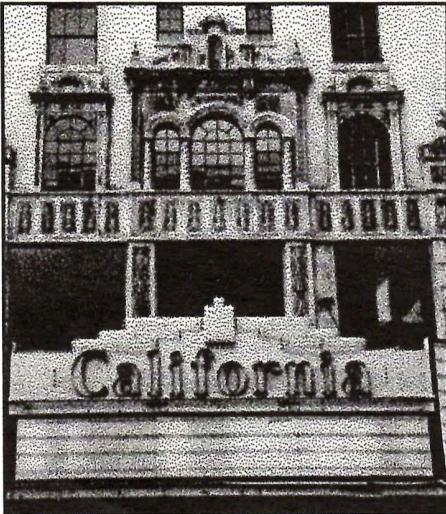




Reflections

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Save Our Heritage Organisation



CONCERN FOR THE CALIFORNIA

For several months the SOHO board has been concerned with the future of the downtown California Theatre. After lengthy discussions with the San Diego Community Foundation and Albert C. Martin Architects (representing Hillman Properties) on a variety of issues relating to the building elements and use of the theatre, the board has taken two actions.

It supports designation by the city's Historical Site Board and recommends incorporation of the facades into the new high-rise proposal.

SOHO believes that it is important and feasible to save the exterior architectural elements of this building.

If anyone has an interest to be heard on this matter, it is scheduled for discussion by the site board on Aug. 22.

New Board Members Sought!

It's that time of year again, time when SOHO members elect new board members and officers. Have you ever wanted to become more involved in preservation issues? Ever wanted to share your interest in preservation with others? Well, here's your big chance!

Any member interested in serving a two-year term on the board of directors is strongly encouraged to contact the nominating committee. Simply send (by Aug. 28) a letter of interest and a resume to:

Nominating Committee
c/o SOHO
2450 Heritage Park Row
San Diego, CA 92110

The committee, consisting of David Swarens (chair), Anna McPherson, Kathleen Kelley-Markham, Melinda

Williams-Tomes and Ann MacCullough, will review applicants and forward its recommendations to the full SOHO board for action and ratification by the general membership. Hope to hear from you!

Annual Meeting Set

The annual membership meeting and election of officers and board members is set for Sept. 28. It will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the roof deck of the Horton Park Plaza Hotel, 520 E Street, downtown. Co-chairs Kathy Flanigan and Suzanne Lawrence are planning an elegant champagne affair.

Look for more details in the next newsletter and circle Sept. 28 on your calendar.

Congratulations to SOHO Board member, Ann MacCullough!! She was named 1990 LEAD "Alumni of the Year." We heartily agree that, "Ann MacCullough lives the commitment of a community trustee-she understands the history of her community, she incorporates the mission and the individuals served, and she plans for the future. Ann is determined to make her caring count."





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- California Preservation Foundation
- San Diego Historical Society

Reflections FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in the July issue of Historic Preservation News, the nationally distributed newspaper of The National Trust For Historic Preservation.

“We erred on the side of good faith,” reflects David Swarens, president of Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) in San Diego, after the owner of the Aztec Brewery building last month demolished the structure. SOHO had opted against legal action that would have precluded demolition after the owner entered into talks with “a developer with extensive background in both residential development and historic preservation,” says Swarens. Built in 1911 as the Savage Tire Factory, the structure became the brewery of Aztec Beer after the repeal of Prohibition. Since the late 1950s it had reverted to something akin to its original use as a warehouse for a tire company. The building had received two local landmark designations, one for the entire building, the other for the decorative elements of a tasting room that was part of the 1933 conversion. In exchange for the public donation of the tasting room accouterments, the city had lifted the landmark designations. The tire factory/brewery, a brick building distinguished by parapets and copious steelsashed fenestration, is to be replaced with a warehouse.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome new member David Bloom, son of Sherry Bloom, a SOHO member since 1981.

Thanks to Mary Vaughn, a member since 1978, for a generous donation.

Renewals

Member over 20 years

Claire L. Kaplan

Members over 15 years

Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Converse
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Member over 10 years

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Betsy Meyer &
Harold Hanks
Jacqueline Williams

SOHO Appreciates Your Support!

WORKSHOPS ARE BACK!

SOHO will resume its popular "Home Restoration Workshop" series on September 15th. Designed to address the basic issues of restoration and maintenance of older homes, the series will consist of three workshops. The first workshop will be held in a Mission Hills residence where architectural styles, historical research procedures, historic designation, and supportive government agencies will be discussed.

On Saturday, September 22, the discussion will center on planning your restoration project and working with professionals. Our hosts, recent winners of a SOHO "People in Preservation" Award, will comment on their experiences in restoring their Victorian home, located in Sherman Heights. Finally, on September 29, attendees will go to La Mesa, where period interiors and landscapes will

be discussed in the environs of a Craftsman home and garden.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the older homes and neighborhoods of San Diego. Each session will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and continue to about 12:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so we encourage reservations. SOHO members can guarantee a spot in the workshop series if they send in their registration payment of \$50.00 by September 11 to SOHO P.O. Box 3571, San Diego, CA. 92103. Registration fees include a copy of the highly regarded book, *Rehab Right*. If you know non-members who would like to attend, their early registration cost is \$65.00. Cost of the series at the door will be \$55.00 for SOHO members and \$70.00 for non-members. Attendance to individual sessions may be available at a cost of \$15.00 and does not include materials. Please call SOHO (297-9327) for more details.

Please Join
SOHO

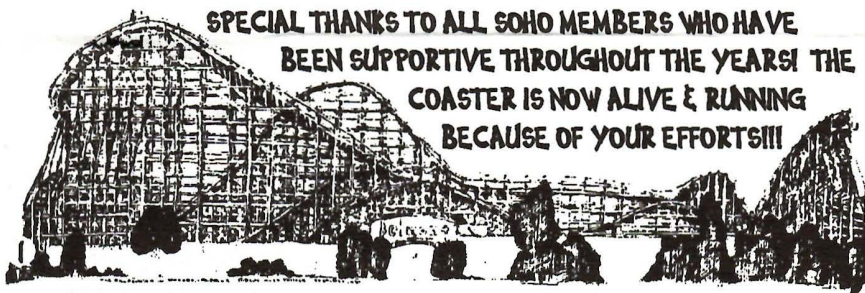


Application/Renewal

Membership privileges include the monthly newsletter *Reflections* informed about preservation issues and activities in San Diego County, as well as special prices for SOHO workshops, tours and related activities.

Membership categories are:

- Life • \$1,000*
- Benefactor • \$500*
- Corporate • \$250*
- Executive • \$100*
- Professional • \$50*
- Individual/Family • \$25*
- Student • \$10*



Calendar

September 4	SOHO Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Sherman-Gilbert House Heritage Park
September 6	Lecture by Kathryn Smith, Architectural Historian: "Breaking the square, triangle, and the circle: Frank Lloyd Wright's Revolution in Modern Art." 7:30 p.m.	Copley Auditorium San Diego Museum of Art
September 12	County Historic Site Board Meeting 1:15 p.m.	5201 Ruffin Rd. San Diego
September 15, 22, 29	Restoration workshops 9:00 a.m.	(See above article)
September 26	City Historical Site Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.	12th Floor, City Hall San Diego
September 28	SOHO Annual Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Horton Park Plaza Hotel 520 E Street

Please call the SOHO office for more information at 297-9327. To join SOHO, please complete the following form and send it and your check to:

SOHO
P.O. Box 3571
San Diego, CA 92103

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New Member Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Work Phone: _____

I would like to help with:

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- Tours
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Call Rita Andrews, Information & Archives Analyst, at 533-4043 to obtain an application.



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