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THE S·O·H·O NEWSLETTER

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SOHO TRAIN TOUR, TO DEL MAR/ DESIGNERS SHOWCASE - RSVP BY APRIL 20th

by Bruce Herms

YES, IT IS TRUE. If you have been looking forward to the ANNUAL SOHO TRAIN TOUR and have also been planning to go to the "1983 Designer's Showcase," here is an outing that has the best of both and a whole lot more!

SOHO, in cooperation with the San Diego Historical Society, is arranging a special docent-conducted tour of the "Del Mar Castle" on Saturday, April 30. The "Castle" was designed by San Diego's well-known architect Richard Requa for Mr. and Mrs. Marston Harding in 1925.

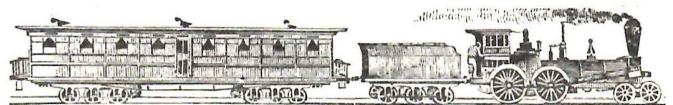


This year it is the site of the American Society of Interior Designers fabulous 1983 DESIGNER'S SHOWCASE.

SOHO members and their friends will meet at the Santa Fe Station in

Downtown San Diego at 8:45 a.m. and will board their train for Del Mar. The train trip will revive memories of the old California Southern Railway, the first transcontinental railroad to reach San Diego in 1882. Interestingly, it was the old Cal Southern that helped bring Del Mar into existence.

As you reach Del Mar, your SOHO tour guides will take you on a historical walking tour of OLD DEL MAR. This optional walking tour is mainly over flat ground with some grades in the area west of former Highway 101. We suggest comfortable walking shoes and a shade hat. If you prefer, you may spend this part of the tour browsing through "Stratford Square" and other intriguing shops along the main street. But save some money for the San Diego Historical Society's Boutique and Greenery at the Castle.

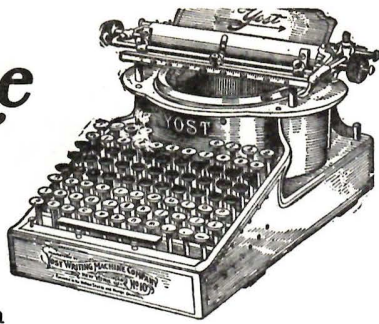


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From the Editor's Desk



by David Hutchinson

Active is defined as "functioning; moving; working; causing action, motion or change; busy; diligent; requiring action or exertion; producing real effects."

Too often we are satisfied to be dues-paying members of an organization, knowing that we are supporting a good cause. But for any group to be effective in achieving its goals, members and the public must be motivated to action above and beyond the dues-paying level.

This is a challenge to evaluate your activity in SOHO. Are you working to produce real effects? Could you apply any of your special skills or talents to SOHO's current projects?

Areas requiring action include:

- fundraising for a gazebo in Heritage Park
- volunteers to serve as correspondence

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APRIL CALENDAR



NEXT SOHO BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 11, 7 pm
Senlis Cottage
Heritage Park

GASLAMP QUARTER AFFAIR
Saturday, April 16
(see article, p.)

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY FAIR
Sat. - Mon., April 16, 17, 18
Museum of San Diego History
Balboa Park
More info.: 265-6685

SEMINARS: "DIGGING UP THE PAST:
ARCHEOLOGY & OLD TOWN"
Sundays, April 17 & 24, 1-4 pm
Lecturer: Therese Adams Muranaka
Fee: \$10 Reservations: 237-6770

AIA "SIXPAK" SERIES
Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 pm
Cafe del Rey Moro, Balboa Park
Speaker: Mark Mack
More info.: 232-0109

FABRIC ART AT MUSEUM OF MAN
S. D. Creative Stitchery Guild
Sunday, April 23 - Monday, May 1
Museum of Man, Balboa Park
More info.: 239-2001

STREAMLINE MODERNE TOUR
Sponsor: Los Angeles Conservancy
Sunday, April 24, 10-4
Fee: \$10 Reservations: by Apr. 10
More details: (213) 623-CITY

HISTORICAL SITE BOARD
Wednesday, April 27, 1:30 pm
Fifth Floor Conference Room
City Admin. Building
202 C Street

DEL MAR TRAIN TOUR
Including "Past to Present"
Tenth Annual Designers Showcase
Del Mar Castle
Saturday, April 30
(see article, front page)

NEWS BRIEFS...

MAJOR DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLANNED NEAR SANTA FE DEPOT

LEAGUE FOR COASTAL PROTECTION TO FIGHT DEUKMEJIAN BUDGET POLICY

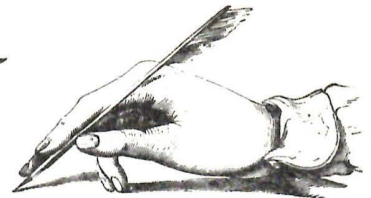
A recent edition of COAST LINES, the League for Coastal Protection newsletter, reports that newly-elected Governor Deukmejian is developing new policies for California's coastline via the budget.

Despite strong public support for coastal planning efforts, the Governor plans to eliminate the Coastal Commission's technical and legal staff through budget cuts in order to accomplish his goals of off-shore oil development and elimination of the Coastal Commission.

The League is organizing a letter-writing campaign to state legislators urging support for coastal resource protection.

Santa Fe Industries has proposed an \$800-million high-rise redevelopment project for a seven-block area around the downtown railroad depot. Construction on the project could begin in 1983 if the City Council agrees to the proposals and other approvals are obtained from the Navy, according to officials quoted in The Tribune.

The City Council is scheduled to discuss the plan, which calls for a 25-year zoning freeze on 15.7 acres of land around the Santa Fe Depot, on April 5. The Port Commission may also have to approve parts of the plan because the proposed development would violate air approaches to certain runways at Lindbergh Field. The plan has already been presented to the Centre City Development Corporation for approval.



MILES WRITES... PART II

Last month we published excerpts from a letter sent by Robert Miles Parker, SOHO's founder, to each of the four major candidates for mayor of San Diego, along with a response from County Supervisor Roger Hedgecock. No other responses were received in time to include in that issue, although a response from Maureen O'Connor was received by Miles as the newsletter went to press.

Since Hedgecock and O'Connor will face each other in a run-off election on May 3, the views of these candidates on urban design and historic preservation should be of special interest. Please review last month's REFLECTIONS for the questions presented by Miles and the reply by Hedgecock. O'Connor's response is printed below:

"Dear Miles:

The following is a brief response to your thoughtful letter of January 18.

...an Urban Design Plan is a part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. I

feel that the existing design should be expanded to include the urban center as well as neighborhoods. I have high respect for the high level of professionalism in the City Planning Department and would be willing to consider granting it design review powers with input from other professionals in San Diego. Landscaping, architecture and statuary, among other elements of urban design will be a part of the design plan.

In fiscal year 1975 I supported the allocation for an important survey of historical structures in San Diego proposed by the Historical Site Board.

I would certainly review, with favor, the recommendations from the Historical Site Board and other interested citizens in finding ways to preserve our history. We need to review the protections provided historic structures and the authority of the Board for this purpose..."

Maureen O'Connor

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HERITAGE PARK GAZEBO/BANDSTAND:

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Wishing good health to Claire &
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Mrs. Ward Fitzpatrick (in addition
to the donation in memory of
Glenn Rick)



PASADENA TOUR

by Joe Jones

It's all aboard for Pasadena! At 7 a.m. on May 14 the bus will leave from Juan and Harney Streets (Heritage Park) for Pasadena. SOHO members and their friends will journey north to Huntington Drive and into Pasadena.

Upon arrival, we'll tour the beautiful homes of the Oak Knoll area. The Oak Knoll area abounds in an amusing variety of off-beat architectural styles, such as: Storybook, Hollywood and Craftsman. It also contains some of the largest homes in Pasadena.

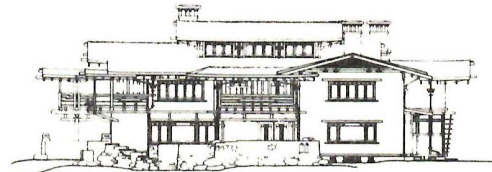
Also in this neighborhood can be found the works of Charles and Henry Greene, as well as some fine houses by their contemporaries. We will have a private showing of the Gamble House.

Leaving this area we'll journey by bus to the lower Arroyo Seco to view the "Craftsman Bohemia Settlement," a district which contains the houses of early artists and craftsmen of Pasadena. It was in this section of the Arroyo that tilemaker and teacher Ernest Batchelder built his home.

Departing central Pasadena we will travel to nearby San Marino to spend the balance of the day touring the library, art gallery and botanical gardens.

The tour will include a continental breakfast on the way to Pasadena, with wine and cheese on the return trip. For lunch you'll be on your own at your choice of several Pasadena restaurants.

For more information call 435-6108.



THE GAMBLE HOUSE

PASADENA TOUR-RESERVATION FORM

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

Yes, I want to go on the Pasadena Tour, Saturday, May 14, 1983.
Enclosed is my check for the following person(s):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

SOHO Member (\$21) Non-Member (\$25)

Total persons: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to SOHO. Deadline for checks is May 4, 1983, at the SOHO office.

GASLAMP QUARTER AFFAIR SLATED FOR APRIL 16th

The Gaslamp Quarter Foundation is holding the second Gaslamp Quarter Affair on Saturday, April 16, at the Holiday Inn At The Embarcadero.

This year's "Affair" will include dinner, live entertainment, and a silent as well as a live auction of donated items. Among the special values to be auctioned are two weeks in a beachfront condominium on Maui, a Seaport Village Shopping Spree, a Party Package, and several San Diego weekend getaway packages at various locations.

The Gaslamp Quarter Affair is the major fundraising event for the historic district. One of the principal projects which will benefit from the auction is establishing the historic Heath-Davis House at Fourth Avenue and Island Street as the office for the Gaslamp Quarter Council.

For information regarding tickets for the Gaslamp Quarter Affair, contact the Gaslamp Quarter Council office at 233-5227.

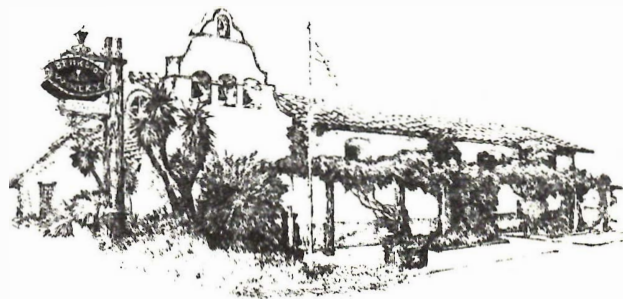


Bruce Herms leads a walking tour of Banker's Hill during SOHO's General Meeting in January. Notable examples of architecture were pointed out along with San Diego's unique undeveloped canyons.

NEW MEMBERS

Deborah L. Perry
David W. Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Leland Wetherbee
Judy Barney
Britt Laughlin
Marianne Lane Horwatt
Charles & Anita Anderson
Elaine & Donald Harper
Southwest Business Interiors
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Brookside Winery Building in Bonita to be Preserved by Credit Union

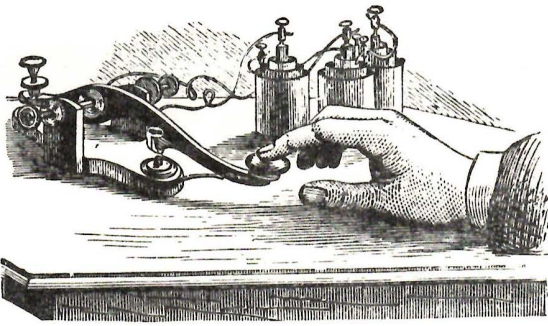


By Susan Simmen Houston

The Brookside Winery in Bonita was sold to Beatrice Foods last fall. Many citizens in the South Bay area became concerned when it was rumored that the Chicago-based firm might tear down the winery to make room for office buildings.

The winery was designed by the late Bonita architect Victor Wulff, who fashioned it after the best features of the California Missions. The building was built in 1965 and has become a well-loved landmark in the Chula Vista area.

The building was saved from possible demolition by the North Island Federal Credit Union, who bought it and will move their offices there by late summer. Happily, renovations will retain the exterior and interior rustic flavor; the wine tasting will go but the Brookside sign will remain intact.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

by Claire Kaplan

BALBOA PARK PLANS:

ROBERT FERRIS, SOHO member and past president of the San Diego Historical Society, has just completed a four-year term on the California State Resources Commission. The major work of the Commission is the review of National Register nomination forms. Currently, Bob's historic preservation work includes serving as architectural consultant to the Pekarek Group on the general development and management plans for Balboa Park. This includes advice regarding the park's National Landmark Site status for all buildings from both the 1915 and 1935 Expositions. He is also architect for the Museum of San Diego History, to be developed for the San Diego Historical Society in the Casa de Balboa (Electric Building) in Balboa Park.

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LA MESA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The organization is actively engaged in preserving La Mesa's special heritage for future generations to see and enjoy. They purchased the McKinney House in 1975 and are restoring and furnishing it to the period of 1908-1920. Located at 8369 University Avenue in La Mesa, the house is open Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment.

The president, DOROTHY GRINER, is also a very active SOHO member, and has served as tour guide, docent, hostess, and you name it. Her daughter, DONNA REGAN, has been chairperson of SOHO tours, research chairperson, tour guide, hostess, etc., and is now Restoration Chairperson for the La Mesa Historical Society.

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ANOTHER RESTORATION PROJECT:

Located on the hill in Heritage Park, the little Temple Beth Israel (circa 1889) is patiently awaiting restoration. It occupies the site opposite the SOHO Cottage, which is most appropriate in as much as both buildings were formerly in close proximity at 2nd and Cedar Streets.

The Temple was selected for Heritage Park not only for its historic and architectural interest, but because it and one in San Francisco are the two oldest on the West Coast. After restoration, it will serve as a non-sectarian Community Center, to be rented out for weddings, parties, meetings, etc.

In the Fall, 1981, issue of the Journal of San Diego History, an article by HENRY I. SCHWARTZ (local playwright and historian, and dedicated SOHO member) appeared detailing the historic background of the Temple on its original site. This plucky little building has withstood two fires (one in 1910 and one in 1962) and is still raring to go. Hopefully, work on the exterior will begin in July of this year.



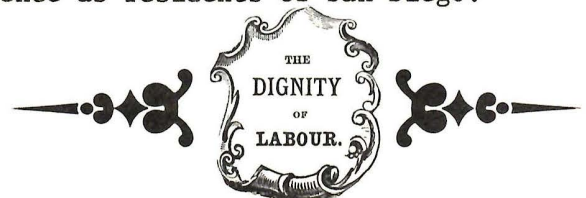
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secretary, recording secretary, SOHO Cottage attendants, newsletter staff, tour guides, and researchers.

- increasing general membership.
- computerizing many records.

If you can contribute time, expertise or money, please contact the SOHO office or SOHO president Cathy Grigsby.

To those of you who are already involved at a truly active level, keep up the good work. You are examples of energetic, forward-thinking people who will make a real difference in the future quality of life we will all experience as residents of San Diego.



SOHO TRAIN TOUR--continued

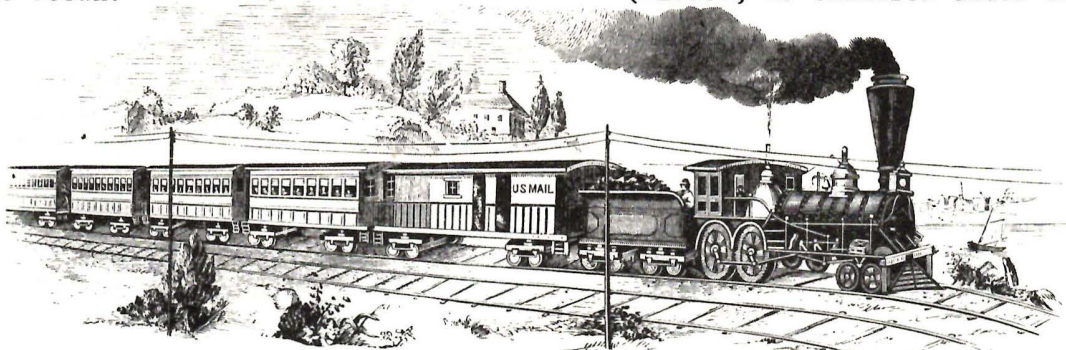
The historical walking tour will provide you a good opportunity to learn more about this beautiful seaside community. For example, you will discover how Del Mar nearly became known as "Weed, California" (Can you imagine Bing Crosby singing "Where the turf meets the surf in Old Weed"?). We will pass buildings dating back to the 1880's, including fanciful Victorian confections such as the former Edelweiss Ice Cream Parlour. Then you will notice a transformation. The Tudor style was introduced in 1908 with the construction of the "Stratford Inn." We will walk in the footsteps of Rudolph Valentino, Pola Negri, Mary Pickford, Jimmy Durante and other Hollywood greats that made Del Mar their personal hideaway. With all their razzle-dazzle, we will see another side of these movie idols as we view the former church where Pat O'Brien assisted as "Altar Boy."

Then, time out for a "lunch break" on your own. This will give you a chance to experience some of Del Mar's many fine restaurants. Or, if you wish, bring a sack lunch to share with your friends at Seagrove Park, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

After lunch, we will board an air-conditioned coach for a riding tour through the wooded hills above Del Mar where we will see a rich variety of homes and styles: Craftsman, Tudor, Mediterranean and Contemporary. The high point will be our arrival at the Castle, high on the hill overlooking the Pacific. Here we will be greeted by our SDHS Docents for a one-hour personally-guided tour of the Castle.

Following our visit to the Castle and the Hillside Tour, our tour bus will transport us directly to our starting point at the Santa Fe Depot in San Diego, thereby avoiding the hassle of transferring to a crowded Southbound "Los Angeles to San Diego" train at Del Mar.

The entire tour, including Northbound Train, Victorian Walking Tour, Hillside Bus Tour, Castle Tour and air-conditioned bus back to San Diego will be \$16.00 for SOHO members and \$18.00 for non-members. For those in North County who wish to skip the Train Trip, but would like to participate in the other parts of the tour package: join us in Del Mar at 9:45 a.m. and your tour cost will be \$14.00 for SOHO members and \$17.00 for non-members. (Please, no children under eight years).



SOHO "DEL MAR TOUR"-RESERVATION FORM

Mail to SOHO, P.O. Box 3571, San Diego, CA 92103.
 Deadline for receipt is April 20, 1983. Please make checks payable to SOHO.

Here are my reservations for the SOHO "DEL MAR TOUR" on Saturday, April 30, 1983. Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope and my check for the following person(s):

| | <u>(SOHO MEMBER)</u> | <u>(NON-MEMBER)</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| I will meet tour in San Diego (TRAIN): | (\$16) _____ | (\$18) _____ |
| I will meet tour in Del Mar(NO train): | (\$14) _____ | (\$17) _____ |

Name: _____ Total persons: _____
 Address: _____ Total enclosed: _____
 Phone: _____



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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- 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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