

*President's Message*

Celebrating our Post Office Murals!

What a BUSY month April has been. From the awesome trash talk with EDCO on the 10th, to the Museum opening during the Easter Egg Hunt on the 19th, to our ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Solana Beach Post Office on the 26th. Your Society is on a ROLL.

I am beyond proud of our Society and Board to fund, create and execute the murals art installation at the Solana Beach Post Office, featuring nine paintings by artist Kevin Anderson. When the Post Office decided to give its walls a fresh coat of paint, it made us all THINK. What if we could enliven the walls with murals for all the Solana Beach residents to enjoy? We encourage all to visit, whether you need stamps or not! Your local post office is now a museum of sorts, featuring many iconic local sites and ocean-themed scenes.



The Society was delighted to commission a true local artist for this work, Kevin Anderson. Over the past six months, numerous postal patrons and fans have approached Kevin on his ladder at the Post Office, letting him know how much they love his paintings. We hope you support his work and even consider hiring him for another project. To see more of Kevin's work, visit www.fineartbykevinanderson.com.

Thanks to Mayor Lesa Heebner and Council members Kristi Becker, Jewel Edson and Jill MacDonald, as well as Diana Kutlow from State Senator Catherine Blakespear's office, who joined us to dedicate the murals and honor Kevin.

FINALLY... we want to THANK YOU. This installation could not be possible without your support and donations -- your membership dues, your participation at our Holiday Boutiques, BBQs, and Holiday Luncheons over the years. We could not have taken on this artistic endeavor without your dedication to our Society. If you want to donate further to our civic, beautification and educational programs, [click here](#).

Send us an email at solanabeachhistoricalsociety@gmail.com if you'd like to join our board or learn about other volunteer opportunities. We are *your* Society. We preserve the past and brighten our future.

Scenes from the P.O. Murals Dedication

Artist Kevin Anderson guided tours for about 50 guests who visited the Post Office during our two-hour "grand opening."

Pictured below (L to R) Council members Kristi Becker and Jewel Edson, the artist, Mayor Lesa Heebner and Council member Jill MacDonald. And so many grateful guests!



Photos by Mark Meenie



Free Curbside Pick-up on Saturday, May 10th

In partnership with EDCO, this City event provides residents with the opportunity to dispose of trash, green waste and up to four bulky items that cannot fit inside regular collection carts.

These items can include broken appliances, water heaters, furniture, old mattresses, and other bulky household clutter.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: To take advantage of this curbside pick-up event, residents must call (858) 350-8544. Place all items curbside by 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 10th for collection.

Meet our Scholarship Winners and Enjoy Dinner at Tony's Jacal on Thursday, June 12

Our final event of the 2024-25 Society season is on Thursday, June 12, starting at 5 p.m. at Tony's Jacal Restaurant, 621 Valley Ave. We will introduce our 2025 scholarship winners -- each awarded \$3,000 to continue their educations -- and install our 2025-26 Executive Board. The cost is \$30/plate, including tax, tip and iced tea or soda. Other beverages sold separately. Use this form to reserve your seat(s).



Reserve my seat! Thursday, June 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Society Scholars Celebration and Board Installation Dinner

\$30 for two items from the "A Su Gusto" menu (includes rice, beans iced tea or soda and tax)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number in my party: _____ x \$30 = _____

Make your check payable to SBC&HS. Please write "Dinner" in the memo line.

Mail to P.O. Box 504, Solana Beach, CA 92075

[OR RSVP online](#)

Member meeting: May 8, 5 p.m., La Colonia Community Center

Join us for an Update on our City's Many Initiatives

City Manager Alyssa Muto will provide updates on the City's many recent projects and ongoing initiatives, including:

- Fletcher Cove improvements, including plans for a new Marine Safety Center
- La Colonia Park improvements, including the possibility of a second community center there
- Planning for the Lomas Santa Fe corridor
- Planning for a park at Larrick Reservoir
- Planning for a Santa Helena Neighborhood Trail
- The new Beach Cleanup Station at Fletcher Cove, established in April
- New tree plantings along South Sierra Ave., South Acacia and in the Distillery Parking lot, which follow installation of a new sidewalk and tree grates. Both projects are aimed at improving accessibility and walkability. The City also planted a large Torrey Pine along the Coastal Rail Trail near Via De La Valle, replacing a mature tree that fell during recent high winds

Ms. Muto joined the City staff last year, after serving as Director of the Sustainability & Mobility Department for the City of San Diego. If you haven't had an opportunity to meet her, please join our meeting and introduce yourself!



2025 Meetings and Events

General Meetings start at 5 p.m. at La Colonia Community Center, 715 Valley Ave.

May 8 General Meeting: City Manager Alyssa Muto provides an update on our City's projects.

May 13: SeaWeeders regular meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Harper Cottage, Boys & Girls Club, 533 Lomas Santa Fe Ave.

May 22: Crafts Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., La Colonia Community Center. The group will make paper poppies, as pictured here.



June 12: Scholarship awards dinner and installation of 2025-26 Executive Board at Tony's Jacal. We received five applications as of the April 30 deadline.

Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society a 501(c)(3) organization

2024-25 Executive Board

- President.....Jolene Dodson Bogard
- Vice President.....Michele Stribling
- Treasurer.....Holly Smith Jones
- Recording Secretary.....Karen Grossman
- Corresponding Secretary.....Cindi Clemons

Committee Chairs

- Civic Affairs.....Cindi Clemons
- Communication, Education.....Pat Coad
- Crafts.....Kathryn Schmiedeberg, Stephanie Wilde
- Hospitality.....**Vacant**
- Membership.....Lori Wolf
- Historian, Museum Curator.....Lisa Montes
- Newsletter, Website.....Kathleen Drummond
- Nominations.....**Vacant**
- Parliamentarian, Programs.....Carol Childs
- SeaWeeders.....Kathleen Drummond

Research HistorianRichard Moore Ph.D

CarFit®

Custom Driving Safety Program

Friday, May 30th, 2025

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Solana Beach Presbyterian Church
120 Stevens Avenue
Solana Beach, CA 92075

CarFit® is a FREE, interactive and educational program designed to improve older driver safety. Your 15-minute in person appointment with a certified CarFit® technician who will provide information ensuring the safest “fit” for drivers and their vehicles.

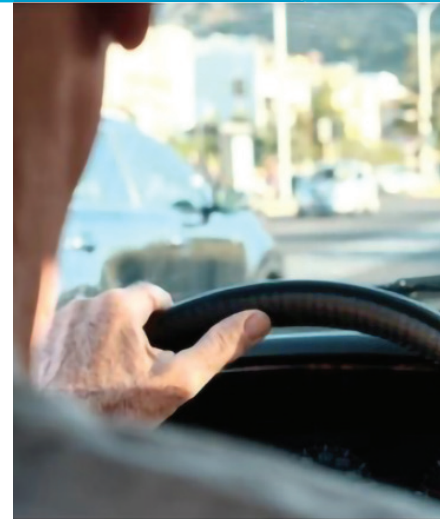
To help older drivers remain mobile, Scripps Health Trauma Injury Prevention Team and Solana Beach Presbyterian Church will host a CarFit® event. Designed to help seniors over 55 years of age, CarFit® helps older drivers learn how the effects of aging can change the way they fit in their vehicle and how their driving can be affected.

CarFit®’s 12-point checklist on the driver and the car includes evaluating:

- Seat-belt adjustment
- Car pedals
- Seat and steering wheel positioning
- Visibility through windows and mirrors

Often after adjusting these vehicle components drivers report feeling safer and more comfortable. Also, participants will learn how to better maintain and strengthen their driving skills.

All drivers who attend will receive a free resource bag filled with informative goodies and places to go for further evaluation.



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Registration is required and spots are limited, so reserve your spot: email InjuryPrevention@ScrippsHealth.org or call 619-686-3644

