



Another Holiday Boutique for the History Books!

Thanks to all who baked, crocheted, quilted and donated silent auction and other items for our 72nd Annual Holiday Boutique! Thanks for the many Society volunteers, and husbands and sons and sons-in-law who staked yard signs and spent two days helping to set up the "shop," and then taking it down again. Thanks to the SeaWeeders for selling beautiful Holiday Cactus and taking poinsettia orders. Thanks to the Crafters! And thanks to our many, many customers, who once again drove proceeds close to \$12,000 -- and who so often, as they checked out, told our cashiers how pleased they were to complete their holiday shopping with unique, one-of-a-kind gifts!

Your volunteerism -- and patronage -- demonstrates the "it takes a village" sentiment that has driven the Society's success since its founding in 1953 -- and that kinda defines our community of Solana Beach.

Importantly, Boutique proceeds fund our annual Scholarship Program, which now is replenished for 2026.

Proceeds also support the SeaWeeders community gardens, including the Post Office sculpture garden, along the Rail Trail, and -- the newest -- a native plant garden due for planting very soon at City Hall -- if you'd like to help out there at 9 a.m. on December 5, please email sbseaweeder@gmail.com.

Here are some scenes from the Boutique, which *continue on page 3*.

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; please include the form on page 4.

Due to the rising costs of all we do, your Board has approved a \$5 dues increase for individual and family memberships for 2026. However, renewals prior to year-end 2025 can be paid at current rates:

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





Join us on January 12, 5 p.m.

2026 Battle of the Bands for Fiesta del Sol at the Belly Up!

The Belly Up will stage its annual "Battle of the Bands" on **MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026** to prepare for the 2026 Fiesta del Sol. The music "playoffs" start at 6 p.m., but **we Historical Society members are invited to come at 5 p.m. for a special presentation on the history of the storied musical venue.** There will be a ticket charge: \$12.00/person for an advance purchase; \$15 for "day of" tickets; and \$21 for reserved loft space. [Click here to choose your admittance and pay in advance.](#)



The Battle of Bands is a 40-year tradition sustained by the Solana Beach Chamber of Commerce, which proudly hosts the annual Fiesta del Sol, where attendance has grown to more than 50,000 over the course of the weekend. This beloved event showcases a variety of merchants, food vendors, and live entertainment, including performances on the renowned Main Stage. Over two days, the best bands in Southern California perform for thousands of attendees and a livestream audience, with many bands vying to be part of the coveted lineup.

As we look ahead to Fiesta del Sol 2026, the Chamber is excited to celebrate the fourth year of the "Fiesta del Sol: Battle of the Bands" at the Belly Up! This annual competition offers five local bands the opportunity to compete for a spot on the Main Stage, where the winning band will perform for Fiesta's massive crowd. Join us for the entire "battle" to lend your applause on the best

Scenes from Another Boutique for the History Books!

Special thanks to Crafts Group leaders Kathryn Schmiedeberg and Stephanie Wilde, whose dedication and attention to detail was on display and much appreciated throughout the event. Including in exit door signs listing every individual who contributed their time and talent to this treasured tradition!

Hope to see you all at Thursday's Jingle & Mingle holiday party!

Jojo Dodson Bogard



Recycle "Beyond the Bag"

They should never go in your blue EDCO recycling bin, but did you know that single-use plastic bags and thin, plastic film can be dropped off at Solana Beach City Hall?



The plastics recycling box is in the back left side of the ground floor, near the public restrooms and the battery recycling drop-off container. The plastic gets bailed by the City's Public Works team and sent to NexTrex, which uses the recycled plastics to create Trex composite decking and furniture, including benches. In fact, you can take a seat on a Trex bench at El Viento pocket park while admiring how the sunset lights up ***Fleur de Lumière*** by [Deanne Sabeck](#).

Thanks to our City's Public Works and Environmental Sustainability crews for making this new roost possible!

Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society

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Since our founding in 1953, the **Solana Beach Civic & Historical Society** has thrived thanks to the generous donations and dedicated volunteerism of our members. Your annual dues provide the funds we need to fulfill our mission: To promote artistic and cultural advancement, support public education about our local history, and sustain the beauty of our unique community. [Click here](#) to learn about our 70+ years of service in our 70th Anniversary booklet. Among the Society's contributions:

- We commissioned Kevin Anderson's murals at the Solana Beach Post Office, dedicated in 2025
- The Living History Program for third graders at the Heritage Museum
- Annual scholarships for college-bound students — \$49,500 awarded since 2014, plus we contribute \$1,000 yearly to MAEGA scholarships
- Torrey Pines grove at the north end of the Coastal Rail Trail
- Landscaping of the Lomas Santa Fe median
- The War Memorial at the Plaza
- Video interviews with notable citizens on our YouTube channel
- Contributions for the Harbaugh Seaside Trails Trails land acquisition
- Designation of Hwy 101 as a Scenic Route
- Crafts Workshops and our cherished annual Holiday Boutique
- \$10,000 donation to help build the La Colonia Skatepark
- SeaWeeders' landscaping and benches at our Post Office
- Boulder seating and native garden at the Fire Wall sculpture, Fire Station

Please renew today to continue your 2026 membership at the 2025 dues levels — and invite a friend or neighbor to join us, too!

You can return this form or pay securely by PayPal or credit card [online](#).

Questions? Email solanabeachhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support! You can [donate here](#), if so inclined.

2026 Annual Membership Renewal

(at 2025 rates, this month only)

Name _____ Spouse / Partner _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ Email: _____

Please check if interested in joining . . .

Annual Dues (check your category):

☐ Board of Directors

☐ Individual \$ 25.00

☐ SeaWeeders Garden Club

☐ Family \$ 30.00

☐ Crafts Group

☐ Business \$100.00

☐ Other volunteer opportunities

☐ Lifetime \$500.00