

Volunteer! Opportunities

Welcome Visitors to the Schoolhouse: Read up on Schoolhouse history (we supply a small packet), and act as a docent, guiding people around on Saturdays 10-3 when we are open to the public each week. Engage with friendly folks from across the County, the State, the Country, the World, and (eventually!) the rest of the Universe.

Edit Oral Histories: We have more than 100 oral histories and interviews with local pioneers. These are on audiotape and videotape, which we have digitized and transcribed through an AI system that finds proper names (people, places) a challenge. Help us edit these transcriptions, at home on your own computer. We provide a model and guidelines. Most of the editing can be done simply by reading through and correcting the transcribed text; for some oral histories, you will need to listen to the tape as you go. We provide electronic files both for the transcript and the actual oral recording.

Convert Negative Photos into Positives: We have inherited more than 7000 photonegatives from the *Coast News*, primarily 1954-1975. Help us scan them into photopositives and label each appropriately. This must be done with our Epson V39 Scanner at Schoolhouse.

Sort and Scan Newsclips. Decades of EHS volunteers spent hours clipping accounts of Encinitas events and people out of local newspapers and putting them into 340 subject folders. We have more than 8000 such newsclips, some quite tattered, to identify fully, scan, and label. We already have scanned 1500; the bulk is yet to be done.

Scan and Label Documents and Albums. The EHS has become the repository for the records of other organizations, such as the Encinitas Preservation Association and the San Dieguito Garden Club. We need to digitize and preserve these and other records.

Catalogue our Collection. We will soon start to catalogue our collection of maps, pamphlets, brochures, newspapers, newsclips, journals, diaries, institutional papers, photographs, and printed books. After several hours of training, you can work from home at your own PC to catalog that collection piece by piece, so that eventually we will have a research station at the Schoolhouse where anyone can enter a keyword and locate what we have on particular topics--and (often) see the results immediately on the screen in front of them, as a document or photograph, or even hear or see it as an interview.

Help us with Social Media. We need help publicizing our events, awards, and achievements through all social media. If you have such skills, do let us know.