

Save Our Heritage Organisation

Reflections

The SOHO newsletter for the preservation of architecturally and historically significant structures in San Diego County.

GENERAL MEETING NEWS

SOHO'S GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT MISSION HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come join us at the SOHO General Meeting on Saturday, September 26, 1987. It will be held in the Mission Hills United Methodist Church at 4044 Lark Street, from 3:00-5:00p.m..

For general edification (and lots of fun) boardmember Larry Ford, just back from his semester stay in London, will give a lecture/slide show entitled "Why Save Old Stuff?". Larry is a professor of Urban Geography at San Diego State University, a long-time SOHO member and former member of the Historical Site Board. You'll enjoy it! Don't miss it!

This is your opportunity as a member of SOHO to participate in the governing of the organization. Come and voice your opinions, elect a new board, meet other members and see what SOHO is doing. Hope to see you there.

Special note: Come prepared to cast a vote on whether or not to raise SOHO's dues.

THOUSANDS TO ATTEND "CONFERENCE WITHOUT WALLS" IN WASHINGTON, DC-OCT 7-11

The nation's capital will be the focus of an innovative "conference without walls" this fall when the 41st National Preservation Conference is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This pioneering conference format is designed to make attendees active participants by getting them out of the meeting rooms and into the streets to explore critical issues and experience both famous and little-known sites. The conference theme, "Landmarks of Democracy," is well suited to utilize the city of Washington as a laboratory for field study.

More than 2,500 professionals and activists in preservation and related fields will attend, including architects, planners, investors, developers, historic site administrators, public officials, educators, and more. The conference and trade show will be based at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Forty-five different conference sessions will examine such topics as:

Landmarks of Democracy

Historic Residences in Private Ownership

Rounding out the conference will be Rehabitat, the annual trade show, local and regional tours, and special events. Conference registration is open to Trust members and non-members. Information on registration can be obtained from the conference promotional material or by calling (202) 673-4100.

NATIONAL NEWS

From Washington Watch, Preservation News, August 1987, the monthly newspaper of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Advisory council on Historic Preservation has asked the Secretary of the Interior to reevaluate his Historic Preservation Fund zero budget recommendation of the past seven years. Following discussion initiated by Trust president J. Jackson Walter and upon a motion by National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) president F. Lawrence Oaks, the Council voted unanimously-with the Interior Dept. representative abstaining-to request the reconsideration prior to submission of Interior's fiscal year 1989 appropriations recommendation for state programs and the Trust. The vote, which occurred at the Council's June 22 meeting in Washington, is especially significant in light of the council's membership. The 19 members include the heads of seven federal agencies, presidentially appointed preservation experts and members of the general public, in addition to the Trust and NCSHPO.

ART DECO COMMITTEE

The Art Deco Committee continues to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are held at Mixed Produce at 3789 1/2 Park Blvd. Everyone with an interest in Art Deco architecture and design is welcome.

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This issue concentrates on recently published books devoted to the topics of rehabilitation, history and preservation in general.

SAN DIEGO, A PICTORIAL HISTORY

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

SOHO earns \$ 6.00 for every book sold through our organization. Call the office, 297-9327, for more information.

FAST FACTS

Information taken directly from *San Diego, A Pictorial History* by Raymond G. Starr, with permission from the author.

Water was always a problem in San Diego. At first, there were wells and water carts, but if the town was going to amount to much, a larger, more dependable and more convenient water supply would have to be secured. In the 1880's the first large steps in that direction were taken with the construction of a dam on Boulder Creek in the Cuyamaca Mountains and a 45-mile flume to carry the water to town.



REHAB RIGHT
 How To Realize The Full Value of Your Old House

by Helaine Kaplan Prentice and Blair Prentice

City of Oakland Planning Department

Many SOHO members probably know all about this invaluable handbook on old-house rehabilitation. For those of you unfamiliar with this gem of a volume, you are in for a treat. The author, Helaine Kaplan Prentice, is an associate planner for the City of Oakland Planning Department. She first produced the book as a city publication, in 1978, to help residents carefully maintain their old homes. *Rehab Right* turned out to be such a resource that it became a "best seller."

Almost ten years later, Berkeley's Ten Speed Press printed a new and improved version. SOHO's office received a postcard announcing this long awaited news and informing us that SOHO is featured in the revised book.

According to Kay Kaiser, architectural critic for the *San Diego Union*, *Rehab Right* is the guide "for people ready to start ripping up their homes. It outlines, illustrates and demystifies the basics, but it touches on deeper design philosophy as well."

Kaiser elaborates upon the link between the knowledge of good design in one's home and the development of well-built, well-designed cities.

"People connect with their houses. Old people dream of the houses they were born in. A tripartite molding in a restored Victorian can suddenly bring back memories of Grandma's house. The time spent removing eight layers of paint from a brass light fixture makes a room yours."

Once people appreciate good detail in their homes, they will demand it elsewhere—everywhere.

This is how great neighborhoods and cities are built."

SOHO couldn't agree more.

Another Place Another Time

The small individual shops
reminiscent of the 30's and 40's

in the quiet setting of

Mission Hills

along 1500 and 1600 W. Lewis Street

Make a Personal Discovery

Enjoy a Special Treat



DAUGHTERS OF PAINTED LADIES

SOHO has been offered the opportunity to co-sponsor a slide presentation/lecture with the Heritage Park Bed and Breakfast. Many of you probably have read and/or own copies of the beautiful **Painted Ladies, San Francisco's Resplendent Victorians**, a book that celebrates the unique collection of Victorian houses in San Francisco and their significance to this and future generations. The authors of **Painted Ladies** have completed another book entitled, **Daughters of Painted Ladies**, a volume highlighting Victorians around America, including some San Diego examples (some in Heritage Park).

On Monday, November 9, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the authors will present "Capturing A Revolution In Progress," a slide/lecture. SOHO and the Heritage Park Bed and Breakfast will host the presentation at 846 Fifth Avenue, Suite 300 in the Gaslamp Quarter above the San Diego Hardware Store.

We are excited about this special event and are planning an elegant reception to accompany the presentation. The new book will be available for purchase and the authors will be happy to sign them after the lecture.

If you wish to reserve a space for "Capturing A Revolution In Progress," please send a check for \$10 if a SOHO member and \$12 if not, to: P. O. Box 3571, San Diego, Ca 92103. Hope to see you there!

BED & BREAKFAST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Automobile Club of Southern California

This new bed and breakfast book from the Automobile Club of Southern California is designed for travelers who enjoy the atmosphere and hospitality of a bed and breakfast visit.

The book indicates that a wide variety of B&B's exist in Southern California, and it does mention in its listings if a home is old or of more recent vintage. Indeed, many of the homes listed are original Victorian or Craftsman houses complete with antiques and atmosphere.

The book is quite thorough and contains an introduction that includes general information on the B&B experience and how to make reservations. Prior to the listings, a map of B&B locations in Southern California is furnished. The book also includes a list of Reservation and Referral Agencies and an Index. The cost of this slim volume is nominal, only one dollar. Unfortunately, it is a members only publication.

OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

SOHO has a chance to receive a \$1000 grant from the **Old House Journal**. The **Journal** is a how-to magazine for the home restorer. It provides data on everything from finding hardware to repairing wooden shingle roofs. This magazine is a great complement to our workshops.

The magazine is offering an opportunity for non-profits to raise money. They are offering a one-year subscription or renewal for only \$14, a 22% discount off their regular price. SOHO will receive \$7 for every subscription sold and become eligible for a drawing for a \$1000.

How to take part: Send a check for \$14 (made out to SOHO) and your name and address, to SOHO. We send twelve names at one time to the **Journal** and they begin the subscription.

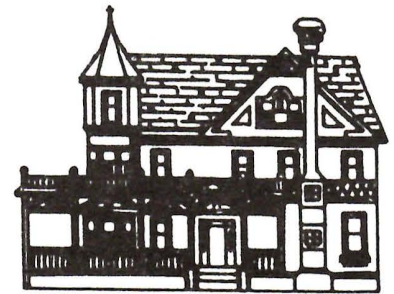


VICTORIAN EXTERIOR DECORATION
by Roger Moss and Gail Caskey Winkler

This book introduces the layman (most of us) to the relationships between the colors of the first Victorians and those on the market today. The authors provide the reader with guides and criteria for choosing exterior color for a Victorian style house.

As a historically accurate reference book on Victorian decor, Victorian Exterior Decoration is resplendent with old plates from the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, a private, 19th century historical library on Washington Square. These plates demonstrate how the colorists of the past treated exterior ornamentation, frieze panels, brackets, dentils and bargeboards, to a lively, colorful paint job.

This is a most beautiful and useful book, and for those house owners looking to change their white "safe" color schemes, a definite resource.



ROMANTIC GREEK REVIVAL
Offered at \$295,000.
Turn of the century elegance in quiet, urban neighborhood. 5 bedrooms, 2 baths; 3500 sq. ft.; family room, fireplace, large lot. By appointment, but easy to see!

by Helen Marquardt



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