



Citrus Historical and Preservation League (CHAPL)

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2022

A new journey begins



President's Message

Did you know that if Eliza Tibbets had not planted the first navel orange in riverside in 1871, the citrus industry in Orange County would have never been born?

Did you know that it took the orchards in Orange County to cooperate instead of competing to come up with the Packing House model which made them very wealthy?

Did you know the PE Red car had 6 round trips a day from Union Station in LA to the Yorba Linda train station where Polly Pies is today during the peak of their citrus heyday?

If you didn't, well...now you do. And now understand the mission of the Citrus Historical and Preservation League (CHAPL).

We are a new non-profit to pay homage to that part of our history, and preserve it as is appropriate. We have commissioned the local YL Art Alliance to paint a large mural in the YL Packing House to honor the city that housed the granddaddy of all packing houses. We have put together a small medical library in the packing house that is very historic in nature. We will be opening a museum displaying information and artifacts of the citrus and packing house era of Orange County.

We solicit your support. A membership is \$10, & up and will provide education and resources to help remember and preserve this history.

To all who have already joined us - "Orange" you glad you did? Gregg DeNicola MD, President



The Orange - Its History

When we think of citrus fruit and packing houses, what is the first thing that comes into our minds? (That's simple. Oranges.)

Beautiful, round, orange, thick-skinned, delightfully scented fruit, available by the bag at any grocery store you shop at.

It is so popular that worldwide, oranges account for 70% of the citrus fruit produced.

Many people are surprised that if you look back historically, it was never a wild fruit. It was a cross between two other citrus fruits, the Pomelo and the Mandarin.

All oranges since that first cross have come from that root stock save, a few mutations thrown in here and there.

Who exactly created that first grafting is unknown, but studies tell us it was somewhere in southern China or northern India between 300 and 400 BC.

It didn't make it to Europe until it was found in Sicily in the 9th century. It didn't make it into the rest of Europe until 1500 when it was brought by importers to the rest of Italy and Portugal.

The entire time it was propagating in Europe it was always the fruit of the wealthy and royalty. They were grown in orchards of the Kings & Queens, and not sold in the typical marketplaces the commoners would shop at.

They weren't grown for mass consumption until they hit the Americas. Evidence shows Christopher Columbus brought some with him on his second voyage in 1493. They made it to Florida in 1565, Arizona in 1710, and the Franciscans brought it to San Diego in 1769.

An orchard was planted at the San Gabriel mission in 1804, and the first commercial orchard was planted near downtown Los Angeles in 1841.

Of course oranges played a big part in our own history here in Orange County and the Inland Empire. To read more on that, subscribe to future newsletters on our website at www.CHAPL.org, and join CHAPL Membership starting at \$10.

Gregg Denicola MD, President, Citrus Historical and Preservation League (CHAPL)

Rewind Photo



Yorba Linda, known as the "Land of Gracious Living" is a city with a strong sense of community and small-town character. The "Yorba Linda" name originated from Jose Yorba, a member of a Spanish expedition. In 1907, portions of the former Yorba lands were sold to the Janss Corporation, who then subdivided the property and named the new town "Yorba Linda" ("Yorba" after the early land grant family and "Linda" meaning pretty in Spanish). Early residents came to Yorba Linda with the intent of operating small farms, constructing numerous ranch houses, and planting citrus groves. The construction of the Pacific Electric Railroad line between Yorba Linda and Los Angeles established an important transportation link providing growers a more efficient means to deliver their produce to major markets. Soon after, two packing houses were built adjacent to the railroad station and the center of the community was established.

-City of Yorba Linda Website



Citrus Recipe



Citrus Syrup

Ingredients:

1/2 cup of any type of citrus juice

(orange, lime, grapefruit, etc)

1/2 cup sugar

Instructions:

Juice your lemons, limes or grapefruit. Measure the juice in a liquid measure. Pour it into a small saucepan. Add the same amount of sugar. Bring to a simmer and stir until all the sugar is dissolved. Let cool. Store in the refrigerator. It will keep for several weeks at least. Goes great in drinks, and over pancakes!

*Recipe courtesy of 'Blossom to Stem'

Submit your recipes to YorbaLindaCHAPL@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Coming 2023

Happy Holidays!



Membership Levels

Cutie \$10

Sticker

10% Discount Card to Perking House Coffee

Valencia \$25

Cutie Benefits

Docent Led Tour

Tote bag

Navel \$100

Valencia Benefits

Four Docent Led Tours

Matted Crate Art

Smudge Pot \$1,000

Navel Benefits

Unlimited Docent Led Tours

Gourmet Dinner and Wine at the Museum (for two)

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The Yorba Linda Art Gallery

The Packing House is home to the Yorba Linda Art Gallery, curated by the **Yorba Linda Arts Alliance Foundation**.

The gallery is open to the public and features local artists and student artworks, as well as the Robin Paul Memorial Mural. A permanent fixture in the gallery, the 10' x 20' historical piece was created by Allan B. Hall in 1959.

Originally located in the Yorba Linda Public Library, the mural was relocated to the packing house, to preserve it for the community. For more details, please visit

www.allanbhall.org

The gallery's inaugural exhibit and gala reception was held in October of 2021, followed by the Caduceus Medical Group's artist showcase. Future exhibits will showcase local teachers artworks and a holiday and gift showcase (November and December). For more information, visit www.artsyl.org

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Art Gallery View

