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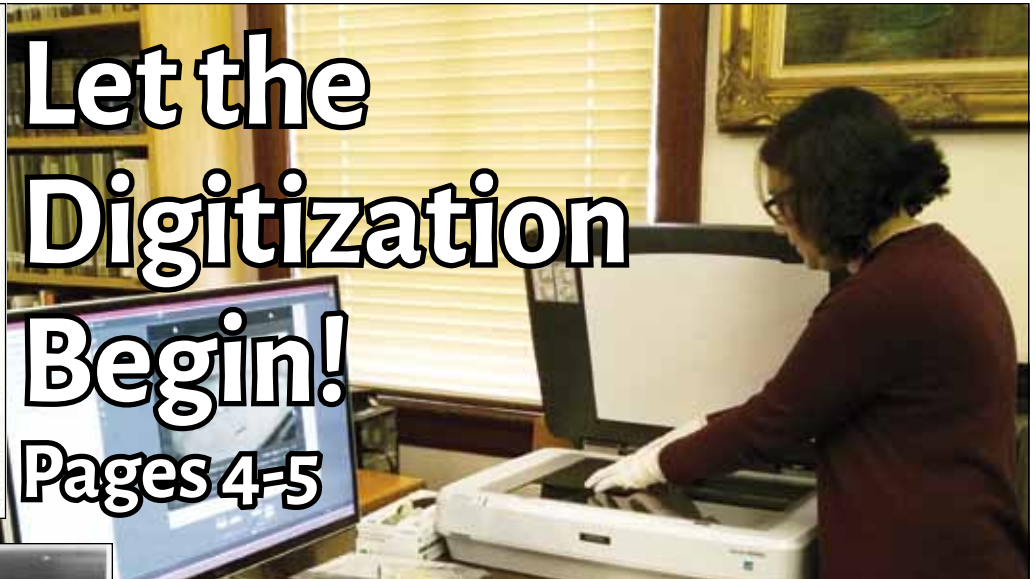
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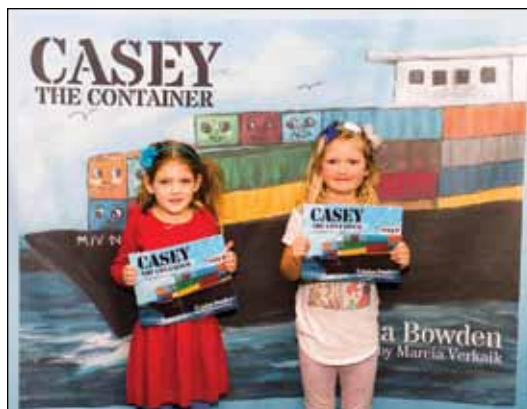


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Tuesday through Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(last entry at 4:30 p.m.)
Closed Mondays and Holidays

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Director's Message

By Marifrances Trivelli

Greetings!

As noted in the previous issue, the Port of Los Angeles (the Museum's landlord) will be embarking on major construction projects that necessitate a temporary closure of the Museum.

The construction will begin shortly after Labor Day, and is expected to last two years. *But we'll be keeping busy!*

During construction, staff and volunteers will continue to work in the building, catching up on collection backlogs and renovating the older exhibits for your future enjoyment.

In the meantime, our neighboring museums including the USS IOWA, Banning Residence Museum, and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium have invited us to present exhibits at their sites.

This will be a great way to share our collection "on the road" and we hope you all will enjoy not only our offsite exhibits, but all that our neighboring museums have to offer.

The Lego Shipbuilding Contest and other popular programs such as guest speakers and book signings will be offered at alternate sites.

The Museum's archivist, Derek Spinei, and his team have already begun a major digitization project, with the goal of making our photograph collection available on line. You will be able to search our collection of rare historic photographs anytime from the convenience of your computer or phone! Learn more about this exciting project on page 5.

If you haven't already visited our YouTube channel, now is the time to subscribe! We will be posting regular "behind the scenes" videos designed to give you a peek at the updates as well as activity behind the scenes.

Finally, if you are enjoying this newsletter (and its new format), please pass it along to a friend and help us spread the word about Museum activities.

Special thanks to all of you who have recently renewed your membership in the Friends of the L.A. Maritime Museum. We are grateful to you for all of your support and look forward to staying in touch!



The Museum is once again honored to participate in the Blue Star Museums program. Blue Star Mu-

seums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America.

From now until Labor Day, active duty and retired military and their families will enjoy free admission.

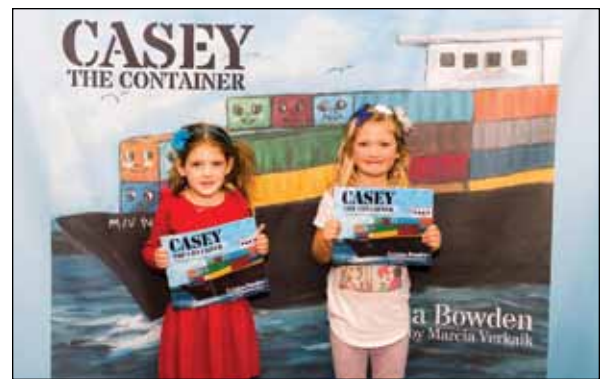
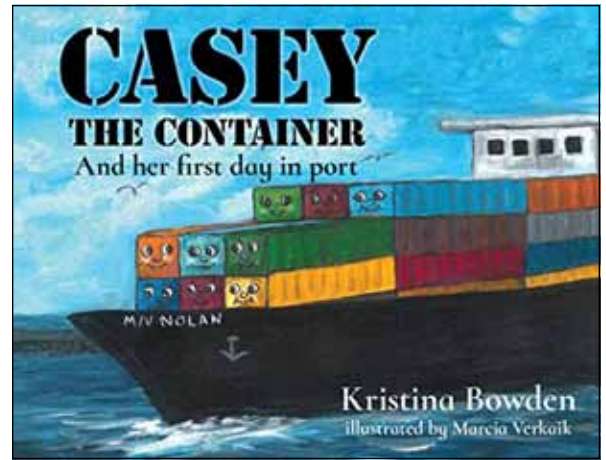
It's our way of saying "thank you for your service!"

For more information on the Blue Star Museum and a list of participating museums, visit <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/bluestar-museums>.

‘Casey the Container’ Launch at the Museum

It was standing room only at the launch of the new children’s book *Casey the Container*. Author Kristina Bowden premiered the story of Casey, a shipping container experiencing her first day in port, with a lively book signing and craft program at the Museum. If you missed the event, you can still pick up a copy of the book at the Sea Chest Museum Gift Shop for \$8.99 plus tax. (Friends of the L.A. Maritime Museum receive a 10% discount).

Photos courtesy Kristina Bowden



Fleet Week August 30-September 2

Don’t miss the annual salute to America’s Sea Services! Admission to Fleet Week is free, and includes tours of active duty military ships, displays and equipment demonstrations, live entertainment, flyovers and much more!

Be sure to stop by the Museum’s booth in the STEM Expo Hall to enjoy free and fun activities while you wait for your ship tour to begin. For more information, visit www.lafleetweek.com

A Visit to the Museum is a ‘Passport 2 History’

The Passport 2 History program was designed by the Leonis Adobe Museum in order to encourage discovery of California’s diverse historic, cultural, and natural resources.

The Los Angeles Maritime Museum is a proud participant in the program that offers free or reduced admission to 83 historic sites in California, including the L.A. Maritime Museum.

Here’s how it works:

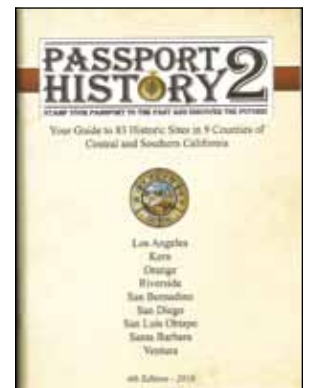
Visit the Museum and purchase a passport for \$5.00 (\$4.50 for members).

Each time you visit a site featured in the passport, you will receive a sticker to place on the appropriate passport page.

Once you have collected 25 stickers, the Leonis Adobe Museum will provide you with a voucher for the Sagebrush Cantina Restaurant. A special prize will be awarded to those who collect all 83 stickers.

Get your passport today and start exploring!

For more information, visit www.passport2history.com.





*Left:
The steamship
CITY OF
HONOLULU
underway in
Los Angeles
Harbor, 1922.*



*Right:
At the helm of
the schooner
GEOANNA
in 1935.*



*Left:
The steam
yacht
CASIANA in
Los Angeles
Harbor.*

*Right:
McGuire
Terminal
Company,
Berths 70-71
in the Port of
Los Angeles,
1957.*



Welder at California Shipbuilding Corporation, Terminal Island from the William A. Bergstrom Collection.



USS LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) signed by Commander David Stanley.

Let the Digitization Begin!

By Derek Spinei, Museum Archivist

If you were not aware that the Museum has tens of thousands of historic photos in our archival collections, you are not alone! The vast majority have never been exhibited or published anywhere, and we are continuously receiving donations of new photos.

To increase visibility and accessibility, we have launched a digitization project to scan photographic prints, negatives, and slides, and make the images freely available and searchable online. Through a generous donation by David Weinstein, the Research Library is now abuzz with new professional scanning equipment and software.

We are adhering to Library of Congress standards to create high quality and lasting digital surrogates that ensure perpetual access to images that may deteriorate physically over time. These scans also give us the capability of finding hidden details by zooming in or enhancing the lighting.

When the Museum's new website launches in the near future, it will include a dedicated platform for hosting our new online digital collection. It will take years to digitize everything we plan to, but the new site will start with a representative sampling to which we will continually add more photo records.

A few of the collections already digitized relate to the McGuire Terminal Company, USS LOS ANGELES (SSN-688), California Shipbuilding Corporation, Wilmington Transportation Company vessels, and the yacht SERENADE. A useful feature of the site is the ability for users to send us feedback if they are able to provide corrections or additional information about a given image.

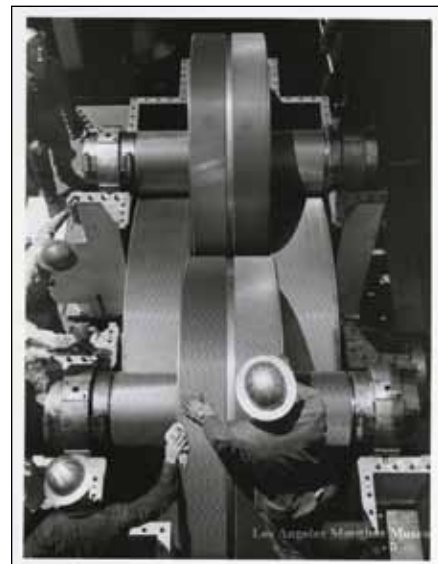
When the Museum closes to the public due to construction, our online digital collection will be another way we can stay connected with researchers, students and the general public. It also allows curious people the world over to explore our collection who might otherwise not have the opportunity to visit us in person.



Showing off the Research Library's new digitization workstation.



The yacht SERENADE, circa 1973 from the Ragnar Quale Collection.



California Shipbuilding Corporation, Terminal Island from the William A. Bergstrom Collection.



The cargo steamship WEST CAMARGO.

Lego Ships of All Types Created at Third Annual Lego Shipbuilding Contest

Builders of all ages descended upon the Maritime Museum in April for the third annual Lego Shipbuilding Contest. This year, the “home builder” category was eliminated, which meant the builders were challenged to create a ship using only museum Legos (none from home), in a limited amount of time. Our fearless builders took on that challenge, with impressive results.

Special thanks to Richard Delos Reyes, Amy Epperhart, Nick Schneier, Ruperta Aroche, Brian Chavez, and George Green.

And the winners are:

Age Group 3-5

- First Place: Zombie Ship – Sebastian
- Second Place: Shopkins Boat – Adriana
- Third Place: Container Ship – Zoei
- Honorable Mention: Lucia’s Fun Party Ship – Lucia

Age Group 6-8

- First Place: Momo – Xiai
- Second Place: Boat America – Lucas
- Third Place: O’Kitty Boat – Norah
- Honorable Mention: Bay Boat – Caleb

Age Group 9-13

- First Place: Short Pier & Port & Starboard – Benjamin
- Second Place: San Pedro Rescue Boat – Sophia
- Third Place: Warship Destruction (Norwegian) – Vince
- Honorable Mention: Moss Miou

Age Group 14 and up

- First Place: Dream – Chao
- Second Place: El Ranchero – Pablo
- Third Place: Jack Sparrow Banana Boat – Sarah
- Honorable Mention: Lighthouse Scene – Micah

Photos by Gary Florin



Judges: teacher Sarah Henry, youth judges Catherine Piotrowski and Kate Henry, and museum staff representative Nick Schneier



Shipbuilders turning random plastic bricks into mighty ships.



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members!

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Did You Know...

Members of the Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum enjoy numerous benefits, but did you know that members at the Sponsor level and above also enjoy reciprocal admission at maritime museums across the country?

Through the Museum’s affiliation with the Council of American Maritime Museums, all Sponsor Level (\$100.00) members and above can enjoy reciprocal admission at

any CAMM member museum.

CAMM museums in California can be found in Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Ventura, and San Diego, just to name a few.

The complete list can be seen at www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org. Contact our office at (310) 548-7618 for details and to request your special admission card.



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LA Maritime Museum Director to Lead National Maritime Organization

Marifrances Trivelli, Director of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, was elected President of the Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) at the organization’s annual meeting at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum on April 26, 2019.

As incoming President, Trivelli succeeds Greg Gorga, Director of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. The new board officers include Vice President Sam Heed, (Kalmar Nyckel Foundation), Treasurer Pete Leshner, (Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum) and Secretary Paul Johnston (Smithsonian Institution).

CAMM is an organization of 100 member institutions

preserving and interpreting the maritime heritage of North America. A subgroup of the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), CAMM acts as an authoritative voice on policy matters which impact maritime history, education, and preservation.

Through CAMM’s reciprocal admission program, members of the Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum at the sponsor level and above enjoy free and/or discounted admissions at other maritime museums.

For more information, visit <http://www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org>.

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Help us preserve our maritime past for the education and enjoyment of future generations. Museum members receive: free subscription to Channel Crossings, invitations to special events, a ride on the historic Angels Gate tug, borrowing privileges in the Museum Library, reciprocal admission to other maritime museums (Sponsor level and above) and a 10% discount in the Sea Chest Museum Shop.

\$30 INDIVIDUAL \$45 FAMILY \$100 SPONSOR

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New Membership Membership Renewal

Gift Membership

I am interested in becoming a Volunteer, please contact me.

I would like to purchase a gift membership. I have enclosed the name and address of my friend/family member. Please send a letter to my friend/family member announcing my gift and send me an acknowledgment letter.

My company will match my gift. A completed form is enclosed.

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