



Save Our Heritage Organisation

# Reflections

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



## SOHO'S ANNUAL MEETING

**HAHN COSMOPOLITAN THEATER  
444 FOURTH AVENUE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH  
3:00-5:00 P.M.**

An added attraction for the afternoon will be **KIT GOLDMAN**, Theater Proprietress and San Diego actress. She will discuss the history and evolution of the theater and hotel project.

The meeting is an opportunity for everyone to exchange ideas and to share plans for the future. The current holder of the famous "SOHO LADY," David Goldberg, will make his surprise presentation to a long-time SOHO member who has contributed so much to the organization. After the business meeting, refreshments will be served in the delightful urban alley behind the theater. You may then want to visit other sites in the Gaslamp Quarter.

**All members are invited and urged to attend.**



### PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

I have enjoyed serving as SOHO's president during the last two years. I believe that the Board of Directors has worked hard to strengthen SOHO's goals and policies. At the same time, we have developed new programs (restoration workshops, guest lecturers, etc.) and welcomed new preservation partners (Silvergate Concerts and the Art Deco Society subcommittee).

SOHO's commitment to neighborhood preservation efforts, Aztec Brewery, Balboa Theater, Belmont Park, Green Dragon Colony, Quince Street Bridge, and others, is, in my opinion, at an all-time high.

You as a member make all of these activities possible. On behalf of the Board of Directors of SOHO, thank you for your support and encouragement.

Kathleen Kelley-Markham

### MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Please respond to the questionnaire on the last page of the August Reflections. Your suggestions can help the Board plan for SOHO's future.

### NEWSLETTER FORMAT

The SOHO Board voted to change the format of Reflections. Every second month the newsletter will be a one page "Calendar" issue. The alternate months will contain more complete information on Historic Preservation in San Diego County.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising in Reflections can contribute substantially to the financial health of SOHO, as well as provide useful information to our membership. We need individuals to follow-up on ad solicitations to businesses. If you have some telephone time to contribute to SOHO, please call the office: 297-9327.

### SOHO BOARD NOMINATIONS

The general membership will vote on the Board of Directors of SOHO at our September 24 Annual Meeting.

The slate will be presented by outgoing President Kathleen Kelley-Markham who chaired the nominating committee. Other members of the nominating committee were Joy Higginbotham, Ann McCullough, Anna McPherson, and Sue Skala. The general membership will vote on the following:

Returning Board members who are nominated for a second two year term:

- Stephen Doyle
- Ann McCullough
- Robin Webster

New Board members who are nominated for two year terms:

- Bruce Coons
- Rick Garbini
- James Guthrie
- Suzanne Lawrence

Nominations for the Executive Committee of the new SOHO Board are:

- Robin Webster, President
- David Swarens, Vice President
- Anna McPherson, Secretary

The new Board members will join the following members who are returning for the second year of their current terms: Kathleen Kelley-Markham, Joy Higginbotham, Dan Conway, Raymond Starr, Charles Sykes, and Jacqueline Williams.

The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Dorothy Collins and Larry Ford who are completing their terms on the SOHO Board.



# CALENDAR

Sept. 20 (Tues) 5:30-7:00 pm, at the spectacular Bess live/work space, 903 K St., San Diego. US Congressman Jim Bates, member of the Congressional Arts Caucus, invites historic preservationists, artists, and activists, to discuss Arts and Preservation issues. Light refreshments. RSVP: Kristen Aliotti: 287-8851.

Sept. 20 (Tues) 7:00 pm, San Diego Central Library, 820 E St., Auditorium. Centre City Planning Committee presentation and discussion of Draft Plan.

Sept. 22 (Thurs) 7:00 pm, City Admin. Building, 12th Floor Conference Room, Centre City Planning Committee presentation and discussion of Draft Plan.

Sept. 24 (Sat) 9:30 am to 11:30 am. San Diego Museum of History, Balboa Park. Bruce Kamerling lecture: "Irving Gill", presented by Friends of San Diego Architecture.

Sept. 24 (Sat) 10 am - 4 pm. San Diego Electric Railway Association Home Tour of Historic National City. Tickets and programs: Granger Hall, 4th & Palm, National City. \$10. Refreshments and Snack Bar. Proceeds to go towards the purchase of a building to house the group's extensive collection of artifacts and

equipment. The ultimate goal of SDERA is to acquire the "California Southern Depot", the oldest Santa Fe Depot in California.

Sept. 24 (Sat) 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Hahn Cosmopolitan Theater, 444 Fourth Ave., San Diego. SOHO Annual Meeting.

Sept. 25 (Sun) 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Marston House near Balboa Park. Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 Revelle Awards Reception. 232-7196.

Sept. 28 (Wed) 7:00 pm, Veterans' War Memorial Building, Balboa Park. Centre City Planning Committee presentation and discussion of draft plan.

Oct. 1, (Sat) 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. 846 Fifth Ave., Ste. 300, San Diego. "The Impact of Building Codes on Historical Resources", conference sponsored by California Preservation Foundation and SOHO. \$70 includes workshop materials and lunch. RSVP: CPF, 1615 Broadway, Ste. 705, Oakland, CA 94612. (415) 763-0972.

Oct. 21-23, Friday-Sunday, California Committee for the Promotion of History annual meeting, Santa Ana, CA. Theme: "The Diversity of History: Its Promotion and Marketing". Joint meeting with the Southwest Oral History Association. Call for information: Alexandra Luberski, 237-6567.

## THREATENED STRUCTURES

### Hillcrest Bungalows

Demolition permits are being issued for several Craftsman bungalows in Hillcrest. If you have an interest in moving a home to a new site, call the SOHO office: 297-9327.

### Pacific Beach Spanish

A 1927 Spanish home in excellent condition on Thomas Ave. in Pacific Beach is available for purchase and removal. Please call Louise Shutte: 459-5600.

## SAN DIEGO FIRE ALARM BUILDING

Alex Bevil is preparing the nomination for historic designation of the Fire Alarm Communications Station Building on Marston Point. He requested that Reflections correctly state that Robert Snyder, an associate of William Templeton Johnson, designed the building in 1927.

## CENTRE CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Draft Report of the CCPC, chaired by Ernest Hahn, is available. We urge all SOHO members interested in the future of the City of San Diego to obtain a copy from a Council member and to understand its implications with respect to historic preservation. A series of meetings will present the Draft Report to interested citizens.



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