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2013 Programs:

- **Rock Around The Block - An Old Torrance Tradition:** take a warm July night, close off the street, add classic cars, kids galore, music, dancing, games and prizes along with IN/OUT burger. What more could you want for a great evening of fun?
- **Late Night Thursdays** featured Chuck Lobb about the Airport, Mike Maiuri on maps and several films on our past including skateboarding.
- The hit of **August was the sold out Summer Stroll** featuring the best in local food and fare. (Not to be confused with a pub crawl).
- **October debuted Holiday Pairings at Amor Vino.** This was a fine & bubbly late afternoon, enjoyed by all.
- **October ended with POetry. Readings & recitations** from the community were fun & spooky (a cauldron was included).
- The **Thanks for Giving Volunteer Recognition** evening was packed. Good food and friends were present in abundance.



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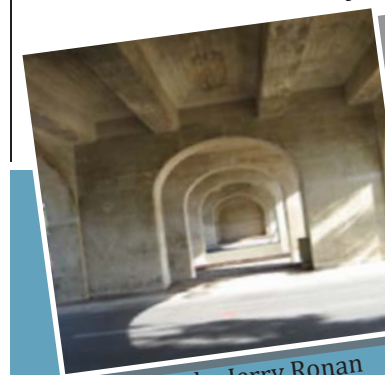
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Bridge Dedication

It only took a century, but on Thursday, May 23, 2013, the City hosted a Dedication and Naming Ceremony of what residents commonly refer to as, "The Bridge." Its official name is now the "Pacific Electric Railway -- El Prado Bridge." On this day, the completion of the bridge's rehabilitation and beautification was also celebrated. This graceful railroad bridge, designed in 1913 by the renowned Dominguez Land Corp.'s in-house architect, Irving Gill, allowed the trains to carry the raw materials and finished goods of Torrance's factories so that they would not block

Los Angeles-bound motor traffic on Torrance Blvd. The bridge also carried the noise and vibration of the rail cars away from the city's downtown Torrance depot and made it possible for goods manufactured here to be shipped via Los Angeles and San Pedro. The bridge is located on Torrance Blvd., west of Western Ave. In 1989, it became the second property in Torrance to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Images by Jerry Ronan

Events in 2014

Beach Mexican

presented by Alex Moreno Areyan
Meet the author & book signing

Sunday, January 26
2:00 p.m.
Museum - Free

**Tea at Two -
Valentine's Tea & Program**
call 310/ 328-5392 for reservations

Sunday, February 9
2:00 p.m.
Museum - \$20

Julia Morgan: California's Best Forgotten Architect

Sunday, March 23
2:00 p.m.
Museum - Free

Walking Tour of Historic Torrance

4th Sunday, May - October
1:30 p.m.
Begins at Museum - Free

Names on the Wall Remembrance

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26
2:00 p.m.
City of Torrance
Veterans Memorial Wall
Torrance Blvd. at Maple - Free

Tea at Two



This event is sponsored by Antique Street Faire

Rock Around the Block 50s Celebration

Thursday, July 17
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Museum - Free

Late Night Thursdays

Thursdays, July 17 -
Thursday, August 27
Museum open until 8:00 p.m.
- Free

Original Fall Tour of Historical Homes

Saturday & Sunday,
October 11 & 12
11:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Starts at the Museum -
\$25, no reservations

Greetings from the President

Annual Meeting and Board Installation Sunday, June 2, 2013

The Installation was held at The Depot which was designed by the renowned Dominguez Land Company's in-house architect, Irving Gill, as part of the original city plan.

It was truly an occasion and a wonderful feast was presented by the ever exuberant Chef Shafer.

Kicking Off the New Year:

100 years ago, Torrance entered a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Our city's 60th float entry, this year titled "Everyone Plays," celebrated AYSO's 50th Anniversary.

Our very own Board member, Janet Payne rode the float on New Year's Day. She was the lucky winner of the Torrance Rose Float Association Opportunity Drawing.

See the trophy Torrance won in 1914 at the Historical Museum.



Names on the Wall Remembrance Memorial Day I want to recognize this very special on-going project on the Names on the

Projects

Wall at the Torrance Veteran's Memorial about which Jerry Ronan, Torrance Historical Society Board Member and WWII Veteran noted... "We will be grateful for the gift of those who never came home. We will remember-every day is Memorial Day. We will pray that we may never add another name to that cold, black wall. The names on the wall are simply read each Memorial Day by Veterans".