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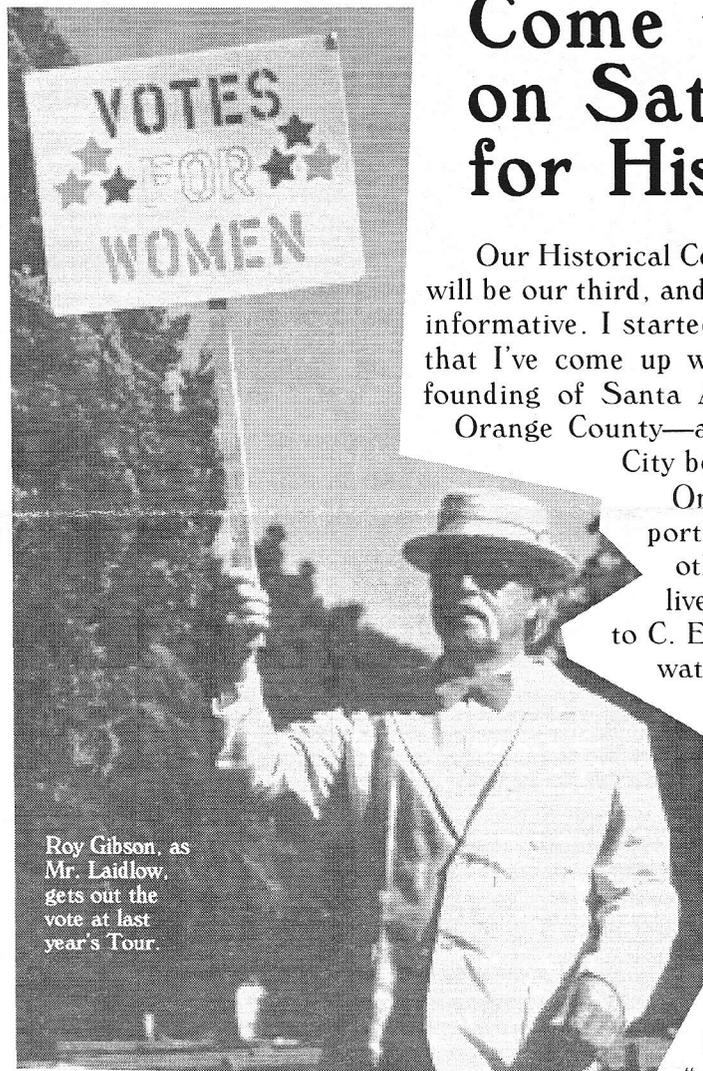
Come to the Cemeteries on Saturday, October 21 for Historical Tour 2000

Our Historical Cemetery Tour is going to be the best ever this year! This will be our third, and each year I strive to make the tour more fun and more informative. I started doing research for the event last December and feel that I've come up with an interesting historical panorama. It covers the founding of Santa Ana as told by William Spurgeon, and the birth of Orange County—an important event to Santa Anans, since our Golden City became the county seat.

One of the Society's members, Edward Grijalva, will be portraying his ancestor, Alferez Juan Pablo Grijalva. He and other talented actors will offer an intimate look at the lives of such pioneers as Dorothy Parker, (daughter-in-law to C. E. Parker), W. W. Halesworth, and James Garnsey. And watch for the arrival of a stagecoach!

Of course, our own SAHPS Board member Nan Liebsack will portray Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle. At last year's tour we met and learned about the doctor's second husband, Edson Waffle. This year we will meet and learn about Dr. Alvin Howe during the year 1889, when he was mayor of our infant town.

Wrong Way Corrigan will once more be at Fairhaven Cemetery, to "confusiate" the best of us.



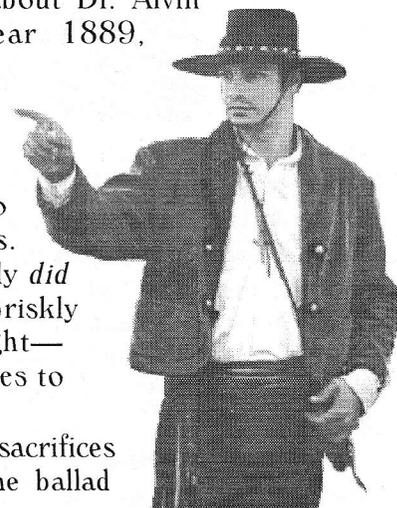
Roy Gibson, as Mr. Laidlow, gets out the vote at last year's Tour.

Actor Joseph Thompson will leave everybody wondering if Wrong Way really *did* fly to Ireland by mistake! The vivacious Bebe Daniels will again breeze briskly down "Highway 101," much to Judge Cox's dismay. His dismay is our delight—come see what Bebe is wearing this year, and keep in mind that she truly loves to put on a show!

World War I re-enactors will touch your emotions by reminding you of the sacrifices made by our ancestors during that conflict. Lastly, there are rumors that the ballad "Danny Boy" will echo through the mausoleum again, by popular request.

So many people have been interested in the pioneers who are buried in Fairhaven

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Hector Gomez acted the part of the Orange County historical figure Desiderio Burreul.

President's Message

Santa Ana Partnerships in preservation.

With the unveiling of the restored Masonic Temple refurbished as the Santa Ana Performing Arts and Event Center, and with the re-using of the beautiful First Church of Christ Scientist building as a performing arts center for the Orange County High School of the Arts, Santa Ana is fast becoming a hub of partnerships in preservation.

Creative re-use of vintage buildings is vital to preserving the history of our city. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society applauds the efforts of developers and City officials in helping to ensure that many of our fine historic buildings will remain a part of our community for future generations.

Our continuing salvage program has now been expanded to include responding to notifications of privately owned buildings, aged 50 years or older, for which demolition permits have been granted. Our receiving these notifications is the result of a meeting among the SAHPS, City agencies, and the Historic Commission—yet another partnership at work!

Through your dues, donations, attendance at events, and assistance with projects, we can continue to support historic preservation in our community. Thanks for helping make possible one of our most important partnerships: the one we share with you, our members!—*Alison Young*

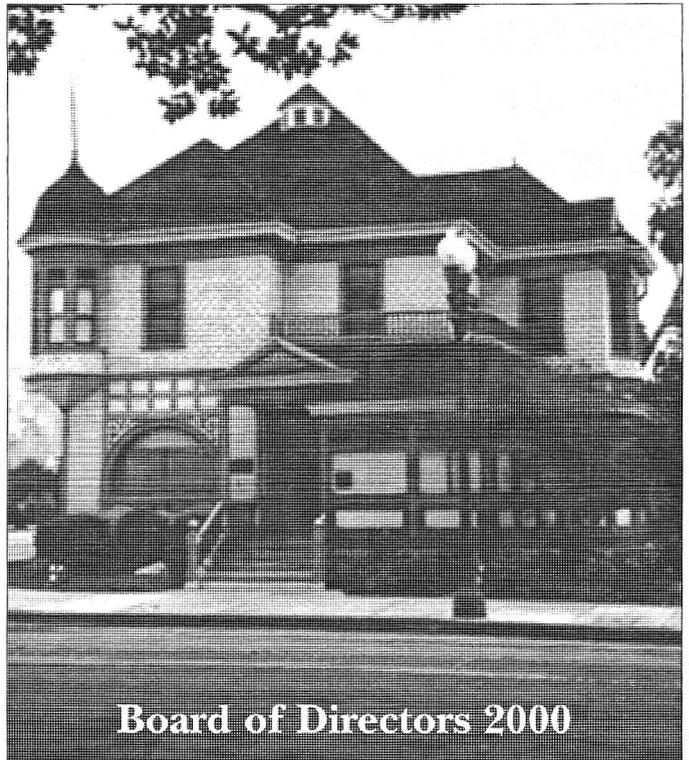
From page one that I put together a booklet,



“Remember Me,” that will be sold at the cemetery. The Boy Scouts of America will put flags on the graves of men and women who served our country and there will be displays on the Mexican-American War and the Civil War.

There will be much to see and learn on Saturday, October 21, 2000, at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery. I hope to see you there!

Questions? Please call the Howe-Waffle House at (714) 547-9645.—*Patty Boardman Haines, Cemetery Tour Chair*



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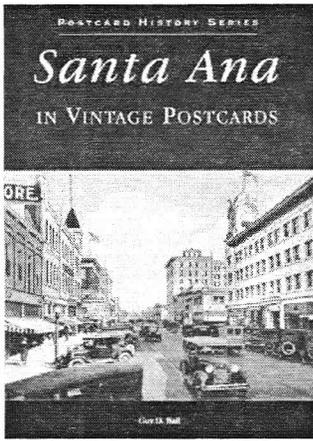
Thanks for extra-helpful contributions from Guy Ball, Patty Boardman Haines, Nan Liebsack, & Alison Young!

Visit our website: <http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com>

WANTED!

We're looking for friendly, happy people who would like to help with our "Waffle Wednesday," held on the first Wednesday of each month from from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your duties would be to help with setting out box lunches and drinks, and greeting visitors as they walk through the Howe-Waffle House on self-guided tours.

It is loads of fun! If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please call Nan at: (714) 547-9645.



Our Newest Publication!

SAHPS has a new book coming out! Guy Ball is putting the finishing touches on the black-and-white paperback, "Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards." It is part of Arcadia Publishing's Postcard Heritage Series and contains approximately 220 images of vintage Santa Ana scenic postcards, dating from around 1902 to the 1950s. The book should soon be available at most local bookstores and on the web at amazon.com.

Better yet, buy through SAHPS and Guy will autograph it. Our price is expected to be \$22.00, including tax and shipping. You can order by mail, sending your check or credit card information. Of course, "Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards" will also be stocked at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House store.

An old publication gets a new life

Remember the old blue downtown walking tour booklet? The original was produced in 1986 by Heritage Orange County and has served Santa Ana well. Unfortunately, there are no more copies to be found; nor could the original printing negatives be found. But the booklet has been given a new life, with a grant to SAHPS from the City of Santa Ana to create a brand-new publication.

We're close to completion and should be buying off the final project soon. The new design is a product of Tony Hatch and Color Image, a longtime Santa Ana business, and it benefits from the writing talents of Catherine Cate, one of our favorite literary volunteers. Heritage Orange County has been kind enough to let us use material from the original booklet, as well. We expect to have the guide printed by the end of this year, depending on results of our efforts to find a major donor to cover printing costs.

And while we're on the subject of books...

SAHPS been buying up old books lately. I've been searching the Internet for Santa Ana and Orange County books from used-book sites. Our intent is to build up a comprehensive research library of Santa Ana history books, something that we've needed for a while. I've acquired about 20 books.

The Internet has pointed me to numerous Santa Ana books in different parts of the U.S. In most cases, I've saved 50 to 70% off the regular price, simply by buying the book from a far-away location—Virginia for example—rather than from a bookseller in, say, Anaheim.

If you have books you'd like to donate or if you'd like to donate funds to this special project (there are still more books to buy, and these are the expensive ones!), please leave a message at (714) 547-9645 or e-mail me at mrcalc@usa.net.—Guy Ball

Howe-Waffle House Flower Beds get a Face-Lift

Have you noticed the landscaping in the front gardens of the Howe-Waffle House? The gardens along Civic Center Drive and Sycamore Street needed major rehabilitation. and, thanks to a group of hard-working volunteers the job is nearly complete.

Volunteer coordinator Nan Liebsack and her crew spent a weekend removing the old and ugly (and usually dead) groundcover and small plants. Then the soil was rototilled and amended. Chris Lieback and Mike Macres installed a new sprinkler line along the front and into the flower beds.

Linda Ball, along with help from sons Nicholas and Alexander and hubby Guy, has been planting a variety of suitable plants aimed at making the front of the house as beautiful as the house itself. Starting funds for the project were provided by an innovative Grants for Blocks program from the City of Santa Ana. It covered about half the costs, and the Society provided the rest. And many thanks to Armstrong Nursery and to Orchard Home Supply for the discounts they extended to us on plants and materials.

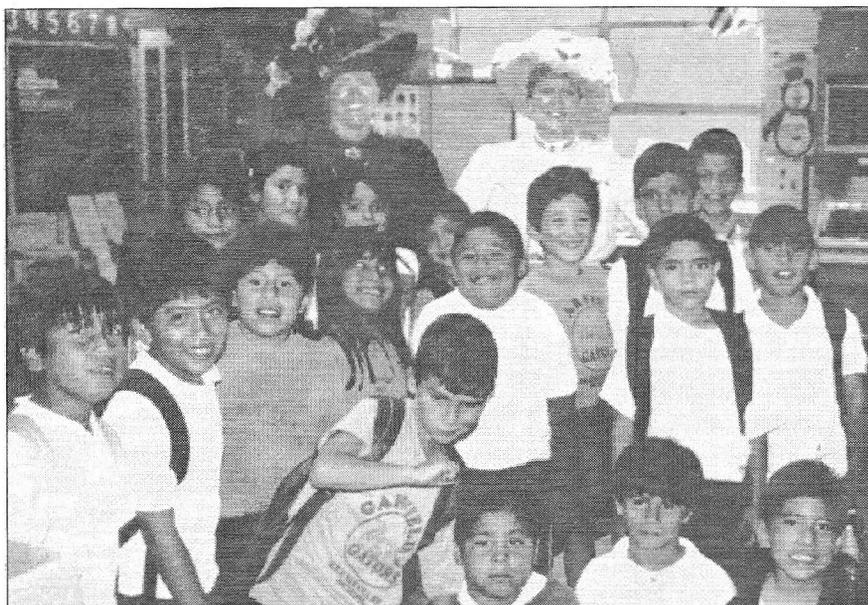
The Diann Marsh Dedication Rose Garden will get its face lifted soon as well. In anticipation, Linda Ball has already pruned and fertilized the garden; once the bare-root season arrives later in the year, more volunteers will pitch in to finish the garden beautification project.

Raising the SAHPS Profile

Vice President Tim Rush is attending the annual conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Los Angeles this month. Besides participating in some of the seminars, Tim plans to spend some time mingling with leaders of many other regional and national historical organizations, perhaps making our group a bit better known to them.

The SAHPS Living History Program Lives On

Our Living History program had its third performance on Friday, September 1 at the Madison Elementary School. According to survey forms that are being returned from Santa Ana third graders who have seen our program, it is a huge success!



And the cast grows: The two main characters—Miss Anna Kosack, Santa Ana's very first school teacher, played by Patty Boardman Haines, and Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle, the area's first woman doctor, portrayed by me, have been joined by Mr. James McFadden, ably acted by Michael Macres. All three characters are beautifully costumed in authentic Victorian clothing, which includes a fine top hat for Mr. McFadden.

The children have found the James McFadden character very entertaining, especially his story about how he sold the first lumber in Santa Ana to his good friend Uncle Billy Spurgeon.

The program is currently booked for two performances per month through December, although there will be only one performance this month: Schoolteacher Miss Anna is extra busy preparing for the Historic Cemetery Tour, which she is directing.—*Nan Liebsack*

Have you noticed? Larry and Barbara Graham have donated items for the Howe-Waffle House gift shop and would greatly appreciate more goodies, to create a neat Collectibles-For-Sale Corner!

Wouldn't you like to lend a hand? Participate in the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Membership & Gift Program.

For you, for your family, for a friend, Membership in the SAHPS is for anyone interested in history or in helping to preserve Santa Ana and Orange County heritage.

The amount of your dues can vary depending on your generosity:

I would like to become a **Member** of SAHPS or renew my current membership.
Individual \$10-\$20 **Family** \$15-\$49 **Organization/Business** \$20-\$49
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Thank you for your support!

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