

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our January 24th gala, we celebrated 46 years of bringing local history to life for generations of Orange residents and guests. Once again, our annual dinner meeting was a gigantic success with over 100 guests, community leaders and elected officials gathered together to elect our 2019 Board of Directors and to recognize an individual, businesses, or organization that has made a significant contribution toward supporting our mission. This year we chose to honor our former board member and prominent community leader, Dan Slater, with the William T. Glassell award for his positive contribution to historical preservation and longtime service to the Society.

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Our guest speaker was Alan Hess, a renowned expert on mid-century homes and “California Modern” architecture. In Orange, Eichler homes have a long history and dedicated following due to their unique modernist design which appeals to a new generation



Bill Barron, 2017 William T. Glassell award recipient, proudly presents Dan Slater with this year’s Glassell Award

of homeowners that are anxious to embrace the lifestyle they offer. We learned that Joseph Eichler was a developer who was inspired by modernist architects such as Richard Neutra and Frank Lloyd Wright. Eichler’s vision was to bring cleverly designed, yet affordable, quality architecture to post-WWII American families. He was a great believer in the idea that homes are more than just homes, they represent a way of living and that good architecture should be accessible to everyone.

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## THIS MONTH: ORANGE HOME GROWN & ARTISANS FARMERS MARKET

Megan Penn, Executive Director of Orange Home Grown and Artisans Farmers Market will be our featured speaker in March. Orange Home Grown is a local non-profit organization that runs and manages the Saturday Farmers and Artisans Market in the heart of Old



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7PM @  
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Towne. The market features farmers and food vendors offering locally grown fruits & vegetables, eggs, meat, seafood, cheese, baked goods & other artisan products.

Voted the 2018 “Best Farmers Market” in Orange County this is a Saturday morning must visit spot for the whole community.



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# Under the Orange Peel

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— Rev. Nathan Riley —

My Uncle Al recalled in the 1940's and 50's loading the box cars with filled orange crates for their train ride to all parts east.

(from an interview...)

“...the conveyor belt would bring the pre-cooled orange boxes out to the rail car and there were collapsible roller affairs that you could turn to go to the end of the boxcar and one guy would push the boxes on this conveyor and another, at the end, would stack them and we would take turns. You'd do one or two rows of boxes. On each row there'd be 33 boxes, so after you did 66, you'd trade places with the other guy, and he'd push them down to you and you'd stack them. So that when you got to the door of the freight car, and you had both sides filled, then we brought in a device which we called a “squeezer” which we would crank and it would force the orange boxes against the edge of the car because we knew that we had to have room for four more rows of orange boxes before we could close the door to the refrigerated car. So we had a measuring stick and the squeezer would actually push both sides of the boxes against their respective walls until it was wide enough to put in 4 more rows of



orange boxes the same way you did the others, and that was it, and then we'd get out, shut the door, and get an iron bar. One guy'd get on top of the car, take the break off of the rail car, and the other guy would get a jack and get it rolling and we drove it down the track a couple hundred feet and then park it, and then the steam engine would come at night and pick them up.”

The picture (Orange Public Library Collection, 1929) is of the MOD packing house in Olive with a box car to the right. The building still stands though it has been repurposed.



## The Orange May Parade - May 4, 2019

The Orange May Parade, originally called the May Festival Parade, was a fixture in the City of Orange from 1933 until its last march down Chapman Avenue in 1991. Originally, the parade marked the beginning of the Valencia orange packing season. It later evolved into a showcase of the many fine organizations that call the City of Orange home.

Thousands of spectators lined the

parade route to cheer on participants such as local schools, churches, businesses, and philanthropic organizations, instilling a sense of community and civic pride.

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is honored to revive the decades-old tradition for the City of Orange. The parade is a celebration of all that is unique to the City and participation in the parade presents an opportunity to further a connection with the community.

For More Information:

[www.OrangeMayParade.com](http://www.OrangeMayParade.com)

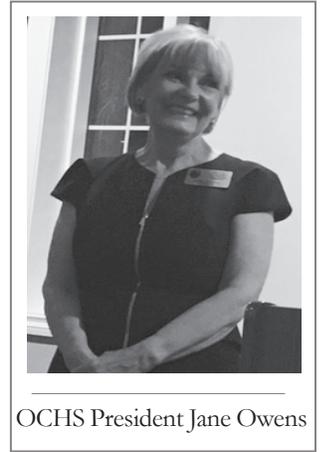
Orange Chamber of Commerce (714-538-3581)

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The chief concept was that middle class families could benefit from sound architectural designs without having to pay an arm and a leg.

Because of the growing interest in protecting Eichler tracts, Orange city leaders have committed to preserving and protecting our City's mid-century modern homes with some new rules and guidelines. The Council designated three Eichler tracts: Fairhills, Fairhaven and Fairmeadows as a historic district, similar to the current Old Towne Orange designation. These homes, mostly build in the 1960's, are finding a huge resurgence in

popularity among young families because of their open-air atriums and floor to ceiling windows.



Roger Fitschen was the lucky winner of a silent auction basket at the annual dinner

This year you can count on another exciting lineup of historical programs that will appeal to people of all ages who are curious and passionate about Orange. Our "history buffs" are planning to bring a variety of speakers that are both entertaining and educational. Our most popular events, like the ice cream social will return again this year plus a few surprises along the way. It's your enthusiasm for the Society and the colorful history of Orange that helps us grow and prosper. Thank you again for your kind and generous support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 17 (4PM)

**Chamber Music at the Hilbert** (167 N. Atcheson St. Orange)  
Pacific Symphony Chamber Musicians  
Ticket Information: Tickets are free, but must be obtained in advance at: [www.Hilbertmuseum.com](http://www.Hilbertmuseum.com)

### March 24 (8AM-11AM)

**Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast**  
Hart Park, 701 Glassell St  
For More Info Contact: Frank Reese 714-348-2507

### March 28 (7PM)

**OCHS Program:** Orange Home Grown & Artisans Farmers Market  
Orange Public Library

### May 4

**Orange May Parade**  
Sponsored by the Orange Chamber of Commerce  
More Information: [www.OrangeMayParade.com](http://www.OrangeMayParade.com)

### **Tustin Area Historical Society**

Annual Home and Garden Tour (10AM – 3PM)  
Ticket Information: [www.tustinhistory.com](http://www.tustinhistory.com)

### May 18-19 (10AM-4PM)

**Eichler Home Tour**  
Private showcase tour of Eichler homes in Orange Fairhaven, Fairmeadow and Fairhills neighborhoods  
Ticket Information: [www.preserveorangecounty.org](http://www.preserveorangecounty.org)

### July 27

**250 Anniversary Portola Trek**  
Guided bus tour along Portola route featuring stops along the trail with talks by local historians. Reservations due 7/1/19  
Ticket information at email: [2019Portola@gmail.com](mailto:2019Portola@gmail.com)

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the fullest extent permitted by law.

## TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(check one)

NEW

RENEWAL

(See the mailing label for when  
your membership expires)

Individual - \$20.00

Family - \$25.00

Life - \$300.00

Business/Organization - \$100.00

Donation - \$\_\_\_\_\_

Orange Community Historical Society Members enjoy: programs and newsletters, opportunities to support and contribute to the preservation of Orange history, contact with members of the community knowledgeable about Orange history, and discounts on OCHS merchandise.

## Our Mission

The mission of OCHS is to commemorate the rich heritage of our community. Our purpose is to collect photographs, written materials and related ephemera, promote research, events, activities and programs celebrating Orange history, and sponsor local history endeavors. We remain self-supporting through memberships, donation bequests and special projects.

We welcome everyone.

### LOCAL HISTORY QUESTIONS?

(714) 288-2465 | [history@cityoforange.org](mailto:history@cityoforange.org)

Check out the Orange Public Library's  
Local History and 24/7 Reference Service

[www.cityoforange.org/library](http://www.cityoforange.org/library)

The City of Orange website provides a brief history of Orange, as well as demographics and contact information for schools, businesses and organizations in the area.

### ORANGE HISTORIC AFGHANS

Red & White or Green & White Afgans:  
\$45.00 with Membership, \$55 without

If undeliverable please return to:

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