

# Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Newsletter



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## Victorian Wedding Gowns To Be Featured in SAHPS Home and Garden Tour, May 31 and June 1!

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Sixth Annual Home and Garden Tour will soon be here! This year's tour is shaping up to be our best ever, and we are anxious to share the fun with everyone!

As always, the starting point will be the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. A very special feature at the house will be a display of Victorian wedding gowns that are part of the Eve Faulkner private collection. Gowns featured are from the 1870s to the 1910s, and many have a special history of their own, including the Banning wedding gown, and General Scofield's granddaughter's wedding gown. The Orange County Courthouse will also be on tour, and in addition to the current displays at the Old Courthouse Museum, there will also be displays and representatives from the Genealogical Society. The Campbell House, recently restored by Fairhaven Cemetery, will be part of the tour, and shows use of a historic house in a modern concept. There will be three private homes and four gardens on tour. There will also be an antique display and sale, antique cars, and calligraphy displays. The new Santa Ana afghan and *Santa Ana: An Illustrated History* will be available for sale. Purchase a chance on a special gift basket.

Come join us for this not-to-be-missed event. Advance tickets are **only** \$6.00 per person, and \$8.00 at the door. Deadline for pre-sale tickets is May 24 and may be obtained by sending a check for \$6.00 per ticket made payable to SAHPS to: Garden Tour, 1205 S. Parton St., Santa Ana, CA 92707. The tour will be held May 31 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and June 1 from noon to 5:00 pm. Starting point for the tour is the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. For more information, contact Roberta Reed at (714)953-1876.

## President's Message

As you read this message, we are feverishly getting ready for this year's Home and Garden Tour, "dressing up the house" in anticipation of our many visitors. Although the new garden at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House will not be completed in time for the tour, you will see some changes. We have removed several trees and shrubbery, and have laid down some of the piping for the new irrigation line. Once the irrigation is in place, we will be putting down new plantings more representative of what the doctor may have had. If any of you would like to volunteer to help out with this project, by all means let me know. There are plenty of things to be done!

We hope you are planning on attending the Home and Garden Tour on either May 31 or June 1. We believe this will be our best show yet! In addition to some of the "best of the town" of Santa Ana's homes and gardens, we also have a special treat for you. Eve Faulkner, a private collector of wedding gowns, will have several pieces of her collection on display at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House as part of the tour. These fine pieces have previously been on display at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. We will also have antique cars, an antique sale, genealogy and calligraphy displays, and a "broom squire" as part of the tour. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, and \$8.00 at the door. Call 953-1876 for more information, or send a check for pre-sale tickets to 1205 South Parton Street, Santa Ana, 92707.

We also hope you are able to make plans to join us on June 13 at the Orange County Historical Society annual picnic at Irvine Park. This will also be our first year attending, but we have heard from the veterans that the food is wonderful and it's a great opportunity to get to know your counterparts at other historical societies. If you need more information call (714)525-4879.

We continue to thank all of our members for their support. As all of you know, as long as we have the mortgage to pay, our needs are still great, and we appreciate everything - no matter how much it is - that is done on behalf of the Society and the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

## 1997 Membership Drive Still Under Way!

Keep those membership renewals coming!

We would like to thank everyone for their recent membership renewals. However, several of you still have not renewed your membership for 1997! Check the mailing label on this newsletter. If it does not say "MEM97" you still need to send in your renewal! You may use the form at the back of this newsletter.

**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 page. We invite you to join us in the preservation and appreciation of Santa Ana History.**

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**The Following People are Donors for the Mortgage for a Day Program for Spring, 1997:**

**Carol Leshner** (*November 11, In Memory of her Father*)

**Pat and Ed Meier** (*April 15, 1997*)

**Steven H. Price** (*Mortgage for a Week*)

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz**

**Vito and Evalene Pulati**

**Francelia Goddard** (*Mortgage for a Month, in Memory of Allen W. Goddard*)

**Patricia Parker** (*To Honor Walt Parker on his Birthday, December 8, 1912*)

**Joe Osterman to Speak at Historical Society Lecture on June 25**

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is pleased to announce its next Members' Talk on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 in the evening at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. Joe Osterman will be speaking on Reminiscences of Old El Toro.

Mr. Osterman grew up in El Toro, where his parents ran a store. He has written books on the subject and is a popular guest speaker.

Don't miss this event!

For more information on this event, call (714)953-1876.

**Orange County Historical Society to Host All Orange County Historical Society Picnic on June 13**

Do you remember those old-fashioned picnics back when you were a kid? (Remember, any picnic was a good old-fashioned time when you're a kid - no matter what age you are now!) Want the opportunity to live some of those memories again? Now is your chance!

The Orange County Historical Society is hosting an All Orange County Historical Societies Get-Together at Irvine Park on Friday, June 13. The cost is \$16.00 per person, and will include Tony Forster's famous tri-tip and chicken barbecue. Parking is \$2.00 per vehicle (exact change in dollars or quarters only).

The fun starts with lawn games from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Irvine Park has also agreed to keep the park train open late for us. Cost to ride the train is \$2.00 per person. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, with San Juan Capistrano Historical Society's famous barbecue cook at the helm (everyone we talk to who has eaten Tony's barbecue has raved about it).

The deadline to make reservations for this not-to-be-missed event is May 30 (postmark). Make your check payable to OCHS (Orange County Historical Society) and send reservations to: Betsy Vigus-OCHS, 912 North Mountain View Place, Fullerton, CA 92831-3008. For more information call (714)525-4879.

Come join your Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society friends and make new friends from other societies at this event!



## Mortgage for a Day Program

We would like to thank all of you who have generously responded to our "Mortgage for a Day" program. For those of you who may not be aware of it, this program is designed to help us pay off the Howe-Waffle House mortgage. Members and friends contribute to the mortgage payment for a day, week, or even a month. This may be a one time or an annual event. Contributions may be made in memory of others, if it is so desired.

It's easy to do! Mortgage for a Day is a \$30 contribution. Mortgage for a Week is \$210. Mortgage for a Month is \$900. Just send your check to the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, 120 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Include the name of the person it is in honor or memory of, if applicable.

## Be the First on your Block to Own the Commemorative Santa Ana Afghan!

The afghans are here!

After a much anticipated arrival, the Santa Ana Commemorative Afghan has arrived and is available for sale. Many of you have already taken advantage of this wonderful offer and are already coming back for more!

Don't be the last one on your block to purchase yours! The afghans are available in hunter green, cranberry, Williamsburg blue, or navy, and come with a special informational booklet written by Diann Marsh showing a map of the locations of the houses and other buildings depicted on the afghan, and their history.

The afghan is available for \$39.95 each for **current** members, (new or renewing members qualify for the discount on the day they place membership!) and \$44.95 for non-members. There is an additional \$5.00 shipping and handling charge if you wish us to deliver it. An order form is available at the back of this newsletter.

Afghans, as well as *Santa Ana: An Illustrated History*, will be available for sale at the Home and Garden Tour also.

## Wilshire Square Neighborhood Honored By Architectural Institute

The Wilshire Square Neighborhood was recently honored by the American Institute of Architects.

Wilshire Square received an Award of Excellence and the People's Choice Award at the Neighborhood Places in the Public Realm Award Symposium held in April. The Symposium recognized neighborhoods and other public places for their novelty, function, and sense of neighborhood.

The Wilshire Square neighborhood was built primarily in the 20s and 30s and boasts of architecture ranging from California bungalows to Tudors to Mediterranean Revivals. Several of the homes have been featured in historical home tours. The active neighborhood has been very involved city-wide, and six current and one former Wilshire Square residents sit on the Historical Society Board!

Congratulations to Wilshire Square on receiving this honor!



## City of Brea Hosts Antiques and Collectibles Market

The City of Brea is sponsoring an Outdoor Antiques and Collectibles Market on Saturday, June 7 from 8 am to 3 pm. The event will be held at the Brea Community Center at 695 Madison Way (at Randolph Avenue). Appraisal service will be available, and spaces are available for interested parties for \$35. Admission and parking are free. For more information call (714)671-4428.

## President's Message (con't)

and beginning the process preparing the outside for future landscaping. However, I need help from people who enjoy rolling up their sleeves and literally digging in. The Society needs irrigation materials it can't currently afford and could use some help designing the irrigation system and what should go into the small garden area that we have. At a future time, there may be an opportunity to donate towards climbing roses on the exterior fences. The Society will also need to acquire top soil and mulch, which can be costly (\$15 to \$30 a square yard). In short, willing workers are needed. Also, there are openings on the Board and the nominations are open until the annual dinner in February. If you are interested in serving in the that capacity, please contact Judy Moore. I hope we hear from you.

## Santa Ana Commemorative Afghan Now in Progress!!

The Santa Ana Historical Society commemorative afghan is not yet a reality, but is on its way. The design is currently in the development process, and should be finalized soon. While we told you in our last newsletter that we were hoping to have them available in time for Christmas delivery, we regret to say that this will not be possible. They will, however, be available some time in late January or February of 1997.

In our last announcement, we had not yet chosen the colors for the afghan either. We are happy to announce that this decision has been made. Afghanes will all be natural combined with your choice of the following colors: hunter green, cranberry, navy, or Williamsburg blue.

Cost of the afghan is \$39.95 for current members, \$44.95 for non-members. We can also have them delivered to you by priority mail for an additional \$5.00 shipping and handling charge.

To order your commemorative Santa Ana afghan, please use the order form at the end of this newsletter.

## Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Annual Dinner To Be Held February 6

We would like to invite our members and friends to our Annual Membership Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, February 6, 1997 at the Hacienda Restaurant in Santa Ana. This annual event includes a special guest speaker (to be announced at a later time), our annual meeting which will recap events of 1996, and election of the 1997 Board of Directors.

No-host cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00. The cost of the event is \$15 per person, and choice of entree will be sesame chicken, blue corn chicken enchiladas, or chile rellenos.

We hope to see you there! To make your reservations, please send a check to SAHPS Annual Dinner, Attn: Judy Moore, 1900 West Glenoaks Avenue, #C, Anaheim, 92807. Please specify choice of entree for each dinner. For more information, please call Judy Moore at (714)533-3199.

## Bits and Pieces

The Board of Directors of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society would like to bid a fond farewell to long time board member Becky Stone DeLavallade, who moved to Colorado in October. Becky has been a valuable asset to our Board, both for her architectural and historic preservation knowledge, and for her cooking skills! A farewell party was given in her honor at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House on October 8. We wish Becky all the best, including finding a new "historical society home" to be involved in!

A special thank you to Evalene Pulati for her most informative talk on the French Mansion, which took place on October 22. Many members were on hand at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House to see her slide presentation on both the history of the French family and their wonderful house. For many it was a trip down yesterday and for others, a wonderfully informative evening about the house we have heard so much about. For those who missed the evening, you missed a very good time.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 14 - Victorian Candlelight Progressive Dinner. Seatings at 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Advance reservations required. \$20.00 per person.

*Tuesday, January 14* - Members' Quarterly Meeting, special guest speaker to be announced, at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 7:00 pm.

*Thursday, February 6* - Annual Dinner and Meeting at the Hacienda Restaurant. Special guest speaker (to be announced), annual meeting, and election of officers and board. 6:30 pm. \$15.00 per person.

*Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1* - Historic Home and Garden Tour. 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, 12 noon to 5 pm Sunday. Starts at Dr. Howe-Waffle House. Tickets \$6.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door.

## 1997 Membership Drive Is Now Under Way!

1996 is now coming to a close and it means that it is that time of the year again - - yes, time to renew your annual membership with the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. We continue to need your support as we preserve, document, and celebrate Santa Ana History, and work to save the Dr. Howe-Waffle House as a public museum and tribute to Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle. Your membership dues go toward the liability insurance, utilities, security service, newsletter costs, and various supplies for our operations. In addition, membership dues also contribute toward the purchase of the Howe-Waffle House property.

We continue to have a "range" to our membership rates. This allows those who would like to pay the minimum to do so, but encourages those who can to add a few more dollars. We keep our costs down by operating entirely with a volunteer unpaid staff, but our operating costs have gone up substantially due to the mortgage and your generosity is greatly appreciated. A membership application may be found at the end of this newsletter. Remember that your donation is tax-deductible!

Thank you for generous support!

## Orange County Historical Society Now Conducting Regularly Scheduled Tours at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House

For those of you who have not yet heard, the office at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House is now occupied by the Orange County Historical Society. This arrangement is mutually beneficial to both Societies. The Orange County Historical Society had been looking for a new home to house its research library, and the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society was looking for a way to conduct regular tours, particularly during business hours, at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House (since our Board is made up entirely of volunteers, the majority of whom work full time, weekday tours have been difficult for us to regularly accomplish).

Regular tour hours have now been established at the House, with the tours given by the Orange County Historical Society. Tours are given the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and the second Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Of course, special appointment times may also be arranged, either by calling the Orange County Historical Society at (714)543-8282, or the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society at (714)953-1876.



# ***Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society*** ***Membership Application and Order Form***

*We invite you to join (or renew membership) with the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. We welcome everyone with an interest in history or saving Santa Ana and Orange County Heritage - regardless of where you live.*

***Dues (can vary depending on your generosity):***

- Individual (\$10-30)     Family (\$15-49)     Organization/Business (\$20-49)  
 Supporter (\$50-99)     Patron (\$100 or more)

***Make the Mortgage For A Day:***

Yes! I would like to help the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society make the mortgage on the Dr. Howe-Waffle House as follows:

- Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_  Mortgage for a Day (\$30)  
 Mortgage for a Week (\$210)     Mortgage for a Month (\$900)  
 Check here if you wish your donation to be anonymous.  
 One time donation     Annual Donation on this Date - please send a reminder

***Santa Ana: An Illustrated History*** - Covers Santa Ana history from the mid-1800s to modern day. Includes many never-before-published photographs, some from private collections. \$29.95 (hard bound), or \$19.95 (soft bound) plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. **Quantity Ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Santa Ana Historical Society Commemorative Afghan*** - Features the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and other historic Santa Ana houses. Available in several color choices. (Although we are taking orders now, color choices have not yet been determined. Those making advanced reservations will get an opportunity to choose hich of the available colors they want at a later time.) Planned availability: February, 1997. \$39.95 (current members) or \$44.95 (non-members), plus \$5.00 for Priority Mailing. **Quantity Ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Merchandise Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping and Handling Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Remember, membership and donations to the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society are tax deductible!)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form and your check to:**  
**SAIIPS, 120 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701**