



REFLECTIONS

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SOHO "RAMONA-BACKCOUNTRY" BUS TOUR SET FOR MARCH 26TH

by Bruce Herms

SOHO members and their friends will have an opportunity to visit historic Ramona and San Diego's back country on Saturday, March 26, 1983. Located in the serene Pamo-Santa Maria Valley, Ramona has seen the march of history, dating back to the time of the Indians and the padres.

Indians called the valley "Pamo," meaning "The watering place of Big Horn sheep." Padre Mariner and Capt. Grihalva visited the valley in 1795, and saw a likeness of a reclining madonna in the silhouette of the surrounding mountains and renamed it the Santa Maria Valley.



The Gilbough House - 1888

In 1843, Governor Micheltorena granted the valley and surrounding land as the "Rancho Santa Maria" to the prominent Jose Ortega and his son-in-law, Capt. Edward Stokes. As guests of Capt. Stokes,

General Kearny and Kit Carson encamped in the Santa Maria Valley the evening before their ill-fated rendezvous with the Californios at the Battle of San Pasqual. Later, gold was discovered in nearby Julian in 1870, and the Santa Maria Valley became an important way station for hauling supplies and ore between San Diego and the mines in Julian.

With the coming of the Verlaque family, the town of Nuevo came into being, along with other way stations at Ballena, Witch Creek and Santa Ysabel. During the great landboom of the late eighteen hundreds, Milton Santee renamed the community "Ramona," after Helen Hunt Jackson's heroine who is alleged to have lived in San Diego County. Many Victorian cottages and homes in the Ramona area came into being during these boom years.

With the decline in mining in Julian, the frenetic boom-town atmosphere of the back country reverted to a more leisurely pace. Agriculture and animal husbandry once more became the important economic

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by Cathy Grigsby

The January 20, 1983, fourth annual Residential Design Awards sponsored by The San Diego Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and San Diego Home/Garden magazine, honored nine San Diego architects for excellence and outstanding achievement in design. Among those so honored was Marc Tarasuck, who received a special SOHO award for the "sensitive historic preservation" of the Galusha B. Grow house at 7212 La Jolla Blvd.

The c.1895 Galusha B. Grow house, which had been earmarked for demolition, was moved to its La Jolla Blvd. site and paired with an existing 1917 craftsman duplex. There is still room for one more cottage on the property. Owners Bob and Pat Schaelchlin hope this privately-funded historic village, conceived along similar lines as San Diego's Heritage Park, will prove financially profitable as rental property and will set the pace for other owners of historic properties.

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MARCH CALENDAR

CONGRESS OF HISTORY
Friday, Saturday, March 4, 5
(See News Briefs, p. 3)

MAYORAL ELECTION
Tuesday, March 15

AIA "SIXPAK" SERIES
Monday, March 21, 7:30 pm
Cafe del Rey Moro, Balboa Park
Speaker: Peter Eisenman, FAIA

HISTORICAL SITE BOARD
Wednesday, March 23, 1:30 pm
Fifth Floor Conference Room
City Admin. Building
202 C Street

RAMONA BACK COUNTRY TOUR
Saturday, March 26, 8 am - 5 pm
Reservation Deadline: March 18

New SOHO Librarian

Congratulations are in order for Diane Schade, who has accepted the position of Librarian with SOHO. Diane's related experience and organizational skills will enable her to do an excellent job of keeping SOHO's library in order.

MILES WRITES...

The following excerpts are from a letter recently sent by SOHO's founder, Robert Miles Parker, to each of the four major mayoral candidates, and the only response received to date:

"...1. Urban Design. There is no Review Board regarding new architecture in downtown (outside of the redevelopment area). San Diego's new architecture is, at best, commonplace. Would you be willing to grant design review powers to the City Planning Department? What do you see as major elements of urban design in the downtown core and in the city at large? Would you support a Review Board? We could have, and should have, spectacular architecture.

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NEWS BRIEFS...

CONGRESS OF HISTORY CONVENTION PLANNED

The Congress of History of San Diego County will hold its 19th annual convention March 4 and 5, 1983, at the Masonic Temple, 2590 Main Street, Lemon Grove. "First Families of San Diego County" is the theme of this year's meeting. For registration information call Elizabeth Montgomery at 444-3391.

"SUCCESSFUL REHABBING" WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN THREE CITIES

Three workshops for those interested in successfully qualifying for the Federal investment tax credits for historic rehabilitation will be held this spring. The first "Successful Rehabbing" workshop will be in St. Louis from April 28 through May 1, with subsequent workshops in Baltimore (May 12-15) and Pittsburgh (June 9-12). The workshops are being cosponsored by the Association for Preservation Technology, the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Registration information is available by writing to Education Services/ "Successful Rehabbing," National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or by calling (202) 673-4092.

PASADENA TOUR SLATED FOR MAY 14

Architectural gems of "old" Pasadena will be featured on a SOHO tour slated for May 14, 1983. The tour will include outstanding examples of designs by Greene & Greene, Wallace Neff, Reginald Johnson and other California architects.

Highlights of the tour include a private showing of the Gamble House, visits to the Huntington Library and Art Gallery, and a close-up look at a newly-restored Mediterranean interior by Roland Coate.

Participants will depart San Diego

\$26 MILLION FOR PRESERVATION IN FY 1983

Interior Appropriation Bill Completed

On December 30, 1982, President Reagan signed the Department of the Interior and Related Appropriation Bill after Congress spent nearly a year working on the legislation. The bill contains \$26 million for the Historic Preservation Fund in FY 1983 (up from \$25.4 million in FY 1982). This includes \$21.5 million in matching grants for the state preservation programs and a \$4.5 million matching grant for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Other Appropriation Provisions Included:

Advisory Council on
Historic Preservation.....\$1,500,000

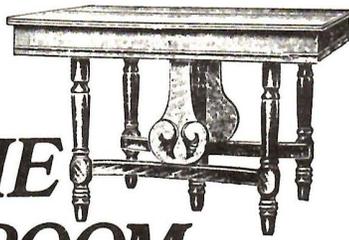
Community Development
Block Grants (CDBG).....3,456,000,000

Urban Development
Action Grants (UDAG).....440,000,000

Incidentally, the Reagan Administration is again threatening "zero" funding for the Historic Preservation Fund in the FY 1984 budget. It is only by your letters, visits and telephone calls to your Representatives and Senators, that those in Washington will favorably respond by providing this needed funding.

by bus at 7 am. A continental breakfast will be served en route, with lunch at the Pasadena restaurant of your choice. Wine and cheese will be served on the homeward journey. This year's scheduled return time of 7 pm will please those who felt that last year's 11 pm return was too late.

Tour cost is \$21 for SOHO members, \$25 for non-members; all entry fees are included. Reservations must be made by May 4, 1983. For more information, call tour chairman, Mary Joralmon, 297-9327.



FROM THE BOARD ROOM

• Ron Buckley of San Diego's City Planning Dept. outlined the role of the Historical Site Board and reported on Heritage Task Force activities.

• A SOHO Heritage Park Task Force including Bill Bolen, David Goldberg, Cathy Grigsby, Bruce Herms, Karen Johl, and Mike Sullivan will develop plans to revitalize and preserve Heritage Park. Discussion covered gazebo/bandstand fund-raising activities, including a Southwest Artists' Showcase, slated for July 23-31, 1983. Increasing SOHO's membership and visibility in the community were identified as other goals.

• A progress report on plans to renovate the Belmont Park roller coaster in Mission Beach and develop a Beach Area Museum was presented by Carol Lindemulder.

• Diane Schade, SOHO's new librarian, reported on the status of our research library.

• The Board reviewed plans for upcoming tours, and also discussed pros and cons of having a paid staff person. A committee was formed to compile a job description.

• Eleanor Bolen and Pat Schaelchlin presented separate but similar plans for coordinating SOHO slide presentations for renting to other organizations.

• Cathy Grigsby will represent SOHO at the state-wide Preservation Conference in May.

• The next board meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Monday, March 14, at the firehouse on 5th Avenue at Palm St. Contact your Board members for more information.

Victorians For Sale!

GILBOUGH HOUSE FOR SALE

The historic Gilbough House in Ramona is on the real estate market, according to SOHO member and real estate broker, Sherry Bloom. The restored Victorian "Showplace of Ramona" features original fittings and fixtures, such as hand milled porch columns and elaborate interior wood panels.

Built in 1888 on a solid stone foundation, the home includes a large parlor wall mural, huge master bedroom, and outside, the original windmill and outhouse! The property has extensive mountain and valley views. The selling price, \$110,000, includes 1-1/2 acres. For more details, contact Sherry or Marty Bloom, 459-7598 or 459-7161.

LIVINGSTON HOUSE - HISTORIC SITE #58

This proud 5000 sq. ft. home was built in 1887 (for \$5000--\$1 per sq. ft.!). It boasts an octagonal tower with conical roof, 13 rooms and 52 windows. Art glass windows mark the home's redwood staircase. \$220,000 Call Nile Ernst at Towne Realtors, 233-5811.

VICTORIAN ORIGINAL FARMHOUSE IN BAY PARK

Located at 2229 Erie St., this 2000 sq. ft., 3-story home has 5 bedrooms and 3 baths. The redwood exterior structure has been unaltered, and sits on a large lot with a commanding view of the bay. \$185,000. For more details, contact Scot Kirton at Scot's Realty, 272-4128.

RARE AFFORDABLE VICTORIAN -- \$82,500

The George Journey house at 20th & G St. is the classic 93 year-old Queen Anne Victorian featured on p. 34 of Karen Johl's Timeless Treasures. The major restoration items completed are the roof, foundation, plumbing, electrical, chimney and fireplace. The owner has been transferred north and leaves the fun and rewarding work for you!

This property, when completely restored, will be a superb home or office with panoramic downtown and park views, formal entry and full attic. Go buy 670 20th St....Call Britt Laughlin or Larry Lampel at Presidio Realty, 293-3970.

THREE R's WORKSHOPS - Restoration, Rehabilitation, Renovation

by Mary Joralmon
Workshop Director

New sessions of the Three R's Workshops will begin Wednesday, April 6, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senlis Cottage, Heritage Park. Cost of the series is \$18. Subsequent meetings will be held Wednesday evenings throughout April, in the Library Room of Tiffany's Restaurant, Heritage Park. Site visits will be on Saturdays during April.

Pre-registration for the workshops is a must. Enrollment is limited to 20 so that participation and the exchange of information can be on a one-to-one basis.

These sessions offer "hands-on" demonstrations as well as on-site critiques and consultations. The program breakdown is as follows:

April 6, 1983-Introductory program. Decisions on site visits will be based on participants' needs.

Pat Schaelchlin will discuss "What style is it?, Researching the history of a house, building codes, etc."

Marc Tarasuck, AIA, will discuss the role of an architect, how to choose a contractor and coordination of a project, with special attention to the problems of older baths and kitchens.

Mary Joralmon, ASID Associate, will provide on-site consultation and critique as to appropriate interior colors, wallcoverings, fixtures and furniture. On-site discussions will be held at participants' homes.

Larry O'Dell, craftsman-painter, who has worked on many homes in Mission Hills, will implement on-site visits.

Bruce Kamerling, historian and author, expert on craftsman era and Irving Gill structures, will discuss aesthetics of the craftsman and interiors of that era.

Rurik Kallas, restorationist for the Villa Montezuma and many other fine Victorians, will speak to structural evaluation, exterior repairs, and give demonstrations on interior repairs, finishes and moldings at his latest project.

For registration and further information, please contact:

Mary Joralmon
1116 5th Street
Coronado, CA 92118
(619) 435-6108

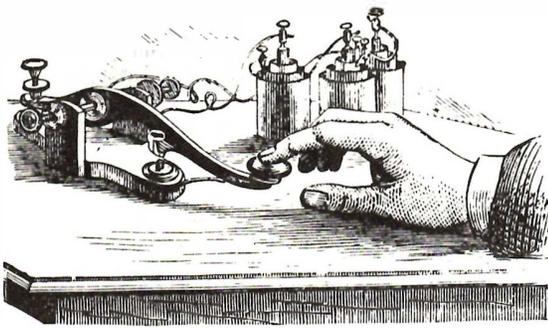
or leave a message at SOHO, 297-9327.

GENERAL MEETING REVIEW

SOHO's first General Meeting of 1983, held January 29th, was a success. Approximately 100 persons attended. An informative walking tour of the Bankers' Hill area was led by Bruce Herms, followed by the meeting inside the historic Park Place Methodist-Episcopal church building.

Mayoral candidates County Supervisor Roger Hedgecock, Councilman Bill Mitchell

(a founding member of SOHO), and Port Commissioner Maureen O'Connor addressed the membership; Deputy Mayor Bill Cleator was unable to attend, but did send a representative. Cathy Grigsby moderated the political discussion and presented an outline of SOHO activities. Many involvement opportunities were identified, and are still available to all members.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

by Claire Kaplan

SIMON LEVI WAREHOUSE TO COME ALIVE

A 70 year-old downtown landmark building, the Simon Levi Warehouse at 7th & J Streets, will soon be remodeled into a downtown major-design mart. Showrooms will occupy all but the basement, which will be turned into an underground tenant and guest parking area. The building has been leased by "J Street Partnership", which includes SOHO member, LINDA KACZUR & Associates, Interior Designers. Downtown San Diego is ready for a professional commercial design mart similar to San Francisco's Ice House, Showplace, and Galleria. The partnership intends to preserve the historic building's architectural integrity by retaining the brick facade, mullioned windows, and high ceilings.

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CORONADO'S HISTORY!

SOHO's KATHERINE CARLIN, a Coronado resident since 1928, is a founder-member of the Coronado Historical Association, where she serves as the local historian. She is also a founder-member of the Save Our Heritage Organisation. Being a history buff has led her into writing a book on the first real indepth history of her city. "Up to the present," she explained, "most of the writing has been on Hotel del Coronado, Tent City, the ferries, or polo. I think it is time that a complete history should be written ...maybe not as glamorous, but more factual. It has been quite a challenge," she continued, "and it is time-consuming, but also it is a labor of love." Watch for her book...it will be well worth the wait.

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FROM OUR PAKISTAN CORRESPONDENT:

Word has come from the Hilton International Hotel at Lahore, Pakistan, that CAROLYN FOUSHEE has taken temporary quarters there until the home in Pakistan has been ready for the Foushee family. Her letters to DOROTHY MUTH (an aide to Mayoral candidate Roger Hedgecock) describe the trials and tribulations of accomplishing any simple task Pakistanian style. Quoting Carolyn, "...anything that gets done at all is done along the lines of the proverbial Chinese fire drill... total chaos." It is a far cry from the tranquil life of La Jolla, but knowing Carolyn and her association with SOHO, she will put it together and this will all result in another saga of the "Adventures of Mabel." Carolyn will miss SOHO, and SOHO will miss her. MORE LATER!



MILES *(continued from Page 2)*

2. Historic Preservation. What positive things could you do for preservation? Currently in San Diego there are no laws protecting historic structures beyond a 180-day moratorium on demolition. Would you consider granting more authority to the Historical Site Board? How would you increase that authority? Our built history is in constant danger..."

"Dear Miles:

...In response to your areas of concern, let me offer the following comments:

1. You are quite correct that San Diego's new architecture is, at best, commonplace. I would like to continue to search for ways to inspire great architecture. While a design review board is one possibility, I am not convinced that architecture by committee is a better answer. For instance, I have had personal experience with the Design Review Board in Del Mar. While many fine people have served on the Board and have given generously of their time, I believe that a commonplace, lowest common denominator of architecture has, more often than not, prevailed. Let's keep talking about this one.

2. I believe much more attention should be paid to historic preservation, if only because rehabilitation is, more often than not, a more economically defensible way to produce new and exciting uses within the urban area. Yes, I would consider granting more authority to the Historical Site Board and I certainly would like to get some comments from you and others more familiar with this issue on how to do it. The biggest concern is, of course, balancing this historic heritage against the needs of the future. The mechanism that can reconcile these two forces in our society would have to be sophisticated indeed to be effective. At present, the weight of authority is all on the side of "progress". Unless extraordinary private efforts are undertaken, I believe we should address this balance..."

Roger Hedgecock (Maureen O'Connor sent Miles a noteworthy response; it was received too late to include).



RAMONA TOUR *from Page 1*

mainstays. In particular, Ramona's healthful climate became attractive to poultry ranchers. In addition to growing chickens and producing eggs, Ramona became the turkey capital of the world. The label "Ramona" on your Thanksgiving turkey was an assurance of excellence.

But the days of turkey ranches are now gone, and Ramona, like so many old communities in Southern California, is faced with the prospect of suburbanization, subdivision and development. It is a community at the crossroads, facing the challenge of meeting its future destiny while trying to maintain its

past historical treasures. Sad to say, some have already been lost. Some remain but are very much endangered. Happily, not all of the picture is gloomy. Thanks to the efforts of Guy B. Woodward, his wife and other public-spirited citizens, much of Ramona's historical legacy has been saved for us to enjoy.

SOHO has the honor of being hosted by Guy B. Woodward as he takes us on a personally-conducted tour to view a variety of homes and buildings, ranging from adobe to Victorian and Craftsman; culminating in a visit to Ramona's Pioneer Museum, where Guy and his wife are curators. Although not confirmed at this time, special efforts are being made to visit the Gilbough House, known as "The Showplace of Ramona," and the wellknown "Amy Strong Castle," the masterpiece of Irving Gill's protege, Emmor Brooke Weaver, who designed so many fine homes in San Diego.

The tour will leave San Diego's Heritage Park at Juan & Harney Streets, at 8:00 AM, and will return at about 5:00 PM. Transportation will be by airconditioned coach. Bring your lunch to picnic at Collier Park in Ramona, or lunch on your own at several of the fine restaurants in Ramona. Also, bring comfortable walking shoes for the optional walking tours. Cost of the tour is \$12 for SOHO members and \$15 for non-SOHO members. Please send your checks and self-addressed stamped envelope to: SOHO, P.O. BOX 3571, San Diego, CA 92103 before March 18, 1983.

PS: With luck, maybe the back country wildflowers will be in bloom?!

Tour Reservation Form

To: SOHO, P.O. Box 3571, San Diego, CA 92103

Yes, I want to go on the "Ramona-San Diego Back Country Tour" on Saturday, March 26!

Enclosed is my check for the following person(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

SOHO Member (\$12)

Non-Member (\$15)

Total Persons: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Please make checks payable to SOHO. Deadline for checks is March 18, 1983 at the SOHO office.



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!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

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

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