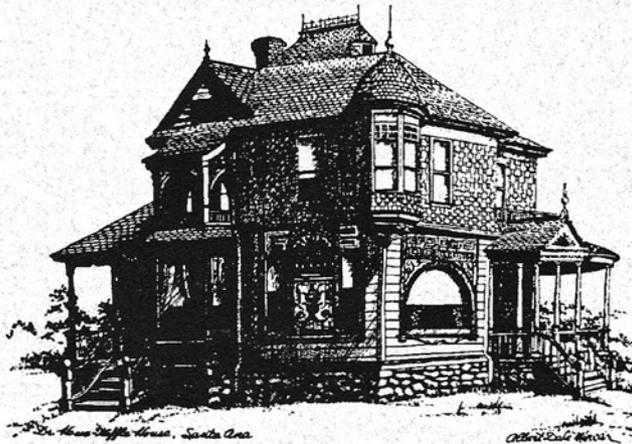


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**Rob Richardson  
to Speak at  
Our Annual Dinner  
Thurs. Feb. 10th  
at 7 pm**

We have a special treat in store for you at our annual all-members meeting this year. Long-time SAHPS friend and member Rob Richardson will tell us about one of his favorite topics -- the work of Frederick Eley, well-known Santa Ana architect. Rob will illustrate his topic with slides showing the many important houses and buildings Mr. Eley designed from 1911 to 1935. Eley is responsible for the design of many of Orange County's finest buildings.

Also at the meeting, we will be hosting the recipients of our quarterly Historic Preservation Awards and the homeowners who so kindly allowed us to use their houses for this year's Victorian Candlelight Dinner of Historic Houses.

The dinner will be held at Magnolia Gardens, 1642 East Fourth St. (close to the 5 Freeway), at 7 pm. The \$20.00 charge for dinner includes tax and tip. Please make your reservations by February 8th by sending a check to S.A.H.P.S., 120 Civic Center Dr., West, Santa Ana, CA 92701. For further information or for late reservations, please call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

## President's Message

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society had a great year in 1993, and we look forward to 1994 with great anticipation.

Some of our events and accomplishments:

### Winter 1992/93

- Computerized SAHPS mailing labels.
- Successful All-Member Dinner at the Hacienda Restaurant.
- Repaired, preserved, and painted the Howe-Waffle House Gazebo.

### Spring 1993

- Fantastic Garden Tour held jointly with the Tustin Area Historical Society, and attended by more than 700 people.
- Albert Hill, Jr. lecture and slide show at the Howe-Waffle House.
- River rock planter borders built at the Howe-Waffle House.
- Crane House restoration selected as Quarterly Historic Preservation Award.

### Summer 1993

- New displays made for Historical Society presentations.
- Participated in "Arts Alive" at the Santa Ana Zoo, featuring new zoo exhibits and booths and information tables for members of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture.
- Pat Whitaker, head of the City of Santa Ana's Housing Division selected for the Quarterly Historic Preservation Award.

### Fall 1993

- Howe-Waffle House Carriage House interior improved.
- Security fencing at back of Howe-Waffle House completed.
- SAHPS Masquerade Ball at home of Jim Marquez and Bryan Smith.
- "Victorian Tea" at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

- Fisher Park Log Cabin get-together with the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association to discuss Jack Fisher.
- Mercy House selected for the Quarterly Historic Preservation Award.

### Winter 1993/94

- Beautiful Victorian Candlelight Holiday Progressive Dinner.
- Heninger House restoration selected for the Quarterly Historic Preservation Award.

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 look forward to celebrating 1994 with you, starting with our Annual All-Member Dinner on February 10th. Keep on the lookout for SAHPS events and programs. We love to see you!

*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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# Bits & Pieces

## Great Membership Response

We've had a great response to President Scott Morgan's membership renewal request. To all those who have been so prompt -- thank you! Our membership dues allow us to pay insurance and expenses on the Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House, fund our lectures and special programs, pay for the printing of our newsletter, and provide seed money for the tours and teas and dinners we hold.

## What Does Your Label Say?

Now, that our Membership Chairman, Gregg Bunch, has put all our names on a fancy computer mailing list, we can also see at a glance whether or not we're current on our dues. If you're one of the few that has a mailing label that says anything other than "MEMBER94," please send in your 1994 membership dues soon. We need your support again this year as we continue to preserve, document, and celebrate Santa Ana history.

## Volunteers for Events

We're thinking about organizing a support group of volunteers to help with some of our teas, tours, and other activities -- possibly like the Discovery Museum's Victorian Tea Society.

If you're interested in helping out even a little, please drop us a note or call Scott at 953-4049. The work could be as little or as much as you'd like...but we sure could use your help!

## New Baby

Within a week or two, SAHPS president, Scott Morgan, and his wife, Nancy, should be blessed with the birth of their first child. In fact, the baby is expected so soon that the SAHPS Board has a back-up plan in case Scott is busy at the hospital on the night of our All-Member Annual Dinner on February 10.

## Santa Ana History Book

Yes, in case you were wondering, our Santa Ana history book *is* still in progress. The 200-page coffee table style book celebrating Santa Ana's 125th Birthday is moving slowly but surely.

The official title is *Santa Ana, An Illustrated History: 125th Anniversary Edition*.

This type of book is usually financed by local businesses. However, the current economic climate has caused some hurdles in this type of financing. To help overcome it, we've tried a new (or actually very old) approach by letting families and organizations sponsor a half or full page and document their history in their own words.

Not only will the concept be unique, but it will also be very personal to Santa Ana. Many of us feel strongly that this book plays an important role in reminding everyone of the great place our city has in local history.

Also, almost every other city in the county has published its own history book within the last few years. We are determined that Santa Ana will be among those to have a book showcasing our own unique history.

Heading up the project is Diann Marsh, our historian in residence. Her husband, Robert, is now handling the collecting and documentation of the hundreds of photographs that will grace the book. The nice folks at Heritage Publishing will publish the book.

If you'd like further information (or would like to take out one of the remaining family or business sponsor spaces), call Diann at 541-2441.

## Valentine Association Meeting

Evalene Pulati, a long-time member of our organization and president of the National Valentine Association, has invited our members to attend the annual meeting of the association on Sunday, February 13th at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be many lovely antique Valentines on display and their members will tell us about their favorite Valentines. The event is free.

## **Victorian Candlelight Dinner**

If you missed our Christmas Candlelight Progressive Dinner, you missed a truly enjoyable event. The Dr. Howe-Waffle House has never looked so beautiful, with swags of greenery above the doors, Victorian-style decorations everywhere, a Christmas tree with sparkling lights, complete with a toy train and lighted ceramic village. Old fashioned kerosene lanterns lit the scene.

Ron and Debbie McEwen opened their large and beautifully-decorated 1899 Colonial Revival home on the corner of Washington and Bush Streets for the first course. Their house features an impressive collection of carousel horses and many fine antiques. They have recently restored their kitchen, using an authentic old-fashioned stove and 1920's refrigerator with a large square cooling unit on top. The Westwood Carolers, dressed in 1890's costumes sang old-fashioned Christmas carols.

Mike and Connie Sasso's gracious two-story Colonial Revival home in Washington Square was the next stop. Mike and Connie's completely restored home, built in 1925, was in an advanced state of disrepair when they purchased it in 1988. On display were Connie's unique fabric pillows and wall hangings.

Todd and Cheryl Walsh are almost finished with decoration of the Colonial Revival house built by Judge Crookshank in 1936. A new Deco-style kitchen, antique light fixtures, stenciled and glazed walls are a few of the methods the Walshes have used to make their home exciting and colorful.

The dining room at the 105-year-old Episcopal Church of the Messiah was used for the catered main course. Scott Morgan led tours of the historic sanctuary, complete with stained glass windows. Dessert, featuring elaborate chocolate cakes, was served at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

This was our fifth candlelight tour of historic homes. We hope you will join us next year, in early December, for this really special event.

Members will (as always) receive advance notice of the event.

## **New W.W. II Exhibit**

"Home Front Orange County," an exhibit examining daily life in the county during the World War II years, will open on March 12th at the Old Orange County Courthouse Museum. Materials for the exhibit have been loaned from a number of public and private collections.

It is also accompanied by another related exhibit, Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, produced by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit Service. This exhibit features colorful propaganda posters created for the war effort.

The Old Courthouse Museum is located at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., across from the Dr. Howe Waffle House. It's open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information, call 834-3703.

## **Old Towne Antique Faire**

In conjunction with the Annual Antique Fair & Sale in downtown Orange over the President's Day Weekend (Feb. 19 - 20), the Old Towne Preservation Association will be raising funds by selling baked goods, soft drinks, and hot dogs at sidewalk locations throughout the area. If you happen to get hungry as you shop, remember that the profits from their food sales go to a very worthy cause.

## **Attention Artists**

Old Towne Orange Preservation Association is accepting applications from artists to be featured in their 1995 calendar. Artists will be chosen and asked to create artwork on certain historic features of the city.

Send a resume and samples of your work (photos O.K.) by March 1, 1994 to: OTPA - Calendar; P.O. Box 828; Orange, CA 92666. For additional information, call Martyn Heller at 633-1383 or Joan Crawford at 771-5633.

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**Thursday February 10.**

**Remember the date!**

**See you at our Annual Dinner!**

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## Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Quarterly Historic Preservation Award Winners

The Society presents its Winter Quarterly Historic Preservation Award to Gregg and Danielle Winchell as the owners of the Martin Heninger House, 602 So. Birch St. in the historic Heninger Park Neighborhood.

The Winchells purchased the house a few years ago and have lovingly added their own touches to the historic structure including a new paint job, improved landscaping, and a fresh appearance.

Soon after they moved into the neighborhood, Gregg and Danielle also became very active in their neighborhood, eventually becoming the leaders of their association.

Martin Heninger, one of Santa Ana's most prominent early developers, was responsible for the subdividing, marketing, and building many of the houses in Heninger Park. He advertised lots for sale and built a custom house for the new owner, according to the owner's tastes and budget. He and his wife, Mary, built their first home on Broadway soon after the turn of the century. In 1911 they constructed this fine large Colonial Revival home. It was their "dream home," and they incorporated their every wish into its fine design.



We are pleased to honor the Winchells for their successful restoration efforts.

*If you have any suggestions for future award winners, please send us a letter with information on your nominee. Send the letter to: Historic Preservation Award; Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; 120 W. Civic Center Drive, W.; Santa Ana, CA 92701.*

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### **Also being honored at our Annual Dinner:**

**Spring Award:** Tim and Dora Kellar for their restoration of the Crane House at 506 So. Birch, built in 1912 and also in the Historic Heninger Park Neighborhood.

**Summer Award:** A special award to recognize the efforts of Pat Whitaker, Housing Manager of the City of Santa Ana's Housing Division who has helped to promote the preservation of historic buildings throughout the City through her efforts and those of her dedicated staff, and by making a variety of City and Federal financial programs available for restoration efforts.

**Fall Award:** The Mercy House organization for their sensitive rehabilitation of two houses on North Bush St., both built in 1913.

# Upcoming Calendar:

(courtesy *Eye on Santa Ana*)

**Feb 10 (Thurs)** -- The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is holding their **annual membership dinner** with featured speaker Rob Richardson giving a lecture and slide presentation on noted architect Frederick Eley. The dinner will be held at Magnolia Gardens, 1642 E. 4th St., Santa Ana, beginning at 7 pm. Dinner is \$20. Call Diann Marsh at 541-2441 for late reservations.

**Feb 10 (Thurs)** — The Orange County Historical Society offers their second in a series of "**The Chinese in Orange County**" with today's focus on the current Chinese community. The lecture featuring Dr. Yong Chen starts at 7:30 pm and is free to the public. It will be held at Room 4 of the Education Center at Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana. Call 871-2935.

**Feb 12 (Sat)** — A **Children's Victorian Valentine Workshop** for ages 6 to 12 will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 Harvard St., Santa Ana. Children will learn about the traditions of Valentine's Day as they create elaborate Valentines and have a Valentine Tea Party. Non-members cost \$7. Call 540-0404 for more information.

**Feb 13 (Sun)** — The Discovery Museum's Victorian Tea Society will serve a special **Valentine Tea** in the Museum's historic Kellogg House at 2 pm and at 4 pm. Guests will enjoy tasty finger sandwiches, fresh baked scones, luscious desserts, and a selection of fragrant teas. The price is \$15 per person and seating is limited. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 Harvard St. Call 540-0404.

**Feb 13 (Sun)** -- The National Valentine Association will hold their **annual meeting** at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House from 1 to 4 pm. On display will be many antique Valentines. Event is free.

**March 10 (Thurs)** — The Orange County Historical Society features *200 Years in San Juan Capistrano* in a special guest lecture with Pamela Hallan Gibson beginning at 7:30 pm. This will prepare participants for a docent-led tour of old town San Juan Capistrano on the following Saturday. The lecture is held in Room 4 of the Bowers Museum Education Center, 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana and is free to the public. Call 871-2935 for further details.

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**March 28-29 (Mon-Tues)** — Children will enjoy the traditions of Easter eggs and bunnies with two workshops. On Monday, children age 6 to 12 will be using natural dyes to color eggs, make living Easter baskets, and participate in an egg roll. On Tuesday, children from 4 to 8 will go on a scavenger hunt, make a puppet in a cup, and meet a live bunny. Held by the Discovery Museum of Orange County, 3101 Harvard St., Santa Ana, both workshops are from 2 to 3:30 pm and cost \$7 each for non-members. Call 540-0404 for details.

**April 9 (Sat)** — Enjoy a self-guided **Garden Tour and Spring Boutique** featuring a number of beautiful gardens in the Santa Ana and Tustin area. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and the Tustin Area Historical Society will once again co-sponsor this fund-raising event which will also include a craft boutique. Some of the garden owners will also open their homes to tour. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased on the day of the event at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr., or at the Tustin Area Museum, 395 El Camino Real. Call 953-1876 for more information or for advance tickets.

**April 23 & 24 (Sat & Sun)** — The Floral Park Neighborhood proudly holds their **Second Annual Home Tour**. There will also be an antique/collectable sale. Pre-sale tickets are \$10, day of event are \$12. Call Sandy DeAngelis for details 547-2439.

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The Tustin Area Historical Society

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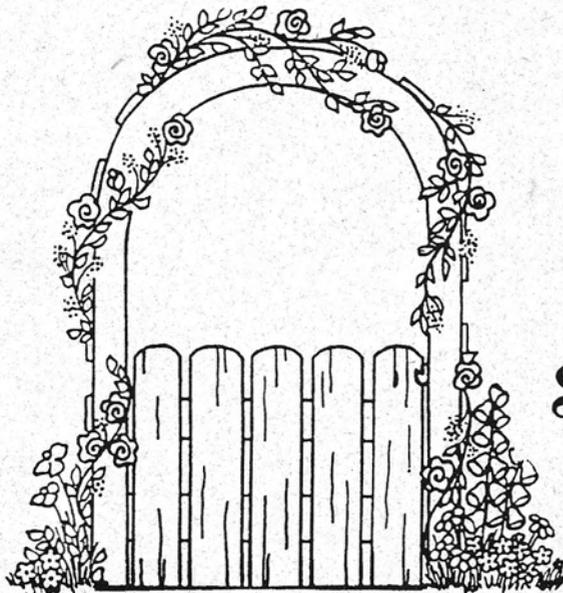
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Saturday, April 9, 1994

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The self-guided tour will feature a number of beautiful gardens in the Santa Ana and Tustin areas, and will offer a variety of spring flowers and garden designs. The tour will also include a craft boutique, and will feature displays and sales sponsored by area neighborhood associations and plant societies.

Some of the homes will also be on tour,  
and many of the garden owners will be available to answer questions.

You may begin your tour at either the Dr. Howe-Waffle House (120 Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana) or the Tustin Area Museum (395 El Camino Real, Tustin) at which time you will be given a booklet describing each home and garden, as well as a map to the various gardens.

\$7.00 donation per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance and they will be also available at both locations on the day of the tour. For more information, contact Roberta Reed at (714) 953-1876.

For advance sale, send a check (made out to S.A.H.P.S.) to:  
Garden Tour; 1205 So. Parton St.; Santa Ana, CA 92707.

# Membership Application

## The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

We invite your 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 [ ] \$10                      Organization/Business [ ] \$20                      Patron [ ] \$100  
Family [ ] \$15                      Supporting Member [ ] \$50

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form and your check to:

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