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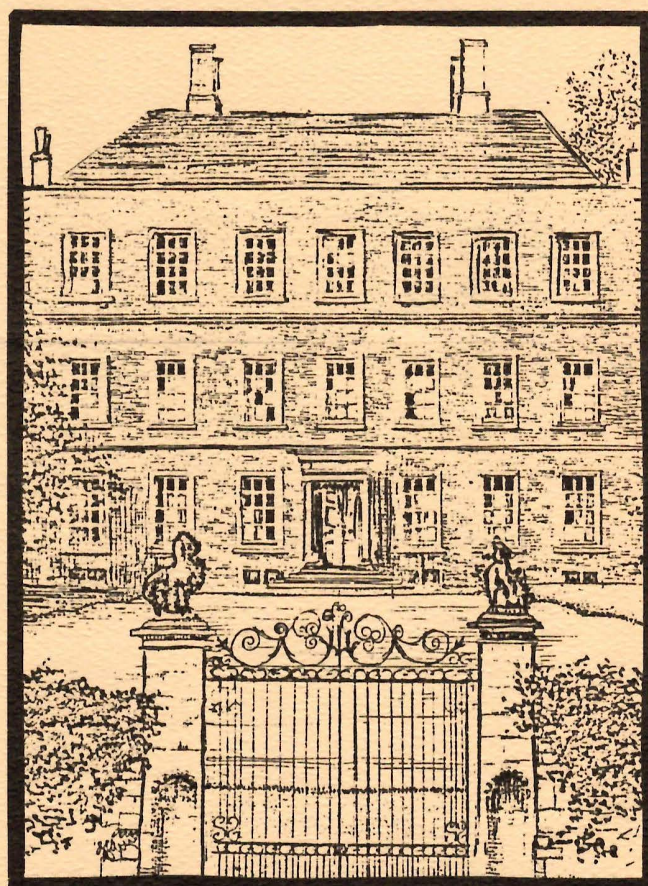
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ANYONE FOR TEA ?

SOHO members will have an opportunity to meet Christopher Maltin and hear about his restoration plans for Newington House, a seventeenth-century country house in Oxfordshire, England. Built in about 1640, the house originally had a hipped roof, dormer windows, tall chimneys and possibly a central cupola, but was remodeled in 1777. The house had been sadly neglected for many years and was about to be divided into flats when Christopher Maltin and his wife, Elizabeth, purchased it in 1980.

Through the magic of a VCR program, Mr. Maltin will share with us the magnificent interior of the house and the enchanting gardens which cover 50 acres near the Thames. The house features a "flying" staircase of English oak, wood paneling, moulded dado rails, detailed cornices and carved marble fireplaces.

The program is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Heath Davis House. The house is located at 410 Island Avenue, in the Gas Lamp section. A classic English high tea will be served in conjunction with the program. There will be an admission charge.



Newington House

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DONATIONS

Mrs. Rush L. Canon
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(A donation to SOHO makes a wonderful birthday, anniversary, or general gift. You may designate which particular project your donations will go to. Donations are tax-deductible.)



SOHO Board of Directors meeting will be held at Sue Skala's on Monday, November 4. On the agenda will be plans for the general meeting-Christmas party in mid-December. A special flyer will be sent to members with details.

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Chula Vista Victorian
Completely restored, modern
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for further details.

SOHO will have several old
doors for sale. For details
and prices, call the cottage.

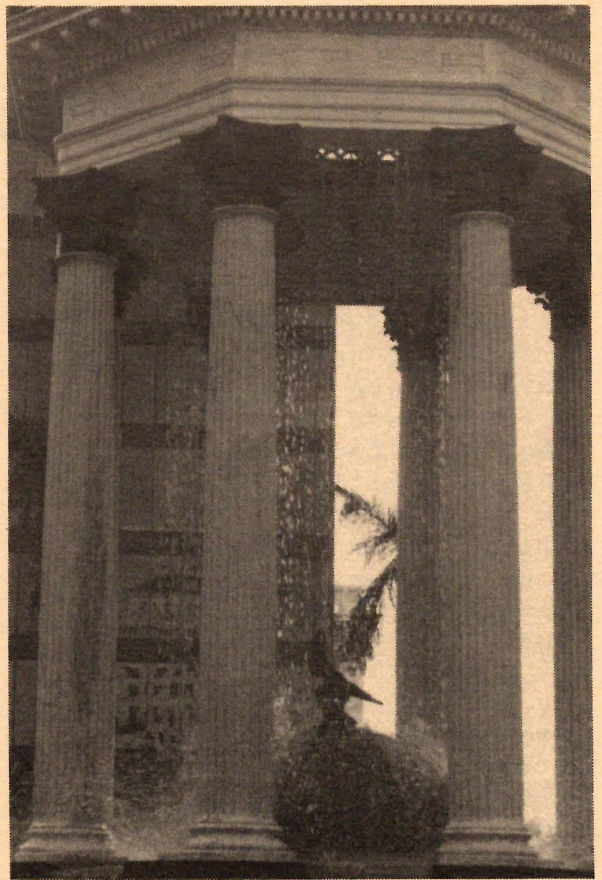


peoples' park

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It was set aside in 1871 as a "place where all public questions might be discussed with comfort, where public open-air concerts might be given, and where people might rest and children play in safety." On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the installation of the Gill Fountain and its dedication to the people of San Diego, Horton Plaza was filled with those to whom it belongs. There were white-haired ladies, wearing much-mended sweaters and carrying plastic shopping bags, a gray-haired man who came to feed the pigeons and stayed to hear a Sousa march; there was an occasional shopper, sailors dressed in summer whites, and standing in clusters of twos and fours, members of SOHO. Near the center of the square, Eugene Vacher, leader of the City Guard Band, gave directions for setting up. A fine mist from the Gill Fountain dampened clothing and sheet music, but not the spirits of the band members who reorganized the historic group in 1982. In no time at all, chairs were lined up on the grass and the band launched into a rendition of the U. S. Grant march.

Mayor Roger Hedgecock arrived without fanfare while those in charge were still preparing the podium and punch table. He stood to one side of the fountain, surrounded by street people who sipped from bottles in brown paper bags, "flew" back and forth in imitation of Superman, picked in the litter, and tossed bread at his feet in an effort to feed the dozens of pigeons which circled his head. It was a scene not likely to be duplicated soon. When the Mayor was at last introduced, there was scattered applause from the crowd, which then settled into respectful silence while he spoke.



Following Mayor Hedgecock, Peter Davis, President of the Center City Development Corporation, spoke briefly. Finally, Mary Joralman, of SOHO, gave a brief speech before she and the mayor unveiled the sidewalk plaque. Refreshments were then served to the public to conclude the ceremonies.

The 200' by 145' green space in the center of downtown San Diego which Alonzo Horton stated was destined forever to be "open and free from buildings for any purpose whatever" was threatened with destruction during the building of the Horton Plaza Shopping Center. It survives today due to the efforts of dedicated SOHO members. The tiny park, once scoffed at by developers and referred to as "the doormat to Hahn's shopping center" remains one of San Diego's most cherished landmarks, something special to be treasured by her citizens and remembered by every visitor to the city, thanks to those few people who cared.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Commitment best describes SOHO members.

Just recently we held our fourteenth home tour in La Jolla. More than one hundred members helped the Chairman, Paula Stober. It was an exciting event both to participate in and contribute time to. The Home Tour is always a success because of committed members.

SOHO provides many other programs and opportunities. A SOHO board member chairs each program and event. This year, the board has scheduled many activities, each of which will require commitment from our members.

This winter, Paul Amedei and Mary Joralman will be planning six one-day restoration workshops. The workshops consist of lectures and "hands on" projects which demonstrate proper restoration techniques.

Bruce Herms, with David Goldberg's help, will continue to chair the Tour Committee. Besides the big home tour in October, this committee plans small educational tours. Bruce also hopes to organize another San Francisco preservation tour.

Christy Freeman will be chairing the People in Preservation Awards. This event honors hard working preservationists in our community and provides membership with first-hand accounts of award winning restoration projects.

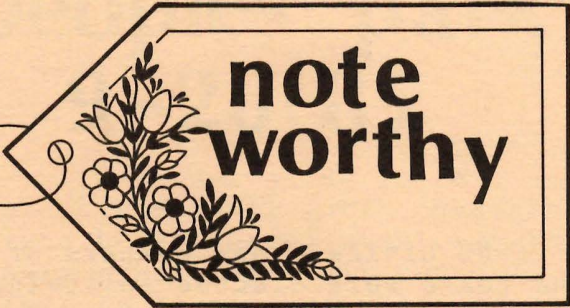
Our Director of Education, Joe Jones, will be coordinating the speakers' bureau. The speakers' bureau promotes SOHO's name as well as educates the public about San Diego history and the need to save our heritage. Because of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hallen and Judy Schaefer's efforts, SOHO will soon have a video tape on the history of SOHO, which we can use to enhance our public presentations.

Gary Rees, our Government Affairs Director, chairs the Preservation Action Committee. Gary and his committee will research all preservation issues in the city and county and assist the board in its decisions of whether to participate in and lend our name or hand to preservation efforts.

Partners in Preservation is a project which our Development Director (paid staff) will coordinate. It involves locating a restorable house, and researching and coordinating funding sources and financial feasibility studies for the purchase and restoration of the house. The Fundraising Committee will work in conjunction with Partners in Preservation.

You as members indicated on the membership cards your interests and talents. Committee Chairmen will contact you soon to ask if you would like to be involved in any of SOHO's projects. The work we have planned for this year is necessary and exciting. But it won't get done without your commitment.

Sue Stala



note worthy

November 15 - 17
 Festival of Friendship in the parking lot of the El Cajon Civic Center. The Knox Hotel Museum will be open to show visitors through this oldest commercial building in El Cajon.

November 15 - 17
 Christmas Fantasy-doll houses, teddy bears, miniatures
 Donations go to help homeless animals. La Jolla Woman's Club
 Information: 454-4959

November 17 Tea Dance \$7.50
 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 SAN DIEGO HOTEL
 Information: 234-0221

December 2 - 22
 Tour Heritage Park Bed & Breakfast Inn, enjoy Victorian Christmas decorations and refreshments. Great gifts for special people. Reservations required.
 Cost - \$3.50 per person

Gaslamp tours, every Saturday
 Two-hour walking tour of the Gaslamp Quarter, starting at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Information: 233-5227

The Preservation Action Committee has asked us to print the following list of watched buildings in 1984-85. They welcome any interested members who wish to participate on their committee. Please contact Gary Rees, 234-7738, if interested.

Tower Bowl
 Stingaree Bordello
 Mission San Diego de Alcala
 Cedar Street House
 Balboa Park Administration Building (Irving Gill)
 Union Street (a Victorian row)
 Stern Plantation House
 St. Mathew's Episcopal Church
 Balboa Theater
 Seventh Avenue House
 Culture Zone in La Jolla
 Wisteria Cottage
 Cole's Bookstore (facade easement)

In line with the above, members are requested to write Senator Pete Wilson regarding the Commercial Tax Credits available to developers who preserve historic structures. These credits must be saved. Write the Honorable Pete Wilson, U. S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



BIRTHDAY PARTY

By Mary Joralmon

At 5:30 p.m., on the 15th of October, exactly 75 years from the date the first electric fountain was turned on, SOHO gave a special party for the people of San Diego.

The fountain was veiled in balloons and both the park and the U.S. Grant Hotel, which opened its doors on the same date, October 15, 1910, were decorated in red, white and blue bunting. The event was co-sponsored by the Horton League and the U. S. Grant Hotel.

Featured speaker was Supervisor Leon Williams, Mary Joralmon of SOHO officiated. The City Guard Band played and birthday cake was served to the public.

Honored guests were Lucile Wilde-Miller and her son, Bill Anthony. Mrs Miller is the daughter of Louis Wilde, who gave \$10,000 for the fountain in 1910. The climax of the event was a reenactment of the original dedication ceremonies. Mr. Anthony represented his grandfather and Mrs. Miller unveiled the fountain as her mother had done 75 years ago.

A gala/fashion show, sponsored by Broadway Stores followed the public party.



SOHO officers and members of the board were elected following the rededication of the Horton Plaza on September 28. Members adjourned to the Golden Lion for fellowship and food following the general meeting and election, which was held in the plaza. The newly elected officials are:

Susan Skala	President
Mary Ellen Munyon	Vice. Pres.

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Joe Jones	V.P. Education
Gary Rees	V.P. Gov't Affairs
Kathryn Lyon	Treasurer
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David Goldberg	Tours
Bruce Herms	Tours
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Paul Amidei	Workshops
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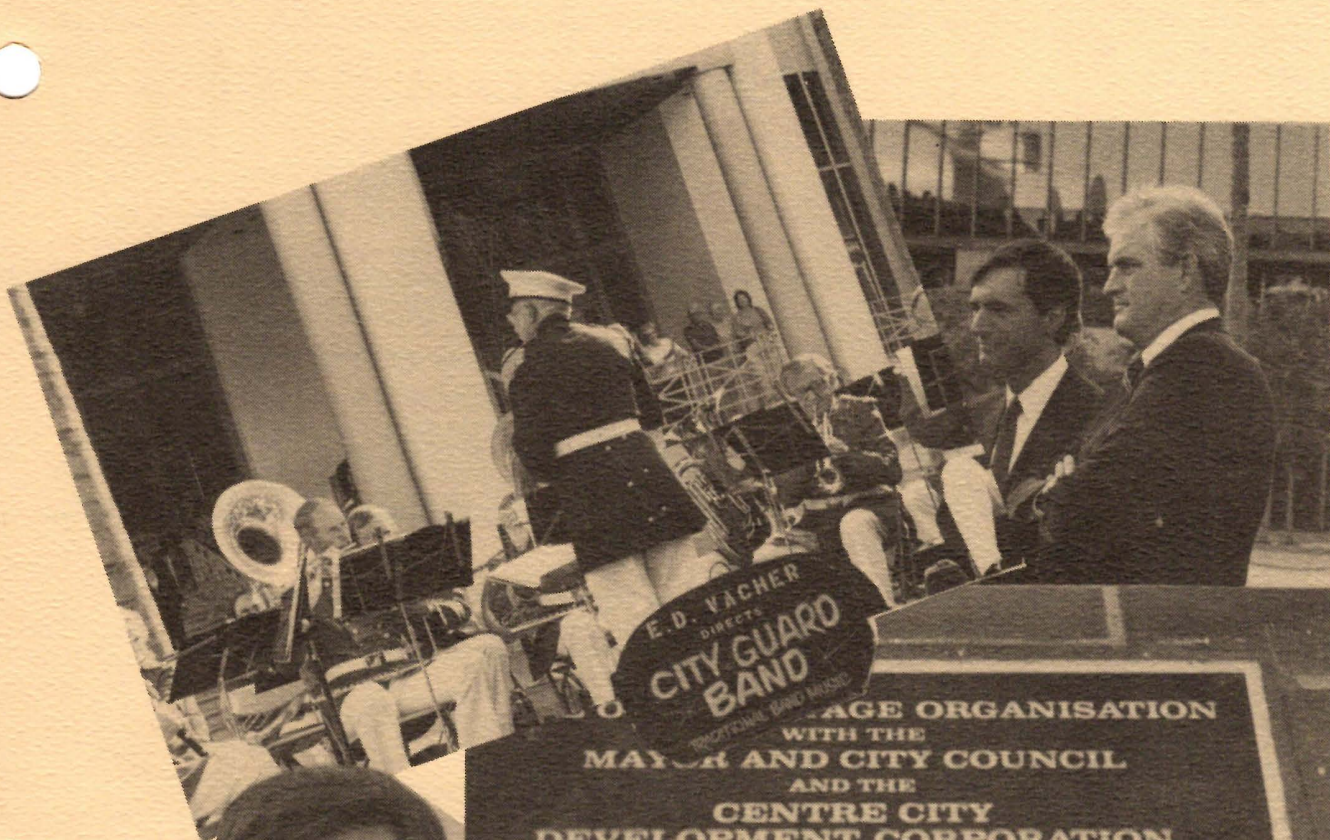
ALTERNATES

Mary Joralmon	Workshops
Sally Johns	



SOHO MEMORIES

On February 16, 1969, a Victorian Tea was held at the Gilbert House to introduce SOHO to San Diego and to raise funds to help save the old house. A total of \$300 in donations was taken in. SOHO's first preservation efforts were off to a good start.



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My profession/interests are: _____

I would like to volunteer to help for the following: (check as many as you wish)

- Tours Docent Refreshments Special Events
- Fundraising Telephone Committee Office Volunteer

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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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