



# REFLECTIONS

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## LANDMARKS OF DEMOCRACY

During 1987, we will celebrate a remarkable milestone—the 200th anniversary of the foundation of American government, the United States Constitution. And this year, National Historic Preservation Week, May 10–16, 1987 will be a part of this grand celebration. Under the theme "Landmarks of Democracy," preservationists everywhere will organize events to call attention to historic buildings and sites that symbolize the liberties and opportunities to achieve that are afforded all Americans by our democratic form of government.

Come join in SOHO's celebration of Preservation Week 1987 by attending the annual People In Preservation Awards on Thursday, May 14 from 5:30–8:00 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Fifth Avenue at "K" Street. Each year SOHO honors those individuals who have contributed significantly to the preservation cause. If our 1987 award winners are any indication, now more than ever, preservation is an integral part of the San Diego scene. SOHO is granting awards to residential and commercial rehabilitations, craftspeople, neighborhood activists, planners and even a local councilperson. The award winners are as follows:

**Residential Restoration:** Margaret Elliot for her sensitive restoration of the Irving Gill designed Mary Cossitt house #7.

**Maritime Restoration:** Todd Schwede for his faithful restoration of the Bagheera, a racing schooner.

**Commercial Restoration:** Don and Bill Haynsworth and Rip Fleming for their adaptive reuse of the Windsor Hotel.

**Craftsmanship:** Norm Hasenfung and Chip Melvin for their exemplary skills displayed in the restoration of the Amy Strong house.

**Neighborhood Preservation:** Save Mission Beach Park Committee for their continual campaign to save Mission Beach Amusement Park.

**Preservation Action:** Steve Karo for his incessant efforts to preserve the Balboa Theater as a legitimate theater space.

**Preservation Awareness:** Betty McManus and Lynn Schubert for their production of Silver Gate Concerts, chamber music in historic places.

**Preservation Planning:** City of Oceanside for its development of the San Luis Rey Historic District.

**Civic:** Councilmember Abbe Wolfsheimer for her leadership on the San Diego City Council on preservation issues.

**Preservationist of the Year:** Tony Ciani, architect, for his years of dedication to and work for numerous preservation issues in San Diego.

Congratulations to all of the award winners, and congratulations to all of us, because San Diego County is a better place for their efforts!

See inside for additional details and information on how to make reservations.



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### NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members to SOHO:

Jan Behrhorst  
Pat Kriebel  
Helen Marquardt  
J. McInerney  
Arthur Gritz  
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### DONATIONS

SOHO wishes to thank the following persons for their generosity:

James W. Neel  
Mrs. Edythe H. Scripps  
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## NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK (continued from page 1)

SOHO is also sponsoring an auction in conjunction with the awards ceremony and dinner. Many of the auction items are meals and overnight stays at former People in Preservation Award winners. SOHO thanks the following businesses for generously donating items for our auction.

**The Abbey--Brunch for two**

**The Golden Lion Tavern--Dinner for two**

**Casa De Bandini--Lunch or Dinner for two**

**Athens Market Taverna--Luncheon for two**

**The Bed and Breakfast Inn at La Jolla--Overnight stay for two**

**The Horton Grand Hotel--Overnight stay for two**

**Heritage Park Bed and Breakfast Inn--Overnight stay for two**

**The Britt House 1887--Victorian Weekday Holiday**

Dinner, awards and an auction, it promises to be quite an exciting evening, and we hope many SOHO members will be there. To make reservations to attend the event, please send \$20.00 to:  
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P.O. Box 3571  
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**Celebrate Preservation!!**

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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

If you have some spare time and are interested in assisting with the SOHO newsletter, Reflections, please call Anna at the office, 297-9327. SOHO's newsletter is so very important; it is our primary vehicle of communication with some very important people--our members. It is also a very big job. Any help would be appreciated, including the writing of articles, layout, graphics, and mailing. Thank you.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

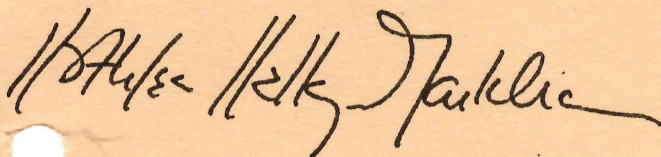
During the month of February I was fortunate to have spent some time in one of my favorite cities, Paris. On a visit in 1984, I had noticed the old "abandoned" Gare d'Orsay, a magnificent railway station located next to the Seine and designed by Victor Laloux. By February it had become the talk of the town and of the art world. Renamed Musee d'Orsay, it is the new home of nineteenth century French art and architecture.

It is exceedingly controversial in much the same way that the Eiffel Tower and Pompidou Center were and I.M. Pei's pyramid for the Louvre will likely become. Putting controversy aside, the building is standing, it remains useful and it houses masterpieces.

Paris is synonymous with great architecture. You might think that no one would miss Orsay. It was architectural historians and politicians (including two French presidents), however, who balked at the mere idea of demolition. Parisians, having lost their beloved Les Halles in the 1970's, also voiced strong objections to the possible loss of Orsay.

Gare d'Orsay/Musee d'Orsay had a happy ending. Preservation triumphed and the new museum is an instant success.

Will our Balboa Theater be so lucky? Will our equivalents to Les Halles (the Klauber House, the Plunge, etc.), be the last victims of greed and visionless decisionmaking? Will our politicians ever learn to say no to the easy way out, demolition? Great cities don't just happen.



Kathleen Kelley-Markham, president

## RANCHO SANTA FE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

On April 25, SOHO hosted an enjoyable afternoon in the North County at Rancho Santa Fe. Members of the panel preceding the tour, enlightened the audience about the history of the community from pre-historic times through its development as a unique subdivision with a special planning process and restrictive design guidelines.

Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society members, Kerry Ridgeway, Sandy Sommerville and Tom Clotfelder served as guides for the tour of the "village" and civic center. Mr. Clotfelder also allowed tour participants to visit an unaltered Lilian Rice designed home.

Upon the completion of the tour, participants enjoyed a glass of wine and light hors d'oeuvres at the gracious Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Ten wineries from the Southland poured their award winning wines. For those of you unable to attend the event, tour booklets complete with a map are available at the SOHO office @ \$3.00 a copy, and they are excellent for self-guided tours.

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## CHINESE/ASIAN THEMATIC HISTORIC DISTRICT

SOHO commends the San Diego Historical Sites Board for its decision on April 29, 1987 to designate a Chinese/Asian Thematic Historic District. The unique character of the remaining Chinese buildings within the district, and their history, from the early development of New Town San Diego are proof of the importance of preserving these special examples of our Asian past so integral in the growth and development of the City. SOHO especially congratulates former SOHO president, Carol Lindemulder for her years of work towards realizing this goal. Ms. Lindemulder previously placed two of the buildings within the district on the local landmarks register, served on the Ad Hoc Committee to assist with the designation of the proposed district and she is a member of the Historical Sites Board. Thank you, Carol for your assistance on this most worthy preservation project.





## Neighborhoods

by  
Helen Marquardt

Can your neighborhood accommodate your dream home?

Aside from the questionable aesthetics of putting a Taj Mahal in a block of ranch homes or in a row of California Craftsman, the investment risk is major.

"Overbuilding" also includes too many square feet for the lot, expensive materials uncommon to the neighborhood and just doing a whole lot more than the Jones'.

And, so what? It's your castle isn't it? Right! Except when your try to sell it.



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## SAN DIEGO, A PICTORIAL HISTORY

SOHO is continuing to promote San Diego, A Pictorial History by Dr. Raymond Starr (see December issue of Reflections).

SOHO earns \$5.00 for every book sold through our organization. Call the office, 297-9327, for additional information about price and ordering procedures. If you are interested in glancing through a copy, one is available in the SOHO office.

## PRESERVATION ADVERTISING

SOHO is now accepting appropriate advertising in the newsletter. We believe that we can provide a service for our membership by accepting advertising from preservation professionals, real estate agents who specialize in historic properties, and businesses that cater to the needs of old house owners (and admirers!). Please call the SOHO office for prices and details, 297-9327. We are offering discounts for 3 and 6 month prepaid advertisements.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

SOHO extends a hearty congratulations to SOHO member, Donna Regan, for her recent election to the La Mesa Historical Society's 1987-1988 Board of Directors. Donna has been an active and enthusiastic volunteer for many years. Good luck with the coming year as you continue to serve your community!