

# *Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society*

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# *Newsletter*

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## **Annual Membership Dinner Features Fun, Facts, & Fine Dining**

Take the opportunity to socialize with old friends, learn about one of our fast disappearing unique historic resources, throw in an exhibit of historic photos and a preview of the exciting new postcard book to be published this year, and top it off with a gourmet meal from one of Orange County's finest caterers, all accompanied by a young musical virtuoso performing on the Ebell Club's baby grand, and what have you got? **The Annual Membership Dinner on Tuesday, March 21.**

Food first: the gourmet cuisine of Karen Estremo has won the hearts (and appetites) of individuals and businesses across Orange County. This year's dinner will showcase some of her client's all-time favorites, served with fun and flare in the Peacock Room of the historic Ebell Club, which will be specially decorated for the occasion.



The gala event begins at 6:15 p.m. with light beverages and hors d'oeuvres, giving you time to enjoy a display of historic photos, including a preview of the photos in the next vintage photo book of Santa Ana—now at the publisher and due out by June, while listening to...well, you'll just have to wait for that surprise!

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with dessert at 7:15, when the business meeting will be called to order.

We are truly honored to have two renowned artists and authorities who will present an illustrated program on handcrafted tiles, part of California's unique cultural heritage that date back to "...1915, when the Panama California Exposition in San Diego showcased Bertram Goodhue's stunning Spanish Revival designs (and) the Spanish craze began in earnest." (*Old House Journal*, Oct. 2005)

They are eye-catching. Intriguing. Even mysterious. Somehow different, yet oddly familiar. Where did they come from, those colorful tiles that decorate steps, fountains, doorways, kitchens and baths in old buildings? And are they still being made today?

Ed O'Reilly, president of Riverside Tileworks, Inc. and Diana Watson, the owner of Native Tile and Ceramics in Torrance, will present an illustrated program on the past, present, and future of California tiles. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the cultural heritage that put California on the map as a leader in design and innovation in the decorative arts.

And don't miss the historic tiles at the east and west entrances of the Ebell Club, which was designed by the renowned architect, Frederick Eley.

And who will get the Society's Annual Preservation Award? Oh, that would be telling. You'll have to wait to hear for yourself. Tickets are \$30 per person. Make your reservations today by sending in the form located inside this newsletter or by calling our message line at 714 547-9645.

# From the President

2006 is off to a great start for SAHPS. With the Board's Planning Retreat scheduled for this month and the Annual Member Dinner well in hand, Board members are energized for another productive year for the Society.

As always, active volunteers are at a premium. The return of former Board member Jim Marquez and new Board candidates Angela Mauro and Wayne Curl will go a long way toward achieving our ambitious goals for this year. Supporter Catherine Cate's amazing organizational talents are proving to be invaluable in coordinating our Annual Dinner. Last but certainly not least, we have received an unexpected but very welcome boost to our ongoing salvage program, courtesy of Regan Candelario and the great people at Paint Your Heart Out Orange County."

Over the years, our volunteers have done amazing things. We've moved and restored a Victorian House. We've restored the Spurgeon Clock Tower. We've launched a living history program that features student actors portraying early Orange County pioneers. We've created a website that receives over 2,000 hits a day from people looking for information and old photos.

Last year alone, we won the Governor's Award for our children's history activity book and an award from the Freedom Foundation (our second) for our historic cemetery tour.

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to volunteer your time? Involved with a group that might assist in supporting SAHPS? Give us a call and become a partner in our success!

Can't give us your time? Then please be sure you renew or join us as a member. As a membership-based organization, your support is critical to keeping our energies high and our education projects bountiful. Our multiple projects – both ongoing and new – are funded in part with your membership donations.

Either way – membership or volunteer (or maybe both?), we need your help to continue our mission – to preserve and celebrate local history for us, our children, and our children's children.

*Alison Young*

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The Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House,  
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The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society's newsletter is produced by the Society for its members and other friends. We are proud to say that the Society is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization with no paid staff members. All donations and memberships go directly to our education and preservation projects.

## Come Shop With Us! SAHPS Salvage Sale on February 25th

Calling all old house restorers! Save Saturday, February 25 to come by the Howe-Waffle House and check out our antique bargains. We will be open for business from 10 am to 2 pm. Feel free to come and “line up” prior to 10 am, but because it takes a lot of effort to get our wares set up, we do not allow shopping prior to that time, both in fairness to others, and also so we can get everything ready in time to open.

As many of you know, the materials available for sale come from Santa Ana houses that have been acquired by the city and are slated for demolition. SAHPS tries to salvage as much as possible from these houses that would be useful in restoration of historic homes. We then sell the materials at a much lower rate than would be found at an architectural salvage house. Santa Ana residents are given preference, in that they receive an additional discount. So, our salvage sales act as a fundraiser for us, but they are also used to assist private parties in their salvage efforts. We do not sell to dealers.

Items we have for sale include: built in cabinets, a claw foot tub (it does, however, need its claws!), a kitchen sink, bathroom wall mount sinks, doors and windows, and various trim and moldings. Please note this is only a sampling, we do have other materials available. If you have a specific item you need, please feel free to contact us and we will try to let you know if we think we have the right item available for you. We may be contacted at (714)953-1876 or e-mail us at [salvage@sahps.org](mailto:salvage@sahps.org).



Shoppers checking out our wares at the last salvage sale

## Join SAHPS and Paint Your Heart at our Next Salvage Event

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is dedicated to saving our historic resources. While we would like to see all of our history saved for future generations, we realize that this is not always practical. But when a building can't be saved, we would at least like to see that building live on in another way – by salvaging materials out of buildings which are scheduled for demolition, we can preserve the memories of those buildings, help to restore other historical buildings, and also add some money to the coffers of the Society.

The Society has an agreement with the city of Santa Ana in that the Society has salvage rights for any city-owned building that is scheduled for demolition. The city notifies the Society when it has such buildings available. First, we do a “windshield survey” to determine if the building has potential for salvage. If it does, we contact the city for a walk-through, and if salvageable materials are present, we gather our volunteers and schedule salvage operations.

There are currently several houses undergoing this process. Because of the large amount of work to be done, Paint Your Heart Out Santa Ana/Anaheim has offered to help us complete this work. Paint Your Heart Out volunteers will handle actual salvage for us. Historical Society volunteers will do the “finish work” – like making sure materials have no nails sticking out of them and are safe for transport, loading the trucks, and unloading them at the storage locations.

Our next salvage event will be Saturday, March 11 starting at 8 am. If you can help part of the day, that would be appreciated too. Please bring your gloves, hammers, and crow bars if you have them! All volunteers are allowed to pick one salvage item for free as a thank you for their efforts.

If you are interested in helping us with salvage operations, or would like to be notified of our upcoming salvage sale, please let us know by dropping an e-mail to [salvage@sahps.org](mailto:salvage@sahps.org), or call Nathan Reed, Director of Salvage Operations, at (714)953-1876. Thanks for the help!

## *Bits and Pieces*

### **Dues are Due! Time to Renew for 2006**

Please look at your mailing label! If it does not say "Member 2006" it is time for you to renew! Use the form on page 7 to renew your membership now!

Without your membership and generous gifts, the historic preservation activities of the Society, including the preservation and maintenance of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum, would not be possible.

If you can help with an additional donation beyond membership (or a higher level of membership), please do. Every penny goes toward our educational and preservation activities.

### **Plein-Air Paintings Added Color to the House**

In December, the Society was host to an exhibit of beautiful plein-air paintings by artist Brent Jensen. Part of the sale from each painting was donated to the Society and resulted in over \$1,000 added to our educational programs – for which we are very extremely thankful to Brent.

More of Brent's paintings can be seen at his site at <http://www.jensenstudio.com/>. If you find something you like and purchase it, please mention that you heard about it from the Society.

### **Save the Date for Our Next Cemetery Tour 2006**

Plans are already underway for the 2006 Cemetery Tour. Our theme for this year is still in the planning stages, so of course everything else is as well.

But we do know the date! Be sure and save Saturday, October 21, 2006 to attend our annual Cemetery Tour.

If you are interested in becoming involved in helping to participate or to help organize the event, please let us know. We can use help in both planning the event, and "grunt labor" during the actual day of the event.

If interested, please contact Roberta Reed at (714) 953-1876 or email [robertareed@sahps.org](mailto:robertareed@sahps.org).

### **Floral Park Home Tour Coming April 29/30**

Floral Park Neighborhood is hosting its annual home and garden tour on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, from 10 am to 4 pm. Vintage homes and gardens will be open for the tour, which will culminate at the Courtyard of the Bowers Museum featuring "Art of Adorning."

Stroll tree lined streets and enjoy the ambiance of a simpler time.

Tickets are \$25 each at the door, but presale tickets (received by April 26) are only \$20 each. Children under 10 are free. Mail presale orders to Floral Park Neighborhood Association, Attn: Home Tour, Post Office Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366.

Proceeds from the home tour are used for neighborhood improvement, and a portion of the proceeds are also donated to local non-profit organizations to further their work.

For more information, call (714)567-4795 or visit their website at [www.floral-park.com](http://www.floral-park.com).

### **Tustin Home Tour Sat., May 6**

Our friends at the Tustin Historical Society are once again hosting their Historical Home and Garden tour on May 6. For more information (or to be a volunteer), call the THS museum at 731-5701.

### **Photos Commemorates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SF Earthquake**

Do you plan to be in San Francisco in the near future? If so, you might want to visit the California Historical Society Museum, located at 678 Mission Street in San Francisco.

From February 9 to June 10, the museum will be showing "Jack London and the Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906." The exhibit features photographs taken by London and his wife Charmian in the days following the earthquake and fire.

The museum is open Wednesday to Saturday, noon to 4:30 pm, and admission is \$3 or \$1 for children and seniors.

For more information, visit their website at [www.californiahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.com) or call them at (415) 357-1848.

## New Aviation Exhibit at Old Courthouse

*Fly Now! Aviation Posters from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum* opened on February 3, 2006 at the Old Orange County Courthouse, and will continue through April 28.

40 posters from the Aviation Poster Collection of the National Air and Space Museum are featured in this exhibition. They reveal a treasure trove of information about the history of advertising, technology, business, transportation, tourism, and cultural geography. The collection dates from 1860 to the present.

The Old Courthouse Museum is located in the landmark Old Orange County Courthouse at 211 West Santa Ana Boulevard. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is free. For more information call (714)973-6607 or go to the museum's website at [www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse](http://www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse).

## SAHPS Wins Governor's Award for Historic Preservation



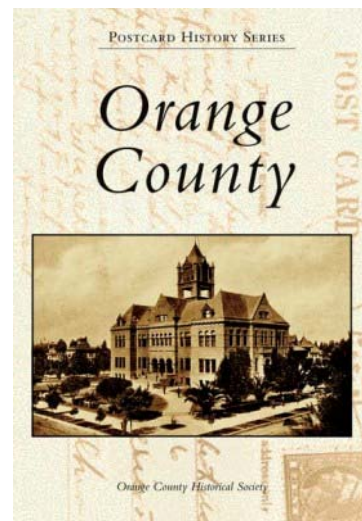
SAHPS board member Guy Ball (c) seen receiving the Governor's award from Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (l), and Ruth Coleman, Director of the California State Parks (r). Guy received the award in Sacramento on behalf of the Society for the creation of the Santa Ana History Coloring and

Activity book. The Society conceived, designed, and distributed over 5,000 copies of the bilingual book to local 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms after obtaining a grant for its printing. Later 2,000 additional copies were printed and distributed thanks to donations from the Wilshire Square and Floral Park Neighborhoods.

Later in the month, Guy and the Society received recognition at a SAUSD school board meeting for the cross-cultural project. In January, the SA City Council presented Guy with a certificate for his work on creating the book.

While we are always looking for additional funding to help deliver books to local schools, the book is now available in the Kids' Zone on our website for free download for teachers, students, and parents.

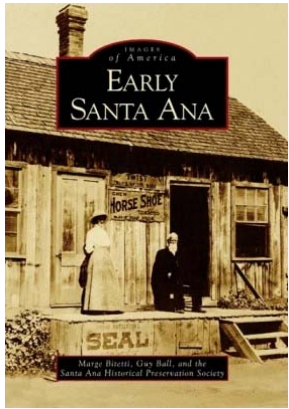
## New OC Book Available Now!



A wonderful book of postcards from Orange County has just been published by Arcadia Publishing. Written by our good friends at the Orange County Historical Society, the book has 128 pages with almost 200 different images of early Orange County. You can buy the book directly from the Orange County Historical Society at [www.orangecountyhistory.org](http://www.orangecountyhistory.org).

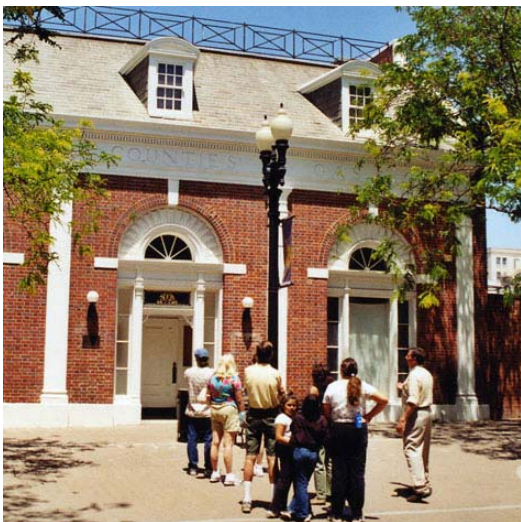
While you can also buy it at local Barnes & Noble stores, Woodward Ace Hardware in Santa Ana, and Acorn Naturalists in Tustin, SAHPS also sells it. See the order form at the end of the newsletter. We are also offering it as a free gift for those renewing at the \$100 level.

## New Santa Ana Book Available This June!



Pretty soon the classic *Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards* will have some competition for those interested in old photos of Santa Ana. *Vintage Postcards* author Guy Ball teamed up with Marge Bittetti to create *Early Santa Ana*, a collection of vintage photographs dating up to the 1940s. The book includes photos from the archives of the Bowers Museum, OC Historical Society, OC Archives, Santa Ana Public Library, and local families – and shows some photos never before seen out in general public. Research and writing has been completed and the book is presently in England awaiting printing. We should have copies back by June – (possibly even May).

## Walking Tours Continue



Thanks to the organizer Tim Rush and his band of volunteers, we continue to offer a walking tour of downtown Historic Santa Ana on the first

Saturday of every month. If you haven't gotten a chance to take one yet, you need to include it on your calendar. Call our message line and reserve your spot today. The tour costs \$6 and starts at the Dr. Howe Waffle House at 2:30 pm. Next tour dates include March 4, April 1, and May 6.

## New House Displays



As we expand our archives and photo collection, we also want to let others access our vintage images. While we already post a large number of photos on our website, we've also just purchased a special free-standing table display for the House. It holds up to 40 8.5x11" photos for visitors to enjoy. We'll be purchasing another display soon. The photos in the display are high-quality copies (not the originals), and may be offered for sale at a later date.

## Building the New SAHPS Photo Archives

As we were collecting images for the second Santa Ana history photo book, the Society began to expand our small collection of old Santa Ana images. In the process of creating the book, we have been given some wonderful photos by a few local families.

In the past, we didn't have the capability or the archival storage capacity. However, we have budgeted the purchase of some special storage materials to allow us to accept and archive old photos of local businesses and families. Should you have any that you wish to donate, please contact Guy Ball at 714 730-5817.

This is a great opportunity for long-time residents to ensure that their early Santa Ana photos are appreciated for all time to come. We're particularly looking for photos from the 20s to the 50s, but will take anything in other years as well.

# Time To Renew



Help us continue our efforts to preserve, to educate, to celebrate Santa Ana and Orange County History

*(Renew or join at the \$100 level (or above) and receive a copy of Orange County Postcards, Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards, or Orange County Blossoms as a free gift as our thanks for your extra support.)*

Membership Dues: *Individual/Family - \$15-49; Business - \$20-100; Supporter - \$50-99; Patron - \$100-249; Benefactor - \$250-1,000; Golden Honoree -- \$2,000 and above*

Please charge: \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ membership.  
(If \$100 or over, please circle the book you would like us to send you.)

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Owner's name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this reservation form in by March 16th!**

## Annual Dinner Reservation Form

For main entree, choose:  Citrus Herb Chicken  Pot Roast Estremo or  Vegetarian

The complete dinner also includes: Rice Pilaf or Roasted Red Potatoes; Tropical Spinach Salad with Mandarin oranges; baby carrots; rolls and butter; coffee/ iced tea, and Buttermilk Chocolate Fudge Cake for dessert. If you change your mind at dinner, you can change your entree without trouble.

Yes, please hold \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me at this year's SAHPS Annual Dinner on Tuesday, March 21st.

I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 per dinner) by  check or charge my  Visa  MC  AmEx  
(If renewing your membership, just fill out your card number once.)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like us to confirm your reservation? \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, 120 Civic Center Dr. W., Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505**

# Book Order and Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Qty	Title	Price
	Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards \$22.50 including postage & taxes	
	Orange County in Vintage Postcards \$23.50 including postage & taxes	
	Orange County Blossoms (hardcover) Was \$48, <b>now \$28</b> includes post & taxes	
	The History of Santa Ana City and Valley \$16.00 including post. & tax	
	See our website for other available books	
	Total	

If paying by credit card, please specify: Visa, Master Card, American Express.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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