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Looking Great - A Job Well Done!

Well, we're happy to say that the Dr. Howe-Waffle House has enjoyed a well-deserved renovation with a new premium-quality roof, a beautiful new paint job, termite tenting, wood steps, wrought iron fence, gazebo repair, landscaping, and a bunch of other things.

The project began in mid-April and was finished by the end of July. A big thanks to the City of Santa Ana, who helped us obtain a major federal Community Block Grant and who oversaw the project, our production project leader Steve Cate, Behr Paints for donating all the paint and primer for this job, ABC Roofing and CertainTeed who have drastically reduced the price of their superior roofing materials, Dynamic Termite for their discounted, and Sandy Welch who consulted on color selection. We couldn't have even started this without the support of the various Society members who donated over the last year to help keep this project afloat.

Thank you!

for making this 2008 renovation a reality!

Dr. Willella Howe - Waffle House

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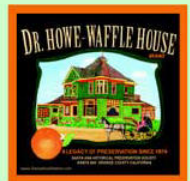
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From the President

As always, 2008 is proving to be a busy year for the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. Thanks to the City of Santa Ana and the Community Development Block Grant program, in April we embarked on some much needed renovations to the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. Our Victorian lady is now showing off a new roof and new exterior paint, supplemented by some badly needed termite work and other repairs. Repairs were also made on the wrought iron fence and the river rock foundation.

As you are well aware, it is costly to work on your home, and the Howe-Waffle House is no exception. While we could not have done this without the CDBG grant, it did not pay for everything, and we are grateful to the many members and corporations who donated funding, supplies, and services to make this happen.

On August 12th, our annual meeting was held at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House so that we could show off how great it looks. We also recognized our major donors, outgoing board members, docents, and many people who have made a contribution to historic preservation. Our 2007 Historic Preservation Award was given that evening to Fairhaven Memorial Park and Cemetery, which has been the location and a major benefactor of our Historic Cemetery Tour since its inception.

We also formally unveiled the new portion of our museum, the Evalene Pulati Santa Ana Room. This room will include both permanent and revolving displays around Santa Ana history from both the SAHPS collection and from collections on loan from other collectors of Santa Ana history and memorabilia.

However, our work is still not done. The Howe-Waffle House looks great on the outside, but she could still use a facelift on the inside. Like everything else, this requires project funding. CDBG funds can only be used on the house exterior, so our interior renovation project, Legacy II, will have to wait until we have the funding to do so. If you are interested in contributing, please let us know. We are always grateful for any help that you give, and we appreciate the support we get in our work for preservation of local history.

Alison Young



*A Legacy of Preservation since 1974.
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and other friends. We are proud to say that the Society
is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization with
no paid staff members. All donations and memberships
go directly to our education and preservation projects.

Thousands Recognized at Annual Meeting

Well, not quite, but we did recognize a lot of people at our annual meeting on August 12th, who have supported the Society in a variety of ways. For those who were unable to attend, they were:

Corporate Donors to the Howe-Waffle House

Renovation: CertainTeed, Behr Process, ABC Roofing, Dynamic Termite.

Major Financial Donors: Gordon and Maureen Bricken, Evalene Pulati, and Won Cha

Outgoing 2007 Board Members: Ben Grabiell, Ginelle Hardy, Jim Marquez, Tim Rush, Jared Solano

Our Museum Docents: Lynn Yerby, Rosalie Yerby, Sherle Mellas, Linda Sue Ash, Jean & Ray Poppa

The following individuals and businesses were recognized for various contributions to either the renovation or historic preservation:

- **Rob Richardson**, for donation of photos and historic research for the recent Santa Ana Book
- **Chris Jepsen**, for his informative OC History Blog
- **Phil Brigandi**, for his work at the Orange County Archives and historic research on the Santa Ana Book
- **Miguel Villegas Lopez**, our contractor for the renovation
- **George Garcia**, City of Santa Ana project coordinator for the renovation
- **Steve Cate**, SAHPS project coordinator for the renovation
- **Nancy Edwards**, City of Santa Ana CDBG Coordinator
- **Sandy Welch**, color consultant for the Howe-Waffle House exterior colors
- **Sandra Heaton**, artist who created our SAHPS crate label
- **John Acosta** – stone work on the foundation
- **Thompson Building Materials** – donation of river rock for the foundation work

OC Supervisor Janet Nguyen (First District) provided special recognition certificates thanking these people for their donations and efforts.

Visit our website at www.SantaAnaHistory.com to see photos of the Renovation Celebration event.

A Great Group of Students

We can't say enough good things about a special group of kids from the Santa Ana High School Naval Junior ROTC program. They volunteered to help us at our Renovation Event Celebration and we don't know how we could have survived without them. They handled guest services, setup and breakdown, parking assistance, and a host of other duties. They were dressed "to the nines" and added a special bit of "pomp and circumstance" to our event. Thank you so much to all of you for your help!

And thank you to Rocío Rodríguez-Thomas who organized the assistance and was there to assist guiding the students – and also to Harry Oliver, Senior Chief NJROTC for volunteering his cadets.

11th Annual Cemetery Tour Set for October 18th

The Society will host our 11th annual historical cemetery tour, "An Apple a Day: Medical History in Orange County" on Saturday, October 18th, from 10 am to 3 pm at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery.



Actors from the 2007 Cemetery Tour pose with their special friend, Clarabell the Cow.

This year's tour features some of Orange County's earliest doctors as well as others involved in the medical field during the first years of our county. Hear from Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle about being a female doctor at the turn of the 20th century. Learn how the sights and scenes of the Civil War influenced three men to devote

their post-war lives to medicine and healing. Hear what the life of an Army doctor was like during World War I. Learn what nursing students at Santa Ana Community Hospital did to complete their education and earn their “stripes” in that noble profession. And learn how one man, E.R. “Painless” Parker, took on the dental profession and turned it into an entertainment event. All these, and more stories about Orange County’s medical history, will entertain you at this year’s tour.

You may have already received your discounted, advance sale ticket flyer. Or you can go to www.santaanahistory.com for more information, ticket costs, or to print out an event flier. Or you may call (714) 953-1876 and we’ll mail a flyer out to you.

Dr. Howe-Waffle House to Participate in Smithsonian’s Museum Day

The Dr. Howe-Waffle House has been included in the Smithsonian Magazine's "Museum Day" celebration offering free admission to certain museums on Saturday, September 27th. We are partnering with the Old Orange County Courthouse Museum which will also be open Saturday – rare for them. Please come and visit us from 11 am to 4 pm. Our normal admission applies, but you can download a free admission pass for two at the Smithsonian website at <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/admission.html>

On that Saturday, our monthly downtown architectural walking tours returns from Summer hiatus. Our downtown-meister, Tim Rush, will again entertain and inform you. Tours start promptly at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$8 for the tour itself. We ask that you call us at 714 547-9645 to reserve your spots.

Evalene Pulati Santa Ana Room Dedicated

The **Evalene Pulati Santa Ana Room** is the Society’s newly created exhibit room at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and is used to display items from Santa Ana's past. The room is named after our long-time benefactor and long time resident

Evalene Pulati, who over the years has both donated and loaned many interesting items to the Society, most notably the fireplace from the French Mansion, which replaced the missing fireplace in the back parlour of the house, and the exterior doors of the French mansion, now on display in our Carriage Barn.

We now have several displays up, both temporary and permanent, but we are still looking for donations or on-loan displays. Examples would include advertising items, old photos, products made in SA (with the city name on it), etc. If you would like to donate any items that we could use, please contact us at sahps@sahps.org or leave a message at 714 547-9645.

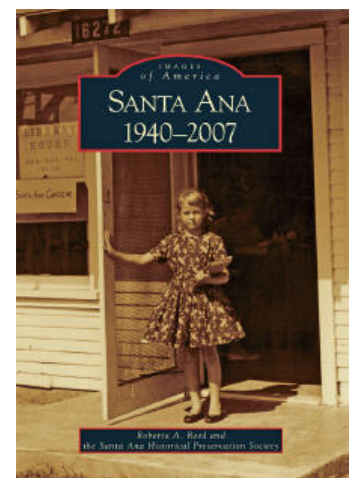
By the way, Robert Thomas donated some amazing WWII veteran plaques that were removed from the Masonic Temple. We’ve hung them on the wall to commemorate their service.



One side of the new Santa Ana Room

New Santa Ana Book Available

Last July, Arcadia Publishing and the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society released *Santa Ana: 1940-2007*.



Written by long-time SAHPS board member Roberta Reed, this latest book in the Santa Ana series features many photos that have rarely or never been seen in public. Some of the following have contributed photos featured in the book: the Robert Geivet Collection at the Old Orange County Courthouse, Rob Richardson, Santa Ana Police Department, Orange County Archives, and the author's own family.

Because this book covers a more recent time, many of the photos become a trip down memory lane for many people, and have prompted the retelling of old memories for many people. Some of these photos include various downtown scenes, the 1949 snowstorm, Santa Ana dairies, school buildings, neighborhood home tours, historical society cemetery tours, a pre-restoration Dr. Howe-Waffle house, Honor Plaza during construction, and Santa Ana College during its early days on Seventeenth Street, to name a few.

With 220 photos, the book offers a lot of opportunities to travel down memory lane. It is available from the Society for \$21.50 (includes tax). You may use the form on the back of the newsletter to purchase it, or visit our website. It is also available at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House gift shop.

Diego Del Real

There are some unsung and often unrecognized heroes who help us take care of the House and the grounds. One very special person is Diego Del Real. He's our gardener, "landscape designer," and trusted advisor to help make the decisions for the long-term beauty and durability of our various gardens at the House.

We've worked with him to replace a bunch of older irrigation systems to reduce leaks and water more efficiently. He's helped us to choose plants that will last longer and be easier to maintain – all while still looking beautiful and creating a wonderful living frame to the House renovation we've recently performed.

If you've admired the beauty of the plantings in the last few months, that's his handiwork. If you're looking for a new gardener who will care about your landscaping - and want someone who is reliable and trust-worthy, we heartedly recommend Diego. He can be reached at 714 751-6350.

Book Signing Frenzy

Author and board member Roberta Reed has been signing her new book at a number of locations in the last month or two. Here she's seen at Woodward's Ace Hardware Store on Tustin Ave, in Santa Ana. Woodward's has been the number one, single-store seller of all of the Santa Ana books that we've produced. Also shown is Steve Faessel (left), author of several Anaheim history books, and Guy Ball (right), author of our other two Santa Ana books. Roberta has been featured at book signings at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, the Tustin Museum, and even Borders in Mission Viejo.



Orange Book

And speaking of history books, we'd be remiss if we didn't share that Society friend, and former OC Archivist, Phil Brigandi has just come out with an Arcadia Publishing book of his own on the City of Orange. The book is available around town but you can also buy it through the Society. Our cost is \$21.50 with tax included. You can find this book on our Book Order Form on page 8.

Book Signings - Sept 27 & Dec 6th

At our December open house, we'll feature authors Roberta Reed and Phil Brigandi for a book signing – probably from noon until 2 pm. (We'll let you know for sure as we get closer.) You can get your books personally autographed by the authors or stock up for Christmas gift-giving.

In addition, Roberta will be signing books from noon until 2 pm at the Dr. Howe-Waffle

House on Saturday September 27 as part of the Museum Day celebration.

If you can't make either dates but still would like an autographed copy, call us at 714 547-9645.

Salvage Items Still for Sale

We haven't had a full-blown salvage sale recently – mainly due to our volunteers being involved in other projects. However, we still have a variety of items for sale and are willing to directly sell you what you need if we have it. Currently we still have items like doors, trim, windows, baseboard and other construction-type materials. We're pretty out of fixtures, lights, and built-ins, but you can ask.

Call Nathan at 714 953-1876 or email him at salvage@sahps.org with any questions.

New Design: Special T-Shirt

Thanks to Orange County artist Sandra Heaton we have wonderful full-color artwork reminiscent of vintage orange crate labels. The Dr. Howe-Waffle House brand is colorful and makes you want to run out and buy a crate of oranges. Alas, we won't be selling oranges, but we will be selling various items with the artwork on it. Below is our t-shirt – available in various sizes for just \$15 per shirt (plus \$5 mailing, tax included).



We also had full-color magnets, ceramic coasters, and memo-notebooks printed as well. (If you attended the celebration event, you received a magnet and notebook.) We will make these available for sale at the House and will feature them on our website soon.

Digital Archiving

The Society has embarked on an effort to digitally archive many of our early 1970s to 1990s paper documents including letters (particularly from Adeline Walker), house restoration status reports, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and newsletters. So far, we've scanned over 700 pages of materials and processed them into PDF files that can be easily read on a computer.

Project leader Guy Ball has created a simple "web-like" interface that allows the project to be stored on a DVD that can be reviewed for research purposes.

The project has uncovered a number of somewhat previously hidden, interesting facts and figures regarding the battles to save the House in the early days – when the City was deciding if the Society really could handle its restoration. A trail of letters from Adeline show the hard-fought skirmishes she and early SAHPS leaders had in their negotiations with city staff and political leaders.

Some of the materials will be posted on the www.SantaAnaHistory.com website for easy access by everyone. Already, we've posted many of the early newsletters and hope to start publishing the old newspaper clippings soon.

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Calling All Waffle Babies!

We realize that we don't have a good list of what we like to call "Waffle Babies" – children birthed by Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle. We've created a new list so please – even if you think we know about you – call, write, or email us to let us know your name (maiden and current), when born, where born (if you know that), and current address information. If you know of any Waffle Babies who have passed away, please let us know that too. We'd like to compile as complete a list as possible and use it for a future display. Call us at 714 547-9645 (leave message), write to SAHPS, 120 Civic Center Dr., SA 92701, or email sahps@saphs.org. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Open House and Downtown Tour: Howe-Waffle House open house and downtown architectural tour – **Saturday, Sept. 27**. For details, see other articles in this newsletter.

Home Tour: The Anaheim Historical Society presents their 2008 Historic Home Tour on **October 11 and 12** from 10 am to 4 pm. The

Tour includes seven historic homes including a "hard hat" house. Ticket sales are at Center Street Promenade, in the heart of the Anaheim Colony Historic District, where Meghan Shigo hosts the Vintage Marketplace, a street fair of restoration vendors, local artists, and non-profit groups. For tickets go to www.anahiemhistoricalsociety.com or contact Andrea Manes at (714) 991-8745. Volunteers are needed for this event, and docents that work a three hour shift receive a free ticket to the tour. Contact Annie Kupfrian at (714) 991-0338 to volunteer.

Modjeska's Arden Display/Lectures: The Old Courthouse Museum will feature a variety of events about Madame Helena Modjeska, a great stage actress in her day **until January 20, 2009**. Call the museum at 714 973-6610 for details on upcoming events.

Authors' Night: The Orange County Historical Society will host their authors' night meeting on December 11. Local book authors will talk about their latest publications. Our own Roberta Reed will attend along with others. Admission is free and refreshments are provided. 7:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2400 N. Canals St., Orange.

Help us continue our efforts to preserve, to educate, and to celebrate Santa Ana and early local History

Renew or join at the \$100 level (or above) and receive a copy of Santa Ana: 1940-2007, Early Santa Ana, Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards, Logan Barrio, Civil War Legacy in SA, or Orange County Blossoms as a free gift as our thanks for your extra support.

Membership Dues: *Individual/Family - \$15-49; Business - \$20-100; Supporter - \$50-99; Patron - \$100-249; Benefactor - \$250-1,000;*

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