

SAVE OUR HERITAGE



ORGANISATION

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*Inter Soc. of
Girl Watchers
interested in all
types of structures*

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TOGETHERNESS

S. O. H. O. shall meet on the first
Sunday of each month at 7:30, at
The Gilbert House. All members are
invited. Because of Easter, the next
meeting will be April 13 at 7:30.

FROM BAUBLES TO BAGELS

Nick Fintzelberg and Courtney
Gonzalez have written letters to numerous
businesses asking them to respond to the
idea of relocating or opening a branch
in our preserve to be possibly located
on land off of Interstate 5 near Old Town.
We are thinking in terms of six or more
houses to be turned into boutiques,
quality shops and restaurants. Similar
tourist centers have been opened in
San Francisco, Denver, and Chicago.

The businesses are asked to react
now without commitment. If you are
connected with an interested concern
phone:

Nick Fintzelberg - 239-2213

eve. 469-7787

Courtney Gonzalez - 224-0583

HEAR YE

The following statement was
proposed and voted upon at our March
ninth meeting:

The goal of S. O. H. O. is
to save The Gilbert House,
the upper floors to be used
for public services, and
other Victorian and histor-
ical structures to be set
in a preserve, and that
among these will be a
museum and commercially
oriented businesses so that
this preserve be self-
sustaining.

YENOM

No matter how it is spelled, we
need money. A committee is now
being formed by the Board to begin
an extensive drive for large sums of
money. Contact Miles if you can help.

Mr. Homer Delawie is our liaison
with the city leaders who are interested
in the preserve. Call him, 298-6618,
if you know of available land.

The secret of success is
constancy to purpose.

Benjamin Disraelie
Speech, 1870

OUT OF THE HAY STACK

Bruce Hay now claims S. O. H. O.
has grown from its original thirty to
one hundred and sixty-four members
as of March 9. If you want member-

ship cards to sell, phone Bruce or Carolyn, 296-4696. It is imperative that we get money, thus, please consider selling memberships. There is a current list of members at the Gilbert House.

TEA AND SHERRY

A Victorian high tea was held on February 16, at the homestead. Our intention was to introduce San Diegans to our project, and to allow them to view the interior of the house or to awaken any lurking ghosts. Nick conducted a car tour showing neighboring Victorian houses. Several hundred guests attended and we received over \$300 in donations and memberships. Marie Fillius, chairman, thanks her committee for its successful and sunny afternoon.

CONSTABLES AND TURNERS

SUCCESS in caps is our evaluation of the Art Mart, March 1. Marilyn "Pinkie" Bonner did a superb job of recruiting and organizing the fifty-one artists who participated. We grossed \$1327.82. Approximately \$675 was our share after expenses.

Cheers to John Novy who demonstrated at the potter's wheel the entire day; Anita Storck for her portrait sketches; Jean de Selm and Margaret Curtis for donating all of their art work; the many artists who gave items for the auction. We particularly want to thank Mrs. Donal Hord for her donation of her husband's figure drawings. Guillermo Acevado's work sells even when the lights go out.

A VICTORIAN SAGE

When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work, as the colour-petals out of a fruitful flower.

John Ruskin
1865

OLD LACE AND NO ARSENIC

The Gilbert House reflected its glorious past on March 8. The lights dimmed as ladies in long and lacy skirts swirled. The Eggplants pounded out Dixie downstairs while The Lawyers stately swung in the parlor.

Bruce Hay's delightful posters added gaiety to each room. The "Lady over the Mantle" by Courtney is worthy of the British Museum of Art. Some even sold. We'll take money from ALL sources.

The Oscar will certainly go to Donna O'Connell for her melodrama.

We owe a great deal to Sally Johns and Maggi Kirkpatrick for the gala. The net take was about \$250.

THE PAST WITH REPAST

We shall go back to the Victorian era on Sunday, March 23, for a brunch and fashion showing of pieces from the Civil War to 1930. Mrs. M. Ward (Mary) is the chairman. We cannot stress the importance of this event. Please support it. Tickets must be sold; ~~money must be sold~~; money must be gotten for the Gilbert House to be saved. Encourage your friends to attend. Provide transportation.

Place - Palm Room, U. S. Grant

Hotel

Time - 12:30 brunch

2 - 3 promenade of fashions

Tickets - \$5.00 adults

\$3.00 children

12 and under

For reserved seating phone:
Mrs. Ross M. Pyle

273-3999
Mrs. James C. Russell

459-6853
Mrs. N. Harold Williams

223-1173
Make checks payable to The San Diego Historical Society (S. O. H. O.)

STRATEGY

Have you asked your social and service clubs to donate to SAVE OUR HERITAGE? Please do so.

NO BELLS HEARD

This newsletter's sole purpose is to inform you of what's happening without annoying you with telephoning. If you desire less succinct info, phone Miles, 239-8324. He loves those bells.

HAVE YOU READ? SEEN? HEARD?

Under the expert guidance of Carol Lindemulder, the publicity committee is filling the newspaper, radio, and the television with S. O. H. O. Sally Johns, Terri Recht, and Bert Waxler have been working overtime to accomplish this. You can help also by putting information about the fashion show and brunch in your club or business newsletter.

NOTEWORTHY COPY

Be sure to see the March issue of San Diego Magazine with Marilyn Hagberg's informative and sympathetic article on the house. Frame the drawing for your own R. Miles Parker.

SILENT LADY

Bartlett has only one phrase accredited to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria,

"We are not amused."

FOR POSTERITY

Adrian Sosna would like you to mail to her any mention of S. C. H. O. that you read.

6422 Lake Apopka, S. D.

LOSE WEIGHT

Talented or not, we need you! We constantly have chores that need doing. If you are willing to help, call Miles or attend our next meeting. We guaranty a quick weight reduction if you mow our lawn; clear out the backyard; repair the leaky roof; wax the wooden floor; plan a fund raising affair.

FILL THE PIGGYBANKS

Kathy and Linda Murray invite you to tour the Gilbert House on the weekends from 10 until 6 p. m.

Donation pots adorn every surface, thus, bring your wealthier acquaintances.

SIGH

We have an estimate of \$35,000 to move the house and restore the exterior. This price includes the downstairs which may have to rebuilt.

MONEY URGENTLY NEEDED.

Phone Homer Delawie if you have a better estimate.

WOULD YOU HAVE WOOD

Antique pieces are needed to fill the houses. Clear out your garage or Aunt Agatha's attic. We cannot pay for them so please donate.

FASHION SHOW AND BRUNCH, 23 Mar.

There are packages of notecards for sale at the Gilbert House. Each package has six cards and six envelopes. Miles Parker did the pen and ink of the house for the cards. The \$1.00 price goes entirely to the organisation.

There will be a Board meeting this Sunday, 16 March at 7:30 p. m. at Bruce and Carolyn Hay's home.

THE LITERATURE

Newsletter copy goes to Marie Fillius, 453-4972. Our typist is Kathy Murray. Hopefully we can send some news to you every few months, but the postage is killing the budget, so it isn't weekly.

VIVA MEXICO

The Museum of Man has a definite must for you art enthusiasts. The Mexican government has loaned to us an exhibit of art work by their greatest artists.

FASHION SHOW AND BRUNCH, MARCH 23

These constant reminders are to make sure you do not let this date go by. Men are invited as well. There is to be a bit of striptease for them. We're not telling what will be revealed.

THE TRUTH OF THE RUMOR

Many people have asked us about the beautiful Victorian house on the hillside of 20th and K Streets. Built in 1887, it is a charming place. Recently, Mr. & Mrs. John Finn, Jr. bought the house. They plan on restoring it and living in it. Perhaps we can persuade them to move it to our preserve.

We commend them for their desire to bring back the lost beauty of this house.

LATE FLASH FROM COURTNEY

While this was being typed, Courtney phoned to say that they had received three letters of interest in opening shops from the following: The Lamplighter, Antiques, White Whale Restaurant, The Blue Door.

These came in three days after the mail went out. Good response.

Hopefully they'll continue to come in at this pace.

Letters may be sent to 139 Fir St.

OUR ANGELS

The following good folks have given \$25 or more towards saving the Gilbert House:

Mr. & Mrs. L. Davies

Mrs. F. Evenson

Dr. R. Walker Fillius

Nancy F. Fitzpatrick

The Half Moon Inn

THE LEADER SPEAKS

It may seem early to give a retrospective view of what we have accomplished, however, I think a minute's reflection would not be a bad idea. Remember, it was only January that my brother and I hung a "Save This House" sign on the Gilbert House. It was mid-January when the group had its first meeting, and at that time we knew neither who we were nor where we were going. In exactly two months time, we have become a valuable and moving force. We have been recognized as an organization which has something important to do and is seriously intent on doing it.

Within these past two months we've had an extremely successful tea, a most profitable Art Mart, and a festive gala. We're looking forward to a fine fashion show.

I'm positive that we can meet our goals. We shall save the Gilbert House, and we shall be able to create our Victorian Preserve.

Robert Miles Parker
Chairman, S. O. H.

WE WILL SEE YOU ON MARCH 23, AT THE U.S. GRANT HOTEL IN THE PALM ROOM AT 12:30.