

Brea Historical Society Announces to the Brea City Council Publication of a New Book

The Brea Historical Society, which was founded by a group of Brea residents in 1971 and is a non-profit 501(c)(3), is dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of Brea's rich culture and history including its surrounding areas. The Brea Historical Society operates the Brea Museum and Heritage Center, a registered historical landmark located at 125 West Elm Street in Brea, which exhibits numerous rare, unique and interesting pictures, history, exhibits, tours, demos, artifacts and much more that educate the community, preserve history and provide a public benefit good to society.

On December 6, 2011, the Brea Historical Society attended the Brea City Council meeting and present were John Bickel—President, Robert Schwarz—Vice-President, Dennis Jimenez—Treasurer, Scott A. Neal—Board Member, Dale Worrell—Board Member, and Veta Schlimgen, Ph.D.—Executive Director; Tim Harvey—Board Member was attending another community outreach meeting in Brea. This was a great City of Brea Council meeting! The Brea Historical Society had the opportunity to speak to the Mayor and Honorable City Council about the Brea Museum & Cultural Center, upcoming events, membership, our new Executive Director as well as announce the publication of our new pictorial book entitled "Brea, Then and Now".

For those who did not attend the meeting, the public may view the video of the Brea City Council Meeting on local Brea Channel 3 or via the World Wide Web at http://brea.granicus.com/ASX.php?view_id=3&clip_id=627&sn=brea.granicus.com. Please take a moment and check out the video of the meeting.

The Brea Historical Society is accepting pre-orders of its new pictorial history book Brea: Then and Now. Also, that night at the conclusion of the Brea City Council meeting, 6 copies of the book were sold as pre-orders by two of the Councilmembers: Marty Simonoff and Ron Garcia. There are a limited number of copies; therefore, please order now! Reminisce down memory lane as you explore both the familiar and unfamiliar places and faces from Brea's distant past and most recent history.

You will journey into the past some 10,000 years ago when the local indigenous tribe the "Tongva" inhabited the ethnographic area of Brea. Next, you will travel to the Spanish era when California was first discovered by Juan Cabrillo in 1542 and when Portola walked through Brea in 1769 along 'El Camino Real', to the Mexican era when Brea was part of "Alta California" under Mexico through the Rancho periods of the Ontiveros family and later Abel Stearns to the modern day era of the 1900s, 1910s, 1920s, two world wars and several others, oil, oranges, opportunity, education, commerce, until today the 2010s.

Furthermore, it is the only pictorial book of Brea in existence. Visit the museum to preview the book today. Each hard cover copy of this limited edition book is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to the Brea Historical Society and mailed along with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail to the Brea Museum & Heritage Center. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 9764, Brea, CA 92822-9764. Books can also be purchased on-line through paypal at the Brea Museum & Heritage Center website: www.breamuseum.org under the "Shop" tab.

Brea, Then and Now. Authored by Tim Harvey & published by the Brea Historical Society, this exciting new book is a pictorial history of Brea from the ancient & colonial times to the present day era illustrating a rare collection of photographs of the people, workers, city, industry, school, churches, and much more! On sale now at the Brea Museum or submit your order by mail. New Edition - \$25.00, including tax. (Add \$5.00 for shipping & handling mail orders.)

For more information please contact the Brea Historical Society at 714-256-2283 or by e-mail: breamuseum@gmail.com. Also, you may visit us on the Internet at www.breamuseum.org. You are welcome to visit the Brea Museum & Heritage Center located at 125 West Elm Street, Brea, CA 92821. Museum hours are Thursday 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.