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The Whittier Museum GAZETTE



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Whittier's Woebegone Wanderers

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Our world is haunted. Let's face it; we're obsessed with the unknown, the mystical, the obscure. We love the tingles of fear that spark down our spines when we watch a scary movie or any one of the numerous "ghost hunter" shows on television. We've turned Prometheus's gift of fire toward the task of illuminating the dark places in and out of our world, used science to explain the unexplainable. Indeed, even quaint little Whittier has its share of strange sightings...

Sometimes the spirits in our midst are benevolent, as when Suzie Cruz's invisible itinerant actually scared away a burglar. The woman's boutique she owned on Whittier Blvd. was foundering and business was slow. But she could sense the ever-present *presence* around the premises and all too frequent happenings prompted her to change locations. After Susie moved, her business found new prosperity. Could this have been the poltergeist's plans all along?

Other times, the spirits are stricken with fugue. Every time Carol would go to her friend Diane's house, she would feel otherworldly sensations. There was a presence that she could sense but not see. Diane was initially hesitant to divulge the truth about her house to her friend. When they grew older, Diane revealed to Carol the spectral nature of her home. "Abnormal" was a commonplace in Diane's household; it wasn't rare for a hooded figure to be seen glancing about the premises or sidling the hallways at night. The apparition was harmless, according to Diane, and she and her parents simply took its wandering presence as a matter of course.

Online forums allow all kinds of people to share their paranormal experiences. There is even a Facebook page dedicated to unearthing Whittier's mysteries. But what are the origins of these happenings? Perhaps Whittier's preternatural presence has provenance in what used to be the Mt. Olive and Broadway Cemeteries. The earliest burial at the Broadway cemetery dates back to 1881, of a Mr. Matthew A. Tyler who was only 40 years old. But in 1958, the cemeteries fell into decrepitude and deemed a public nuisance. The sites were converted into what is today Founder's Memorial Park.

But what of the bodies of those interred?

The deceased could not all be moved, they rest in peace at Founder's Memorial Park. Or have they been roused from their eternal sleep to wander Whittier in hopeless homelessness? Their tombstones, if they were not reclaimed by relatives, were relocated to Pio Pico's Mansion, and then to the Whittier Museum. The Museum seems to be the tombstones' current place of rest.

Sunday's Abracadabra Show

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On September 15th, the Whittier Museum welcomed its newest magic exhibit with a special magic show for its guests. John Engman, from the Society of American Magicians Hall of Fame (SAM), began the show by captivating audiences in the history of magic, including a special highlight on the Mitchell Marionettes (Howard and Marjorie Mitchell from Whittier) who are known for their puppetry magic performances at state and regional county fairs.



Throughout the show, the magicians delighted their audiences with a hint of storytelling and music to accompany their magic. Female magician, Kim Hallinger, astonished sweet-tooth lovers with a secret recipe (a bit of sugar, pepper, a sweaty sock, and chili powder) on how to make peppermint candy! Hallinger also demonstrated Blackbeard's treasure box that would never allow his wife to take the sapphires, emeralds, and beautiful diamonds held inside! Aargh! Beware of Blackbeard's treasure mateys!

The show concluded with guests viewing the new displays added to the magic exhibit such as, colorful hanging posters of historical magicians and Millie the Monkey from the Mitchell Marionettes.



Thank You!

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our volunteers at the Whittier Museum. A special shout out to:

- CAPC: Juan Marquez and Tatiana Montoya
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Is the Whittier Museum haunted? Follow the link to find out on Youtube!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yzVf4IduYI>



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WHERE IN THE MUSEUM IS THIS?

In the meeting house



Free on the weekends? Looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? Come to the Whittier Museum to volunteer! We are in great need of docents (tour guides) for our weekend tours. Call us at our office (562)945-3871 if you are interested!

A Chat with Rosalind

Fall is here and summer is behind us. We are looking forward to the events that will be occurring at the Museum. October 27th is Magic Week, as well as Halloween, and in celebration of this holiday there will be a Magic Show at 2 pm in the upstairs exhibit hall. If you have not been to one of the Magic Shows what better time to come and be entertained.

November 15th is our Annual Wine Tasting "Celebrate the Holidays". It is a great time to select the wines you wish to serve at your holiday meals and events. San Antonio Winery will be providing the wine and educating us on what wine should be harmonized with and how to recognize the difference in flavors that make up a particular wine. The event commences on a Friday evening at 6pm until 8pm. The cost is \$35 per person and reservations are necessary so please notify the Museum, (562) 945-3871, to make your reservations or send them in to Whittier Museum, 6755 Newlin Ave., Whittier, CA 90601.

Now down to more serious business. The Museum is in need of your help both physically and monetarily. We are experiencing the dilemma of closing on the weekend due to a shortage on docents. Please, check your calendars and see if you are available one Sat. or Sun. a month that you could generously donate your time and become a docent. It would be 3 hours and during that time, I can guarantee that when you look into a young child's expression and witness the excitement that comes from the tour, you will be pleased you volunteered at The Whittier Museum.

We are searching for various avenues in which to raise funds that will finance the Museum and are reaching out to you for input and assistance in acquiring such. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any of our board members and we will be happy to discuss with you the ideas that have been put forth. We need your help and it is your Museum – we are always willing to listen and perhaps implement your ideas into action.

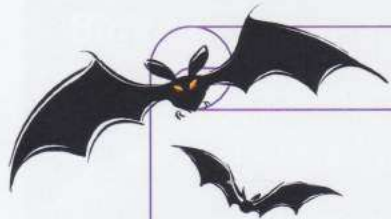
The Museum is a gem to this community and thrives on the existence of the members and the community.



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