



Zenyatta #4

with a map of the plaques along Huntington Drive and First Avenue with some photos of other racing greats & details on the racing queen herself, Zenyatta.

During the evening, as a film clip of one of Zenyatta's races played, the crowd became ecstatic. It was quite a phenomenal feat to watch; a race in which she came up from behind, angled across, and up the outside to win. With a chuckle, Gail Marshall remarked on the excitement, "It's funny. People know the outcome, but it's like, this is the first time they saw the race." Jockey Mike Smith commented in the clip, after the race, that Zenyatta "had started off on the wrong foot" at the gate. But really, who couldn't watch that clip over and over again, and not be amazed! I'd like to think that the Arcadia Historical Society is the Zenyatta of Historical Societies – always a winner, always coming in on the right foot.

- Karen Hou

President's Message: On the Right Foot

Music, laughter and twinkling greeted the attendees at the Downtown Zenyatta celebration on November 2. Purple lights strung above First Avenue illuminated the event as the city mayor, thoroughbred racing elite and the Arcadia Historical Society paid tribute to the filly extraordinaire Zenyatta. A Thoroughbred Racing Walk of Champions (TRWoC) plaque was unveiled in her honor & will be placed in the Arcadia Transit Plaza to mark the amazing career of this champion named after an album of the rock band, *Police*. Currently, a kiosk at the Arcadia Transit Plaza features the "Walk"



Pokémon Go Lure Fest 9/23/16

Left to right: John Lee, Sean Lee, Karen Thai, Joanna Lin & Arianna Togelang at Pok-A-Dots, Downtown Arcadia

Photo courtesy of Merri Jill Finstrom



Prince Erik Hall
2607 S. Santa Anita Ave.

Festivities Galore

Arcadia Historical Society's fall activities began with the Pokémon Go Lure Fest on September 23 followed by the Pokémon Go Ghoulish Lure Fest on October 28. Society Board members passed out TRWoC brochures and promoted the "Walk of Champions" and the upcoming Zenyatta event.

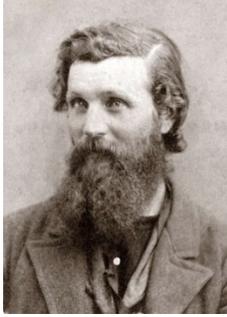
Ed Andersen's October 23 presentation on John Muir brought out a crowd of more than sixty participants to fill Prince Erik Hall. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Mexican dinner catered by Chiquita Bonita. Arcadia Civic Youth Council (ACYC) volunteers assisted with our events. Thank You!



John Muir Presentation: Above: Ed Andersen and Karen Hou with ACYC Youth: back row: Arianna Togelang, Sean Lee & Michelle Shi; front row: John Lee, Cami Neo, Kelly Li & Kristen Halim. Photos courtesy of Char Wong

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John Muir Visits Arcadia



Members and Friends of the Arcadia Historical Society were treated to a lively presentation, “Tracking John Muir Through the Santa Anita, A Mountain Man’s View of Arcadia,” on Sunday evening, October 23rd at Prince Erik Hall. Local Muir aficionado and Society Board Member Ed Andersen used an interactive timeline to trace Muir’s footsteps through Elias “Lucky” Baldwin’s Rancho Santa Anita to the trails of the local mountains. Ed exhibited early photographs of people and places that are an indispensable part of our city’s founding and development.

John Muir was a one of a kind historical figure, who was elected the first president of the Sierra Club in 1892. He is considered the father of the conservation movement in America, and is principally known for guiding the establishment of Yosemite National Park and others. Closer to home, Muir was largely responsible for federal legislation protecting many of our national forests, including the nearby San Gabriel Mountains and the San Jacinto National Forest. Muir brought several plant species to Southern California, and was the inspiration for local conservationists, who planted tens of thousands of trees in the valley and the mountains above.

In 1877, Muir made his first visit to the area, after which he probably made more than a dozen trips through Arcadia via horse drawn buggy, automobile, and the Santa Fe Railroad. He almost certainly stopped at our two railway stations, Santa Anita Station and Arcadia Station several times between 1905 and 1914. Knowing his penchant for wild places, it is not difficult to imagine Muir sauntering up Baldwin Avenue on his way to the trailheads above Arcadia. He died on Christmas Eve 1914 in a Los Angeles hospital, at the age of 76. In 1981 the California Historical Society voted John Muir as the most important figure in the history of California.

One of his favorite sayings was, “When a man plants a tree, he plants “himself.” Even though he lived to the north, Muir planted himself in the minds and memories of the citizens of the San Gabriel Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Relations Director for the Arcadia Historical Society

The Arcadia Historical Society Board is pleased to announce that Ed Andersen has accepted the position of Public Relations Director for the Arcadia Historical Society.

Ed is a fourth generation Californian and a native of Santa Cruz. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University, and served his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army. After his military service, he worked for 24 years in sales for The Procter & Gamble Company, and six years afterward for one of the world’s leading career management companies. He has been married to his wife Debbie for 41 years and they have lived in Arcadia since 1977.

The society was honored to have Ed share his knowledge of John Muir at our most recent membership meeting on October 23. Ed has always had an interest in John Muir, starting from formative boyhood experiences in Yosemite National Park. Ed is an avid book collector and amateur historian, and has published two books, the latest entitled, *Lessons of the Wild, Learning from the Wisdom of Nature*.

Golf, Food, Hair, Fashion, and Pearly Whites: Business Icons of Arcadia at Your Service



April Icon - Hair by Debbi
Left to right: Karen Hou, Carol Libby,
Debbi Gronay & Vicki Knight, Chamber
Board President



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with Carol Libby



June Icon - Second Time Around
Owner Lee Kofahi & Karen MacNair,
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October Icon - Chef's Coffee Shop
Owner David Seltman with Carol Libby

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Congratulations!

*Photos courtesy of
Carrie Lynn Barker,
with the Chamber*



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Thanks for catering our
delicious dinner
on October 23.

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Membership

The following categories are available:

- Individual – \$25
- Family – \$30
- Corporate – \$35

(Membership runs one year from date of new membership or renewal.)

The Arcadia Historical Society Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and membership is tax deductible. Members receive meeting notices, newsletters, and an invitation to participate in all events and activities conducted by the Society.

For more information or to obtain an application to join the Arcadia Historical Society, please call (626) 446-8512 or visit our website at www.ArcadiaHistoricalSociety.org

ACYC Makes History



Left to right: Arianna Togelang, Yiling Chen, Elaine Vuong, Kimberly Lo, Erin Li, Xinyu Fan, Michelle Shi & Sean Lee

Photo courtesy of Char Wong

It started as a simple idea. But through determination, countless meetings, and the help of the amazing Arcadia Historical Society and Library Services Manager Ms. Darlene Bradley, the members of the Arcadia Civic Youth Council (ACYC) executed the Arcadia Youth Engagement Program, or YEP, this past summer. Our aim was to encourage youth engagement in the community through historical educational activities as well as fun public speaking games. The Youth Council's enthusiastic volunteers worked with many wonderful children to create skits, make crafts, and enjoy snack time together!

Working and learning with the children was a truly memorable experience. Through the program's many unique activities, we were able to engage kids who were previously uncomfortable

opening up and sharing their gifts with others. We met children who were amazing at art, children who loved debating, children with exceptionally creative minds, and children with great senses of humor! Our volunteers all agree on one thing - the Youth Engagement Program would not have been nearly as successful without the enthusiastic children who wandered into the Arcadia Library's Imagination Theater and joined us to shape each exciting afternoon of YEP.

Every Wednesday for six weeks, the Arcadia Youth Council worked to achieve our goals in a fun, interactive way. We can truly say now that we have accomplished our goals and more. The children have formed connections with ACYC, the Arcadia Historical Society, and each other; learned about our city's history; developed public speaking skills; learned about issues going on in our world today; developed teamwork skills; made friends; and most importantly, left with smiles on their faces.

- Arianna Togelang

Coming Soon to the Arcadia Transit Plaza

The eleventh historical marker, in the series "History Lives Here," will showcase the important role railroads played in the history of Arcadia, as well as the depots that served them, and the fashionable new hotel that graced the "center" of town.

The Arcadia Depot opened in 1887 and the Hotel Oakwood, situated across the tracks from the depot, opened on December 7, 1889. The Santa Anita Depot followed later and was completed in 1890. The importance these entities had in the growth of Baldwin's Santa Anita Ranch, and of Arcadia itself, will be detailed in-depth in this new marker.

Marker #11 will be strategically placed in the Arcadia Transit Plaza and its dedication will be held in the near future. This "History Lives Here" project is just another feature in the Arcadia Historical Society's mission of preserving Arcadia's history.

Marker committee members include Scott Hettrick, Chairman; Carol Libby; Sandy Snider and Karen Hou. The project is also sponsored by the City of Arcadia.

- Carol Libby



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