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AUGUST MEETINGS OF INTEREST

PEARL CHASE SOCIETY

Next Board of Directors meeting: August 1, 2024 at the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society, 316 Castillo Street, 3:30 p.m.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City meetings are broadcast live on City TV channel 18 and streamed live [HERE](#), where they are also archived and viewable on demand.

City Council

Tuesdays at 2 pm at Council Chambers, City Hall. [HERE](#). August 20, 37

Planning Commission

First, second and third Thursdays of the month at 1 pm at Council Chambers, City Hall. [HERE](#). August 1, 8, 15

Historic Landmarks Commission

Every other Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street. [HERE](#). August 14, 28

Architectural Board of Review

Mondays at 3 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street. [HERE](#). Full Board meets August 5, 19

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

County Board of Supervisor Meetings and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on CSBTv20. They are also streamed live [HERE](#) where they are also archived and viewable on demand.

County Board of Supervisors

Three Tuesdays of the month at 9 am. The first and third meetings are held in Santa Barbara in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 East Anapamu St., 4th Floor. The second meeting is (typically) held in Santa Maria at 511 East Lakeside Parkway. August 20 (SB), 27 (SM)

County Planning Commission

Three Wednesdays of the month at 9 am. The first and third meetings are held in Santa Barbara at 123 East Anapamu Street, Room 17, and the second meeting is (typically) held in Santa Maria at 511 East Lakeside Parkway. August 7 (SB), 14 (SM), 28 (SB)

County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

Second Monday of the month at 10 am at 123 East Anapamu, Room 17 (unless specified otherwise). August 12

News and Notes

By Cheri Rae

We extend our gratitude to outgoing President Steve Dowty, who presided over the Pearl Chase Society and kept it going through the difficult days of Covid when we could not meet in person. Thanks to his visionary leadership, he even worked to produce a virtual Historic Homes Tour, in the effort to keep a sense of continuity and service to the community. And afterward, he helped re-group, adding Board Members and developing a renewed spirit when we were able to meet in person once more.



Treasurer Nate Cultice and President Christine Neuhauser.

Steve will remain on the Board of Directors, and the Society's leadership remains in good hands. At the annual meeting on July 21, longtime member Christine Neuhauser was elected President, after serving admirably as Vice-President. Emma Brinkman was elected to take on the responsibilities of Vice-President; Patti Ottoboni will continue as Historian, Dennis Whelan as Secretary, and Nate Cultice as Treasurer. We are grateful

for their willingness to serve and lead this organization.

We were pleased to welcome members to the gathering, and to hear from dedicated Goleta historian Tom Modugno. In his presentation, he offered updates about continuing preservation efforts, including the Barnsdall Gas Station and the historic airport hangars.



Guest speaker Tom Modugno entertained and informed on an array of preservation issues. See his website:

www.GoletaHistory.com

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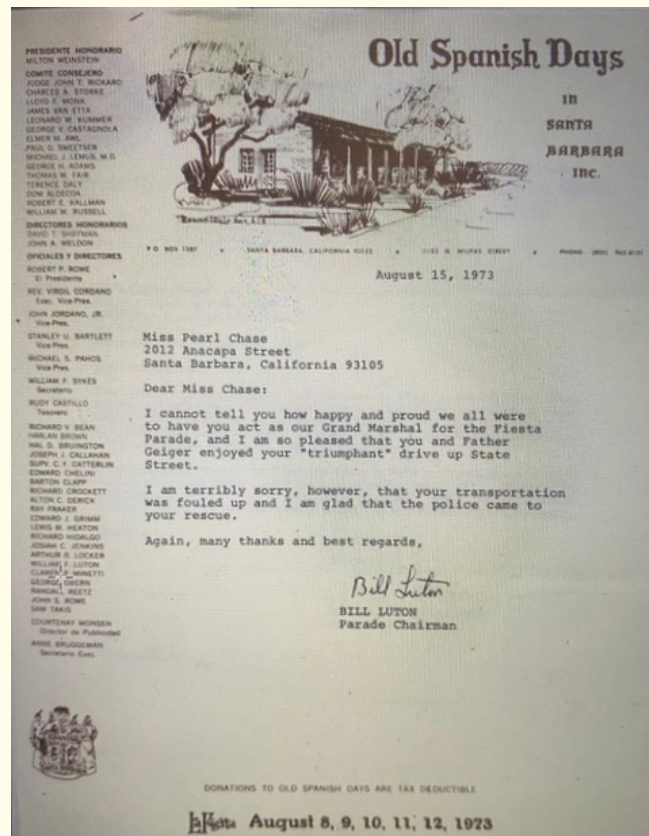
Timely News

By Dylan Peterson
Curator, Carriage and Western Art Museum

The Carriage and Western Art Museum of Santa Barbara is proud to have Pearl Chase's personal western boots and her personal guest book on display. The items were generously loaned to the museum from the Pearl Chase Society for public display and with perfect timing for the 100th celebration of Old Spanish Days Fiesta.

We are also excited to have on loan from the UCSB Special Collection, Pearl Chase's Grand Marshal Ribbon from the 1973 Fiesta Parade, which was recently featured on our local news, KEYT, during the Grand Marshal announcement. We are looking forward to a long relationship with the Pearl Chase Society and UCSB Special Collections and the possibility to acquire more items to add to our Pearl Chase display.

More info [HERE](#)

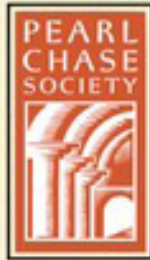


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Decoding the Art of Franceschi House



Rick Closson



August 30, 2024



Kellam de Forest Speaker Series Continues in August: Decoding the Art of Franceschi House

By Cheri Rae

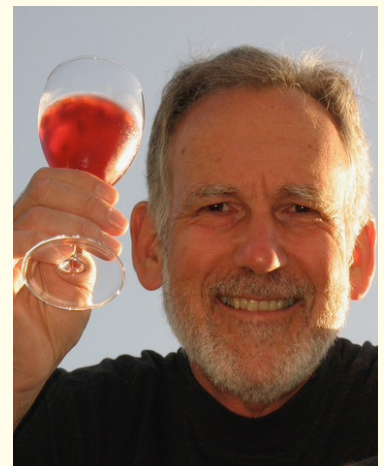
We've all heard a good deal about Franceschi House and what's to become of it. While its future is still unknown, there's much we can learn about its colorful past, and no one better to share the unknown stories than Rick Closson.

At his lecture last year—the first in our Kellam de Forest Speaker series—Rick revealed a hidden story of Kellam that few people knew. This presentation will reveal a hidden story of Franceschi House that even Kellam didn't know. It involves the arc of a man's life from humble birth to fabulous wealth and enlightenment. Along the way are encounters with people whose historic names we still recognize and were memorialized on Franceschi House based on the peculiar vision of Alden Freeman. Plus, Rick will introduce important sculpture on the property by a noted 20th-century National Academician never before on display.

SEATING IS LIMITED. Please call (805) 961-3938 for reservations. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. This event is free; donations to help sustain the program are greatly appreciated.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 5:30 PM AT THE ALHECAMA THEATRE
215 East Canon Perdido Street

Join us and learn more at PearlChaseSociety.org



¡Viva La Fiesta! A Centennial Celebration

Our annual celebration of Old Spanish Days in images from the past, as we anticipate making more Fiesta memories in the first week of August.

As former Pearl Chase Society board member Erik Davis proclaimed as El Presidente in 2020:

“For five enchanted days under the warm summer sun, and the August moon, Fiesta lifts our spirits and delights our senses. In a swirling kaleidoscope of activity, Old Spanish Days pays homage to Santa Barbara’s diverse and colorful past in revelry that extends throughout this incredible city nestled between the golden foothills and the deep, blue sea.”



Snapshots of Fiesta, including Pearl Chase, over the years (right); it was her favorite time of the year, and she always invited out-of-town friends and relatives to join her in the festivities. All photos courtesy UCSB Special Collections.

