



## Dominick Frascella Collection

*c. 1878-2002s (bulk of the records from the 1950s to 1970s)*

*298 textual documents, 52 photographs, and 6 artifacts | one linear feet | 2 boxes*

Dominick A. Frascella (d. 02/12/2004) was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 1, 1912 to Thomas and Rose Frascella. Prior to enlisting in the Army, he was a silver merchant. He served in WWII. Upon leaving the Army, he moved to California where he, along with Robert Burrell, opened a restaurant called the Live Oak Inn on November 11, 1949 which was located in the Temescal Canyon area at 21700 State Highway 71 (off of Weirick Road off ramp). Robert Burrell (d. 07/28/2000) was born on March 31, 1917 in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. His family came to Corona in 1928. The Live Oak Inn was originally a business called the Live Oak Station and Market which was owned by Burrell's parents Thorne and Nellie C. Burrell. They continued to operate the restaurant and market along with Burrell's parents for three years until the market was phased out and only the Live Oak Inn operated. Burrell's parents passed away in 1967, leaving Dominick and Robert the sole owners. The restaurant expanded as the partners were able to put money together to build onto the restaurant. The restaurant was known for its Italian fare which Robert Burrell prepared daily. Dominick served as the public relations and maintenance man for the restaurant. At one point, in 1976, the Live Oak Inn was purported to be the oldest restaurant in the Corona area. Dominick and Robert owned and operated the restaurant for 30 years until February 1, 1979 when they sold it to Pete Nyiri. Over the years the restaurant changed hands and menus until closing its doors for good sometime after 2006.

Not only did Dominick Frascella operate the Live Oak Inn which became a landmark restaurant for Corona, but Dominick was also an artist who specialized in oil painting, watercolor and China painting. He was an active member of the Riverside Art Association before becoming a founding member of the Corona Art Association along with Maxine Piester in 1960. The Corona Art Association holds an annual Dominick Frascella Art Show and Competition to honor their founder.

The collection is divided into three series one encompassing the Live Oak Inn, the second series focuses on Dominick Frascella as an artist and founder of the Corona Art Association, and the third filled with miscellaneous documents and records.

The collection is important because it provides history on one of the oldest restaurants in Corona as well as information on one of the founders of the Corona Art Association.

**Location:** A,31; A,47

W.D. Addison Heritage Room, 650 S. Main Street, Corona, CA 92882, (951) 279-3593 /Shelving Unit

**Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesday by appointment only, Thursday 10 am to 1 pm, Friday - Sunday Closed.

**Gifts of:** Frascella, John (2012)

## Inventory

(Call # is the Manuscript #/Box #)

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records	Leaves
M153/1	1	Finding Aid & Accession Records	10
<b>Series 1</b>		<b>Live Oak Inn</b>	
M153/1	2	Live Oak Inn newspaper advertisements (3). One contains a photo of Live Oak Inn. <i>A Daily Independent</i> article dated 1976 "Live Oak Inn Is Oldest Remaining Restaurant" article about the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restaurant. <i>A Corona Daily Independent</i> article dated 2/2/79 "Live Oak Inn guard change brings experienced lady" features Laraine Smith as new manager of the Live Oak Inn.	10
M153/1	3	Live Oak Inn and Old World Shop Business Cards from various years	6
M153/1	4	Live Oak Inn Menu-undated	1
M153/1	5	Live Oak Inn Wine List-undated	1
M153/1	6	Live Oak Inn "People Bag"-doggy bag with luncheon menu/prices on back	1
M153/1	7	Live Oak Inn Thank You Cards with envelopes dated February 1, 1979 thanking supporters of the Restaurant	4
M153/1	16	Beer and Wine Sale License 1955-59; 1961-1963 and 1965-1966	12
M153/1	17	Special Tax Stamp 1960-1977	17
M153/1	18	Health Department Permit 1959-1967 and 1969-1978.	38
M153/1	19	Undated Live Oak Inn Menu perhaps from 1980s or 1990s. Front page of menu says: Kathy and Larry Kincheloe welcome you to...Live Oak Inn"	1
M153/2		Oversize Live Oak Inn menus from over the years. Dishes stay the same one can track price increases over various years.	12
M153/2		<i>The Enterprise</i> 2/8/79 "Live Oak Inn Sold by Longtime Owners: Mixing Work, Pleasure Was Their Business" article with photo of Live Oak Inn, Bob Burrell and Dominick Frascella about history of Live Oak Inn	3
M153/2		<i>The Enterprise</i> 2/8/79 "Live Oak Inn Sold by Longtime Owners: Mixing Work, Pleasure Was Their Business" article with photo of Live Oak Inn, Bob Burrell and Dominick Frascella about history of Live Oak Inn	3
M153/2		<i>The Enterprise</i> 3/20/79 "New operator of Live Oak Inn has much in common with predecessor" article about manager/operator Laraine Smith	1
M153/2		Thank you for your support letter from Live Oak Inn thanking the Press-Enterprise for 15 year of advertising support <i>Press-Enterprise</i> 11/17/64	6
M153/2		Thank you for your support letter from Live Oak Inn thanking the Press-Enterprise for 15 year of advertising support <i>The Daily Enterprise</i> 11/17/64	4
M153/2		<i>Daily Independent</i> 12/9/64 picture of Bob Burrell and Dominick Frascella decorating the Live Oak Inn for Christmas	2
M153/2		<i>Daily Enterprise</i> 12/20/68 picture of Dominick Frascella at Christmas party for the Corona Art Association which took place at the Live Oak Inn accompanying article: "Art Group Has Party"	1
<b>Series 2</b>		<b>Art</b>	

M153/1	8	Article from <i>The Daily Independent</i> 10/17/80 "A portrait of the artist from the lonely canyon"	11
		Article from <i>Press-Enterprise</i> 9/18/81 "Former restaurant owner Corona Library's featured artist of the month;"	
		Article from the <i>Press-Enterprise</i> 9/17/94 "Artist says: Every picture tells a story;"	
		Article from <i>Our Time</i> 10/16/98 "Annual art show at Fender museum honors local artist";	
		Article from <i>Corona Independent</i> 10/16/98 "Art group to honor 'backbone';	
		<i>Press-Enterprise</i> 5/31/02 "Art show"	
M153/1	9	Corona Arts Association <i>The Paint Pot</i> newsletter November, 1995 photo of Dominick Frascella accepting the "Dominick Frascella Award" named in his honor	4
M153/1	10	Artist publicity brochure of Dominick Frascella	2
M153/1	11	Business card one of Dominick Frascella "artist" the other Dominick Frascella City of Corona Parks, Recreation and Community Service "volunteer"	2
M153/1	21	Corona Arts Association Notecard with picture of members on front, address and hours of CAA on back	1
M153/1	22	Corona Arts Association advertisement for the 2003 Dominick Frascella Art Show	2
M153/2		<i>Daily Independent</i> 10/17/80 "A portrait of the artist from a lonely canyon" laminated newspaper article about Dominick's work as an artist	1
<b>Series 3 Miscellaneous</b>			
M153/1	12	Corona High School class of 1949 yearbook	1
M153/1	13	Riverside Junior College 1938 yearbook	1
M153/1	14	Obituary of Thorne Burrell	1
M153/1	15	Copies of photographs <i>See Artifacts for location of original photo</i>	30
M153/1	20	8.5" x 11" certificate of appreciation from the City of Corona Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department in recognition of outstanding service as a volunteer.	1
M153/2		One copy of <i>Scope</i> , November, 1938, UCLA's monthly creative writing supplement to the <i>Daily Bruin</i>	2
M153/2		One copy of <i>Scope</i> , April 1939, UCLA's monthly creative writing supplement to the <i>Daily Bruin</i> .	2
M153/2		Partial copy of <i>Scope</i> , March 1939, UCLA's monthly creative writing supplement to the <i>Daily Bruin</i> .	2
M153/2		Supplement to <i>Corona-Norco Independent</i> City of Corona Centennial 1896-1996	19
M153/2		<i>Daily Enterprise</i> 12/29/69 Corona-Norco edition	42
M153/2		<i>Corona Daily Independent</i> January 1, 1970 edition	10
M153/2		<i>Press-Enterprise</i> January 1, 1970 final edition	68
M153/2		Matted graduation certificate from the Bound Brook Public School Kindergarten Department promoting Dominick Frascella to the Primary Department. June, 22, 1917.	1
M153/2		12.25" x 10.25" matted baptism certificate March 3, 1912.	1
M153/2		20" x 16" matted newspaper article from <i>Daily Independent</i> newspaper titled "Portrait of the artist from the lonely canyon" Dated October 17, 1980. Business card also matted "Dominick Frascella Artist".	1



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**Corona Public Library  
The W.D. Addison Heritage Room**

**Manuscript Collection**

**Dominick Frascella Collection**

1878-2002

**Item List of Relocated Artifacts & Photographs**

Location	Resource ID	Description	Item Type
Heritage Room Artifact Box 166	AAA-1544	Metal on Wood Live Oak Inn Logo	Artifact
Heritage Room	AAA-1541	Steamer trunk belonging to Robert Burrell's grandfather. It was built in 1878 on a Spanish clipper ship coming to California	Artifact
Heritage Room Artifact Box 166	AAA-1543	Recognition plaque from the City of Corona honoring Dominick Frascella for a lifetime of service with the Corona Art Association. November, 2003.	Artifact
Heritage Room Artifact Box 166	AAA-1545	Framed color chalk caricature of Dominick Frascella and Maxine Piester, both founders of the Corona Art Association. The back covering of the art work is signed by friends. The picture was a gift to Dominick Frascella.	Artifact
Heritage Room Artifact Box 166	AAA-1546	Framed charcoal drawing of the Live Oak Inn	Artifact
Heritage Room Artifact Box 166	AAA-1547	Plaque "This will certify that Dominick Frascella is a member in good standing International Society of Poets Distinguished Member"	Artifact
Photograph Drawers	PER-aaa-1992	4" x 6" color photo of Dominick Frascella with unidentified female in front of his gallery/studio	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	BUS-RES-025	4" x 6" color photo of the Live Oak Inn	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	BUS-RES-026	4.5" x 3.5" color photo of a group of four unidentified persons in front of the Live Oak Inn Restaurant	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-167a	4X6" color photo of man sitting at Corona Art Association Dominick Frascella Art show. Man is talking to a young girl. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-168a	4X6" color photo of crowd mingling at the Corona Art Association Dominick Frascella Art show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-169a	4x6" color photo of woman holding plate of food smiling for camera at Corona Art Association Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-170a	4X6" color photo of woman holding drink walking through doorway at Corona Art Association Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-171a	4x6" color photo of back of crowd of people mingling at the Corona Art Association Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-172a	4X6" color photo of two women, one smiling for camera, one eating food. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph

Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-173a	4X6" color photo of two women holding food smiling for camera. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-174a	4x6" color photo of crowd hovering over food table. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-175a	4x6" color photo of two women and a man posing for camera. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-176a	4x6" color photo of people talking. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-177a	4x6" color photo showing CAA gallery with crowd mingling, artwork on walls. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-178a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller speaking to two gentlemen and a young girl. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-179a	4x6" color photo showing artwork on walls and people standing and sitting around talking. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-180a	4x6" color photo showing crowd sitting and standing. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-181a	4x6" color photo showing crowd sitting and standing listening to speaker at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-182a	4x6" color photo of woman in purple shirt sitting, smiling for camera at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-183a	4x6" color photo showing man presenting at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-184a	4x6" color photo showing man presenting at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003. Crowd is shown listening.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-185a	4x6" color photo showing gift basket raffle table at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-186a	4x6" color photo showing male presenter and a female with Mayor Jeff Miller shaking hands. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-187a	4x6" color photo close up photo showing female and Mayor Jeff Miller shaking hands. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-188a	4x6" color photo showing presenter and female holding check next to Mayor Jeff Miller. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-189a	4x6" color photo close up showing female and Mayor Jeff Miller shaking hands. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-190a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female and Mayor Jeff Miller at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-191a	4x6" photo of many heads in the crowd at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-192a	4x6" color photo of presenter reading, woman watching him and Mayor Jeff Miller. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph

Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-193a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female holding what appears to be a check and Mayor Jeff Miller. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-194a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female (nametag reads Carolyn B) and Mayor Jeff Miller. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-195a	4x6" color photo showing Carolyn B and Mayor Jeff Miller shaking hands. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-196a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female and Mayor Jeff Miller at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-197a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female and Mayor Jeff Miller shaking hands at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-198a	4x6" color photo showing presenter, female and Mayor Jeff Miller at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-199a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller speaking at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-200a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller and man shaking hands. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-201a	4x6" color photo showing crowd waiting at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-202a	4x6" color photo showing crowd listening to Mayor Jeff Miller speak at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-203a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller presenting a plaque to a gentleman at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-203b	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller presenting a plaque to a gentleman at the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-204a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller presenting an "In Recognition" plaque honoring Dominick Frascella. Receiving the plaque may be his nephew John Frascella. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-205a	4x6" color photo showing John Frascella speaking at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-206a	4x6" color photo showing John Frascella sitting listening with other guests. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-207a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller with two recipients of the "In Recognition" plaques. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-208a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller standing at a table with four people. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show, November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-209a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller holding the award ribbon for what appears to be the Mayors Award. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph

Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-210a	4x6" color photo showing winner of Mayors Award at CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-211a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller signing the back of some type of artwork. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show. November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-212a	4x6" color photo showing a woman pointing and talking to the man standing next to her. CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	CLU-AAA-213a	4x6" color photo showing Mayor Jeff Miller holding a plaque along with the CAA Dominick Frascella Art Show November, 2003.	Photograph
Photograph Drawers	TRA-RAI-072	8" x 6.5" sepia photo of steam engine. Five men are pictured in the photo. One the engine can be read "87 American Locomotive Company 1910"	Photograph