



# THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE NEWSLETTER

*Maintaining the Heritage and Individuality of Pacific Grove*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Lecture: The History of Japanese Americans in Monterey County  
Speaker: Chris Hasegawa, Ph.D.  
Sunday, February 9, 2020  
2:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall,  
Pacific Grove

## ONGOING EVENTS

### VISIT THE HERITAGE SOCIETY'S MUSEUM AT KETCHAM'S BARN

Saturdays, 1-4 pm  
605 Laurel Ave.  
Pacific Grove

### TOUR POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE

Thurs.- Mon. 1-4 pm  
80 Asilomar Blvd,  
Pacific Grove

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## The History of Japanese Americans in Monterey County

Dr. Chris Hasagawa will lecture on the History of Japanese Americans in Monterey County at Chautauqua Hall at 2 PM on Sunday, February 9, 2020. He will talk about when the Japanese first arrived on the Peninsula, and he will carry their story through World War II. His lecture will include a bit about his own family who hail from Fresno County, as he knows their story the best.

Dr. Hasegawa started his undergraduate education at Reedley Community College as a music major. "The reason I left music as a career was because when we started to get good we began to play in bars," he says, "and I'm allergic to cigarette smoke, so I couldn't breathe. When you're a jazz saxophone player and can't play in bars, that's kind of the end of your career." Soon after quitting his jazz band, Dr. Hasegawa changed his major to science, transferred to UC Davis and earned a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry followed by a teaching credential along with a Master's in Education from UC Davis, and a PhD from the University of Oregon.



When Dr. Hasegawa first arrived at California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB), from CSU Sacramento, becoming Dean of Extended Education and International Studies was far from his thoughts. In fact, Hasegawa, who arrived at CSUMB just before the doors opened in 1995, was hired as the Coordinator for the Field-Based Teacher Education Program. But his roles quickly shifted and in 1997 he was appointed Director of the Institute for Communications Science and Technology, followed by his selection as Institute of Earth Systems Science and Policy (the Science Department) Director/Chair.

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*The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove is a nonprofit organization formed in 1975 to foster an appreciation of the city's historical and architectural resources through preservation activities and public education. The Heritage Society also works to encourage the preservation and restoration of the buildings that contribute to the beauty and unique character of Pacific Grove.*

## Spotlight on Michael Groshong, Treasurer

by Jeanie Anton

Michael grew up in San Francisco as the oldest of twelve children. He earned a BS in electronics from the University of San Francisco, and entered the San Francisco Fire Department while in his fifth year,



MICHAEL GROSHONG, TREASURER

eventually serving for 32 years. He was the third generation in his family to be a firefighter; his father was a firefighter and his grandfather was the first Deputy Chief of the San Francisco Department. He retired as a battalion chief, but still felt he had much to

contribute, so he became deputy fire chief in Salem, Oregon, for a few years. He and his wife Sandra missed the Bay Area, though, so they moved to Ross Valley in Marin County where he was the fire chief for five more years. While there they purchased a house in Pacific Grove as a retirement investment and in 2005 they moved to PG full time. Their first task was to completely remodel and add on to their present house ... and they did all the work themselves. Michael now works part-time as the Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator at City Hall. He became treasurer of the Heritage Society because of his computer skills, and he recently was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2018 because of his work in getting the HS files scanned so that they are accessible for the Planning Department. He was involved in getting the “green plaque” list updated and computerized. He was also involved with the development of the Walking Tour brochure and online accessibility as well as the Little Library program. He and Sandra are frequent travelers, heading to such exotic places as Kenya, Cambodia, Myanmar, and recently staying in an old castle in Italy. In his free time he enjoys woodworking, poke pole fishing, and spending time with his 3 children and grandchildren. Thank you Michael for being our treasurer!

### LECTURE FROM PAGE 1

Now retired, Dr. Hasegawa serves the community on the Board of Trustees for the Spreckels Union School District, as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, and, formerly, as President of the Board of Directors for the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History as the Museum became a Private/Public Foundation. Hasegawa currently serves on the board

for ALBA (Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association) which provides educational and business opportunities for farm workers and aspiring farmers to grow and sell crops grown on two organic farms in Monterey County, and serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society. Chris also sings as part of the Secret Monterey Jazz Connection and the Ukulele Songbirds, in addition to his work with the Monterey Peninsula Voices.

## Annual Meeting of the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, at 2:00 at Chautauqua Hall, corner of 16th and Central in Pacific Grove. All members are invited to attend. The speaker this year will be Dr. Chris Hasagawa, PhD. and he will talk about the Japanese in Monterey County during World War II. Non-members are also welcome to attend. We ask for a donation of \$5.

## Point Pinos Lighthouse Update

by Dennis Tarmina

Following a suggestion by Mayor Bill Peake, the Museum Board unanimously voted to become an advisory entity for the Lighthouse. This is subject

the qualifications to be called a museum. Currently the Museum Board meets quarterly.

The lantern room project continues. The protective panels that once surrounded the Fresnel lens were taken to a metal fabricator and repair facility in Salinas. After they were cleaned by a media blasting process it was discovered that they were in very bad shape and in fact may not be repairable. So the restoration committee has been deliberating what to do next. It was decided to seek additional opinions from other metal experts, then a course of action to repair or replace the panels will begin. Both alternatives are very expensive so additional fundraising may become necessary. Happy New Year. See you at the Lighthouse.



WE LOVE THE RED COLOR ON THE NEWLY PAINTED DOME AT POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE

to City Council Approval which seems likely to happen. The Mayor emphasized that he wanted a vehicle for the public to be able to express their views on the lighthouse including the daily operation, visitor hours, exhibits and just about any subject dealing with the lighthouse. The Board would pass on their findings to City Council which would then inform the Heritage Society and their Restoration Committee. This new advisory board makes sense since the lighthouse meets most of

### New Board Members

The Heritage Society is happy to introduce two new board members, Donna Gates and Gwen Blaney. We thank them for agreeing to serve as board members and look forward to working with them in the next few years.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** We're always searching for volunteers. Your area of skill or interest might address an unserved need. Stop by Ketcham's Barn on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm or visit us online at [www.pacificgroveheritage.org](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org) for more information.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Please consider supporting The Heritage Society's preservation and public education activities by becoming a member. Membership with The Heritage Society offers free admission to all lecture series events, discounted prices on some Heritage Society produced materials and mailed newsletters.

To become a member, sign up online with a credit card or Paypal at [www.pacificgroveheritage.org](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org). Or send a check payable to

**The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove**

**P.O. Box 1007, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

INDIVIDUAL \$25, FAMILY \$40, SENIOR (OVER 65) \$20



## Fellow members of the Society

We just sent out renewal notices to each of you for the upcoming year. When you receive yours, would you please take a minute or two and write us a check and put it in the mail. If you can do this now and not at the annual meeting next month, it would save a great deal of time at the meeting.

Thanks – Michael Groshong, Treasurer

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The Barn at Laurel and 17th in Pacific Grove, fondly known as "Ketcham's Barn," was built in 1891 by H. C. Ketcham who used it to house animals. The Barn is open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 pm every Saturday and by appointment.

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