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NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION PROCESS **THREATENED**

Two horrid bills which will hurt historic preservation will be heard by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee in Sacramento soon. By subverting the National Register nomination process, both bills will badly damage one of the few tools we have to save our architectural heritage.

We will only be able to stop these bills if you help! Powerful lobbies support both bills. So write a short note today opposing these bills. The important thing is to get a letter off to Chairman Larry Kapiloff, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814.

Here are the bills in question:

A.B. 772, Norman Waters, OPPOSE: Co-authors are Assembly members Perino, Chappie, Young, Boatwright, Cline, Ellis, Frazee, Hallett, Ivers and Johnson. This bill would prohibit the State Historical Resources Commission from nominating a property for the National Register or as a State Historical Landmark unless the owner of the property first consents to the nomination. If this bill passes, there is good reason to fear that the federal government will cut off California's share of the money allocated each year for historic preservation. Even worse, demolition-minded owners could prevent even our most treasured and significant landmarks from being recognized.

A.B. 849, Art Torres, OPPOSE: Author is Assemblyman Art Torres, Los Angeles. If this bill passes, and if a city or county has a register or inventory of historical properties, a building would have to be designated locally before the State Historical Resources Commission could nominate the property for the National Register. This bill would also jeopardize California's federal preservation money. We all know that it is often the city and county politicians who side with the demolishers. If this bill passes, they will be able to block National Register nominations.

A short note will do, but WRITE!

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TRAIN TOUR SOLD OUT

Joan Easley, chairperson of our 8th Annual Train Tour, this year to go to Pasadena, reports that the tour sold out as of May 14th. All those who sent checks after that date will have them returned promptly. We are sorry we are unable to accommodate more people, but we are sure of a rousingly successful trip.

Although Reflections was in the mail before April 30, some members in certain zip codes did not receive their copies until May 15. We are sorry if this delay by the post office affected your getting in reservations for the train trip.

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BLACK TIE BLOSSOMS

SOHO's Black Tie Event at the Designers Showcase House in Coronado on May 5th was a beautiful evening--with jazzy music, delectable culinary treats, and a show-stopping fashion show designed by Deja' Vu, featuring elegant and extravagant period clothes. Twentysish costumes and tuxes were the order of the day for SOHO members, with some turned out in turn-of-the-century garb, notably Harry Evans, SOHO's Executive Vice President.

The house, hosts and guests were all outstanding and the weather balmy enough for early May to make the garden just lovely for dancing.

Many thank you's to all those SOHO members who were involved; to the hostesses, headed by Claire Kaplan, and especially to our co-hosts, Marc Tarasuck and Ted Foley, who put together an elegant, fun evening.

NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARDS GIVEN TO 16 INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS AND GROUPS

A former governor, a private citizen, two city governments, five nonprofit organizations, six corporations and a federal agency are winners of national awards for their achievements and contributions in the field of historic preservation.

The awards were given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation on May 7 during ceremonies marking National Historic Preservation Week, May 6-12. The presentation of silver-plated goblets to the winners took place at the Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Restoration of the Star of India, an iron-hulled, three-masted bark built in 1863 and restored as a museum in 1959-63, won a national preservation award for the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego. The award was given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Maritime Museum Association of San Diego, Calif., for its 52 years of preserving and displaying historic vessels and maritime artifacts. Its collection includes three vessels--the bark Star of India, the ferryboat Berkeley and the steam yacht Medea, and thousands of nautical items. Special recognition is given for the superb restoration of the 116-year-old Star of India.

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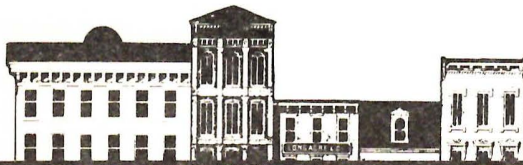


A SUMMER STROLL THROUGH BURLINGAME

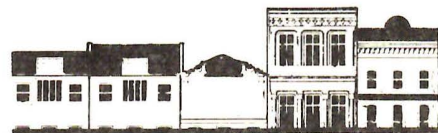
As part of its tenth anniversary celebration, Save Our Heritage Organisation is sponsoring six free guided historic walking tours in different areas of San Diego County. The second of that series of tours will be held in San Diego's charming Burlingame area on Sunday, June 24th. Tourists will meet at noon in front of 2516 San Marcos. Informed SOHO guides will lead the leisurely two hour walk of Burlingame--giving historical and architectural information on the area.

Burlingame is a small neighborhood of 280 homes located in South Park--the area east of Balboa Park between North Park, Golden Hill and Highway 805. Burlingame began to grow when Percy Benbough of Benbough Mortuary and a former San Diego mayor decided to locate a family compound there along Kalmia Street between 30th and 32nd Streets. By 1913 the Mary Fulford houses--three redwood, two-story bungalows designed by Carlton Winslow to exemplify the Southern California 1913 modern home--were completed. Other residences began to appear in the Burlingame area. The entire neighborhood is still linked by rose colored sidewalks and driveways. Through the years Burlingame has changed little; the homes have seldom changed owners and each owner treats his/her home with care.

SOHO invites the public to take part in this free, guided tour of the Burlingame area. For more information please call: Nada Cathleen Grigsby, 295-0204, 575-4830, or SOHO office at 232-1997.



RETURN TO THE CITY IS PUBLISHED



One of SOHO's own Board members, Richard Reed, has recently published a book which just may be the definitive text on architectural renovation!

Return to the City describes the turnabout taking place in America's inner cities, the stunning comeback and recovery after decades of desertion and housing abandonment by the middle class. The first wave of renovation occurred in what have become, again, blue chip areas like Washington's fashionable Georgetown and Philadelphia's Society Hill. Now, because of their quality and architectural distinction, less fabled neighborhoods are being discovered by both young and not-so-young, by affluent-to-poor people who recognize the advantages of a premier city location--walking distance to work, the cultural amenities of urban areas, etc. Dick first describes the quality of cities our ancestors knew, the vitality and richness of their communities. Then he goes on to select cities and towns where it is happening now: San Francisco's Victorian ambience; Chicago, which has a historic city concealed among its newest highrises; the restoration in Portland, Maine; Savannah--"the nicest city to come back to"; Galveston; St. Paul; and others. In each case, the impetus came from the people, not from city planners. He writes about today's urban pioneers and why they invested their savings and "sweat equity." These imaginative men and women no longer look to the shiny new but to the past as a treasure house and foundation, for they have discovered the near-magic of old architecture with its careful craftsmanship of glass, wood, brass, and iron.

Return to the City tells how to get started, obtain financing, permits, and variances to hurdle the bureaucratic roadblocks, wherever a reader may live, where to find authentic "parts" for restoration of fine wood or metal craftsmanship of an earlier era, as well as the nuts and bolts of actual renovation/restoration that contribute to the sound values and individuality old houses offer and the diversity and excitement only a city can provide.

Before coming to San Diego Dick Reed was the originator and former executive director of the Historic Hill District Preservation Program in St. Paul, one of the nation's most active restoration areas, in which hundreds of abandoned and deteriorated buildings were restored, where he and his wife, Marcia, restored an 1881 Eastlake-style house and a Renaissance-Revival-style apartment building. Dick has written extensively on urban preservation and his current book, he assures us, is available at all local bookstores, in paperback.



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