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Howe-Waffle House Renovation Complete!!!!

After several months of work, the renovation of the Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House is complete. While there may be a few things still being tweaked, the following is done:

- Repainting the entire house, carriage barn, and gazebo with six colors in a specialized Victorian-scheme using premium paints
- Complete teardown of the existing roof and replacement with a premium 40-yr roof
- Tenting the entire House, carriage barn, and gazebo for termites
- Repair of any wood damage and rot
- Replacement of missing river rock on the House and fence foundations
- Repair and strengthening of the various entrance stairways
- Repair and repainting of the wrought-iron fence surrounding the House (and a new gate to the Church's garage)
- Repainting of the kitchen porch in the same exterior colors as the House
- Repair and improvement of the landscaping sprinkler systems around the house
- Extensive re-landscaping of the gardens and parkway with new plants

We have a lot of people to thank for this. First, a huge thanks to our members and donors who immediately jumped up to help donate to the renovation campaign starting at our annual dinner back in March 2007. **Gordon & Maureen Bricken** were the first with a large donation and were joined by members including **Won Cha, Evalene Pulati, Ann Andres, Angel Barnes, Royal & Madelene Spurrier, Francelia Goddard, Josephine Inslee, and Connie Becker,** to name a few.

As we planned out the project, we realized that the costs were far going to exceed our donations. We had previously been awarded some smaller federal Community Block Grants from the City of

Santa Ana and the team at the Community Development Agency (in particular **Nancy Edwards** and **George Garcia**) helped us to package them together and shepherd us through the process. George was also the city overseer who took a personal interest in making sure the job was done right and met City standards.

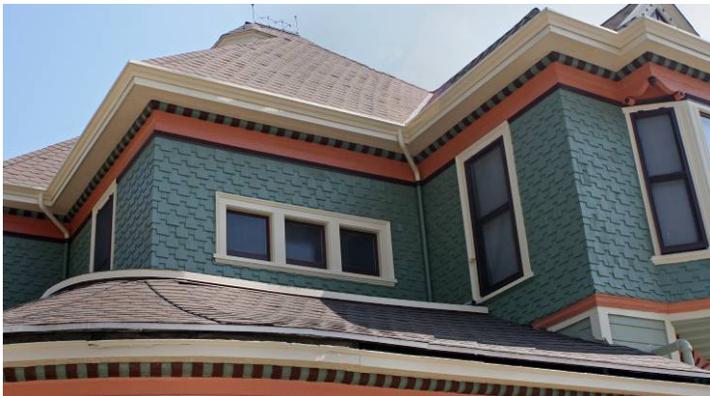
There is no way the job could have been completed without the almost daily supervision of longtime SAHPS friend **Steve Cate**, who was our project supervisor. He would make sure the contractor had the information he needed to do the job we wanted, confirm that the work was done properly, and interface with the donor companies that helped out. When a problem surfaced, he solved it!

Our contractor – **Miguel Lopez**, was amazing. He worked quickly and took great pride in the work his people did. This was not an easy project and he handled it better than we could have ever hoped for.

And for community spirit, you can't ask for better than the people of **Behr Process** (paints), **CertainTeed** (shingles), **ABC Supply**, and **Dynamic Termite**. All these very generous companies have donated supplies – or offered extreme discounts – allowing us to do more work with the money we had.

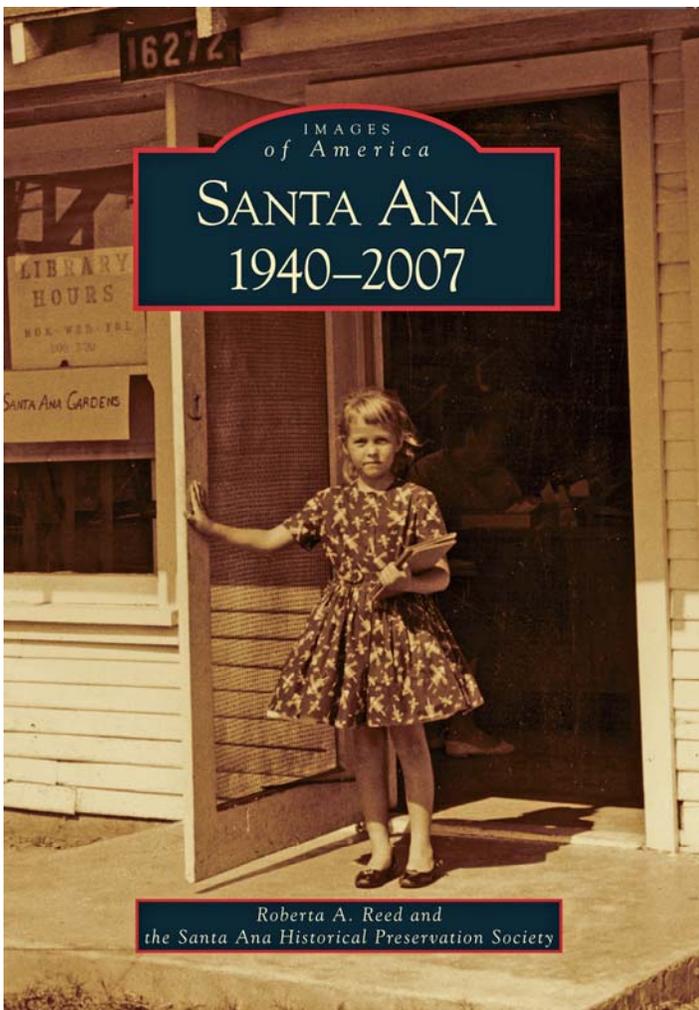
And people-wise – a huge thanks to **Sandy Welch**, a design professional who spent hours and hours helping us choose great colors and then working to make sure the painting was done properly; **John Acosta**, who helped us 30 years ago with stone work and helped out again with labor and donated materials from **Thompson Building Supply**, and to our board members **Wayne Curl, Ray Poppa, Alison Young, Roberta Reed,** and **Guy Ball**, who spent untold hours assisting wherever help was needed and helping to make some tough decisions as the process unfolded.





Just Published - Available Now!

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Announces a New Publication



Images of America **Santa Ana** 1940-2007

Introducing a brand new book featuring over 200 vintage photos showing Santa Ana from the 1940s to 2007. These rarely seen images come from both public and private family collections, including the author's family collection, the Orange County Archives, the Old Orange County Courthouse Museum, Santa Ana Police Department Museum, and the Society's own digital archives.

The book will be available at local bookstores and some specialty stores, but you can pre-order from the Society - have it personally autographed by author Roberta Reed - and delivered directly to your home.

This is our third book in Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series produced in conjunction with the Society. Our other two books are still available from the Society.

Santa Ana 1940-2007 is now available for a total of \$24.95 for media mail delivery (price includes sales tax and postage) or \$26.95 if you would like faster Priority Mail delivery. Make checks payable to SAHPS, or use the back of this form for your charge number/expiration date information.

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Save These Dates!

Saturday, August 2 - Book Signing and Open House. Join us as we celebrate the unveiling of our latest book on Santa Ana History! Long-time board member Roberta Reed has taken the baton and written an excellent book on Santa Ana history from the 1940s to present. Over 200 photos are included - most from private collections and rarely seen. While you can buy the book through our website and at local stores and Barnes & Noble, you can get a personally signed copy from Roberta from 12 noon until 2 pm at the House during our normal Open House day.

Tuesday, August 12 - Special SAHPS Annual Meeting and Renovation Celebration Event. Help us celebrate! Join us for light refreshments, a tour of the House, a chance to see our new Santa Ana room, and help us celebrate all the work that was done to spruce up the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. We will be presenting our annual preservation awards and thanking those who donated towards all the work that was done. Reception and tours start at 6 pm. Award presentations at 7 pm. An invitation will be mailed out soon.

Saturday, September 27 - Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day. The Dr. Howe-Waffle House is participating in the national "Museum Day" sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine. Come visit the House from 11 am to 4 pm, and wander over to the Old County Courthouse when you're done. The Courthouse is rarely open on Saturdays but will partner with us on this event.

Saturday, October 18 - An Apple A Day: Medical History In Orange County - It's back! Costumed actors portray historic figures of Orange County's early medical practitioners. This historical walking tour features scenes highlighting the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and even "snake oil" salesmen who came to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Orange County. Now in its 11th year, this award-winning event offers a casual 1 1/2 hr. walking tour for visitors of all ages to learn more about OC's past and being entertained at the same time. Flyers for discounted advance sales will be sent out in September.

Breaking News!

Mary Garcia's *Santa Ana's Logan Barrio* book (published by SAHPS) has won a historic preservation award from the City of Santa Ana. Mary received her award at a recent City Council meeting.

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