The History of the Marriner's Family:
Marriner's Stationery & Booksellers

Thursday, November 7th, 7:30-9:30 pm
Mike Marriner

Mike Marriner, the grandson of Richard "Tip" Marriner and Harry Marriner, the son of Ed Marriner who was Tip’s younger brother, will present the family history leading up to the arrival in Laguna Beach and the founding and early growth years of Marriner’s Stationers and Booksellers established in 1927.

Tip inherited his adventurous spirit and talent for journalism from his father, Henry Marriner, who at age 17 in the year 1877, boarded the sailing ship HIGHFLYER in England bound for Australia. Henry sailed twice around the world before joining relatives in Lincoln, Nebraska where he started a family. Tip, born in 1899, was the second oldest of four boys.

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In the early 1920's, and in his early 20s, Tip hopped a freight train bound for California. After various jobs with California newspapers, Tip was hired as the editor for the Laguna Life newspaper in 1925. Around 1927, Tip sold a vacant lot and purchased an existing store. The original store was also stocked with cameras and film and offered film processing. Tip expanded on the original store after it was moved to 378 South Coast Highway about 1929 and expanded again in 1951 when it was moved to 225 Forest Avenue.

Many aerial photographs and Tip's postcard productions and stories of discovery from Tip and his brothers will be shared with the audience during the November program. Mike and Harry will encourage attendees to share memories of their own with the Marriner family and the loyal and dedicated crew that fostered a relationship with the community that lives on today.
A Message from our President

Edward Storke

Our new membership year begins on January 1, 2020. We receive almost all of our funds from your generous memberships. Membership levels are Historian ($25), Historian Friend ($100), Historian Patron ($500), and Historian Platinum ($1,000 or more). Any memberships received after this newsletter is published will be for the calendar year, 2020. Any memberships of $500 or more will receive a souvenir bag with a silkscreened image of the Murphy-Smith Bungalow on it (our headquarters). We will leave your bag at the bungalow for pick-up. If you aren’t able to pick up your bag, please call me at 949-715-7901 to make other arrangements.

Part of our activities are aimed at the Laguna Beach Schools. Recently, we received a handwritten thank you note from our 2019 scholarship recipient, Zack Bonnin. He writes, "History has become a part of my life, largely in school, but winning the scholarship made me reflect. Some of my early memories included going to Plymouth Rock and learning about local history at Crystal Cove State Park and Laguna Beach locations. It left me, once again, to consider how important history is in the past and future. Thank you for reinforcing my most cherished passion since childhood." A handwritten note from the Laguna Beach High School Scholarship Foundation stated, "Thank you for your continued support of LBHSSF. We appreciate your help with our Seniors who want to continue their history educations. Sincerely, Michelle Leighton for the Foundation.

Response from a reader:
I enjoyed reading about Sprouse-Reitz in the last issue of Stu News, as I was one of the unhappy shoppers when they closed. The manager said our local store did well but some of the others didn’t, so apparently they went out of business.

I didn’t realize that the Laguna Beach store opened in 1941 in a new building, so I learned something.

As a teenager I worked after school at a Kresge store in a suburb of Minneapolis.

When we moved west from Minnesota in 1965, J. C. Penney was located in a building adjacent to Sprouse on Broadway. How times have changed! Now many of our local shops have closed and several are vacant, I assume because of the high rental costs in town. And “my” mall (Laguna Hills) is almost gone!

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Thank you again for your past support and please consider increasing your support to this important preserver of Laguna Beach’s History.

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- Louisa May Alcott
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