

In Memoriam

Mary Hollis Clark 1921-2010

Mary Clark, a most gracious and beloved member of the San Diego Historical Society/History Center for over 40 years, suffered a heart attack at her Mission Hills home and died on December 18, 2010. She was 89. At the time of her death she was working on a book featuring the many verses that chronicled her family's activities through the year for her annual Christmas card. The project will go forward with the support of her family.

Mary Clark was a generous supporter of *The Journal of San Diego History* and various activities of the History Center. She loved history and although she was a native of Columbus, Georgia—her accent gave her away—she became a true San Diegan, arriving here in 1946 as the bride of Army Captain James Dallas Clark, son of Lena Sefton Clark. Mary carried on the tradition of the Charity Ball, started by her mother-in-law, and recently attended its 100th anniversary celebration.



Because of her love of nature, Mary Clark soon became involved in the San Diego Natural History Museum, which has named a wing for her and her family. She was on the board beginning in 1964 and became emeritus trustee in 1994. Mary and Dallas supported countless other civic and community projects and in 1998 the couple received the medal for Distinguished Philanthropy from the American Association of Museums.

Mary Clark was an active supporter of the new Central Library, the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, the Committee of 100, the Timken Museum, the Old Globe, the San Diego Zoo and the Wednesday Club, to which she belonged for 50 years. Mary helped establish Art Alive, an annual event at the San Diego Museum of Art, to which she was also very committed. Mary was born November 2, 1921, in Columbus, Georgia, to Howell and Aylmer Illges Hollis. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia in 1942. She is survived by two daughters, Nita Clark van der Werff of Taos, New Mexico, and Dale Clark of Bend, Oregon, two granddaughters Leigh and Tessa with great-granddaughter Edie.



Arthur Gilbert Peinado 1947-2010

Arthur Peinado, a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Diego History Center since 2006, died on August 12, 2010. He was a valued member of the board who supported and participated in all of its activities. A longtime Point Loma resident, Art passed away from complications of a prolonged struggle with congestive heart failure. Born in El Paso, Texas, the son of Arnulfo and Themis (Molina) Peinado, he was student body president at El Paso

High and first string All City in football, attending Johns Hopkins University, the University of Texas at El Paso and Harvard Law School, where he received a J.D. degree in 1972. Art practiced law in San Diego for 38 years and was working with Kolodny & Pressman at the time of his death. He previously had served as President of the Collectors Club at the San Diego Museum of Man.

Art will be remembered by his friends and business associates as “beyond smart,” “a dignified and humble man,” “a great lawyer and a consummate gentleman;” by his children as a father who always stood by them and by his wife as her best friend. Art is survived by his wife of 39 years, Susan; daughter Susana Peinado, son Philip Peinado; five older brothers, Arnold, Robert, Charles, Raul and George. Art was an avid collector of Pre-Columbian, American Southwest, and Meso-American pottery. He also collected American Indian paintings. As a result of these interests, Art was very involved in the San Diego History Center’s Art Council.

The esteem in which he was held by his fellow board members of the History Center was reflected by the fact that he was serving as Vice President of the organization when he passed away.

David J. Weber 1940-2010

On August 29, 2010, David J. Weber, founder and long-time member of the board of editors of the *The Journal of San Diego History*, died in Gallup, N.M., at the age of 69 after a three-year battle with multiple myeloma. Dr. Weber, Professor of History at Southern Methodist University, was a preeminent scholar of the American Southwest and colonial Latin America. Joining the San Diego Historical Society shortly after becoming a member of the history faculty at San Diego State University in 1970, Dr. Weber was instrumental in helping then Executive Director/Journal Editor James Moss modernize the *Journal's* format, form a Board of Editorial Consultants, and become the first book review editor.

During this time, Dr. Weber began a successful and productive publishing career including more than two-dozen books on Spanish and Mexican America, and becoming an expert in the field of borderlands scholarship. His doctoral dissertation, published as *The Taos Trappers: The Fur Trade in the Far Southwest, 1540-1846* (1971), was followed by *The Mexican Frontier, 1821-1846* (1982), both of which placed the Southwest in a larger continental narrative of United States and Mexican history.

During a career spanning 40 years, Weber won numerous book prizes and other awards. A past president of the Western History Association, he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2007. But David Weber was more than an internationally-recognized scholar. He was mentor and friend to countless undergraduates and graduate students at San Diego State and Southern Methodist University, and to all historians engaged in the study of Latin America and the American Southwest. He was kind and helpful to everyone. A native of Buffalo, New York, Weber attended SUNY Fredonia before earning an M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico. Professor Weber is survived by his wife Carol, and two children Scott and Amy.

