

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society News

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ELLEN LEE TO SPEAK ON MODJESKA

We are honored to have Ellen Lee, the noted expert on Madame Helena Modjeska, as the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner on February 7th at the Revere House. She will bring to life the adventures of the famous actress, who lived in Orange County for the last half of her life. We will be presenting quarterly Historic Preservation awards to four deserving historic building owners. Please see the enclosed invitation for further details.

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S. A. H. P. S.
WISHES TO SALUTE
THE
WILSHIRE SQUARE
NEIGHBORHOOD
FOR ITS
OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION
TOWARD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
IN SANTA ANA

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information and photos)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The arrival of the new decade gives us an opportunity to reflect upon what was accomplished in historical preservation in and around Santa Ana in the 1980's, as well as to set our long-range preservation goals for the 1990's.

As an organization, we suffered our most serious loss in the 1980's. This was not the loss of a historic building, but of our organization's founder, leader, and chief benefactor, Mrs. Weston Walker. We are grateful that her spirit of dedication remains infused throughout our organization and through the continued leadership of dedicated members like Max and Connie Becker, Royal and Jeanine Spurrier, Judy and Don Moore, Rob Rusby, George and Nanette Heaney, and Diann and Robert Marsh. In the 1990's we hope to see more of our members become active in our organization.

In the 1980's the City of Santa Ana began to invest considerable staff and financial resources towards historic preservation efforts. With a few notable exceptions, the city has been in the forefront of Orange County cities in actively promoting the preservation and restoration of its historic structures. We are thankful to be able to work with a city government which recognizes the economic and cultural values of an active preservation movement.

In the 1980's, several Santa Ana landmark buildings were completely restored, or the restoration got underway in earnest. Among the most notable of these are the Old County Courthouse, the Dr. Julius Crane Home (aka as the Smith and Tuthill Mortuary), the George Minter Home, the Santora Building, the Hiram Clay Kellogg Home, the Ball and Chilton Homes among others in French Park, (which became the city's first local historic district), and our own Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

Of course, we did lose a few dear friends, including the Holly Sugar Factory and the

Santa Ana Hotel. Overall, however, I think most preservationists would agree that the 1980's were a decade when successes far outnumbered failures in Santa Ana.

As we look forward to the 1990's, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society hopes to continue to be an advocate for preserving the early heritage of our city. We look forward to becoming increasingly involved with neighborhood and other citizen-based organizations who share our vision for a City where progress in preservation can be achieved.

I am certain we will be able to continue our excellent working relationship with the City of Santa Ana, as well as with the County of Orange. By working as partners I believe that an organization such as ours can achieve great successes with local government. While we may not always agree with every decision reached by our city leaders, I see no reason why we cannot remain agreeable. I think that our organization can be more effective in the long run if we can remain friendly with City Hall as we continue to remind the City of the importance of historic preservation.

The 1990's will bring many changes to Santa Ana. The demographics of our city will continue to change, as well as the physical appearance of our city. But it will be organizations like ours, and members like you, who will enable us to maintain our source of reference even as we experience these changes. We hope the 1990's will bring a new commitment on the part of our members to become more actively involved in our organization. When one of our dedicated Board Members calls on you for some assistance in furthering the work of our organization, I hope you will agree to help. Together we can help shape the 1990's into a decade of success in historic preservation in Santa Ana.



Scott Morgan

A RECIPE FOR A GREAT
NEIGHBORHOOD CALLED
WILSHIRE SQUARE

- 1 heaping cup of Spanish Colonial residences
- 1 large serving of Tudor Revival homes
- 1 full quart of 1940's and 50's ranch style houses
- 1 Tbs. of 20's Colonial Revival bungalows
- 1 Tsp. each of Craftsman and California Bungalows

Stir together to create a colorful mixture

Add as many 1920's lamp posts as needed

Sprinkle with lots of fresh mature trees and landscaping

Liberally populate with a great group of energetic homeowners. Do not cook first.

Garnish with a gold seal for quality

Serve for many years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
WILSHIRE SQUARE !

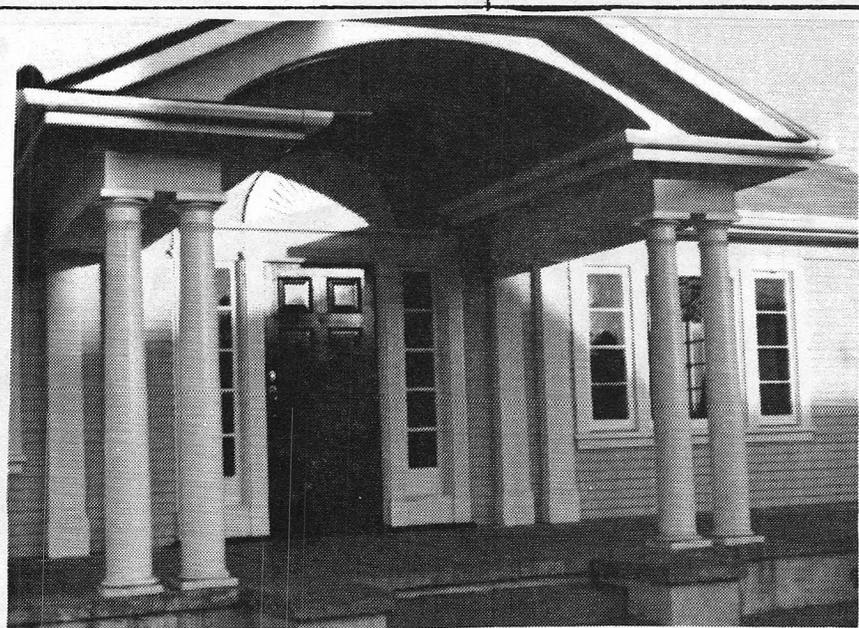




QUARTERLY HISTORIC
PRESERVATION AWARDS TO
BE PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL DINNER

Summer 1989 Award:
The Episcopal Church of the
Messiah
For giving 100 years worth
of loving care to a beautiful
historic building.

Spring 1989 Award
The Hervey-Finley Building,
204-210 East Fourth St.
The original fine detailing
has been restored to this
classic building which was
constructed in 1899. It is
part of the City of Santa
Ana's historic rehabilita-
tion program.



Fall 1989 Award
Gregg Mason has restored
the Wasser House at 401
South Sycamore St. to its
original beauty and quality
inside and out. The house
was built in 1922 by Wilbur
and Myrta Wasser, the own-
er of the Iowa Stables.

RESTORATION LIBRARY

One of the most frequently asked questions regarding historic houses is "What color is appropriate for the exterior of my house?"

You need look no further than the restoration library at the Dr. Waffle House. We have an entire set of Old House Journals that will provide you with technical information on appropriate colors and how to plan your color scheme. There are other books that display the color schemes used by others, and a new paint chart with historic colors.

Are you planning to relandscape your home? We now have two years worth of Horticulture Magazine with many color photographs of beautifully-designed gardens and new strains of plants.

EYE ON SANTA ANA

The first issue of the impressive new neighborhood newsletter called Eye On Santa Ana was published in October 1989. Guy Ball is the Editor-in-Chief and the group of people helping him is called the Communications Linkage Committee. The City of Santa Ana Department of Housing Services is the publisher. Reports

of the activities of the many neighborhood organizations in the city and a community calendar are two of the informative subjects covered by this new enterprise. We would like to congratulate Guy on this important enterprise and look forward to future issues.

CONGRATULATIONS

Scott Morgan has recently moved from Long Beach to Fifteenth Street in Santa Ana. He bought a large custom ranch home built by Roy Russell. It is in Washington Square. Scott, an avid gardener, is already in the process of relandscaping the expansive lawn and has just had the hardwood floors refinished. Scott, who formerly was Senior Aide to Supervisor Roger Stanton, has a new position as Assistant City Manager of the City of Orange. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Scott.

Long-time S. A. H. P. S. members Rob and Viv Richardson have recently purchased and moved into a lovely Tudor-style home on Parton Street in Wilshire Square. Rob just finished a term as President of the Santa Ana School Board. Rob worked for the City of Santa Ana for four years and has just become the new Aide in Supervisor Stanton's office. We hope that you will have many happy years in your new home and job.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society would like to invite you to join us. We welcome anyone who has an interest in Santa Ana or Orange County history. Our members are our most valuable asset.

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Organization: 20.00

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Supporting: 50.00

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