

# Soho's Summer Affair

A tour and reception  
at the historic

## Long-Waterman House

August 26, 1978



## A FACE LIFT FOR A QUEEN ANNE

The Long-Waterman house, Historic Site No. 37, is one of San Diego's finest examples of Queen Anne architecture remaining in the city.

Designed by D. P. Benson for John and Kate Long in 1889, the house has been the scene of elaborate weddings, gala social events, and of eighty-nine years of family life.

Robert W. Waterman, the seventeenth governor of California, became the owner in 1891, and the house remained the property of his heirs until 1897, when it was purchased by Fred Hart.

Banker's Hill was one of the most desirable neighborhoods in San Diego when Fred Hart parked his seven passenger Cadillac on First Avenue and his children played in the spacious attic.

May Hart became the bride of William Henry Woolman in a magnificent wedding in the parlor of the home in 1906. A memento of that day, a magnolia tree, still stands on the front lawn as a tribute to the happy event.

Two years later Florence Hart married Dr. Albert Gilbert in the same parlor, and returned to live in the house after the death of her father in 1937.

Sixty-eight years after her grandmother's wedding, Meg Laurie Woolman became the third bride to take her vows in the historic house, when she married Calvin C. Bowman, Jr. Today, Meg Woolman Bowman, her brother, William M. Woolman, and her father, Robert Hart Woolman are the guests of Save Our Heritage Organisation for the first public tour of the Long-Waterman.



After the death of Florence Hart Gilbert in 1975 the house was listed for sale. For a time it was feared it would become the victim of excessive taxes and proposed development in the area.

Finally, in late 1977, the gracious relic of better days was purchased by John Parker.

Parker, preservationist, antique collector and President of Parker Industries has selected the Long-Waterman as headquarters for his various business enterprises.

Parker has stated, "It is our intent to restore this delightful Victorian edifice to as near original condition as possible. Parker Industries considers itself as a guest in this magnificent structure. As such, our small organization will strive not to be intrusive."

Save Our Heritage Organisation is proud to be permitted to host a tour and garden party at this historic site, and to permit the public an opportunity to view the restoration which is underway. Only twenty percent completed, it is estimated the renovation will continue for two years.

When completed, the Long-Waterman will withstand the aging of another ninety years. And isn't that the purpose of a face lift?

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All proceeds are used to further the preservation activities of Save Our Heritage Organisation.



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Refreshments ..... Pepsi Cola

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