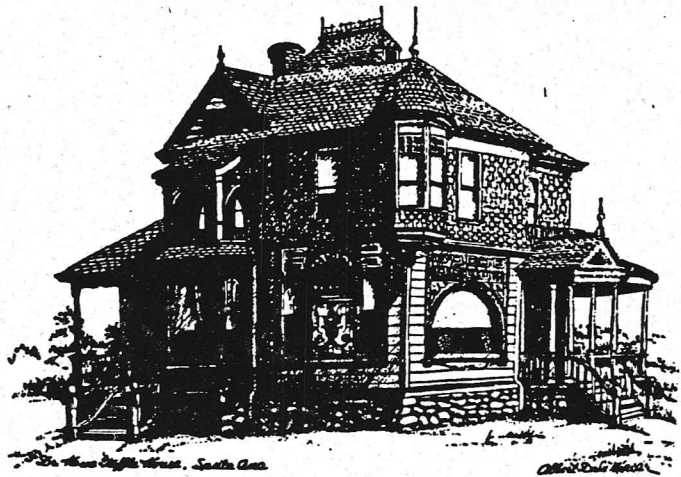


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Historical Society Announces Fall, Winter, and Spring Calendar

Events include:

Halloween Masquerade Party

Historical Lecture

Holiday Victorian-style Progressive Dinner

Annual Membership Dinner

Spring Home & Garden Tour

Santa Ana History Mysteries

Show Off Your Favorite Antique

Look for the next 8 months to be pretty exciting as the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society hosts or co-sponsors a variety of interesting and fun events. Our calendar is below. Note that we've included a few very note-worthy events from several other local groups also. We didn't want you to miss them either.

Calendar of Upcoming Events (S.A.H.P.S. and others):

Washington Square Home and Garden Tour -- Oct. 9-10.

The Washington Square Neighborhood proudly hosts

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President's Message

For those who have been involved in the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society for a number of years, there has developed a good understanding of just what our organization is all about. But it has occurred to me that in addition to our longtime supporters, we have a fairly good number of relatively new members and friends who have joined our organization, and that some of these newcomers may not be familiar with the basics of our work.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society was founded in the early 1970's as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization to actively help preserve important Santa Ana historic buildings and to promote an interest and understanding of the importance of historic preservation and of Santa Ana history.

Over the years, the organization has benefited our community through several significant accomplishments. We have saved from demolition, restored, preserved, and now show one of Orange County's most impressive Victorian homes, the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. We have acquired property interests in several historic Santa Ana buildings to preserve their historic facades at a time when their interiors were being restored, and in some cases remodeled and adapted to new uses.

We have promoted Santa Ana history, and we have supported sister organizations in several neighborhoods throughout Santa Ana with loans, mailing lists, expertise, and encouragement. We have put on numerous educational and social programs, and we have developed excellent working relationships with the City of Santa Ana and the County of Orange, in support of their programs to preserve the cultural and architectural history of Santa Ana and Orange County.

All of these projects and programs have been accomplished on a limited budget and with no paid staff. We are a volunteer organization relying on the community for

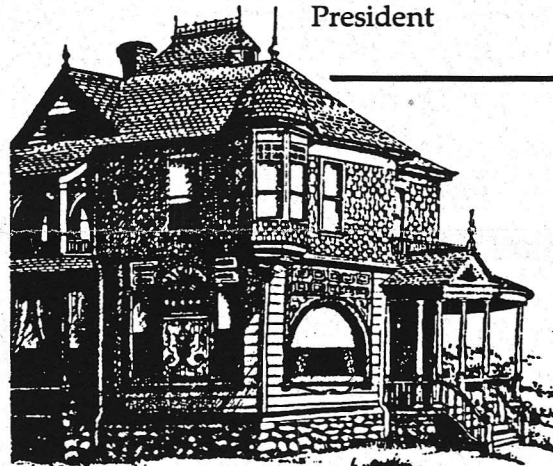
both financial and volunteer support.

We never fail to appreciate the support of our many friends and members, who over the years have helped us become the strong and vital part of our community we are today.

As summer ends and a new school year begins, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society has begun a new program year. Please plan to join us at one or more of our upcoming events. If you have any others that you'd like to see, drop me a line. We're always open to new ideas.

Scott Morgan

President



The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Newsletter is produced by the Society for its members and other friends. A membership application and renewal form is on the back cover. We invite you to join with us preserving the appreciation of Santa Ana history.

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Thanks also to Jim Marquez
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Bits and Pieces

Santa Ana: The Book

As mentioned in these pages before, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is helping publish a coffee table style book to celebrate the 125th anniversary of our fine city. *Santa Ana: An Illustrated History, 125th Anniversary Edition* will showcase the city's growth and the pioneers who made it possible.

While it doesn't look like we'll make it out on the book racks in time for Christmas sales, the Society is making plans to host the book release party in January at the Main-Place Mall (thanks to Judy Bijlani manager of MainPlace).

If you'd like more details on the book (or would like to sponsor a family or business page), contact Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Victorian Tea Society

The Discovery Museum is looking for a special blend of volunteers for its Victorian Tea Society. Their purpose will be to plan and serve seasonal teas in the Museum's historic 1898 Kellogg House, including the St. Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day, and Christmas Teas.

In addition, members of the Victorian Tea Society will plan new and unique themes for teas, maintain a collection of teapots for the Museum, and help decorate the Kellogg House for the Museum's popular Turn of the Century tours.

To learn more about the Victorian Tea Society, please call Mary Lynne at the Discovery Museum at 540-2001.

Most Beautiful Yard

Ed Riniker, one of our most distinguished members, won first prize in the City's Most Beautiful Yard contest for his neighborhood. Ed's very neatly maintained yard features ferns and roses in the front yard and fruit trees in the back yard. Congratulations, Ed.

New Baby

S.A.H.P.S. president, Scott Morgan, and his wife, Nancy, are expecting their first child in February.

New Marriage

Board member Paula Rankin recently became a new bride. She and Gordon Itow were married at her mother's home and had their wedding luncheon at Topaz, the new restaurant at Bowers Museum. We wish Paula and Gordon many years of happiness.

On Display

Gregg Bunch, S.A.H.P.S. board member, has crafted several beautifully made display boards for our organization. The boards can be used at both the Waffle House and to showcase traveling displays. In addition Gregg has been working on frames for some of the photographs and memorabilia we have of Dr. Howe-Waffle and her family. We want to thank Gregg for his time and talents.

Historic Programs

Albert Hill, a member of a prominent Santa Ana pioneer family, was our guest speaker at our first historical meeting. He showed rare slides of early Santa Ana and told the story of his family's arrival and establishment in our city.

We were pleased to see the lively interest in Santa Ana history shown by the attendees to the lecture and we'll be bringing more such history programs in the future.

A New Lease on Life

Yes, that was a house you saw traveling down 17th St. one night last month. The Craftsman style home was built in 1912 and was in the way of a new office structure.

Fortunately, the property owners, FHP, didn't want to see the house razed and offered it to the City of Santa Ana for relocation. The city's Housing Department came through with block grant monies and helped move the house to a vacant lot in French Park. Now, plans call for finding a family that care to lovingly restore the home.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

Quarterly Historic Preservation Award Winners

Spring

The Society presents its Spring Historic Preservation award to **Tim and Dora Kellar** for their restoration of the Crane House at 506 So. Birch in the historic Heninger Park Neighborhood.

The Kellar's saw a lot of potential in this two-story Craftsman-style house that had fallen into major disrepair and was inhabited by drug addicts and transients immediately prior to their efforts. The Kellar's spent a lot of time and elbow grease restoring the home to bring out the beauty built in by the original occupants, William and Inez Crane, who constructed the house in 1912.

Today, the bright yellow house with its oriental style roof, large porch, and nicely manicured lawn and garden is one of the jewels of the Heninger Park Historic District.

We all appreciate Tim and Dora's effort to save another historic part of the Santa Ana fabric.

Summer

A special Summer Quarterly Preservation Award will recognize the efforts of **Pat Whitaker**, Housing Manager of the City of Santa Ana's Housing Division.

Pat and her staff have put in 110% to help historic preservation in the City of Santa Ana. They've helped with saving valued old buildings through purchase and rehabilitation loans, spearheaded efforts to move slated-to-be-demolished houses to new sites (especially in the French Park Historic Neighborhood), and, through the Neighborhood Improvement Program, have helped foster over 40 resident based neighborhood organizations to take responsibility and preserve their own areas.

It was Pat and her office that helps the type of restoration (through loans, grants, and general help) that make homes like the Crane House come alive again for interested home owners.

Pat will receive her award (and the appreciation of Santa Ana residents) at our annual membership dinner in February, with the other award winners.

Fall

The Fall Quarterly Preservation Award will be presented to the **Mercy House** organization for their sensitive rehabilitation of two houses at 1505 and 1509 N. Bush St., both built in 1913.

Originally, the house on 1505 Bush was owned by William Bovee, a high school teacher, and his wife, Anita. The home on 1509 Bush was initially occupied by Pastor William Youngman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife, Minnie.

The houses are both Craftsman style with Gothic influence on details such as finials, dentils, and their decorative fascia boards. The houses have additions that were designed to match the original architecture.

The Mercy House organization purchased the homes last year and have been renovating them for use as transitional living shelters for homeless women and their children. Residents stay for a short term while they get their personal, financial, and educational affairs in order. Mercy House worked with area residents and the French Court Neighborhood Association to allay any fears they had with the new use of the homes.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society thanks Mercy House and Larry Haynes, their executive director, for saving the houses' architectural style during their rehabilitation and also for setting a example of how organizations can become good new neighbors with the right amount of communications and co-operative attitude.

If you have any suggestions for future award winners, please send us a letter with information on your nominee.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society
cordially invites you to a

Masquerade Ball

to be given by

King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette
on Saturday, October 23
at 7 o'clock in the evening

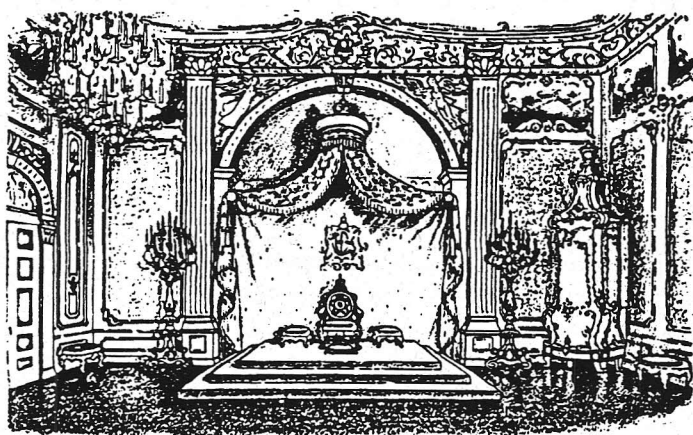
(Please arrive no later than 10 o'clock)

You may dress in formal eighteenth century aristocratic attire -- or perhaps you would like to come dressed as one of those silly, whiney peasants who keep bothering us with their trivial petitions. Those dressed to the hilt will receive a personal introduction to the Queen. Peasants and those in twentieth century attire will be treated as peasants.

Your evening will begin with a tour of the Palace of Versailles and its dungeons. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served throughout the evening.

For your pleasure, there will be dancing in the carriage house, Stanley the Magnificent will read palms in the mausoleum, and as a special event, a peasant beheading will occur promptly at midnight.

No reservations are required. The cost is \$10 at the door. Masquerade masks will be available at a nominal cost. Net proceeds benefit Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. No children or high heel shoes please.



When: Saturday, October 23 arrive
between 7 and 10 p.m. Plan to stay past
midnight.

Where: The Palace of Versailles
(actually the home of Jim Marquez and
Bryan Smith) 1603 N. French St., Santa Ana.

Secure parking is available at 1615 N. French.

For directions or information, call 550-0386

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their third Home and Garden Tour from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event will feature a number of the neighborhood's unique homes built in the 1920s to 40s. Tickets are \$10. Call 262-7907.

Fisher Park Program -- Tues., Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

The S.A.H.P.S. will be giving a presentation on the history of Jack Fisher at the meeting of the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association. The location will be at the log cabin at Fisher Park, located on Flower Street, between Santa Clara and Memory Lane.

Halloween Celebration -- Sat., Oct. 23, beginning at 7 p.m.

S.A.H.P.S. Board members Jim Marquez and Bryan Smith invite us into their home on N. French St. for Halloween drama at its best with a "Masquerade Ball" to be "given by King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette". If you heard about last year's extravaganza, this one will be even better, complete with costumes, special effects, magic, and more theatrics. The \$10 donation includes a light supper. See the flyer in this issue for more information.

Victorian Fair, an Autumn Celebration -- Sat., Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once again our friends at the Discovery Museum will take us back in time. This delightful celebration of old-fashioned arts and crafts, fun and games, food, and entertainment has become one of Orange County's most popular Autumn traditions. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3 to 12 years old. The Fair will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St (off Fairview, south of Edinger). Call 540-0404 for more information.

Holiday Victorian Progressive Dinner -- Sat., Dec. 4, two seatings 5:30 and 7 p.m.

We again host this always popular old-fashioned, Christmas event with a moveable feast at several historic sites (most new to the event). Be sure to read the flyer in this issue. Dinner tickets must be reserved in advance. Call 953-4049 for more information.

Wilshire Square Holiday Tea and Home Tour -- Sat., Dec. 11, two seatings 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

After enjoying a sit-down tea with fine china and linens, you'll tour four of the Wilshire Square Neighborhood's most unique homes. There are a limited number of reservations still available but you should call soon. \$15 per person. Call Lisa Williams at 835-3935.

Santa Ana's Rich Historic Architecture -- Thurs., Jan 20 at 7 p.m.

Learn more about our city's historic architecture at this joint meeting with the Santa Ana Historic Resources Review Committee located at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. Call 541-2441 for details.

S.A.H.P.S. Annual Dinner Meeting -- tentatively set for mid-February.

At our annual members dinner, Rob Richardson, Santa Ana City Councilman will be our guest speaker on the works of architect Frederick Eley. See our next issue for more information.

Home and Garden Tour -- tentatively set for early April.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will once again join with the Tustin Area Historical Society in sponsoring a Home and Garden Tour with some of the nicest homes in our two cities. See future issues for more information. Also, if you aren't on the joint Home Tour mailing list already and would like an advance flyer, send your name and address to Tour List, P.O. Box 10236, Santa Ana, Ca 92711.

Santa Ana History Mysteries -- tentatively set for May.

While we dine at Trattoria Ciao in historic Downtown Santa Ana, we'll talk about some of Santa Ana's most intriguing historical mysteries. See our next issue for more information.

Show Off Your Favorite Antique -- tentatively set for June.

We'll all bring our favorite antiques to the Dr. Howe Waffle House and share its story. See our next issue for more information.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

presents our annual holiday

Victorian Candlelight Progressive Dinner



Featuring courses at several historic sites throughout the city

Saturday, December 4

5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (two start times)

Donation: \$20 Members / \$25 Non-members Advanced registration required.

Dinner starts at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House,
120 Civic Center Dr., W. (at Sycamore), Santa Ana
(for more information, call 953-4049)

Mail check (made out to S.A.H.P.S.) by November 22 to

Scott Morgan (Dinner Chairman), 1121 W. 15th St., Santa Ana, CA 92706

There will be two start times. Please mark your preference. Your time will be confirmed.

Preferred start time. 5:30 p.m. _____ 7 p.m. _____ # of tickets _____

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Membership Application

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

We invite you to join (or renew your membership to) the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. We welcome everyone with an interest in history or saving Orange County heritage regardless of where you live. Our members are our most important asset.

New Member ☐Renewal ☐Individual ☐ \$10Organization/Business ☐ \$20Patron ☐ \$100Family ☐ \$15Supporting Member ☐ \$50

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Organization/Company Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send this form and your check to:

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