

# Mud Springs Messenger

BROUGHT TO YOU BY SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Chartered - June 6, 1966

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(Are presently open by appointment)

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Open: Second Saturday monthly

Gift Shop and Museum - 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Walking Tour: Second Saturdays monthly

Downtown Historical Docent-led tour at 10 a.m.

Reservations are recommended

Dave Harbin (951) 990-3395 or

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From the Archives  
 Margie Kiddoo Green  
 Circa 1952 - Chapel Hill, NC

## A Message FROM PRESIDENT, Margie Green

### Wishing you a Happy New Year

It was a very busy fall season for the Historical Society. We had a booth at the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce "Beer and Wine Walk" the first part of October. We wanted to be a part of the community and let people know where to find us. Later in October we joined in with the city's "Halloween Spooktacular" with "Trunk or Treat" at city hall. Sue and John Davis decorated the trunk of their car for Halloween and passed out candy in the rain, along with several other organizations and businesses. The rain did not stop the trick or treaters from having fun. The next weekend the city put on another great event for Halloween called the "Walker House of Horrors" in the Walker House. Of course, several of our members volunteered to help scare people that ventured through the scarily decorated house for the 4 nights it was opened to the public. In November we had a joint Chamber Mixer at the Walker House to start the holiday season with an Open House featuring our fantastic "Holiday Boutique". It was quite a happy place with about 100 people enjoying great bargains, food, and door prizes. Read Kay Hoveland's article on page 4 about our Gift Shop which was open throughout December.

Because of all the great things happening in town our Fall Historical Society Dinner was pushed to December 8<sup>th</sup>. The dinner was held at the Masonic Lodge located on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Monte Vista and was very successful. The Lodge was chartered in 1912 and met in different locations throughout town until the present Lodge building was finished in 1929.

We are looking forward to a new restaurant opening on the first floor of the Walker House in the new year. When this happens, we will establish more hours for our office, gift shop, and the museum to be open. The Historic Downtown Walking Tours has changed the to **Second Saturday** monthly. The Gift Shop and Museum are also open on those days from 10 am to 1 pm. We will be planning more activities for the Historical Society in 2023. This means we will be looking for volunteers to help make it great year. The Historical Society is fortunate to be in this beautiful historic building. We plan to make good use of our space there.

People often ask how I got involved with our Historical Society. This goes back to the late 70's when I had an "Art and Typesetting" business downtown on Exchange Place. The Historical Society was formed in June of 1966 and was still quite small. Two wonderful ladies, Martha Glauthier and Roberta Yoder frequented my office because I had a copy machine and the ability to design flyers and other printed materials for them. At that time the Historical Society had office space in the old Santa Fe Train Station along with the Chamber of Commerce. These ladies were great assets to San Dimas and were enthusiastic about saving and recording our history. They were never shy about asking favors and relentless about inviting me to join. Their persistence has paid off for the last 40 years that I have been involved with our Historical Society. I've enjoyed it very much and have made countless friendships along the way.

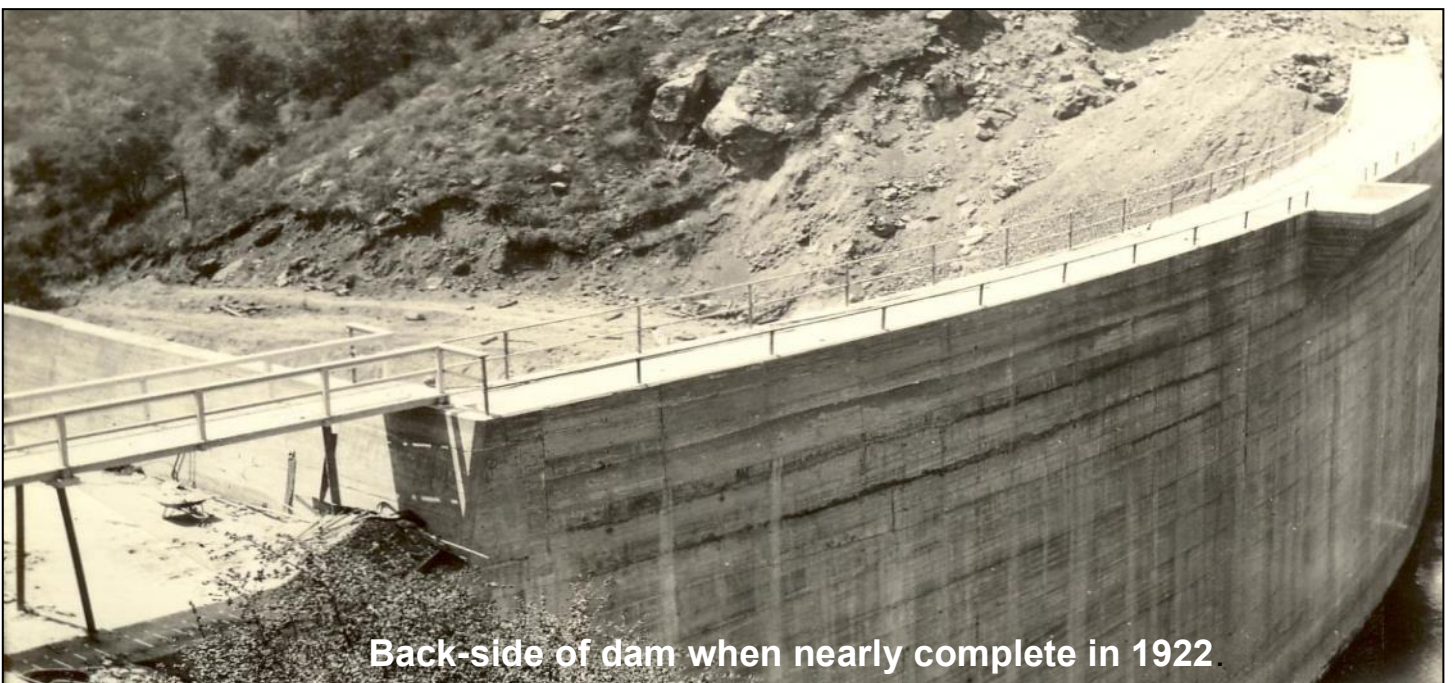


# San Dimas Dam Celebrates 100th Birthday

**From the Archives:** By Dave Harbin

The dam in San Dimas Canyon is now part of the Puddingstone flood control system. It was started in November 1920, completed in September 1922, and dedicated on April 21, 1923. It has a storage capacity of 1820 acre feet and a drainage area of twenty square miles, which is a part of the San Gabriel Mountain watershed.

The San Dimas Dam was built as a flood regulator, to help prevent catastrophic floods which had occurred in 1914 and 1916. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District was formed in 1915. It's first dam project was Devil's Gate above Pasadena and it's second was San Dimas Dam, followed by Live Oak Canyon Dam above La Verne. It's very interesting to read the April 26, 1923 issue of the San Dimas Press newspaper accounts of the speech Chief Engineer J.W. Reagan delivered at the dedication. He spoke about the need to protect the foothill communities from flooding, as well as water conservation to provide for the expected increase in population of L.A. County. A healthy water supply has always been an important issue to Southern California even 100 years ago.





**From the Archives.....Continued**



This picture was taken in 2019



This image is a Frasher Post Card photo taken sometime before March 1938. We know this because Wolfskill Falls Camp was washed away in the 1938 flooding.

This downstream image was taken during construction before the spillway was completed.







Kay Hoveland

# GREAT way to end 2022!

Yes, the Holiday Boutique was a GREAT success.

Without the benefit of a restaurant in the Walker House there has not been enough public interaction. The once-a-month walking tour or limited car shows do not necessarily attract buyers to the Gift Shop, our major fund raiser. Consequently, the only real "money maker" this year was our Holiday Boutique. We had accumulated donations all year long, holiday items, ornaments, jewelry, crystal, books, children's toys and miscellaneous items.

Many, many volunteer hours are spent preparing the displays, pricing items, and working the sale on the weekends we were open in December. It could not have happened without the support and consistent help of some of the volunteer Board members. I want to especially recognize those who helped all year long (in alphabetic order) Susan Crawford, Sue Davis, Julie Draayom, Kay Glin-ternick, Dave Harbin, and Ann Vackrinis. With the addition of Dave Bratt, Sarah Burke, Mitchell

Crawford, Margie Green, Dian Moravek, Linda Nelson, Terry Templeman and Diana Veloz who helped during the Boutique weekends.

It began with a very successful Chamber Mixer on November 17<sup>th</sup>, then the first weekend open to the public started with the city's Holiday Extravaganza on December 4<sup>th</sup> followed by the next two weekends before Christmas, open for only four hours each day.

The total results of the Holiday Boutique:

\$3,734.06 of donated items were purchased by 231 buyers!

**Thank you to the volunteers, the donors and the buyers for making it a GREAT success for the Historical Society.**

## Our Valued Patrons - A Very Special Thank You

Members that have made donations of \$1000 or more to the Patron Program are: (listed in order of participation)

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*Their generous gifts allow the San Dimas Historical Society to purchase specially needed items to enhance our ability to save and share our history that otherwise would be unavailable due to limited funding. To find out how you too can become a patron call the office at (909) 592-1190. Your donation is tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).*

## Please Join the San Dimas Historical Society With A Membership

### Membership Benefits include:

Quarterly newsletters, invitations to two membership dinners with special speakers and programs, invitations to hosted annual Ice Cream Social, and other Historical Society Events.

### Check your membership type:

Individual.....\$25 \_\_\_ (annually)      Family (two or more).....\$35 \_\_\_ (annually)      Sponsors / Business .... \$100 \_\_\_ (annually)

Life Membership...\$500 per person \_\_\_ (one time fee only)

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