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NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK

In celebration of National Preservation Week, SOHO has planned a gala event on Saturday, May 8, 1982.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m., bus tours of San Diego shall originate at Heritage Park and cover such historic areas as The Gaslamp District, Golden Hill, and Banker's Hill. The tours will include visits to the Backesto Building and the St. Louis Bank of Commerce Building in Gaslamp; the Quartermass-Wilde and Frost houses in Golden Hill and the Britt-Scripps House in Banker's Hill.

Walking tours of Heritage Park will also be conducted throughout the day.

At 11:30 a.m. the Community College Band, a 50 piece ensemble will play a collection of music designed to make your day in Heritage Park completely enjoyable.

County Supervisors Jim Bates and Roger Hedgecock are also scheduled to make presentations and announcements of preservation in our community.

So come early, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day of preservation news, music and fun in Heritage Park!

MAY CALENDAR

- Tuesday, May 4
2:00 p.m. Port Commission
3165 Pacific Highway
- Tuesday, May 4
7:00 p.m. Uptown Planners
S.D. Trust, Mission Hills
- Saturday, May 8
11:00 a.m. on National Preservation Week
Heritage Park
- Tuesday, May 11
Noon S.D. Historical Society
Villa Montezuma
- Tuesday, May 18
7:30 p.m. SOHO Board of Directors
SOHO Office, Heritage Park
- Saturday, May 22
8:30 a.m., return Sunday Riverside Mission Inn Tour
- Tuesday, May 25
1:30 p.m. Historical Site Board
City Admin. Building



Letter to the Editor

Dear SOHO:

The Torrey Pines Docent Society is a group of volunteer nature guides at Torrey Pines State Reserve. We are currently undergoing museum renovation and I am in charge of history displays. In your February 1979 edition of "Reflections", an interesting article was written on the need to not demolish the old lodge building. Your concern was greatly appreciated by us.

I am interested in finding as many old pictures of the lodge's exterior and interior as possible for a display. Do you have any photos that I could borrow for the purposes of copying?

Thank you,

Judy Schulman, President
Torrey Pines Docent Society
8148 Genesee Avenue, #19
San Diego, CA 92122

(Editor's Note: If any readers can help Ms. Schulman with her request, please contact her at the above address.)

From The Boardroom

The SOHO Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 20 and discussed the following items:

- Guests Dan Pearson and Kit Goldman presented the Gaslamp Project Area Committee's position in favor of the Gaslamp District as a redevelopment district. Marilyn Marx presented the minority report on its opposition.
- The Membership Drive winner of the free train tour ticket was Judy McCutcheon. Sixty-seven people had signed up for the train tour.
- National Preservation Week events were discussed and planned.
- Restoration Seminars are being planned and those interested are encouraged to attend a June picnic at Sally John's home in Pt. Loma.
- A 10th anniversary of Horton Redevelopment downtown was discussed for the vast wasteland south of Broadway.
- Those interested in learning more local history and those interested in becoming tour guides are invited to attend a seminar held by Cathy Grigsby in June.
- Ernest Hahn's "academy award" presentation to the City Council regarding financing was reviewed.

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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!

The Art of Being A Tour Guide

Are you interested in learning the art of being a tour guide? Guiding tours is an enjoyable way to participate in one of SOHO's outstanding contributions to the community: creating public awareness of its historic treasures.

Join seasoned SOHO tour guides for an evening of shared experiences in leading bus and walking tours, managing tour groups, doing effective research and organizing historic heritage tours. You may want to ease into tour guiding by volunteering to assist a more experienced tour leader on one of SOHO's upcoming tours.

The first meeting for perspective tour guides will be **Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park at Senlis Cottage (SOHO office)**. For further information, call Cathy Grigsby at 588-1802 or the SOHO office at 297-9327.

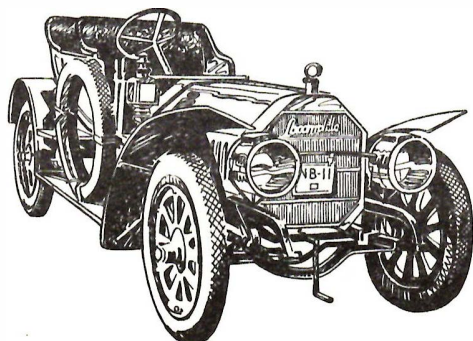
By Cathy Grigsby

Restoration/Picnic Seminar Planned

By Mary Joralmon

Interested in a restoration/renovation workshop? Then join us to discuss restoration at our midsummer eve picnic in Sally John's garden.

Bring your sharing of potluck (salad, main dish, dessert, bread) and eating utensils. Wine and beer will be courtesy of SOHO. We'll discuss items we want on the agenda of the upcoming restoration/renovation workshop. For further information, call Mary Joralmon at 435-6108 (evenings).



Planning Seminar Set for November

The American Association for State and Local History will be holding a seminar entitled, "Successful Interpretive Planning" November 7-13, 1982, hosted by the San Diego Historical Society and Old Town State Park. The registration fee is \$250 and the application deadline is September 7, 1982.

The six day seminar will help mid-level historical agency professionals upgrade their interpretive skills. Each will begin with an introduction to museums as settings for interpretation. Instructor-led sessions will deal with planning, implementing, and evaluating a variety of interpretive programs, including exhibits, school programs and adult programs. Special attention will be given to research methods and resources, effective communication of the interpretive message, and training and motivation of interpretative staff.

For further information, write or call Director of Seminars and Workshops, American Association for State and Local History, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, Tennessee, 37204, (615)—383-5991.

More Poetry At The Villa

Poetry readings by talented poets from both the local area and other parts of the nation are held the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Music Room of the Villa Montezuma. A reception with the poets follows each reading.

The readings are sponsored by the San Diego Historical Society, are free, and open to the public. However, seating is limited, so early arrival is advised. The poetry series coordinator is Patti O'Donnell.

May 9	Michael Davidson, Ron Silliman
June 13	Lomas de Oro Chicano Poets
July 18*	Joyce Nower
August 8	Rae Armantrout, Barbara Einzig
September 12	David Antin, Diamonda Galas

*Due to the July 4 holiday, the reading will take place on the third Sunday in July.

The Villa Montezuma, the Jesse Shepard House, is a restored Victorian house museum located at 1925 K Street. It is open to the public Tuesday through Friday and Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are suggested. For further information, call 239-2211.

SOHO Plans Riverside Mission Inn Dinner Theater Overnight Tour

The Mission Inn in Riverside is truly one of the treasures of America, reflecting the opulence and grandeur of another era. Its creator, the late Frank Miller, was himself a remarkable person. Did he fancy himself as the reincarnation of Father Serra? We do not know, but he did enjoy wearing the garb of a padre and he was a builder. The Mission Inn became his monument to the California Mission System... an incredibly romantic, ornate and intriguing synthesis of a mission system that existed only in his mind's eye.

Whatever it is, it isn't boring! People are enchanted by it and have that eerie feeling that they have somehow seen it before. Chances are, they have; for it is often used as a setting for movies and t.v. stories. Presidents and celebrities aplenty have stayed at this place.

A few years ago, the Mission Inn looked as though it would become another casualty of the wrecking ball. Fortunately, a caring new owner rescued it and began the loving task of restoring it to its original elegance.

On May 22-23, 1982 SOHO members and friends will have an opportunity to stay overnight at the Mission Inn. In addition to this overnight stay, the two day trip will include a tour of the Mission Inn, dinner at the Mission Inn Dinner Theater (Saturday night) for the production of Rogers and Hammersteins musical "Carousel" and an architectural tour of Riverside. The tour will leave San Diego about 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and will return to San Diego about 4:30 on Sunday afternoon. Cost of the tour will be \$68 for SOHO members and \$78 for non members. (Does not include breakfast and lunch). Size of group is limited to twelve persons, based on first come, first served. Please enclose check with self-addressed, stamped envelope. Deadline for reservations is **May 14, 1982** at the SOHO office.

Mission Inn and Tour Reservation

Yes, I want to go on the SOHO "Dinner Theater Overnight Tour to Riverside and the Mission Inn" on Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, 1982. Enclosed is my check for the following person(s): (Please make checks payable to S.O.H.O.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Member \$68 Non-Member \$78

Circle your choice for dinner theater menu selection:

Prime Rib Chicken Marco Polo Halibut Veggie

SOHO Schedules Victorian Bus Tour in San Diego for May 8, 1982

SOHO will be presenting a Victorian Bus Tour on Saturday, May 8, 1982 in recognition of National Preservation Week. This three hour bus tour will start at Heritage Park and will cover several parts of San Diego where notable preservation activities are taking place: The Gaslamp District, Golden Hill and Banker Hill, to name a few. The bus tour will be supplemented with short walking tours and visits to various buildings along the route.

Tours are scheduled for the morning (9 a.m. to 12 noon) and afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). Cost of the tour is \$9 for SOHO members and \$10 for non-members. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis. Deadline for reservations is **April 30, 1982** at the SOHO office.

Tour Reservation Form

Yes, I want to go on the SOHO "Victorian Bus Tour" in San Diego on Saturday, May 8, 1982. Enclosed is my check for the following person(s): (Please make check payable to S.O.H.O.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

SOHO Member \$9 Non-member \$10

Please schedule me for the following tour: (Circle one)

Morning (9 a.m. to 12 noon)

Afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)



Gaslamp Plans Tours

The Gaslamp Quarter will celebrate National preservation Week (May 8-15) with a week of special tours highlighting the significant historical buildings and preservation in progress throughout the Quarter.

To kick off the week's activities, a special Monday noon tour entitled "Reinvestor's Rendevous" will be given. Realtors and private investors are invited to participate in this special tour designed to give an overview of investment opportunities and available office space within the Quarter.

In addition, special one hour historic tours will be open to the public, Monday, May 10th through Friday, May 14th, starting at 652 Fifth Avenue, at 12:00 noon.

To conclude the week's activities, "Evening Escapade" tours will be held both Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A special champagne toast will begin the escapade, continuing with a tour of the historical and cultural points of interest in the Quarter.

Reservations and information for any of these tours are available through the Gaslamp Quarter Association's office, telephone 233-5227.

SOHO TOURS ARE THE IN- THING

By Bruce Herms

SOHO people are pretty special. They are the kind of people who take a special interest in their community and who pretty much are on top of things when things start to happen around them. Perhaps it is a kind of organizational "sixth sense", intuition, or "prescience" that permits them to know when certain buildings need attention, or when certain actions are necessary.

This ability to anticipate needs, trends and interests seems to spill over into the tour area as well. Those SOHO members who went on the February Victorian tour to San Luis Obispo will be pleased to see a timely write up about San Luis Obispo in the April edition of "Sunset" magazine describing the Heritage Bed and Breakfast Inn, one of the several Victorians we visited in February.

Similarly, those persons on the SOHO March tour to Ojai will be delighted with the color spread on Ojai in the April

edition of "Westways" magazine. It also seems that many exciting unplanned events also happen to the delighted SOHO members that seem to be planned just for them.

What's next? If you want to be up on things, why not try one of our upcoming tours? It's a great way to learn more about preservation and a nice way to keep in touch with your friends and co-members in SOHO. This edition of *Reflections* is full of details on many up-coming tours. Pick your favorites and sign-up!

Judy McCutcheon Wins Membership Drive

Congratulations to Judy for bringing in the most new members. Judy won a free ride on the train tour to L.A. April 24th. Good work Judy! Listed below are the new members brought in during the membership drive. Thank you to everyone who signed up new members.

Richard and Doris Roberts

Terrence Burke

Grace W. Van Buren

Edith M. Anderson

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We welcome our new members and invite them to become involved in our many activities and events for the preservation effort.

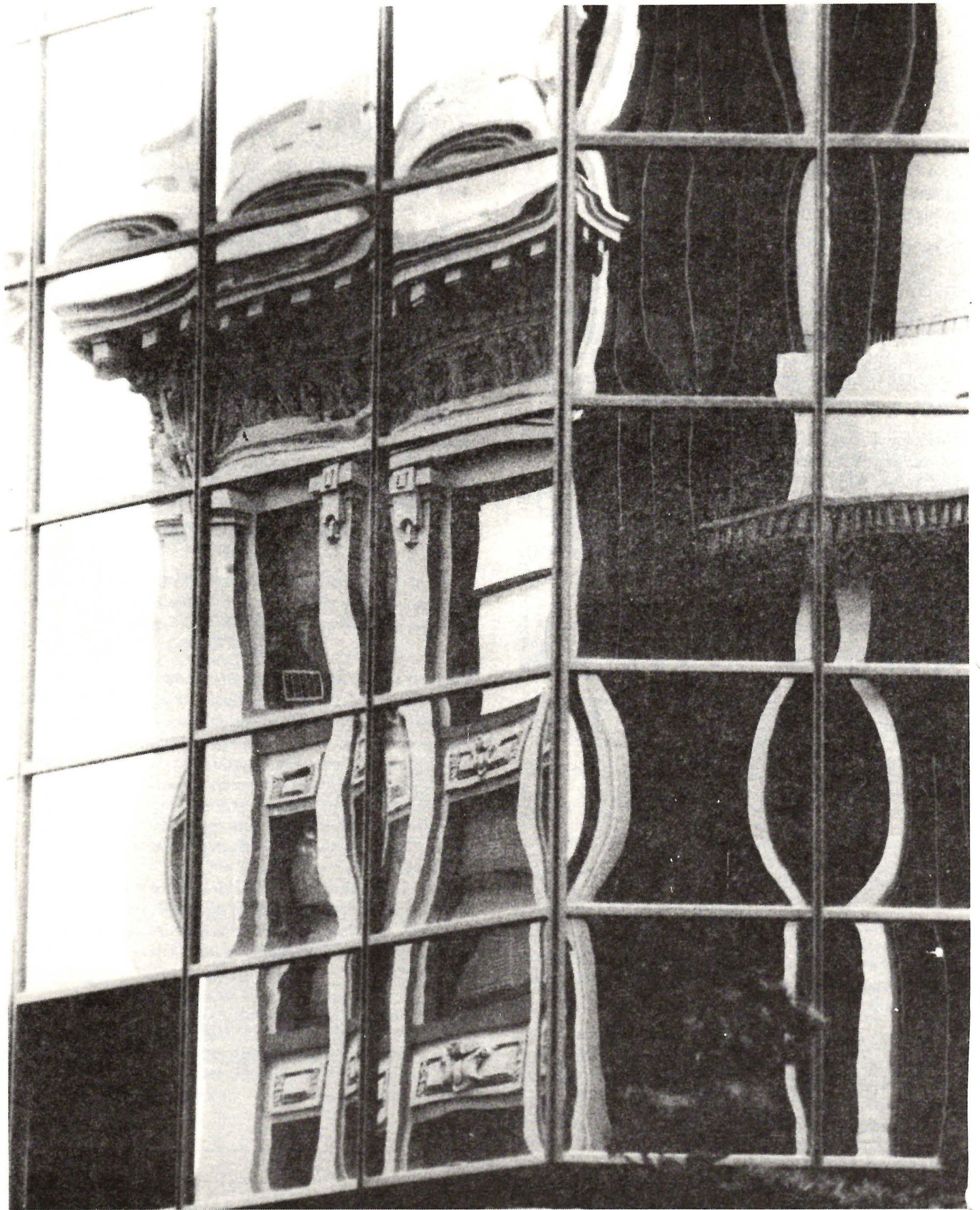


Photo by Dale Scherfling

The historical Spreckles Building leaves its mark on the new Wells Fargo Building.

La Mesa Cannonball Rides Again

The La Mesa Cannonball, the first passenger train through Lemon Grove, La Mesa, and El Cajon in 54 years, will travel between the three cities on May 23, 1982 (this day only). Anyone who would like to participate in this fund-raising event for the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum (PSRMA) should send a check for \$10 per adult or \$5 per child with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to PSRMA, La Mesa Depot, 4695 Nebo, La Mesa, CA 92041. Give order of preferred departures: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., or 4 p.m. Please note the cars are not air conditioned.

Designer Showcase

The San Diego Historical Society and The American Society of Interior Designers present "Past to Present in Coronado" at the Spreckels Mansion, 1043 Ocean Boulevard, Coronado. Admission is \$6.00. For further information and group reservations call 239-2211.

May 1 - May 23.

Donations

Thanks go to all the below for their generous donations that help keep SOHO going. We appreciate your support!

Donna Cundiff

David Goldberg

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Fischer

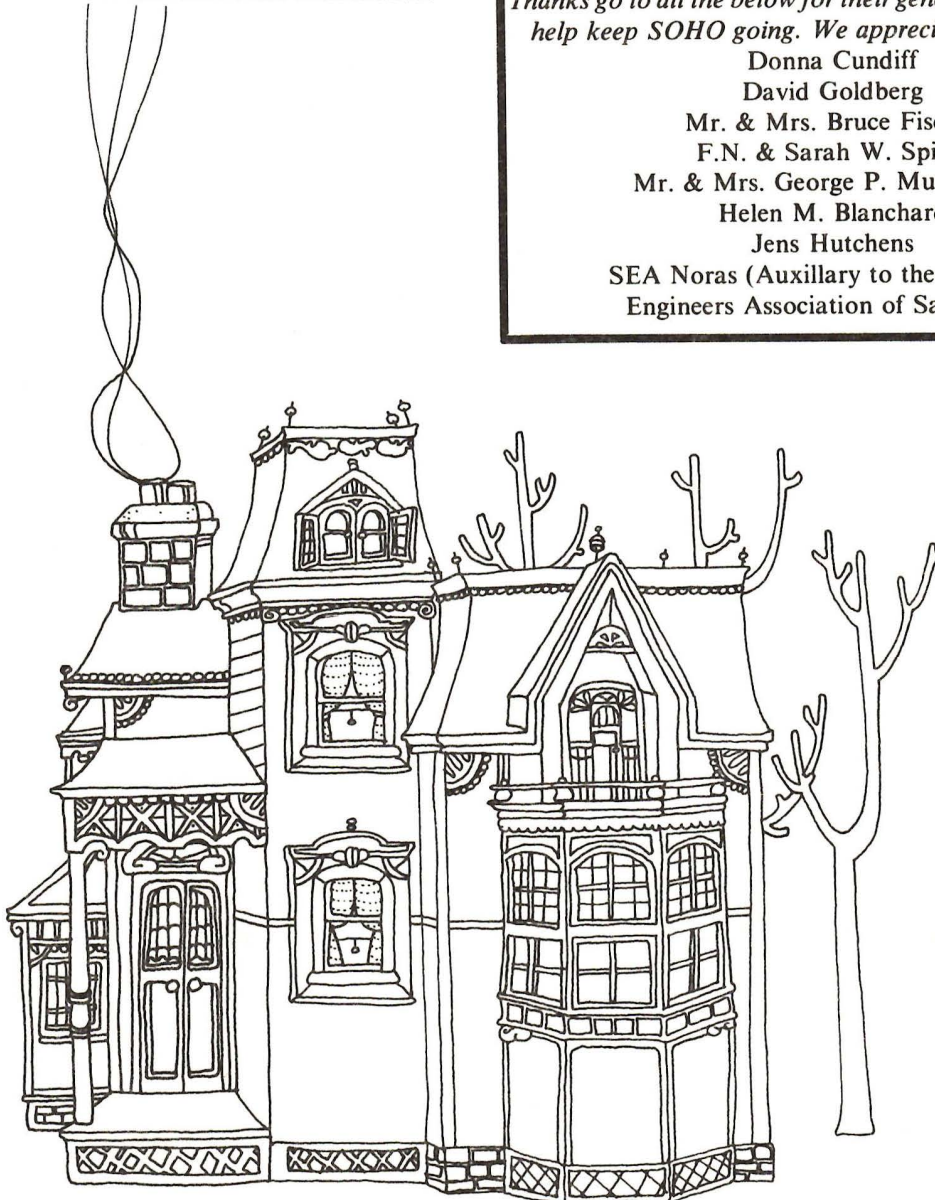
F.N. & Sarah W. Spiess

Mr. & Mrs. George P. Murphy, Jr.

Helen M. Blanchard

Jens Hutchens

SEA Noras (Auxillary to the Structural
Engineers Association of San Diego)





MEMBERSHIP FORM

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!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Add my name to your Volunteer List _____
I prefer the following types of activities: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Benefactor \$1,000.
- Patron \$100.
- Corporate \$50.
- Professional \$25.
- Family \$15.
- Single \$10.
- Donation \$ _____

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