



Shop our 72nd Holiday Boutique!

The treasured tradition of our Holiday Boutique returns to La Colonia Community Center on Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual event has continued in various forms since our Society's founding as the Women's Civic Club in 1953 -- even through the pandemic years when our shop went "virtual" by moving online for "contact free" sales.

The Boutique showcases the many talents of our crafters and is our largest fund raiser of the year. The group, led by Kathryn Schmiedeberg and Stephanie Wilde, has been working to create unique and affordable treasures that include hundreds of handmade must haves and great gifts.

Featured items include quilts for all ages, children's items, holiday ornaments, home décor, planters and garden art, wood and ethnic pieces, jewelry, artwork and much, much more. A tiny sample of available items is pictured here.



Also during the Boutique, we'll host a Silent Auction with themed gift baskets for pet owners, gardeners, and theater goers, as well as "Sweet & Savory" Bake Sale tables filled with wonderful homemade treats. Friends can gather in the patio to enjoy a cup of coffee.

Volunteers from the SeaWeeders Garden Club will be on hand to take orders for beautiful red Ecke Prestige Poinsettias (\$15 for six-inch pots) for your holiday enjoyment. (You can also [order poinsettias online](#) or by using the form on page 5.) Exquisite Christmas Cactus in assorted colors also will be available for sale during the boutique at \$12 each, (six-inch pots).

Proceeds from the Boutique fund our scholarships and help support other civic and beautification projects throughout the year.

President's Message

Happy 100th Birthday to the Solana Beach School District! To celebrate, I dug out my kindergarten photo. . . and some good memories.



My Kindergarten Teacher was Mrs. (Ellie) Topolovac, who went on to become the District's

Superintendent. Around the same time, my Mom and her friend Jacquie Baity joined the School Board...which was Mom's first "Elected Role" in Solana Beach.

Apparently, I was a "handful" according to my "School Days" memory book, and my life goal was to be an "Elevator Operator" (probably inspired by a trip to Hawaii where we visited a hotel with a glass elevator.)

We took a fun walk down memory lane with Stephen Wilkens of Wilkens Ranch and Garden Supply at our October meeting. We learned that the Wilkens were one of the first 12 families of Solana Beach and several attendees shared their memories of the store that served our community for 53 years.

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Memories . . .

Over the decades, the store grew over the years into a maze of nooks and crannies. I shared that my sister Katrina used to steal washers from a kid-high bin and use them as "coins" for the gum-ball machine! Stephen had a good ;laugh at that. (Here we are on the first day of school, 1975.)

We love these "remember when" chats, along with other informative events. If you have an idea for a monthly meeting program, please drop us an email at solanabeachhistory@gmail.com. . . or let's chat over coffee at our **Holiday Boutique**.

I will be at La Colonia Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 8th to get a jump on my Christmas shopping. I always order my poinsettias and will pick up a Christmas Cactus, too. I have been attending this event for decades with my Mom, who now brings her grandchildren too.

We are also getting ready for the first of what might be a new year-end gathering tradition -- a **Holiday Party** at the lovely home of our Treasurer, Holly Smith Jones. We've enjoyed many holiday luncheons at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, but this year we've decided to try something different -- and we think you'll find this new venue quite festive and fun. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 4th, and please join us to "Jingle & Mingle" over beverages and hors d'oeuvres from 3 to 5 p.m. at 550 Santa Helena Drive**. The cost is \$25/person. Please RSVP during the Holiday Boutique, by emailing hollysmithjones@gmail.com, or online -- [just click here](#).

President's Message, continued

Jolene Dodson Bogard

Jingle & Mingle

SOLANA BEACH CIVIC & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please join us for a

HOLIDAY PARTY

Libations and Yummy Hors D'oeuvres

4 December, 2025
3-5 PM
550 Santa Helena

RSVP options:
email hollysmithjones@gmail.com
visit our website or our holiday boutique

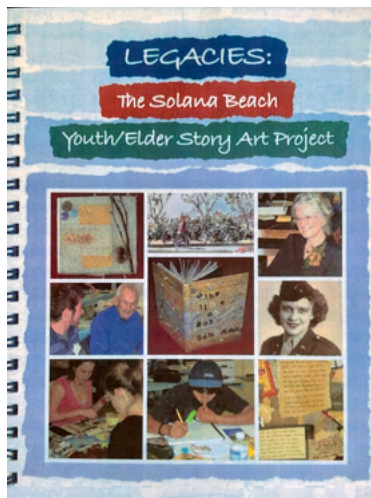
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Jan Wier, 1942 - 2025

The Society and our community lost another dear friend on October 3, when Jan Wier passed away peacefully at her home on Barbara Ave.

"After two years dealing with cancer and two months with hospice, she passed at high noon with the chimes of the nearby train station. Her universally generous energy filled with kindness will carry on. She's now in a better place, free from any earthly suffering," Jan's son Patrick shared. "Mom's love for humanity extends far greater than we will ever know."

Jan and her husband John moved to Solana Beach in 1971. She was a long-time member of the Board of the Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society, lending her talents as an educator to chair our Education Alliance Committee. In 2005, she led



"Legacies: The Solana Beach Youth/Elder Story Art Project," which brought together 25 area youths with Solana Beach elders to tell the elders' stories through interviews, photos and art. The result was a collage art book, published in 2006, combining interview transcripts with photos and art depicting participants' lives. Jan said the project was a "most rewarding privilege."

Jan taught in the Vista school district for many years and also tutored for decades with Casa de Amistad -- often following her students' progress as

they went on to become college graduates. "She met the kids 'where they were,' and in the most clever ways," recalls her friend Jane Morton. She also volunteered each spring with the Flower Fields in Carlsbad, teaching young visitors about the plants and butterflies there.

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Jan Wier Celebration of Life

You are invited to share fond memories of Jan and her many contributions to our community during an open house "potluck" hosted by her children, Ana Jennifer and Patrick, at Jan's home, 522 Barbara Ave. on Saturday, November 8, noon to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP to

kindnesswithjan@gmail.com with the number in your party and your expected arrival time, if you plan to attend.



Jan was on our MAEGA Board for more than 10 years. She was truly committed to our mission, as well as to the students she tutored at Casa de Amistad. She served tirelessly on our scholarship committee -- a time-consuming annual process.

Jan was also MAEGA's liaison for the Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival, attending meetings and coordinating our role as beneficiary. She assembled a MAEGA table and talked with folks about the work we do.

Apart from all of this, Jan was very generous -- generous with her time but also generous with "treasure." She was one of many MAEGA Board members who funded our scholarships -- giving every year that she was a board member to an award we called the Wier Family Scholarship. This year we will honor her memory with the Jan Wier Memorial Scholarship; we've already received donations in her name.

Jan was loved and respected by so many, and I consider her to have been a very dear friend.

***Anna Vallez, President
Mexican American Educational Guidance
Association***

Jan Wier, continued

For many years, Jan played "Grandma Stevens" in our Living History skit for elementary school students. She helped with painting -- among other chores -- to ready the Heritage Museum for its "grand reopening" in 2004. Jan was an active member of the SeaWeeders Garden Club, always ready to help with our annual poinsettia sales and during Fiesta del Sol.



She also supported the arts, investing in many years of season tickets to the Old Globe, North Coast Repertory Theatre and the San Diego Symphony.

For additional enjoyment, Jan was a dedicated MahJong player -- meeting twice weekly with longtime friends to share that passion. The games continued even during her home care in recent weeks, albeit dropping to a once-a-week schedule.

Annual Society Dues are Nearly Due!

If you haven't already, please renew your Society membership for 2026!

Annual membership payments are due in January and can be paid [online](#) or by check to P.O. Box 504, Solana Beach, CA 92075.

Due to the rising costs of all we do, your Board is considering a dues increase. Renewals paid prior to year-end 2025 will continue at current rates:

- Single membership: \$25
- Family membership: \$30
- Business membership: \$100
- Lifetime membership: \$500



Future of the Fairgrounds

Share your thoughts on how the Del Mar Fairgrounds should evolve during an Open House discussion at The Sound, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18. [RSVP here to register](#). Refreshments will be served.

Save the Dates!

2025 SBC&HS Meetings & Events

Email solanabeachhistory@gmail.com to volunteer for coming events.

- **Saturday, November 8:** Holiday Boutique at La Colonia Community Center, 715 Valley Ave., **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 4:** Jingle & Mingle! Join us for a new holiday tradition -- Libations and hors d'oeuvres from **3 to 5 p.m. at 550 Santa Helena Drive.**

The SeaWeeders meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. at the Center for a Healthy Lifestyle cottage behind the Boys & Girls Club on Lomas Santa Fe Drive. The Crafts Group will take a short break after the Holiday Boutique.

Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society

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"SeaWeeders" 13th Annual Sale

DATE: **SATURDAY, 11/29/25** TIME: **9:00–noon**

LOCATIONS: SB Post Office and Boys & Girls Club



The Solana Beach Garden Club is offering gorgeous locally grown RED Ecke Prestige Poinsettias in 6" pots for \$15 each and assorted colors of Christmas Cactus in 6" pots for \$12/ea. Proceeds will benefit several ongoing beautification projects in Solana Beach.

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!!!

Pre-order poinsettias TODAY using the form below to guarantee availability. Pre-orders can be picked up at the Center for a Healthy Lifestyle cottage behind the Boys & Girls Club at 533 Lomas Santa Fe Dr. on Sat. 11/29 between 9:00 & noon. **This is a one-day only event! A limited number of poinsettias and cactus will be available at both locations until we sell out.** Thank you for your continued support!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KATIE AT 619-991-3119 OR
PELICANDESIGN@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Poinsettia Sale

Pre-Order Your Poinsettias by Weds. Nov 26th

Today's Date: _____

Phone #: _____

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____

Quantity of RED Poinsettias Ordered: _____

@ \$15/each

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

\$

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Cash (do not mail cash) ☐ or scan QR code to use Credit card

Make Check Payable to

SBC&HS

Mail to : Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society (SBC&HS)

Attn: SeaWeeders

PO Box 504, Solana Beach, CA 92075



X CUT HERE & KEEP THIS REMINDER - Thank you for supporting "SeaWeeders" beautification projects in Solana Beach. Pick-up poinsettias 9 to noon on Sat. 11/29 behind B&G Club 533 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.