day. CSI Patrol Service (a Bixby Knolls business) will be out five nights a week driving our business corridors. They patrol alleys, driveways, parking lots, dumpster areas, and all other areas we have deemed as "hot spots" for homeless to sleep or dark spots that need more lighting (a separate project for us to tackle). The patrols during the day make the shopping, dining, and service experiences in the area safe and comfortable.

Bixby Business Breakfasts and other new events. We are now entering a new phase for the association with the arrival of Cait Yoshioka on our team. This month we will host our first Business Breakfast for our membership as a way to provide opportunity for collaborations, idea sharing, and to updates as to

what is new in the area. Beginning in October we will begin to implement new events and programs that will both engage the community and promote our businesses.

Next up: **The Bixby Knolls Wine & Spirits Social Club** that will meet every third Thursday of the month at a different location. Featured drinks at each meeting will be the highlight. First stop will be at **Phil Trani's on October 15th** to try some old school cocktails after work. Remember: every day is Small Business Saturday. Bixby Knolls has the best sense of neighborhood pride and "community" than anywhere else in the city. The continued success of the area is dependent on the residents supporting their businesses. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have you heard? Businesses on the "**Wardlow Strip**" are getting organized and hope to form a business improvement district. I was able to sit in on the recent first meeting to discuss the formation of the BID and the value that it would bring to the businesses. Leading the charge is Robert Molina from Roxanne's as well as other businesses near Wardlow and Orange. Also in attendance were representatives from the 7th District Council Office and the City of Long Beach to help explain the whole process. I would like to see this come to fruition as you will see even more improvements to the area. The rising tide raises all ships.

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Visit the calheights.org for calendar events!

Thursdays: 8:00 am litter pickup - meet at Wardlow & Lime

Saturdays: Strollers Walking Group - 7:30 am at our local Atlantic Avenue Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf

First Friday of each Month: firstfridayslongbeach.com

Every third Sunday: Kidical Mass, bixbyknollsinfo.com

Every Second Saturday: Hazardous Waste Collection at EDCO, longbeachrecycles.org 9 am to 1 pm

Upcoming at the Rancho Los Cerritos:

Mariachis and Margaritas - Sunday, October 4th, at 5:00 pm
Enjoy drinks, appetizers and an inspired dinner by Lola's, followed by a concert featuring Mariachi Tesoro and Mariachi Relampago.

Victorian Magic Show - Saturday, October 24; Shows at 6pm and 8pm. Join us for an evening of Victorian Magic. \$45. Limited seating, call to reserve a spot.

Creation Station - First Saturdays, October through June, 1-4 pm
Free old-fashioned activities and crafts for children ages 6-10.

Plan ahead: Holiday Tea, December 8th; Cocoa with Santa, December 15th; Christmas Open House, December 13th

Sunday, October 18: Cal Heights Home & Garden Tour

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997-9094

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570-9825 or 570-9827

Dana Branch Library
570-1042

Fire Department
570-2500

Graffiti Paint-Out
570-2773

Garage Sale Hotline
570-YARD (9273)

Long Beach Building Department
570-6651

Long Beach Animal Control
570-PETS (7387)

Neighborhood Preservation Information
570-6194

Parkway Tree Trimming
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Police Department Dispatch
435-6711 or Emergency 911

Police North Substation Information
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