

SAVE OUR HERITAGE ORGANISATION

newsletter

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TRAIN RIDE INTO YESTERDAY

SOHO's third annual "train Ride Into Yesterday" will be held on Saturday May 11. The Tour will depart from the historic Santa Fe Depot at 7am and a continental breakfast will be served en route. The train will be met in Los Angeles by a qualified tour guide who will escort us through a walk of historic old L.A. The rest of the day we will be touring on a chartered bus with lunch at the San Antonio winery, and a walk along victorian Carroll St. Our highlight this year will be a 2 hour guided tour of the famous "Greystone Mansion". At days end we will have two free hours to dine and shop, then back aboard our train home.

Space is limited. Cost to members is \$18.00, non members \$20.00. Fill out the attached form and mail to Bill Flounders today. Reservations close April 20.

Chairman of the trip is Bill Flounders, assisted by his wife Jerri, Donna Reagan, Claire Kaplan, Terri Recht, Lynn Kaplan, Barbara Briggs and Co-Chairman Pat Moore. They'll all be aboard; we hope YOU WILL!

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Ammt. Enclosed _____ (18.00) _____ (20.00)

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

make checks payable to S.O.H.O., mail to Bill Flounders
3715 Texas street, S D 92104



LOOK INSIDE

HISTORIC BUS TOURS

and actively working on SOHO's Neighborhood Project. Don't believe EVERYTHING you read in the papers! (P.S. - Miles also still owes your President his half of that famous membership bet . . . I still love you Miles . . carol)

Keith and Donna Evans have added a new member to their family, Harry .. named after Grandpa Harry on our Board. . . Our Congratulations!

Katherine Carlin, one of our dearest SOHO members, recently received the Good Egg Award, for her work this year on a history of Coronado.

YOUR PRESIDENT FINALLY HAS A JOB. . at Frazee Paints . . we hear she almost forgot what it's like to WORK for a living.

SOHO Hostess Donna Reagan is rumored to have captivated a bus driver on our recent tour, by looking beautifully victorian while delivering a wonderful presentation at the Quarter-mass Wilde house.

Carol Glazier and Sheri Collier both have new jobs to be proud of . . . Sheri has Carol's old job at Cost Less as head of Art work, and Carol is newly with advertising-art at Nurseryland. .Congrats, ladies!

Past President Nick Fintzelberg is now author-editor of a new Time Life book in the works

Maureen Harris (Newsletter Editor) and Tommie Adelizzi recently took five children (theirs) on a train trip for four days. . .they deserve congratulations just for surviving!

Send YOUR NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO:
Maureen Harris, 3715 Amarillas St.,
San Diego, Ca. 92106

Some has a growing list of people looking to buy Victorian houses, people looking for homes to move (Victorian) to Heritage Park, and people with victorian properties for sale or lease. We'd like to list all the names, but there are too many. If YOU have a house available, or want to buy one please contact CAROL (eves) at 295-6188

There are two new restorations of interest to see: the building at 6th & C has been handsomely repainted; also the victorian next to Benbough Mortuary is being completely restored and is looking great.



QUERY FROM A NEW MEMBER

Does anyone remember seeing a 2-story Queen Ann-ish House being moved from approximately 11th and C to 28th and Juniper? Moved about 1925, it may have been a doctor's office around 1890 to 1910! We'd like to trace the history!

The gas piping for lighting is still functional and we need help in finding "gasoliers" for the living and dining room ceilings, in any condition.

Contact Wendy Eckley 232-5922

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLING

This News Letter is much too full of important and interesting things for SOHO members, for me to take up your time with a lot of rambling. So, read all our event notices carefully, send in your reservations, membership renewals right away. We are so busy with super events and adventures we need your support even more. Please come to our SOHO General Meetings and meet with one another. Call me personally to offer your help as hostess, tour guide, carpenter or just to tell me you want to help.

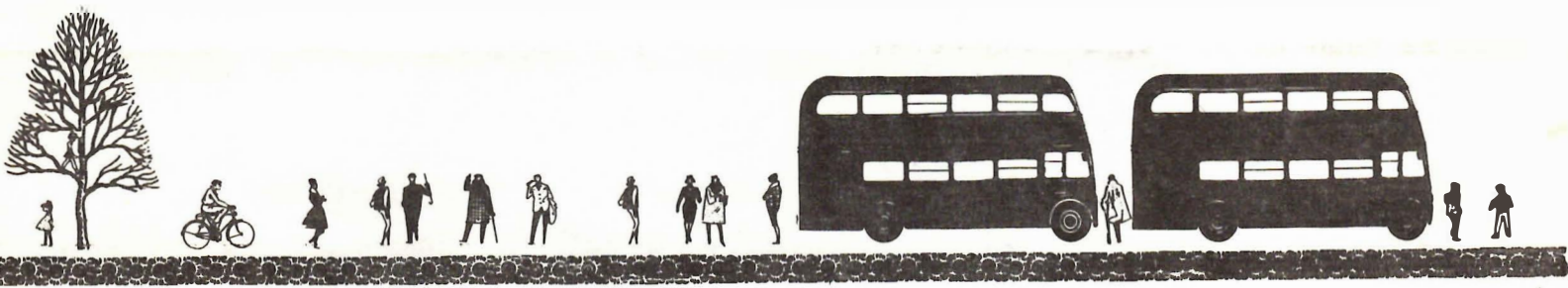
I love you all! See you soon?

Carol

Historic Bus Tours New Exciting Sites

A new adventure is awaiting you! SOHO Tour Guides have another SUPER TOUR planned for April 25, Thursday and April 27, Saturday. Riding on comfortable buses you will visit an Irving Gill house, owned and being restored by SOHOers the Robt. Vodickas; The now sited historic Horton Hotel and newly created backstage restaurant full of fantastic victorian antiques; the new home of the San Diego Ballet, historic site and formerly known as the victorian Odd Fellows Hall; and the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Museum, full of antique fire-fighting equipment and photos of early San Diego citizens. The tour will include the area known as Hortons Addition (New Town).

Price: \$6.00 per person (no children under 12) DEADLINE APRIL 20
Thursday, April 25, depart 9am, parking lot behind Organ Pavilion
Saturday, April 27, depart 1pm, parking lot behind Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park. Reservations by check only (see form below)
For further information, call Lynn Kaplan 295-9309



mail to: SOHO TOURS, P.O. BOX 3571, S D 92103

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE OF TOUR: _____

No. in party: _____ Ammount Enclosed: _____
make checks payable to S.O.H.O.

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENTURE . . .MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TODAY

DECEMBER TOURS

SOHO's fantastic Tour guides took 631 persons through historic San Diego in December, making a profit to SOHO of over \$2000.00 .I would like to thank some special people for their help in making this a fabulous success. Thanks to Midge Mills and the S.D. Historical Soc. for the use of their collections of Victorian clothing. A great big thanks to Jeanette Branin for the beautiful newspaper coverage of the tours. Also to Miles Parker and Bruce Kamerling for giving the tour through the Horton Hotel; Donna Reagan and Sharon Collier for an excellent tour through the Quartermass-Wilde house. Thanks also to Esther Young, Ramola McKenney, Merika Gopaul, Carolyn Foushee, Arlene Jorgenson, Lee Douglas, Pat and Don Skidmore, Dick McLaughlin, Bridg, Robin and Diana Recht, Kay Nicholas, Danny, Wendy and Jennifer Ratner, My hubby Philip, and Robert Vodicka.

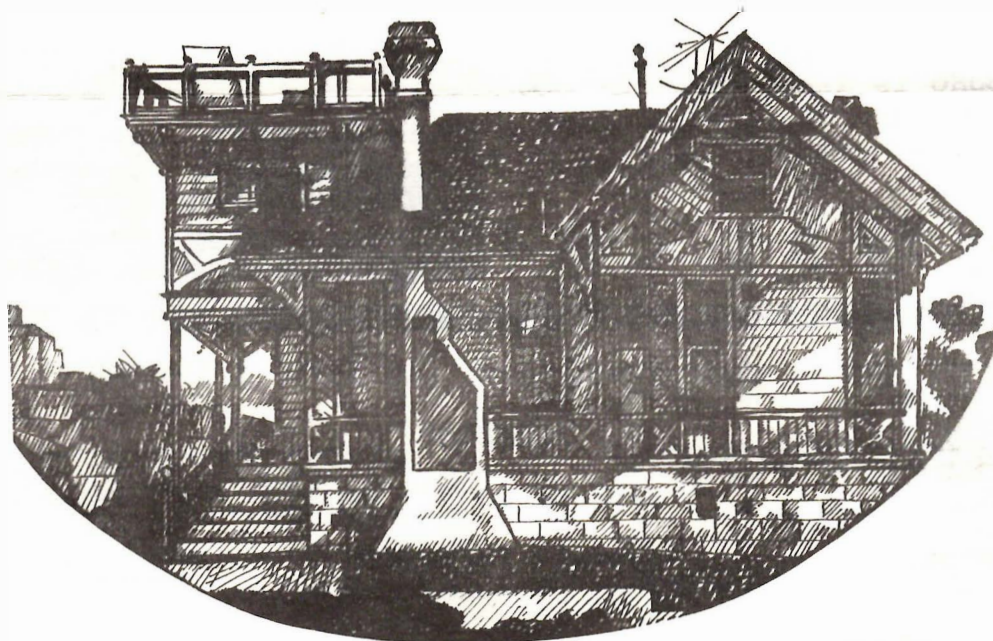
And SOHO salutes our super Tour Guides: Barbara Briggs, Claire Kaplan, Terri Recht, Zenda Norte, Lizz Matto and Phyllis Vidicka.

Lynn Kaplan, Chrm.



SHERMAN GILBERT HOUSE

Have you been by Heritage Park? Our Sherman Gilbert House, now the property of the County Park & Rec. Dept., is at last being restored to its original grandeur. SOHO members were on hand for its final move in the Park onto its new foundations and eight of us came close to a heart attack as the front half (with that wonderful round window) slipped forward to a 45 degree angle, . . . and fortunately stopped! The house is now up on the posts for the addition of the first story, as it once had back on Fir Street. Landscaping will also commence soon in the Park. Heritage Park is located in Old Town on Harney and Juan streets.



SOHO DAY- Designers Showcase

SOHO is taking one special Wed. April 24th during the AID-S.D. Historical Society Designers Showcase. Two old buildings have been decorated in Golden Hills and activities will be on-going at the Villa Montezuma.

SOHO will get part of the proceeds on Wednesday the 24th, only, so PLAN TO ATTEND and GO THE 24TH. We will have continuous slide presentations by Bruce Kamerling, Larry Ford and Miles Parker on preservation in San Diego, and in other cities. These guys do a wonderful and exciting presentation, so don't miss it!

WE NEED A RESEARCHER TO DIG UP ALL THE HISTORY AND GOSSIP ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN HOUSE; experts will help you! If you have any free time and would like to help, call Carol at 5-6188

HOSTESSES, HOSTESSES

We are becoming so popular an organization SOHO is asked to participate in events all the time. WE NEED MORE HOSTESSES!

Just fill out the form and we'll dress you up in your finest or funkiest but we want you any old way, for an opportunity to meet interesting people, go interesting places!

I WANT TO HOSTESS!

NAME
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SOHO CALENDAR

- April 24 SOHO DAY, Designers Showcase
Villa Montezuma
- April 25, 28 SOHO Historic Tours (bus)
- May 11 SOHO TRAIN TRIP
- Ma 17 Committee of 100 dedication
(SOHO HOSTESSING)

PROJECTS

Historic Neighborhood

We are all excited about our historic neighborhood project (Block bounded by First, Fir and Front streets). Already most of the property owners here have signed a petition which will request City Planning to create a planned historic district here. Now we have a caretaker in the corner house owned by Rip Bojorquez, and are talking with him about the possibility of SOHO taking on the house and restoring it to its original victorian beauty. We'll keep you posted as further developments occur. It looks like SOHO will help save a lot of houses this year, and we're happy to see so many owners interested in saving their own properties.

Horton Hotel

Thanks to the wonderful support from so many SOHO members and interested San Diegans, the Horton Hotel is now an historic Site, declared by the Historic Site Board just this past Friday April 5. SOHO salutes the Site Board for their courage in declaring this site altho it is in the area designated for downtown redevelopment. Many San Diegans will applaud the preservation of this unique Victorian hotel next to the Off Broadway Theater. But the battle isn't won yet. If you want to help further, drop a NOTE requesting the preservation of the Horton Hotel within redevelopment plans to Jim Spotts, Redevelopment Agency, City Administration Bldg., 202 "A" street, San Diego, Ca. 92101

CHRISTIAN HOUSE

The Cultural Heritage Commission has approved initially SOHO's proposal to move the Christian House to Heritage Park. We are now looking for prospective tenants to sub-lease space in the house once in Heritage Park. if you know of anyone who might want office space, business space or a public relations write off who might want to be involved with this project, contact Bill Cartwright at 232-6611 x 229 or write care of our Post Office box.



BUMPER STICKERS

SOHO bumper stickers will soon be available as a new fund raising idea. We hope you'll all get yours as soon as they're out. . they'll be available at all SOHO events.



GENERAL MEETINGS

We've had two more fun general meetings since last sending out our newsletter. In February we showed you the Aerospace Museum, and Col. Clarke gave us a warm welcome. Larry Ford did a fine slide presentation on preservation. Bill filled us all in with photographs of our new house, the Christian House, and members present gave \$10.00 each toward the moving. The idea was so successful we will contact all of you later to give your pledge of \$10 toward moving the house. If everyone donates we will raise \$5000 just from our own membership. Later this year you'll hear from us.

Our March General meeting was held at the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co. Museum, where we were welcomed by Frank Jonnasson. Dave Jackson kindly gave us the use of the Museum and our members loved every inch.

APRIL MEETINGS

As SOHO is doing so many interesting events this month, we encourage all of you to make one of our events your general meeting for this month. Go on a bus tour, they're great. Jump on the May train ride, it's going to be super. And go to the SOHO DAY during the Designers Showcase; we get part of the proceeds that day - Wed. 24th - and see our fine preservation slide lectures. SEE YOU THERE!

Barbara Briggs

SOHO ZIP-Parties

We are now starting a series of membership parties by ZIP code for the fun of meeting you all, and so that you all can meet your Board, find out about events, and maybe if we're clever enough we'll put some of you to work as well. The first party was held recently at Bill Cartwright's, and we very much enjoyed talking with so many new and old-time faces. There will be approximately one a month in some area of the city, so watch your mail and be sure to join us.

SOHO CHRISTMAS PARTY

We're overdue in thanking Dick (SOHO Board member) McLaughlin for the use of his home for our party. His wonderful house was aglow with holiday cheer, and so many wonderful members brought delicious home-made goodies to share. Chloe Marsh again made the evening singing Christmas songs and playing her guitar.

GARAGE SALES

SOHO is sponsoring a series of Garage Sales through Bill Cartwright. If you have any items you'd like to get rid of (its tax deductible) call Bill at 232-6611 x 229 or 298-1021. He will arrange a pick-up for you.

Membership renewals are out. . .some of you may have received them a little early this year, but we're trying to bill once a year from now on. Please send in renewals as soon as possible. We have taken in well over 100 new members since September, thanks to all of you.

Yes, I Want to Help SAVE OUR HERITAGE

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