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HORTON HOTEL SAVED!

By Michael Sullivan

Since as early as 1974, SOHO has been trying desperately at times, to save the Horton Grand Hotel from demolition. Its fate seemed hopeless. Ernest Hahn was determined to demolish it to make way for yet another parking lot. Then along came Nob Hill Associates, a group from San Francisco oriented toward restoration of historic hotels. They proposed a plan to restore the hotel to a Bed and Breakfast Inn.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1981 the CCDC side of the City Council signed an agreement with Nob Hill Associates to restore and move the historic site. Although we prefer the building to remain on site, once again this compromise shall Save Our Heritage. The Hotel shall be moved to a lot on Island Street facing north between 3rd and 4th Avenue and right next door to the Stingaree Bordello Building.

Nob Hill must completely disassemble the structure first, store the pieces while a skeleton is constructed and reassemble the restored Hotel on the new site. The best part of the deal is--if Hahn doesn't build the center--the hotel can go back on its original site. The building would have to be rebuilt even if it stays on the original site, according to Nob Hill Associates, so perhaps the Horton Grand will just get cleaned up a bit.

But for all intensive purposes, THE HORTON HAS BEEN SAVED!

Forward Into The Past . . .

Welcome New Members

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The SOHO newsletter is published monthly. Letters to the Editor are welcomed. Articles and/or photographs of interest to SOHO members and friends are most enthusiastically encouraged!

AUGUST CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 4
1:30 p.m.

Historical Site Board
4th Floor Conference Room
City Administration Building

Tuesday, August 4
2:00 p.m.

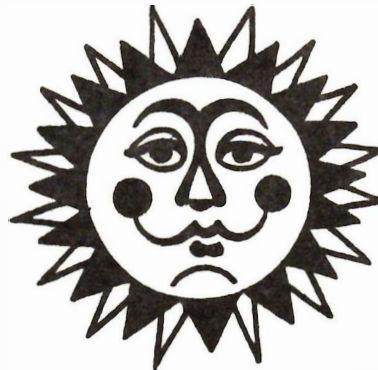
Port Commission
3165 Pacific Highway

Monday, August 10
7:30 p.m.

Uptown Planners
Central Federal Savings
610 Washington (296-2577)

Tuesday, August 18
Noon

San Diego Historical Society
Villa Montezuma, 1925 K Street
(239-2211)



FROM THE BOARDROOM

On July 2, 1981 the following was reported at the Board of Directors Meeting.

RON CAMPNELL was the guest for the evening. He is involved with the Project Area Committee and Matt Potter's motion for him to represent SOHO until the new Board takes office was approved.

TED FOLEY, from Tarasuck & Associates, A.I.A., presented SOHO with the Carriage House from the Myles-Moylan house. Built in 1894, it is San Diego's earliest recorded Irving Gill structure. SOHO immediately donated the Carriage House to the County for the Heritage Park Ranger facility.

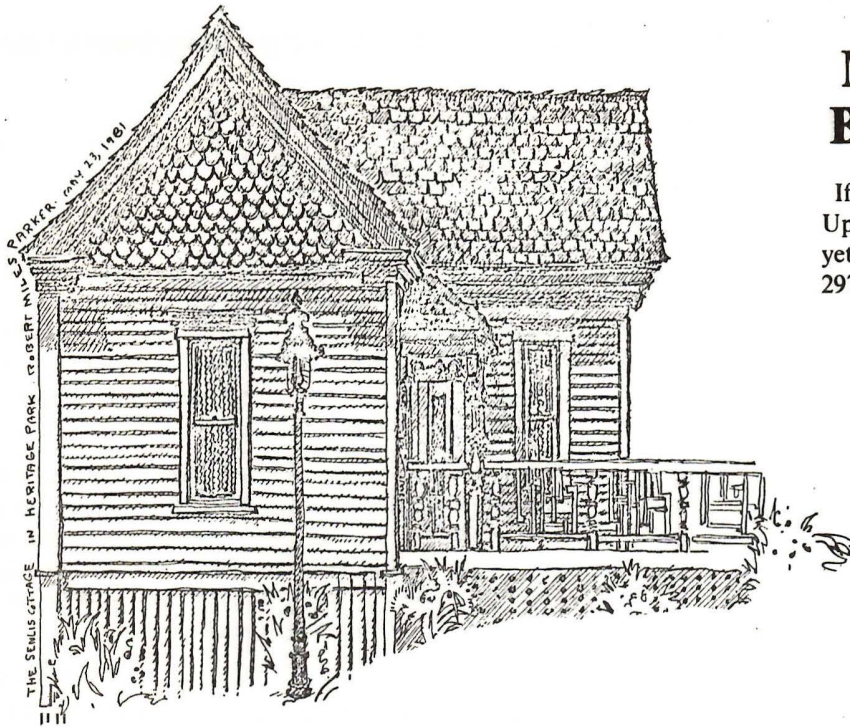
A report on the Stingaree Bordello's day at the Historical Site Board was presented by MICHAEL SULLIVAN (see story inside).

The Uptown Survey by Dr. Ray Brandeis is completed and a copy is available at the Senlis Cottage for reading and research.

The 4th of July event was reported on by CAROLE FRICK and MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

JOE JONES reported on the nominating committee's progress and asked for suggestions.

A brochure on Heritage Park was discussed.



SENLIS COTTAGE SPEAKS!

By Claire Kaplan

WOULD YOU BELIEVE I'M OFFICIAL! It finally happened, and I love it. On the 4th of July, right here in Heritage Park (at SOHO's big event) I was dedicated... and wow, I can still taste the champagne. Delicious!

Of course, I realize I'm small for my age, but no one commented on my diminutive size. That day I felt nine feet tall, and I liked being the center of attention. There I was, outfitted in my best big and tucker and everyone gathered round and paid close attention to everything about me. It was great, and I like being official.

What a pity it couldn't have gone on and on. But it could you know. Please come over and get to know me. You'll like me a lot. I need you to join our family of SOHO volunteers who are doing a fantastic job of staffing my office. You'll love being "in charge" and I'll love getting to know you. **BE DEDICATED** like I am. It's a great feeling. Love, **THE SENLIS COTTAGE**.

P.S. The cottage can't swing it alone. Please call me (Claire Kaplan, 286-8836) and help me hang in there. As Volunteer Chairperson I'm going nowhere without your help. **VOLUNTEER NOW**, it's easy.

MAY TOUR GUIDE BOOKS AVAILABLE

If you paid for and participated in the May Uptown/Middletown walking tour and have not yet received your guide book, please call SOHO at 297-9327 and we will mail one to you.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Karen Sharpe
SOHO Librarian

One of the initial steps in the preservation/restoration of a historically significant cultural resource is its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. **HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS**, prepared by the National Register Division of the U.S. Department of Interior, is a detailed guide to aid an owner in nominating a particular piece of property to the National Register. Explanations and examples are given on how to complete individual lines of the nomination forms. Copies of the appropriate titles and public laws are also included. Because each cultural resource is unique, the author has included three different nominations (an individual building, an archaeological district, and a historic district) to illustrate what completed forms should look like.

SOHO's library now has the first and second editions of William Seale's, **THE TASTEFUL INTERLUDE: AMERICAN INTERIORS THROUGH THE CAMERA'S EYE, 1860-1917**. The text includes over 250 photographs of American domestic interiors portraying American customs of interior decoration and living. Mr. Seale provides historical information and analysis for each photograph. The book presents us with a very extensive view of middle-class life in the late 1800's through the design and decoration of American homes.

Please stop by the office if you're interested in browsing through any of these books.

4th Of July A Big Hit

By Michael Sullivan

With all the preparations made, the 4th of July arrived. The Park was ready, beautifully decorated by Gwen McFarland and primped to excellence by Bob Hamel, the Park Ranger. Ronald Baker and I arrived early after picking up four kegs of beer, and began to set up.

The tents went up with ease and help came as the committee began to arrive. Ed and Vel Landi helped pull out tables and chairs, Marc Tarasuck and Ted Foley with Rick McCutcheon and Joe Jones took over at the beer and wine garden, Larry and Cia Barron and Barbara Briggs set up the t-shirt booth, Barbara Smith arrived just as her miniature houses were being set up, and Judy McCutcheon and Meg Bowman got the helium and set up the balloons.

Karen and David Sharpe and Ed and Vel Landi took over at the popcorn machine, and Claire Kaplan readied the items she single-handedly collected for the auction. Carol Lindemulder was getting anxious to turn on the p.a. system and begin the celebration.

The City Guard Band's brass quintet, "the Kaiser's Own" began to play and the crowd began to arrive. As they settled onto the grassy knoll, the shade went first and soon the crowd was almost forced into the warm beautiful sunshine. Heritage Park is beautiful on such a fine day. The sea breeze was just enough to cool us as we picnicked.

With occasional stops at the beer garden for refreshments, I madly raced about to insure that everything was in order. But, alas, I had forgotten the ice cream! It was Nancy Roberts to the rescue and off she went returning with the goods in plenty of time. Netty Scary and Bob and Barbara Klauschie were soon up to their arms in Baskin-Robbins Jamoca Almond Fudge and Pralines and Cream. Oh, were they good!

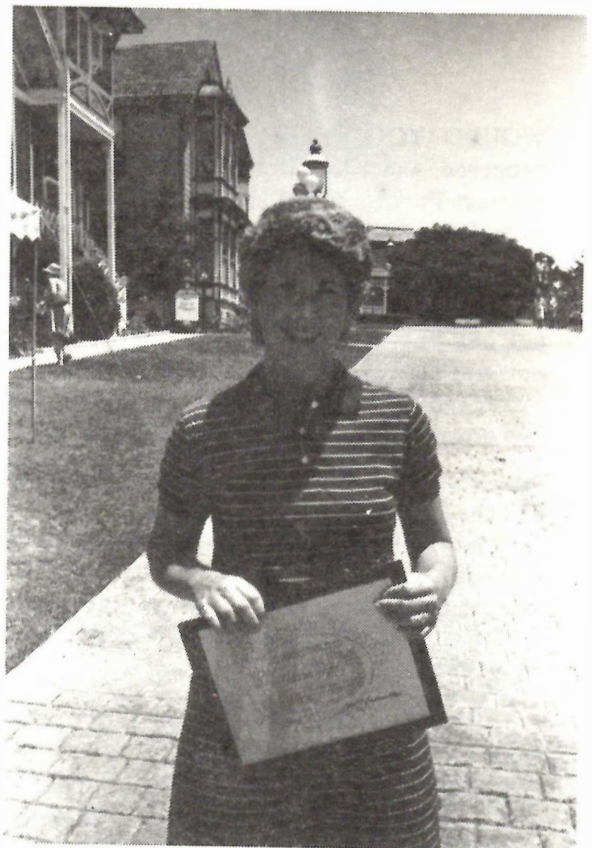
Bruce Herms was offering the Evita Tour sharing a tent with the t-shirts. Alice Crittenden was in control of the throngs joining SOHO. Carole Frick, who had done all the publicity before the event and made all the signs too, came with Arthur Jr. and helped out with loose ends. Meg and Rob Bowman came in red, white, and blue and Rob raised the excitement level by smashing the champagne at the christening. Jim Bates and Adrienne Alpert were on hand for the celebration and the City Guard Band, under the baton of Jack Ingram, provided an afternoon of delightful George M. Cohan and John P. Sousa music.

The afternoon reliefs came on time and it was Joan Zeenkov, Sunny Tarasuck, Joe Jones, and Richard and Doris Roberts who were a terrific clean up crew.

Don Hartley created absolute pandemonium when we turned him loose with the wonderous items which Claire Kaplan had singlehandedly whiddled. Don presented each item with such flair and humor you just had to have it immediately. As a result, the auction was a complete success and hilarious as well. Great job Don!

Sally Johns gladly collected the money from Don's hard work and she also made "money aprons" at the very minute before the event to save the day. Ronald Baker and Steve Roberts let me borrow their trucks, Jim Powell and Kerri Benson got our tables and chairs, and George Wheeler was our liaison with the City Guard Band.

To all of these people, a hugh THANK YOU! You made this event special and you made it a true success. And to all of you who attended, I hope you enjoyed yourselves and thanks for coming out on the 4th of July.



Adrienne Alpert receives SOHO's community service award.



Sentis Cottage beams on its dedication day.



Arthur Frick was one of the high bidders of the day.



Chinese Buildings Declared Historic Sites

By Michael Sullivan

The San Diego Historic Site Board met on June 2, 1981 to determine the eligibility of San Diego's last four Chinatown structures; the Chinese Benevolent Society, the Ying On Merchants and Labor Association, the Plants and Fireproofing Building, and the Stingaree Bordello.

The Ying On Merchants & Labor Association and Chinese Benevolent Society buildings met with great approval. The Plants and Fireproofing building, however, was not so kindly received. Max Schmidt from CCDC was there to make sure the building was not declared a site. These buildings sit on what is known as the Marina Redevelopment Project. CCDC is interested in possibly moving these structures together and the fewer they are burdened with the the better for them.

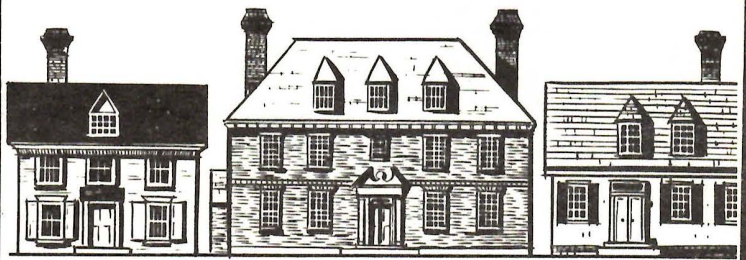
Dorothy Hom was on hand to testify to the social significance of all the structures. The real grilling came from members of the board when the Stingaree Bordello came up. Dorothy told of its use as an herb and tea shop. The board seemed more interested in the bordello side of the issue. In fact, the building which stands there today is a reconstruction. The city decided to "clean-up" Chinatown because of the 1915 Exposition and demolished most of it. The reconstruction came after the Expo and was never used as a bordello; thus the controversy. Since this reconstruction was not meeting with overall approval, and I could see it was about to be rejected, I requested a continuance to do more research.

Upon returning home, I immediately called the State Office of Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In these phone calls I discovered the State office had just completed an Ethnic Survey of Japanese and Chinese structures and this building was unique among those inventoried. The National Trust was surprised to learn that this crib existed, as they were under the impression that the only such buildings remaining were in Telluride, Colorado.

ON JULY 7, 1981, armed with letters from the S.Q.H.P. written to CCDC in May and June of 1979 and the new facts, I returned to the Site Board. This time, however, I took Miles Parker and Carol Lindemulder along. Carol brought evidence that this style of architecture is from the year 200 b.c. and Miles testified to the building's unique aesthetic qualities and before I knew it, the Stingaree was San Diego Historic Site Number 152, Grade 1. The Chinese Benevolent Society, Site Number 150, and the Ying On Merchants & Labor Association Site Number 151. Now 75% of San Diego's remaining Chinese buildings are local historic sites.

Correction to July issue: The contact person for the Old Scripps Restoration Fund is Sally Spiess.

Editor's Note: Due to circumstances beyond my control, this issue is undeniably late. My apologies.



Historical Site Board Plans Awards Luncheon

The City of San Diego Historical Site Board cordially invites all SOHO members to attend the Historical Site Board Awards Presentation to be held Thursday, August 22, 1981 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The luncheon will be held at Center Stage--Old Globe Theater. The catering will be by Stephen Zolezzi's Restaurant and the price is \$8.00 per person. Please mail checks to: 1703 West Lewis, San Diego, CA 92103, made payable to City Treasurer.

NEWS BRIEFS

The following items were discussed at the August 4, 1981 Historic Site Board: A request for historical site designation of 1058-21st Street presented by Robert Ferris (AIA) and James Witte; presentation by CCDC on proposed alterations and development of Pantoja Park; request for Historical Site Board support and approval of the relocation and restoration of the Horton Grand Hotel; request for Historical Site Board approval of the Marks Historical Rehabilitation Financing Program--approve contents of the program as presented to the City Rules Committee on August 3, 1981.

DONATIONS

Louise Roberts for restoration projects
Joe & Patti Milchen

Temple Beth Israel Restoration, Claire & Joe Kaplan,
Happy Birthday to Lee Douglas and Alan Douglas.

Bandstand Gazebo, Heritage Park, Claire and Joe Kaplan,
Happy Birthday to Philip Kaplan, Happy Anniversary to
Captain and Mrs. Robert May, Congratulations to Dr. &
Mrs. Lawrence Smothers on marriage of daughter Derdra.



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Please complete and return this membership form to:
Save Our Heritage Organisation
Post Office Box 3571
San Diego, California 92103

SOHO depends upon membership dues, contributions, and fund raising activities to support our restoration/preservation expenses. Members receive the monthly SOHO Newsletter and invitations to special events. Gift memberships are available and we will send the recipient a card in your name announcing the gift. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Please join us!

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