

# *Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society*

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## *Newsletter*

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### *Strangers in a Strange Land*

When ghosts haunt the shadows and skeletons stalk the streets, where else should you head but the local cemetery for some fun and education? Here very life-like ghosts tell stories of their past and what Orange County was like in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. They joke, cry, and ponder with guests, happy to share their stories with travelers willing to listen. Of course, your faithful guide will ensure you see them all and live to share new stories next year!



2009 Cemetery Tour

Everyone will want to come experience the award winning tour, as this event is suitable for children and adults! Dating back to the 1800s, settlers came to the Santa Ana Valley from far and wide—including émigrés from dozens of countries. English, Dutch, Canadian, Mexican, Japanese, German, Chinese, and more came to share in the prosperity of California. Strangers in the unfamiliar melting pot of American society, these immigrants contributed to the success of the county. Come hear our ghosts share the stories of people who shaped a truly “international” Orange County.

Come one and all to this year’s Cemetery Tour: Strangers in a Strange Land: Immigrants Who Shaped Orange County! Held at the beautiful Fairhaven Cemetery on Saturday October 23, 2010 in conjunction with Orange County High School of the Arts, this living history event features peoples from all over the globe who settled in Orange County, shaping its history and diversity. Tours begin at 10:00 am and are led at regular intervals throughout the day, with the last one leaving at 3:00 pm. Remember, our ghosts are out rain or shine so tours will continue whatever the weather!

Presale tickets are on sale for \$18 adult, \$14 senior, \$13 SAHPS member, \$12 students ages 10 – 18 (children under 10 are free) before October 20<sup>th</sup>. Prices increase day of. Tours fill up quickly so reserve early! We recommend you reserve your tour by October 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure you get your spot. You can call 714-953-1876 to purchase tickets and tour times are listed on our website. Tickets can be picked up on the day of the event. Tickets, for tours still available, can also be purchased the day of the event.

So please come visit our ladies and gentlemen of times past and learn from their trials and jubilations. Experience the beautiful Fairhaven Cemetery through historical eyes! We look forward to having you join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Tour and continue the tradition!

# From the President

Every so often I read about a local museum or historical site hosting a huge \$100-a-ticket fundraising event, receiving thousands in an education grant, or planning expansion of their facilities. While happy for their success, I can't help but feel a touch of jealousy at those times, and wonder "has SAHPS done all that it can to continue the legacy of Mrs. Walker?"

In the case of the Dr Howe-Waffle House, we simply don't have room to push through a continuous high volume of people for tours, or to host large events. And I don't think we would want to, given that we really are a house museum in the true sense of the word, with the physical limitations that involves. To a certain extent we are also hampered by our lack of a steady source of funding to hire staff people, grant writers, program directors: spending money to make money.

So given our staffing, property and financial restrictions, have we succeeded? I think we can answer with a resounding "yes." We have done an outstanding job in the realms of preservation activism. We secured substantial grants for a full exterior renovation of the House a few years ago. We continue to conduct popular tours of the House. Our annual Cemetery Tour has been recognized with a State historic award. We touch hundreds of people every year with our work as a grassroots organization.

Could we do more? Certainly, with additional volunteer and financial support. So please remember us if you have some extra time on your hands to volunteer, are thinking about a bequest to a worthy organization, or even simply opening a membership renewal request. Your Board of Directors is working hard to make the most of our resources, and we count on all of you for your support.

*Alison Young*  
*President*



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2009 Cemetery Tour

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smithsonian Museum Day

The society is participating in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Smithsonian Institute Museum Day! In conjunction with museum and historical groups all over the nation, the Howe-Waffle House will be open Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 4 pm. Instead of our usual Open House in October, we open our doors with extended hours for the public with extra special displays focusing on Dr. Willella's love and career: medicine. Perhaps Dr. Willella will even make an appearance!

You don't want to miss this special event! Better yet, go to our website at [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) to connect to the Smithsonian Day website and print out a coupon for FREE admission for two! If you don't, admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members and seniors, and \$3 for students 18 and under.

While you're here, don't forget that the Historical Downtown walking tour is up and running again! Just \$8 provides a wealth of knowledge (and some fun exercise!) about historic structures in downtown Santa Ana. The tour begins at 2:30pm in the main parlor of the Howe-Waffle House and tickets can be purchased the day of the event at the house or

call the house to reserve a spot beforehand. It's fun for all ages! We recommend you arrive by 1 pm if you are planning to tour the house as well, in order to ensure that you have time for both.

Please don't forget the Old Orange County Courthouse as well! They will be open 10 to 5 pm where you can tour the Archives, visit the Grizzly Bear exhibit, and enjoy the beautiful landscaping! The Courthouse is free as well and just across the street from the Howe-Waffle House. We'll see you there!



Downtown Walking Tour

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## *Holiday shopping is easy with us!*

It's that time of year again, where we begin to cool even if the leaves don't change color, and we begin to think of the holiday shopping season! Don't fret this year over what to get your picky relatives, friends, or neighbors. We have a wide variety of local history books, items, and Howe-Waffle House stocking stuffers to please them all!

Check out our website, [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com), for a partial list of items or visit during your tour on an Open House! Also, you can call or email to request certain items and we'll get them right out to you!



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## Pulati Memorial

On July 17, members of the Society gathered at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House to say good-bye to a very special lady.

As we reported in the last newsletter, long time historical society member and benefactor Evalene Pulati passed away in June. On that warm summer July day, many groups gathered to remember her, not at a memorial service, but in a tribute to her and her many talents and interests. Members of the Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley, the Glass and Collectibles Club, and the National Valentine Collectors Association were in attendance, in addition to those of us from the historical society.

We all learned a little more about Evalene than we already knew, but there were some very apparent on-going themes in the memories: Evalene was an incurable, knowledgeable collector, who probably knew more about various memorabilia and collections than everyone else in the room put together; everyone knew how stubborn she could be, but at the same time, she was always so nice about it she could get just about anybody to do anything she wanted; and she loved to share her knowledge with others.

Three members of the Valentine's Society who were unable to attend sent tributes to be read on their behalf.

Rather than being a sad time, it was an enjoyable couple of hours where we not just got to know a little more about Evalene, but many people who knew her got to meet some of the other people in her life.

Evalene Pulati may be gone, but she will never be forgotten. She will live in the memory of friends and family and in the treasures she provided to the historical community.

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## *Hip Hip Hooray for Roberta!*

We are pleased and excited to announce that our own board member and Treasurer, Roberta Reed, has been chosen by 3M Company as a recipient of its 2010 Community Volunteer Award. This award is given to dedicated 3M employees and retirees who are devoted to improving and enriching their local communities. Roberta was one of 25 recipients across the entire company and was chosen based on her many years of service to the Society, including roles as newsletter editor, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer, Cemetery Tour Co-Chair for eight years, author of "Santa Ana: 1940-2007," to name a few.

The 3M Foundation will donate \$1,000 to the Society in recognition of this award. Community Volunteers were recognized at a special ceremony at 3M's Saint Paul, Minnesota headquarters on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us in congratulating Roberta for this special recognition.

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2008 Cemetery Tour

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## *New Donation Addition*

Can you spot the newest addition to the Howe-Waffle House? How about a hint: you could access information on a wealth of topics. Give up?

Thanks to Tamra Kingsley and the antique shop her mother owned, we are now the proud owners of a complete set of 1903-1906 American Encyclopedias! These beautiful books are just what Dr. Willella might have owned, with her avid love of reading.

So she has stored them away in the front parlor, easy to access and yet also beautiful in the glass hutch. So check them out next time you're by and thank you Tamra for the fantastic donation!



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## *We have a new face...*

We're on Facebook! The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society could be your friend, providing information on new events, book purchases, updates on local history, and a wealth of other information. We'll also post a number of our historic photos that you've come to love on our website.

Even if you're not on Facebook you can still check up on our updates and stay informed. So come stop by our page, check out our other historical friends, and leave us some comments! You can find us by searching for "Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society" or maybe your friends are our friends!

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## *Goodbye Good Friend*

We also want to recognize the passing of Ann Berkery whose wonderful drawing of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House graces our newsletter, website, and many of the items we print. She recently lost a long-fought battle against cancer.

Ann's pen & ink renderings of vintage homes – particularly in the Floral Park Neighborhood – accented the beauty of their architecture and character. For years, they were used in Floral Park's annual home tour program. Earlier this year, the Society created [www.AnnBerkery.com](http://www.AnnBerkery.com) to showcase her work.

She was a wonderful and beloved neighbor, a warm and giving person, and a good friend to the Society. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to her other friends, her family, and her husband Emmet.



Left: 2009 Cemetery Tour

Above: 2008 Cemetery Tour

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## *Glass Club Departure*

We are sad to report that the Glass and Collectibles Club, which had been meeting at the Howe-Waffle House for the past few years, has decided to disband after over 20 years in existence. Evalene Pulati was an active member of this club until her death.

As a tribute to Evalene, the Glass and Collectibles Club voted to donate their remaining treasury to the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society in her honor. This was an unexpected gesture, but a generous and thoughtful one, and the Society would like to thank them for it.

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## Chores Aren't a Bore Anymore!

August was a month to revel in all our new-fangled technology of electric vacuums, convection ovens, refrigerators, chemical cleaning agents, etc. as we took a look back at what chores used to consist of! Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Open House introduced guests to the wonders of turn-of-the-20<sup>th</sup>-century household chores and contraptions.

Advertisements for products, our famous hand pump vacuum, ice chest, and the whole reason for keeping a housekeeper were explored. Place settings were displayed with antique china and our usual fantastic Victorian tea and cookies were served in the dining room.

Thank you to all the hard working docents, volunteers, and board members who made another fantastic Open House possible. Thank you also to all our guests for sharing the historical thrill of the house with us!

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## We all screamed for ice cream!

It was a perfect summer day for our All-American Ice Cream Social Member and Awards meeting on July 10, 2010. A cool breeze partnered with a sunny afternoon to entice visitors outside to waffle cup ice cream under the gazebo. The barbershop quartet serenaded visitors with past sentiments and enticed guests to relax with entertainment of times past. Everyone truly took a step back in time with the photographs of Edward Cochems, presented by Michelle Light, Acting Head of Special Collections and Archives at UCI.

However, it wasn't all just fantastic goodies and fun. There was work done to: honoring the many individuals dedicated to continual historical preservation and to the service of the Society! Honored this year for

his eighteen (and then some) years to historical preservation was Guy Ball. He was presented with our top honor, the SAHPS Preservation award, for his dedication to SAHPS and other local historical organizations.

Tim Rush, Debbie McEwen, and Cynthia Ward (who was unfortunately unable to attend) were honored for their tremendous and on-going efforts to fight the Mills Act increases through meetings with the mayor and public education. The Friends of the Historic Lacy Neighborhood and SACReD were awarded plaques for their dedication and on-going battle to preserve the historic homes, culture, and character of the Lacy neighborhood, threatened by the Station District Project. Phil Chinn, Jeff Dickman, and Ben Grabriel were on hand to accept the awards for both groups.

Former docent Sherle Mellas was also honored and thanked for her many years of service as a docent for the house. Carey Baughman and Guy Ball were also presented with thanks for their past dedication and involvement on the Board of Directors. Finally, those members who had passed in the months preceding the event were remembered for their spirit, support, and dedication.

It certainly was an afternoon not to be missed! Many thanks to the board for organizing another fun and eventful member meeting and thanks to all our members and guests who were able to attend and celebrate!

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2005 Cemetery Tour



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## Upcoming Events

**Downtown Walking Tour:** Learn about the history of downtown Santa Ana, particularly its stunning architecture. Purchase tickets for \$8 at the Howe-Waffle House. **Saturday, Sept. 25 and Dec. 4 beginning at 2:30 pm.**

**Howe-Waffle Open House:** Museum Day will focus on Victorian medicine and admission for two is free with a coupon from the Smithsonian website! Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors/SAHPS members, \$3 for students. **Saturday, Sept 25 and Dec. 4 from 11:00-4:00 pm.**

**SAHPS Board Meeting:** All are welcome to the Howe-Waffle House for our monthly meeting! We will be focusing on the Cemetery Tour and would love your help. Please RSVP to the editor so we can add your name to the guest list! **Tuesday, Oct 19 at 6:30pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Tour:** Experience life in the past through our living history event at beautiful Fairhaven Historic Cemetery. Tickets on presale before 10/20 and available day of. Email [tour@sahps.org](mailto:tour@sahps.org) or call 714-953-1876 to purchase. Visit [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) for a presale flyer. **Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10:00-3:00 pm.**

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## It's happened again....blink! 2010 is coming to a close.

The new year is fast approaching when it will be time to renew past membership or begin a new relationship with SAHPS. We appreciate all contributions, be it in time, money, or donations, and thank our members for their continued support. This support allows us to maintain the historic character and charm of the Howe-Waffle house, provide entertaining and informative events, and continue to broaden our reach into the community.

Unlike many non-profit organizations, SAHPS is a 100% volunteer effort. Your membership dues, as well as any donations we receive, go towards these programs, outreach efforts, and home maintenance. In essence, they come back to you in the beauty of the property and the entertainment of the Open Houses, Cemetery Tour, and special events.

So please, consider becoming a member or think about what you can set aside to renew your membership in the New Year. Also, consider donating your time at a board meeting or Open House! As Alison, President of SAHPS, said "remember us if you have some extra time on your hands to volunteer!"

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## 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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Qty	Title (all prices include sales tax)	Price
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	Early Santa Ana by Guy Ball, Marge Bitetti \$21.50	
	Orange (the City) by Phil Brigandi (NEW) \$21.50	
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