



Save Our Heritage Organisation

Reflections

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



SILVER GATE CONCERTS

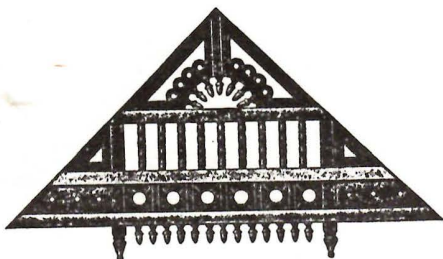
We are looking forward to another delightful year of Sunday chamber music programs presented in historic landmarks.

Feb. 7, Sunday at 3:00 pm
Works of Debussy, Ravel, and da Falla, will be performed by soprano Calo Plantamura, flutist Lynn Schubert, cellist Marcia Zeavin, and pianist Margaret Rose, in the 1910 Suros home built by Irving Gill at 1156 Isabella Ave., Coronado.

March 6, 1988 at 3:00 pm
Italian and French Baroque music will be performed on period instruments by Trio Sonnerie, in San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, 530 Broadway. Built in 1928 by architect William Templeton Johnson, the bank is an outstanding example of Italian Romanesque Revival style featuring magnificent painted ceiling and spectacular marble work.

The April 10 concert will be at the Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd, and the May 8 concert will be at the Chapel at Bishop's School, 7607 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla.

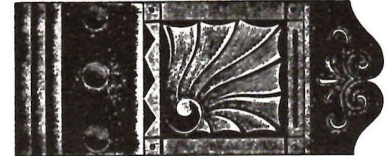
Tickets may be purchased for all four concerts for \$45, for three concerts for \$40, or \$14 for singles. For information and reservations call the Silver Gate Concerts: 459-0621.



PRESERVE THE 50'S & 60'S?

A new issue in preservationist circles is the rapid depletion of the nation's stock of 1950's and early 1960's buildings - structures that reflect the rise of the American middle class, the fascination with new technology, and the availability of leisure time.

A Jan. 4, 1988, article in the LA Times reports that a growing number of scholars, government officials and architects seek special landmark status for post-World War II structures, from a 25 year-old Berkeley Safeway to a '50s business district in Albuquerque's Nob Hill, and a 1957 Phillips 66 station, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, near Duluth. Even a 1953 McDonald's in Downey is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.



SUMMER JOBS

This summer the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) will be conducting recording projects at various locations throughout the country. Applications, including a Federal Standard Form 171, a letter of recommendation, and a research paper, must be postmarked by Feb. 8, 1988. Additional information is available at SOHO or from the National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, telephone: (202) 343-9625.

CITY GATES A RITE OF PASSAGE

Artists are invited to submit design proposals for large-scale, freeway-related and site specific experiential urban artworks. This Public Arts Program is designed to strengthen San Diego's cultural identity and enrich the collective urban experience through art. "City Gates" is sponsored by The City of San Diego, in cooperation with CALTRANS.

March 22, 1988 is the deadline for submitting proposals to Public Arts Administration. Please telephone 696-1608, for more information.

PEOPLE IN PRESERVATION

Each Spring SOHO honors individuals who have contributed significantly to the preservation cause in San Diego. Last year's awards were granted to San Diego design professionals, craftspeople, community activists, and a public official. Please submit your nominations for people or projects to the SOHO office. Please include your name and telephone number, as well as a description of the activity which you believe deserves recognition.

The People in Preservation Committee is now being formed. If you would like to serve on the committee please call the SOHO office, 297-9327.

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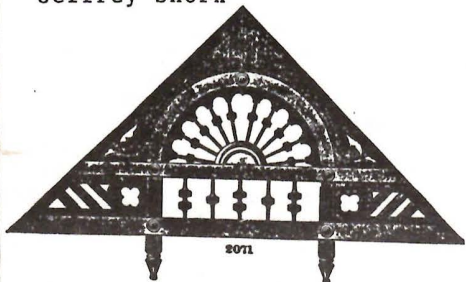
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RESTORATION TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP

The "Restoration Techniques" workshop, formerly the "Hands On" series, will be held on three consecutive Saturdays beginning February 20. Topics will include faux finishes, furniture restoration, and wood repair and refinishing.

Each session will start promptly at 9:30 am and last for three hours. Cost for the series will be \$20 for SOHO members and \$25 for non-members. Tickets may be obtained for the individual workshops for \$7 for SOHO members and \$9 for non-members. Contact the SOHO office for additional information, 297-9327. Please leave both a daytime and evening phone number.

SOHO NEWSLETTER

Volunteers are needed to type, edit, and label Reflections. A few hours of your time during the second week of the month will help us to get the newsletter to you on a timely basis.

Articles and ad solicitations are also appreciated. Please call the SOHO Office 297-9327.

ETHNIC NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

The Museum of Man has scheduled a tour of San Diego's Portuguese community for Saturday, January 30 at 9:30 am. Cost includes lunch and is \$22 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members. The Portuguese settled in San Diego over a hundred years ago and played a large role in our fishing industry.

Last year the Museum conducted tours of the Chinese and Italian communities and is planning two more tours for 1988. Lynn Robinson at the Museum welcomes suggestions for future tours. The Museum's telephone number is 239-2001.



QUINCE STREET BRIDGE

Elinor Meadows, a member of SOHO since 1971, is leading the campaign for the reconstruction and reopening of the Quince St. Bridge. The 1905 wooden bridge which is suffering from dry rot and termites has been closed for six months. The bridge provides a pedestrian walkway between Third and Fourth Ave., and is one of the very few remaining of its type in San Diego. It is a favorite of walkers and joggers as it provides a breath-taking view of San Diego Bay.

The City Engineering Office issued an evaluation report which indicated that repairs would cost \$90,000, and it would cost \$150,000 to demolish and build a new one. The report is now being reviewed by the Historical Site Board and by the Transportation and Land Use Committee. TLUC has tentatively scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 8. Reports and a conformation of the hearing may be obtained by calling the Transportation and Land Use secretary at 236-6589.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mary Dilligan assumed the position of Executive Director on January 4, 1988. She is bringing to SOHO administrative and marketing skills acquired during her career with Xscribe Corp. and Kyocera International, as well as a great love for San Diego's cultural and architectural heritage. She will be in the SOHO offices Monday through Thursday, from 8am - 12noon, and at other hours by appointment.

Please stop by the SOHO offices in the Senlis Cottage in Heritage Park and introduce yourself.

We are pleased that Anna McPherson, our former Executive Director, has been elected to the serve on the current SOHO Board. We wish her the best of luck in her new position as Community Planner with the City of San Diego, and welcome her expertise to the Board.



SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL SITE BOARD

Site Board meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month in the 12th Floor Conference Room of the City Administration Building. The Agenda for January 20, 1988 include discussions of development plans for Mission San Diego de Alcala and for the property on the south side of the Brunswig Hotel.



FACADE EASEMENT

Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to participate in the SOHO easement program. If a building is listed in the National Register as part of a district, the building must contribute to the character of the district. In the program, the owner of the property voluntarily transfers the facade easement, a property right, to SOHO. SOHO then ensures that the historical character of the building will remain in perpetuity, despite any changes in zoning or land use. The easement on a historic property donated to SOHO will qualify the donor for a charitable contribution and may also reduce the tax assessment on the property by restricting the highest and best use of the property to the current one.

SOHO currently administers five facade easements. A SOHO Committee on Facade Easements was established at the January Board Meeting. If you would like more information or would like to serve on the committee, please contact the SOHO office, 297-9327.

JULIA LIFFREING HOUSE

Development is threatening this important 1893 Queen Anne style home located on Hillside Ave. in El Cajon.

Karna Webster, a SOHO member, recently completed a preliminary historical report which emphasizes the significance of the Julia Liffreing House as one of the few large Victorian ranch houses still standing in the east county, as the home of a pioneer family, and as the work of an important San Diego architect, John B. Stannard. Although the structure today is vacant and boarded up, the house was built of redwood and is structurally sound.

Three years ago the San Diego Association of Governments included the home in a historic preservation inventory prepared for the city of El Cajon.

Mary Ann Ostermeyer, a local resident, is working to accumulate information and resources to convince the owners, who live in Monterey Park, to stop their plans to develop the property and tear down the structure. We add SOHO's support to these efforts.



FRIENDS OF

SD ARCHITECTURE

SOHO members are invited to attend the free lectures sponsored by Friends of San Diego Architecture.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1988, 9:30-11:30 am. Manuel Rosen will speak at the New School of Architecture, on "The Ecological Impact of a Master Plan on a Tourist Development called Nuevo Vallarta".

Saturday, Feb. 20, 1988, 9:30-11:30 am. Hugh Davies will speak at the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, on "Museum Architecture".



ART DECO MEETING



The Art Deco Committee meets the second Monday of each month. Please call 296-3322 for more information.

TRAINING COURSE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

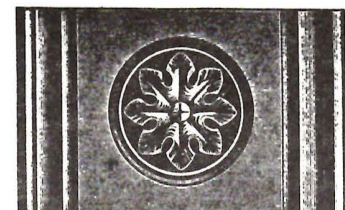
April 22-26, 1988 is the date for "Revitalizing Downtown: Creating Economic Opportunity", a training conference conducted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center. An integrated teaching format of track subjects, team problem-solving exercises and joint instruction is used to address the issues of developing a market plan, improving business performance, and stimulating real estate reinvestment.

The conference is co-hosted by the California Dept. of Commerce and will be held at the Westgate Hotel. Please contact NTHP or SOHO for additional information.



RESTORATION GUILD

Artistic License is a San Francisco Bay area guild of craftspeople dedicated to excellence in Victorian restoration and period revival work. The guild has set its own high standards, and admission is open to glass cutters, colorists, designers, and wood-turners among others. An interesting article appears in the January issue of *The Crafts Report*. San Diego has wonderful crafts people, but sometimes they are hard to track down. The guild concept appears to fill a need for both clients and artisans.



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Please call the SOHO office for information, 297-9327.

SOHO NEEDS

SOHO's office in Senlis Cottage in Heritage Park is in need of filing cabinets, book shelves, and a computer table. Contributions would be gratefully accepted. Please call the office, 297-9327.

FIRST SAN DIEGO COURTHOUSE GROUNDBREAKING

On Saturday, January 30, 1988, at 11:00 am, ground will be broken for the reconstruction of the Courthouse built in 1847 by members of the Mormon Battalion.

This was the first fired brick structure built in California. Masonry skills were thus transported from the mid-West by the soldiers.

The celebration is being staged by The First San Diego Courthouse, Inc, a California non-profit corporation organized in 1984 with the purpose of reconstructing San Diego's first civic building on its original site in Old Town San Diego Historic Park.

Members of the Mormon Battalion, Boy Scouts, the Marine Band, and docents dressed in period costume will add to the festivities.



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