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general meeting at historic building

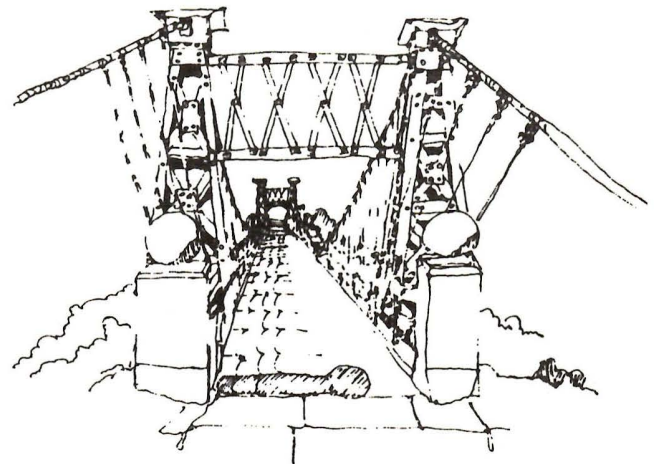
Come join us for an easy early spring walk around delightful Bankers' Hill, and explore the canyons via the Spruce Street and Juniper Street bridges, searching out hidden Gills and Requas.

We'll hear a success story about condo-fighting in the canyons and learn about what is currently threatened.

Meet on the steps of the historic Park Place Methodist-Episcopal Church at Fifth Avenue and Olive Street, go for a 45-minute walk and then return to the church to see the wonderful interior of the one-of-a-kind extant Classic Revival in San Diego.

There will be wine and cheese to refresh us as we conduct the general meeting.

In case of inclement weather we will reverse the program.



Spruce Street Suspension Bridge

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by Cathy Grigsby

Greetings, 1983! SOHO enters the new year with an array of varied preservation efforts:

Saturday afternoon, January 29th, we will have our first general meeting of the year. Along with discussion on such matters for concern as Heritage Park, Kahle's Saddlery and upcoming tours, we will open the floor for the introduction of new preservation issues from the general membership.

SOHO's rehabilitation seminars last fall proved so popular that we are having a repeat in late March. Hats off to Mary Joralmon who is organizing the workshops, and to the different speakers who will share their knowledge with us.

The SOHO board is planning a 1983 architectural tour. So far we've planned a Pasadena tour in June, which will include the Gamble House and Huntington Library. We are also contemplating such tour themes as art deco/streamline moderne for the fall home tour. The idea of an adobe tour in the Penasquitos area may well blossom into a 1983 spring tour. Please pass your

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ideas on to us and help put them into action!

Heritage Park remains a matter of concern as it currently suffers from a lack of foot traffic; it now has some vacancies available for new business--some unique business of a tantalizing nature that does not depend solely on walk-in trade.

SOHO's REFLECTIONS has a new editing team; David Hutchinson will be assisted with layout work by Judy McCutcheon. They are being launched with the skillful assistance of Nancy Roberts, from whose work as newsletter editor SOHO has benefited for the last 1-1/2 years. David and Judy will appreciate your written contributions to the newsletter.

Please come to our January general meeting. It will be a good opportunity to voice current concerns and exchange views. We need your participation to become effective as a preservation organization. See you there!

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Honorary one-year memberships have been awarded to the following for their assistance on the Point Loma Tour:

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TEMPERATIVE 1983 CALENDAR

March---Adobe Tour (carpool) & picnic.
Late March-Rehabilitation workshop.

April---Designers' Showcase ("castle"
in Del Mar).

May 5-8-Preservation conference in
Orange County.
First week-California Preservation
Week activities in San Diego.

June----Pasadena Tour.

July----Mid-summer festival fundraiser
for a gazebo in Heritage Park.

August--America's Finest City Week.

October-Home Tour.

NEWS BRIEFS...

KAHLE'S SADDLERY UPDATE

On December 14th, the San Diego City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Historical Site Board and granted an additional 180-day delay in the issuance of a Demolition Permit for the Kahle's Saddlery/Brooklyn Hotel, Historical Site #54.

This delay is expected to give Gaslamp Quarter developer Dan Pearson time to reach an agreement with the Salvation Army that will enable the preservation of the building. The agreement will allow Pearson to remove the structure and reconstruct it at another site, possibly adjacent to the proposed relocation site of the Horton Grand Hotel.

Pearson is negotiating the purchase of a site at Fourth Avenue and "J" Street, and is being assisted by architects John Henderson and Wayne Donaldson in his plans to relocate the building.

CANYON PRESERVE THREATENED

A proposal to develop two north-south access roads that will cross directly through the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve threatens the preservation of the last remaining undisturbed coastal canyons in San Diego.

Lopez and Penasquitos Canyons are the heart of the dedicated City/County Preserve, and serve as a unique reminder of San Diego's cultural and environmental heritage. The area's earliest adobe homes were built here and are in the process of restoration.

The City's traffic circulation plan includes the construction of Camino Santa Fe across Lopez Canyon and the extension of Camino Ruiz across Penasquitos Canyon.

By eliminating the plans for these roads now, opponents argue, the integrity of the preserve will be maintained and the costs of well-planned, acceptable transportation corridors can be minimized.

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SOHO CHRISTMAS PARADE

a gala event



(clockwise from top left)
Cathy Grigsby with past-p
Miles Parker & Marc Taras
Scarry; Cathy introducing
Bill Mitchell; and our gr
Bob & Ingrid Coffin.

NY 1982

by Claire Kaplan

It's a well-known fact the prime requisite for a successful party depends on the gathering of congenial folk in an atmosphere of charm and warmth. SOHO's CHRISTMAS PARTY fulfilled both qualifications, aided by the delicious refreshments provided by the loving guests.

The attractive home of our hosts, INGRID and BOB COFFIN, was the ideal setting for one of our best Christmas events; words cannot adequately describe the beauty of the surroundings. From the leaded-glass French doors (which lead to the step-down living room), to the lanai, balcony, terraced canyon and the antiques throughout, the home leaves you breathless. A house reflects the personality of its owners, and Ingrid and Bob are perfect examples of beautiful people in a beautiful home. We thank them so much for their gracious hospitality; everyone loved being there.

The door prizes at the party were awarded (with the ringing of bells) to the delighted recipients: SUNNY TARASUCK, TED FOLEY, NETTIE SCARRY, PEG HOLOKOFF and MARY JORALMON. Our gift exchange idea was a big hit with the SOHOers, handled with efficiency (and much good humor complete with Ho Ho Ho) by the Santa Claus helpers in their red Santa hats. Thanks to BRYAN BARNES, DAVID HUTCHINSON, MAC McFARLAND, BILL BOLEN and BRUCE HERMS; they were terrific and tireless! The party planners, GWEN McFARLAND, CLAIRE KAPLAN, NETTIE SCARRY and JUDY McCUTCHEON, had a ball pulling all this together; we offer this privilege to any who would like to volunteer for this honor in 1983. Just like Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, we're making a list and checking it twice, and we'll put your name at the top with a gold star.



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by
Claire Kaplan

The December issue of Sunset magazine has reviewed Timeless Treasures by KAREN JOHL, one of our SOHO treasures. Her new book is a handsome photographic album of more than a hundred Victorian houses in San Diego, from mansions to cottages. It is available at the SOHO COTTAGE in Heritage Park, Old Town.

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Restoration plans for the HEATH-DAVIS house (a designated Historic Site) have been submitted to the Building Department, City of San Diego, for approval. The house is scheduled to be moved to the vest-pocket park area on Fourth and Island in the Gaslamp Quarter in the early spring, according to MARC TARASUCK, a past president of SOHO who is architectural consultant for the project.

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An article by MARY WARD detailing the construction history of Rancho Guajome appeared in the December issue of Wranglers, a periodical of the Rancho del Norte Corral of Westerners International. San Diego County has just completed Phase I of the historic restoration of Rancho Guajome (1851-1853) in Vista. Phase II includes restoration of the Chapel and historic renovation of the Courtyard.

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CLARE and LOCH CRANE (charter members of SOHO) will be sailing away soon on their boat, "Livin'," to catch a close-up view of whales and sea lions in the Sea of Cortez, Gulf of

Mexico. We can anticipate slide shows and lectures by DR. CRANE when they return.

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SOHO member MARIE BURKE LIA was elected to the Board of Directors of Californians for Preservation Action (C.P.A.), and will serve as our liaison with that statewide organization. She recently opened a law office in the Gaslamp Quarter and specializes in historic preservation.



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BY JANUARY 16th...

The San Diego Chapter of the Sons Of The American Revolution will sponsor a formal (black tie) COLONIAL BALL at the Westgate Hotel the evening of February 19th.

Proceeds will go to the SAR Scholarship Fund. Admission is \$25 per person and includes dinner and valet parking.

If you would like to attend, you may request a formal invitation by contacting the Colonial Ball Secretary, Mr. Carroll E. Moore, 3420 Fir, San Diego, CA 92103; or call the Ball Chairman, Mr. William J. Alexander II, at 488-2041. Please be sure to indicate that you are a member of SOHO.

BY JANUARY 17th...

The San Diego Ecology Centre will hold the first of a series of BREAKFASTS AT THE RANCH on Saturday, January 22, at the new Resource Center located in the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, off Black Mountain Road between Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos.

An outdoor breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Ranch Walks at 9:30 and 10:30, entertainment throughout the morning and festivities at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the establishment of the Los Penasquitos Cultural and Natural Resource Center.

Breakfast tickets are \$5.00 per person; call the Ecology Centre at 235-0066, Monday through Friday, for reservations and information.

Is There a Spare Computer in the House?

SOHO is interested in computerizing various records. If you can assist with computer services, expert advice or a contribution towards the purchase of a micro-computer system, please contact the SOHO office. Incidentally, all contributions are tax deductible.

Recommended Reading



Victorian Resorts and Hotels is a new book published by the Victorian Society in America. The 128-page book includes a chapter by Ann Kantor about "The Hotel Del Coronado and Tent City."

The article explores the reasons for the construction of such a huge and elaborate resort, and contrasts the hotel with Tent City, a resort for those with modest incomes.

Historical photographs from the San Diego Historical Society's collection are among the extensive illustrations found in the book. Kantor is Associate Director of SDHS and a member of the Victorian Society.

The soft-cover book can be purchased at the Villa Montezuma, a restored Victorian house museum located at 1925 K Street.

A new edition of California Historical Landmarks is now available. The 180-page book lists, locates and describes 951 registered historical landmarks in the state.

The purchase price for the book remains unchanged at \$6, including tax and postage, from Distribution Center, Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811. Checks should be made payable to Department of Parks and Recreation.

FREE MANSION GOES TO PINK LADIES

Remember the L.A. Times article reprinted in the September REFLECTIONS, about an 18-room mansion free for the taking?

Well, the Pink Ladies Construction Company emerged the winner from a field of 700 inquirers, a recent update in the Times reports.

The president's mansion on the downtown campus of Pepperdine University had been targeted for removal or demolition after the Crenshaw Christian Center acquired the property in 1978 to construct a new church building.

The Pink Ladies winning proposal was submitted on behalf of podiatrist Dr. Garey Weber, who will occupy the relocated home with his family. Weber qualified to receive the house on the basis of a major commitment to finance relocation and restoration of the historical structure.

About 20,000 square feet will be moved, consisting of two stories, a full basement and a carriage house. After completion on its new site in Northridge, the home will be displayed as the International Society of Interior Designers' Showcase House for 1983.

The U-shaped mansion was built in 1912 by Joseph Connally at a cost of \$75,000. The property was sold to Pepperdine University in 1937 and designated a city historic-cultural monument in 1978.



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Comments on this issue may be addressed to:

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City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Dept. MS35
San Diego, CA 92101
Attention: Wilbur Smith



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