



# *Santa Ana* *Historical Preservation Society* *Newsletter*

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Victorian Christmas Party	December 12 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
December meeting (Howe-Waffle House)	December 2 6:30 p.m.
January meeting	January 6 6:30 p.m.
Annual Dinner (location to be announced)	January 20

We welcome all interested persons to our monthly meetings, and would like to encourage newcomers to attend. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is embarking on a new era and is exploring new avenues of communication with the public.



## ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is instituting an architectural award program which will highlight the extensive restoration projects now being accomplished in our city, and honor those who have worked so hard to bring an old house or building back to life. We will feature a different honoree in our quarterly news-

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So far, 1986 has been a busy year for the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, and much more activity is planned for the balance of the year. In January, we held our annual membership meeting at the Revere House. February brought several volunteers together one Saturday for a major pre-spring cleaning of the Howe-Waffle House. On Arbor Day, March 7, the County Board of Supervisors and Santa Ana City Council honored the memory of our founder, Adeline Walker, with the dedication of Orange County's official tree and a bronze plaque near the Howe-Waffle House gazebo. In April, we had some new wrought iron fencing installed around the house and carriage barn. Several volunteers put up new curtains in a number of windows in the house in May. In June, the offices of Orange County Centennial Inc. were established in the doctor's office and back sitting room of the Howe-Waffle House, and the Centennial Committee of the Orange County Historical Society convened for an evening meeting in our historic house. We are especially pleased to host these good organizations planning for the celebration of Orange County's Centennial in 1989, as 1989 also marks the centennial of the Howe-Waffle House.

In July, additional electrical outlets were placed in the house to accommodate the O. C. Centennial Inc. offices and to better prepare the house to host social functions. In August, the county, through a 1984 revenue sharing grant, spearheaded by Supervisor Roger Stanton, reimbursed the society for the cost of insuring the organization's furnishings in the Howe-Waffle House. The society also received on loan the marvelous

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letter and present the honorees with their award at our annual dinner in January. We believe strongly in the future of our neighborhoods and want to show our appreciation to the urban pioneers who are living in and restoring historic homes and buildings.

#### McANDREWS COTTAGE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE

509 Civic Center Drive

Joe Robinson is our first architectural awards winner. He is responsible for the beautiful restoration of the McAndrews cottage and carriage house at 509 Civic Center Drive. Those of us who saw the buildings last year, after they had been condemned by Santa Ana code enforcement, were shocked at the condition of the house. Mr. Robinson saw the potential of the building and spent last summer completely rehabilitating it. The house now boasts a coat of grey paint with white trim, has a new portico, a brick wainscot along the front, and new latticework fencing. It has been completely renovated on the interior and has a complete new kitchen and bathrooms. The grey and white color scheme has been carried inside and includes light grey walls and carpeting with the original woodwork painted a sparkling white. The carriage house has been rehabilitated to match, and has a separate rental unit on the second floor.

Congratulations to Mr. Robinson for his vision and his ability to complete such a tasteful restoration project.

#### OLD HOUSE JOURNALS

Thanks to Royal Spurrier, the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society is in possession of ten years worth of Old House Journals. They are kept in the library in the Howe-Waffle House and Royal will be glad to assist you. Please call 547-9645 to arrange an appointment with him.

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION LOANS

The City of Santa Ana Housing Services has historic preservation loans and other low interest loans available to those who are planning to restore a historic home. The historic preservation loans have no maximum income limit, are presently at 8%, and are for a maximum of \$50,000. Other loan programs are available to suit the needs of both owner-occupied homes and rentals. Please call Nancy Edwards or Mike Linares at 647-5874.

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antique carriage we now display in the carriage barn. Mr. Ed Cote restored and prepared the carriage for display. Santa Ana City Councilman John Acosta generously donated his masonry company's labor to complete the brickwork between the gazebo and the parking lot to the south of the Howe-Waffle House.

In the coming months, several other activities are planned, including a Victorian Christmas reception for our many members, friends, and supporters. Our board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Howe-Waffle House dining room, and we invite all interested members to attend. As always, tours of the Howe-Waffle House are available by phone reservation at 547-9645. These tours are especially popular for out-of-town guests.

In conclusion, we are thankful for the support we have received so far in 1986, and we encourage all of our members and friends to help us finish the year with a flourish.

Scott Morgan, President

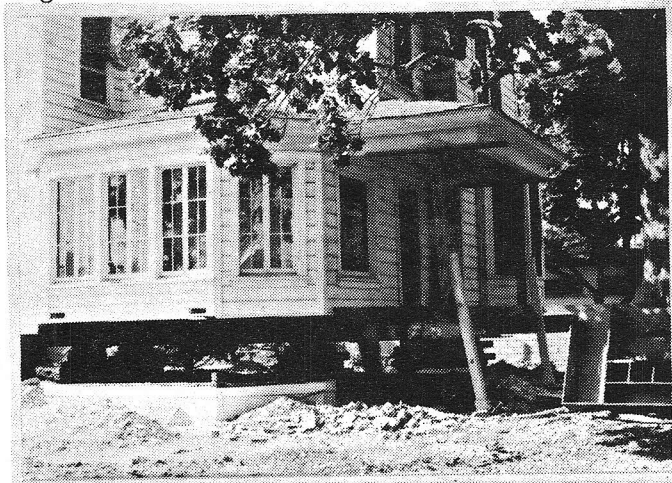


HARMON-McNEIL HOUSE

On October 28th, the Harmon-McNeil House, in two sections, made its way west on Chestnut, north on Main Street, east on Ninth, and south on Lacy, to its new home on Lacy, between Vance and Civic Center Drive. The house, once owned and partially restored by Cecil Warren, will be placed on a foundation, painted and reroofed before it is offered for sale by the City of Santa Ana. The house, including the interior plaster, withstood the move very well. a group of about 20 old house people walked along with the building and had champagne at Fraunfelder's, at about 3 a.m. Anyone interested in buying and restoring this spectacular historic house

can call Santa Ana Housing Services and ask for Mike Linares or Pat Whitaker. The number is 647-5874. We are all very pleased to see this very important historic landmark saved and on its way to a promising future.

in organizing the neighborhood to go to city council and request the historic designation and plan. At the time, they were presenting a daring idea: downzone the area and encourage restoration of the existing houses. After five years of implementation, it is obvious to all that the plan is a big success. Historic French Park is getting better and better.



ROSS-McNEAL HOUSE

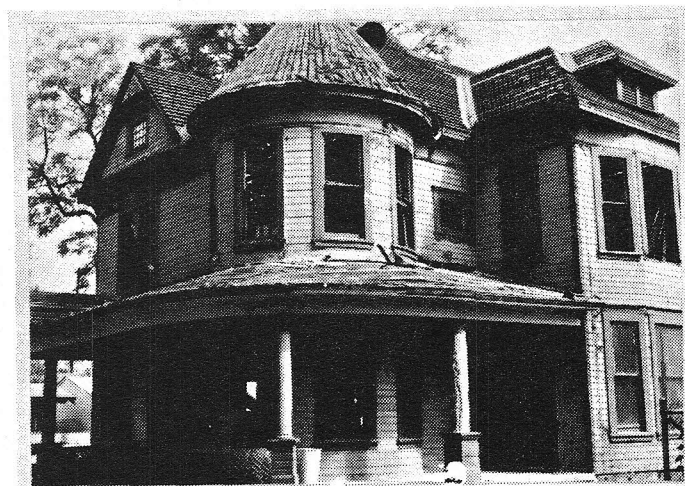
1020 North Baker

Built in 1879, the Ross-McNeal House was constructed for Elizabeth Ross, the wife of Jacob Ross Sr. The Ross family sold the land on which Santa Ana was originally founded to William Spurgeon in 1869. This fine home is still in the family and is being restored as a four unit apartment by Fred McNeal, a descendant of the original Ross and McNeal pioneer families. We will update you on the progress of this project in our next newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HISTORIC

FRENCH PARK ASSOCIATION

Five years ago the French Park neighborhood became Santa Ana's first historic district and received its specific plan. David and Jean Fraunfelder were instrumental



BALL HOUSE

The Dr. Ball House has at last shed its coat of gold stucco, as part of the restoration process. Located at 1119 North Bush Street, in the Historic French Park neighborhood, the house is being rehabbed as office space by Leon Roach and Gary Hadsdell. The old roof had been stripped off and the interior gutted in preparation for a new use and a new life. Because the Ball House has been vacant for four years, everyone is relieved to see the boards come off the windows and the rehabilitation started. We would like to commend Mr. Roach and Mr. Hadsdell for their efforts.

PLEASE JOIN US.....

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society would like to invite you to join us. We welcome anyone who has an interest in old houses and buildings, as well as local history, to join our organization. Our members are our most valuable asset.

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