

## In Memoriam Clare Crane 1926-2011

Dr. Clare B. Crane, long-time member and supporter of the San Diego History Center, passed away at home on June 17, 2011, after a courageous battle against cancer. Clare received her BA from San Diego State College in 1958 and her Ph.D. from the University of California San Diego in 1970. She received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Fellowship for her outstanding work. She was the first Curator and Education Director of the Villa Montezuma (1972-1974). Under her leadership, the Villa sponsored children's programs and tours for those interested in Victorian architecture. She also taught United States and San Diego History at several local colleges.

In 1976, Dr. Crane served as historical advisor and co-host of a series of radio programs on KPBS titled "Twelve Who Shaped San Diego." The College of Arts and Letters at San Diego State University honored her with a "Monty" award in 2006. Dr. Crane and her husband Architect Loch Crane were enthusiastic supporters of C-3 from its inception. A tireless worker, Clare had recently published *Citizens Coordinate and the Battle for City Planning in San Diego* through the San Diego History Center in 2011. Clare was vitally interested in city planning and in the preservation of the buildings in Balboa Park.

Clare was born in Wisconsin to David and Elinor Bloodgood and grew up in Milwaukee. She met Loch Crane at Taliesin, the home, studio and laboratory of Frank Lloyd Wright in Wisconsin. They were married in 1944 while Loch was serving as a flight instructor in the Army Air Force. She is survived by her husband and son Loch David Crane. Clare will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.



*Loch and Clare Crane, 2010. Photo by Iris Engstrand.*