

# Berylwood Budget

*After the 1896 newsletter of the Bard Children*



## **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017**

DINNER DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

TIME: SOCIAL HOUR, 5:30, DINNER, 6:30

PRICE: \$40, ACTIVE MILITARY, \$15

ACTIVE MILITARY SPOUSE, \$15

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

MENU: CAESAR SALAD; BOEUF BOURGUIGNON; RICE PILAF; STRING BEANS  
ALMONDINE; TIRAMISU

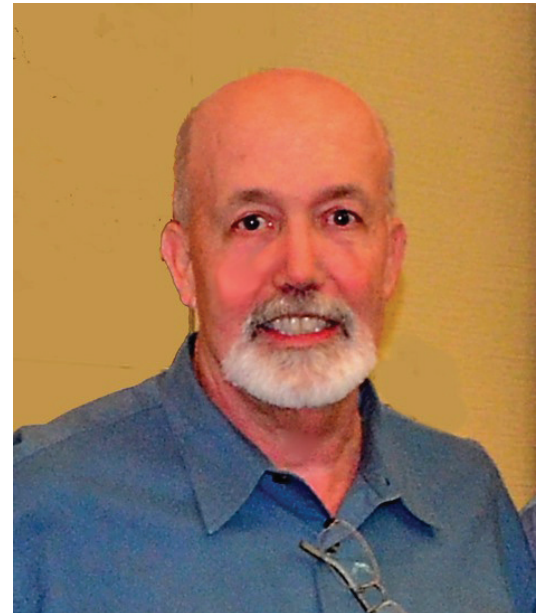
Please join us on June 10, 2017, for what promises to be a truly fascinating program!

## **BRIDGE CARNEY - CHRONICLES OF PT-157**

In 2011, Bridge Carney published *PT-157: A Scale Model Builder's Notebook*. The book chronicles Carney's personal experience building, from scratch, a model of the 1943 version of PT-157. The World War II ELCO-produced Patrol Torpedo boat was used to rescue the future president Lt. John F. Kennedy and his crew aboard PT-109 on August 8, 1943.

A year later, Carney would publish *First Up: Chronicles of the PT-157: Rendova and Lever Harbor, July-August 1943*. The book makes the point that the action-packed rescue of Kennedy and his 109 crew was only one harrowing event among many for PT-157 during the summer of 1943.

In addition to being a historian, author, and model ship builder, Mr. Carney has spent nearly all of his professional career in high technology. His employment has been equally divided among engineering, marketing and sales. He



Bridge Carney

has carried out assignments with both the largest and smallest technology companies as well as in both national and international sales operations. Currently, Mr. Carney works as the Director of World Wide Sales with Microduino, a DIY electronics producer.



PT-157 and crew...



PT-157 model

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear Friends of the Bard Mansion,

The board was happy to have president Dave Kesterson at our last meeting, and we all wish him well.

Our thanks to board member Cheryl Saum for allowing the tour of Quarters A (the Richard Bard home) in honor of Joanna Bard Newton's 100th birthday. The board wishes to recognize the efforts of current and former members of the Friends for their support of the 1986 designation of the Richard Bard home as a landmark by the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board: Dorothy Ramirez, Dama Hanks, Madeline Miedama, Ray Prueter, Orvene Carpenter, Carol Marsh, Tom Figg, Bob Quinn. Mrs. Ann Caughman, wife of the CO, attended the event, and soon after founded the Friends. Richard's wife Joan Bard, who had lived in the home 1916-1945 was present, and died two years later.

The Friends have been very fortunate recently to be the recipients of several beautiful and historic pieces of antique furniture. Building our collection is a part of our mission statement. We are thankful to the generous givers who could have chosen any number of places to bequeath their precious belongings.

We are happy that the Navy has reopened the Mansion for lunches on Tuesdays. Our thanks are extended to Capt. Janke and Capt. Grossgold (on behalf of Supervisor Kelly Long) for their successful efforts. The lunches had been suspended due to a federal hiring freeze. Our beautiful house needs people enjoying its surroundings and experiencing its history. We hope to see you on June 10th for a fascinating program, *Chronicles of the PT-157!*

President

## **IN MEMORIUM**

Elizabeth Stanton Bard 1928-2016

Betty Stanton Bard was born on March 6, 1928 and died December 8, 2016. She was the daughter of Richard's younger brother Philip. She was sister of Ginny Bard Johnson. Their Grandfather was Myron Hunt, architect of the Thomas Bard mansion. Betty lived the last thirty years in South Carolina. She curated several museum collections. Married twice, Betty traveled extensively with both husbands.



Betty Bard



Betty Stanton Bard memorial spreading of ashes



Dick Bard & Betty Stanton Bard



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## IN MEMORIUM (continued)

Leinie Schilling Bard 1929-2017



Leinie Schilling Bard

Leinie Schilling Bard  
& Archie Bard



On April 23rd, a celebration for Leinie was held in the garden of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. Born in San Francisco, her grandfather started the Schilling Spice Company. She graduated from Stanford in 1950 with degrees in philosophy and nursing. With her first husband she had four children. Several years after the untimely death of Archie Bard's wife Carla, he married Leinie, and they enjoyed a decade together before Archie died in 2009. Together with Archie's four children, Leinie organized a memorial for Archie at the Bard Mansion. She continued to support the Friends. Joanna Bard Newton and Travers Jr. visited Leinie at her cottage last Thanksgiving, where she kept a photograph of Archie in his WWII air force uniform in a place of honor. This photo shows them on a trip to Alaska. Archie's children attended, as did Joanna Bard Newton, Dr. Charles Montague, Letty Lauffer, Georgia Pulos, Victoria Montague, Travers Newton Jr.

Barbara B. Wiggins 1930-2017



Barbara Wiggins

Barbara in costume,  
Bard Centennial  
celebration  
2012



On April 29th, a memorial was held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Ventura for former board member Barbara Wiggins. Her four granddaughters recounted that Barbara was born in Los Angeles, and raised by adopted parents. She studied classical piano, and in 1950 married Earl Wiggins, whose father had started an oil drilling equipment firm in Texas, and moved to Los Angeles ca. 1920 to service rigs on Signal Hill and Ventura Ave. Barbara and Earl raised seven children in a mansion in Pasadena that was full of antique furniture and art. She was remembered as the "Queen of making people feel welcome", and encouraged her granddaughter to adopt two boys, who honored their grandmother at the service. They said they wondered why their Granny always put an olive in her water. In honor for her service to the Navy League, Chief Daniels and Cpt. Quinn attended. Charles Johnson and numerous docents from the Ventura Museum celebrated her volunteer work. Barbara was pictured in *The Star* in period dress for the 100th anniversary of the Bard home. Friends Victoria Montague and Travers Newton Jr. attended the memorial.

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## **KNAPP DONATION**

A beautiful suite of antique furniture was given to the Friends of the Bard early in April 2017. The furniture was given to the Friends by Donna Knapp Taylor and her sister Janice Knapp. They are the daughters of William Robert Knapp, Lt. Cdr. USN, RET., and his wife Pearl Allard Knapp, both recently deceased. Bill joined the Navy in 1939 and served 31 years rising in rank from Seaman Recruit to Lieutenant Commander. He served aboard thirteen ships and at eight shore assignments. During World War II he was leading signalman for Admiral Spruance, Commander Fifth Fleet, on flagships USS Indianapolis CA 35 and USS New Jersey BB 62 and later as Chief Signalman for RADM Blandy, Commander Amphibious Group on flagships USS Fremont APA 44 and USS Estes AGC 12. Bill was in nine major battles during the war earning a Bronze Star medal with Combat "V." Bill's final tour was as Port Services Officer at NBVC Port Hueneme.

In the year 2000 Pearl Knapp donated a lovely antique footstool to the Friends, and a photo of her and Anne Caughman, Restoration Chairman for the Friends, appeared in the May 2000 issue of our Berylwood Budget. The furniture the Knapp family has just given us will soon be placed in one of the upstairs rooms in the Mansion. We are truly grateful to the Knapps for their generous gift.



Knapp side table



Knapp side table



Knapp pearl handled umbrellas



McFarland Umbrella stand



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## **HISTORIC FAIRBANKS TRUNK ON VIEW**

Robert McFarland Bard was young when his father, Richard Bard, died in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania in 1799. Richard and his wife Catherine Poe had survived capture by the Delaware Indians in 1758. In 1838, Robert married Elizabeth Parker Little. Three years later she gave birth to Thomas Robert Bard in Chambersburg, Pa. His cousin, Thomas Bard McFarland, was born in 1828 in nearby Mercersburg. Their grandfather, Col. Robert Parker, served under George Washington in the Second Continental Army, and an image of his award for service in the Revolutionary War hangs in the Bard House.

After studying law with Robert Bard, Thomas Bard McFarland travelled to California in 1850. He served in the California Supreme Court from 1886 until his death in 1908. In 1910 his portrait was dedicated at the Mercersburg Academy. His son Tom lived in Oxnard, where in 1948 his wife was a member of the Oxnard Art Club together with her friend Beryl Bard.

John Eubanks of California Auctioneers brought this trunk to our attention, which was consigned by the estate of Tom Fairbanks. Descendants recently donated an important collection of antique furniture to the Mercersburg Historical Museum.



McFarland trunk



Metal Walnut Grove sign found in Mcfarland trunk

## **FALL PROGRAM FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE BARD MANSION**

Our Fall program for the Friends of the Bard Mansion will take place on September 16, 2017. The event will be at Quarters A, formerly the Richard Bard home, historically named the "Bungalow" by Thomas Bard. The home has been occupied since 1910, originally built for the Bards to live in while the "Big House" now called the Mansion was being built 1910-1912. Sheryl and Captain Saum have graciously offered to open the doors to their home to our members and dignitaries. We will serve an assortment of delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a violin recital will be performed, all to create a memorable late summer afternoon soiree. (continued on page 6)

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## **FALL PROGRAM FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE BARD MANSION (continued)**



The Richard Bard Home, Hueneme, Ventura County Landmark 88

Between 1865-1870, Thomas Bard travelled often to Hueneme by horse from his home on Sulphur Mountain in lower Ojai. In 1870, he moved to Hueneme in order to build the wharf, and presumably built a temporary structure to live in while his first home was built in 1876 on the site of the Bard mansion.

The foundation of the Richard Bard home, just to the west of the Bard Mansion, has never been excavated. But tradition says that the building was begun in 1910 as a one story, Arts and Crafts redwood bungalow for Thomas and Mary, possibly designed by Reginald Shand, who had designed the Women's Improvement Club. In 1910 their three-story, 1890 Victorian home was dismantled, and the Myron Hunt Italianate structure erected 1911-12. Following the marriage of Richard and Joan in 1916, they moved into the bungalow. The next year their first child Joanna was born. Around 1924, following the birth of Kitty and Archie, a second story was added, and the exterior was transformed into a Cape Cod design by Reginald Shand. This was an east coast style of architecture presumably influenced by Richard's studies at Princeton. The downstairs interior retained the natural redwood walls, fireplace, wood floors, book cases. The house was enlarged to include seven bedrooms (one for a nurse), four and one-half baths, and a crank phone which was on a party line. There were accommodations for a cook adjacent to the garage, which no longer exists. In 1925 a guest house was built in a similar style, which has two bedrooms, a living room, fireplace and kitchen. It is commonly referred to as the "Doll House" because of its size.

Following the condemnation of the Bard property and harbor by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal in 1942, Joan and her daughter Margaret were permitted to live in their home until 1944, while Richard served in the US Army. Joan then moved into the Harbormaster Prescott home, where she was joined by Richard in 1946. The Seabee CO has occupied the Richard Bard home since 1944.

In 1986 a ceremony was held at the Richard Bard home to celebrate its listing as a Ventura County Landmark. Attendees included Joan Bard, her children Joanna, Archie, Kitty; Orvene Carpenter; Tom Figg; Dama Hanks; Carol Marsh; Madeline Miedema; Ray Preuter; Bob Quinn; Dorothy Ramirez.

Travers Newton thanks Nicole Doner, Ventura County Senior Planner and her Associate Anna Hall for help with this research.