

# *Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society*

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# Newsletter

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## “OC Confidential: Law & Order” is Theme for Our 8<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Tour

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual cemetery tour is just around the corner and preparations are underway for another educational and stimulating tour!

This year’s theme is OC Confidential: Law and Order in Early Orange County. Orange County’s heritage in law and the legal profession is quite large, and if anything, it was difficult to limit it to just a few of the stories we found. (Who knows, in a few years you might be hearing about Law and Order Part II!)

Did you know that several landmark cases were heard in Orange County? That *Brown v. Board of Education* actually came after a similar landmark case here? That Santa Ana once had a Chinatown? And do you know what happened to it? About the mob-induced lynching that Sheriff Lacy couldn’t prevent? How about the landmark Orange County case both changed explosives laws in California and helped to create the Orange County Crime Lab?



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If you want to hear about these and other stories, join us on **Saturday, October 22** at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery. Tours will be held between 10 am and 3 pm. Docents will guide you throughout the cemetery to actors who will portray people who made a difference in Orange County in the area of law and order.

The tour is again sponsored by Fairhaven Memorial Park and produced in partnership with the Orange County High School of the Arts. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and SAHPS members, and \$12 for students, but advanced tickets may be purchased (by October 17<sup>th</sup>) for \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and SAHPS members, or \$9 for students. Children age 9 and under are free.

We’ve added a tour flyer in the back of this issue. For more information or to make reservations, please see our website at [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com), e-mail us at [tour@sahps.org](mailto:tour@sahps.org), or call the Historical Society at (714)547-9645.

See you there!

## From the President

Winning the Governor's Historic Award increases to 3 the honors the Society has won in very recent years, including the Freedom Foundation (for publishing Gordon Bricken's Civil War Legacy) and the City's Historic Preservation Award (for our Downtown Walking Tour Guide).

All of these projects were created and developed by our volunteers – people like you or I who had an idea and followed it through. They recruited others to help or co-design. They brought the resources together that made it happen. And they completed a project to help the Society continue one of its important missions - to educate and inform others about the rich heritage of Santa Ana and Orange County.

This illustrates why our volunteers are so important to the Society. If our volunteers don't make something happen, it doesn't get done. If they don't keep coming up with new ideas or docent at our open houses or salvage old buildings or perform at our living history events, then our organization can't fulfill its promise to the community.

Today we continue the legacy of such important volunteers like Adeline Walker, Betty Biner, and a host of others who grew the Society from an idea of simply taking a stand and saving a house – to an organization worthy of being recognized by state and national organizations for our work.

Just as we couldn't do all this without the generous financial support of our members and donors, we couldn't do all this without the help of our volunteers and those who offer us some of their precious spare time.

On behalf of the board, let me say thank you to you all. Your support will keep us strong for many years to come.

*Alison Young*

The *Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Newsletter* is produced by the Society for its members and other friends. We invite you to join us in the appreciation and preservation of Santa Ana History. The Society is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff members.



### *A Legacy of Preservation Since 1974*

The Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House, Medical Museum, and Carriage Barn.  
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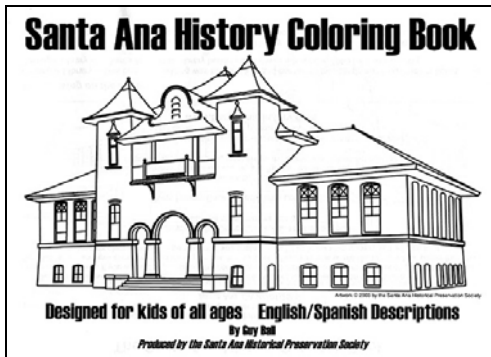
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# We Won Governor's History Award!!

The Society's history-based coloring book developed for local elementary students has won a coveted Governor's Award by the California Office of Historic Preservation. The award will be formally announced at a special awards ceremony in November.



The Santa Ana History Coloring and Activity Book was created as part of the Society's Living History program for local schools. Project leader Guy Ball noted, "We wanted to have something kids could have fun with and learn about Santa Ana history. We took old postcard images and had a professional artist create images that children could color. Then we worked with two local teachers on age-appropriate captions. While the book was created in English, we added Spanish-language captions to help youngsters who might not totally understand what we were saying about history."

The results were overwhelming. 3,000 initial copies, funded by a grant from the City of Santa Ana federal CDBG program, were quickly snapped up by teachers who lauded the coloring book as a great aid to teaching local history. The Society funded printing some additional copies, but that still wasn't enough. The Floral Park and Wilshire Square Neighborhoods stepped up and each printed 1,000 more copies to distribute to their local schools. While we couldn't afford any additional funding, the Society has posted it on our website for teachers to freely download and print as needed.

"We're thrilled to get the recognition for this project," continued Guy. "We knew it was a valuable resource by the response by the children and their teachers. But this award helps reinforce

that the Society is on the right track in our projects to make learning about history enjoyable – whether it be this coloring book, our downtown walking tours, or our historical cemetery tour. Thanks to our members, our special donors, our volunteers, and the support from the City of Santa Ana, we can continue to do great things like this."

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## SAHPS Launches Video Oral History Program



The Society kicked off a new program to record the local remembrances of some of our long-time residents with a video interview of Evalene Pulati, Ebell Society past-president, former shop owner, and civic volunteer, among a few of her credits. With some seed money provided by the City of Santa Ana's Grant for Blocks program and additional Society general funds, our volunteers made the first recording a reality. Vice President Tim Rush (shown in the photo above) interviewed Evalene.

Funding is available for another subject and the videotaping will be done after our October Cemetery Tour. The recordings will be included in our new digital archive, as well as copies being provided to the Santa Ana History Room.

Our plan is to have a collection of 1 hour DVD recordings of as many of our older residents as possible. We are currently looking for additional donations to cover a small digital video camera of our own (we are borrowing right now), lighting and audio equipment, and funds to pay for supplies. If you are interested in helping, please contact Guy Ball at 714 730-5817.



## Walking Tours Offer Glimpse of 100 Year Old Downtown

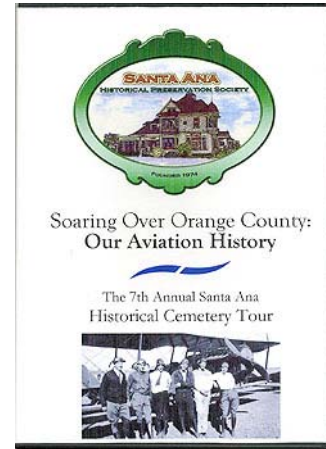
Due to our success in July, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is continuing to host guided walking tours of historic downtown Santa Ana. Remaining dates for 2005 include November 5 and December 3.

Santa Ana's downtown has one of Orange County's best remaining collection of commercial and office buildings built during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Informative docents will lead small groups to view the exteriors of many of Santa Ana's most interesting old buildings, including the Old Orange County Courthouse, the former Masonic Temple Building, old City Hall, the Spurgeon Building, and the Santora Building.

Tours start at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House at 2:30 pm and groups will be limited to 20 people each. The cost is \$8 per person, or \$6 per person for SAHPS members, and includes a beautifully detailed map of the historic downtown area. Paid reservations are highly recommended.

Send a check (or charge information) to SAHPS-Walking Tour; 120 Civic Center Dr., W; Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505 with your desired start time. Please include your phone number or email address so we can contact you if your desired start time is not available. For more information, call us at the Society's message line at 714/547-9645, e-mail [tour@sahps.org](mailto:tour@sahps.org), or check out our website [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com).

## 2004 Cemetery Tour Gets Video Coverage



Thanks to the generous help of David Jirik of Heliotrope Studios in Santa Ana, we're proud to announce the release of the 2-disk set of *Soaring Over Orange County: Our Aviation History*, our 2004 historical cemetery tour.

The first disk includes the wonderful actors from the Orange County High School of the Arts and the Musical Youth Artist Repertory Theatre (MYART) retelling the story of important aviation pioneers including Amelia Earhart, Glenn Martin, Bessica Raiche, Eddie Martin, and Ben Resnicoff. On a second disk, you'll hear aviation pioneer and hero Roger Terry talk about life as a Tuskegee Airman.

The DVD set costs just \$20 for both disks (\$15 to members). Please add \$4 for shipping. Tax is included. Send your check or credit card info to: SAHPS-Aviation Disk; 120 Civic Center Dr. W., Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505. (Please include your phone number in case we have questions.) Email [sahps@sahps.org](mailto:sahps@sahps.org) for more information.

A huge thanks to David for his work in creating this DVD documentary of our event.

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## Salvage Sale Success!

Once again, we've been able to recycle hundreds of pounds of "vintage" building materials into the hands of classic-home owners who needed them. Thanks to those who volunteered their time and energy to help make our Salvage Sale such a success! Funds from the sale help us preserve the Howe-Waffle House and continue our educational and preservation mission.

We plan on doing another sales event in the coming months. We have permission to salvage a few other houses to salvage and save materials prior to their eminent demise. Contact us at [salvage@sahps.org](mailto:salvage@sahps.org) or leave a message at the House at (714) 547-9645 if you want to help, get notice of our next sales event, or want to let us know what you might be interested in.



## Plein Air Exhibit at House

Artist Brent Jensen is memorializing Santa Ana in 50 plein air oil paintings showing the architecture of historic buildings and neighborhoods that he has cherished in his 10 years of residence in the city.

The exhibition includes paintings of landmarks from Bowers Museum to the Old Orange County Courthouse. Unique homes from various association neighborhoods as well as downtown scenes are also included in the solo exhibition. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society receives a portion of the proceeds from each painting sold. You can preview the paintings at [www.jensenstudio.com](http://www.jensenstudio.com).

The solo exhibition will be held at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. Open hours include Saturday, Dec. 3 from noon until 9:00 p.m. (Artist's Reception 6-8 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 4 from noon until 4:00 p.m. Museum admission and parking (in our adjacent lot) is complimentary.

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## Other Upcoming Events

**Wilshire Square Tea:** Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association hosts "A Poetic Tea" on Sat. Oct. 15. There will be two seatings, 11 am and 1:30 pm. Have tea in a music filled garden, accompanied by wandering bards and poetry recitations. Cost is \$20 per person. For more info call Ricki Older at (714) 973-0803 or email [events@wilshiresquare.com](mailto:events@wilshiresquare.com).

**Old Towne Orange Historic Home Tour:** Oct. 15 & 16, 10-4. The tour will feature houses from Craftsman, Victorian, and Spanish Colonial architectural styles. Tickets are \$18. For more info, call (714) 639-6840 or visit [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org).

**Light Impressions Archival Workshop:** Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 to 4 at the Old Courthouse Museum. A variety of topics related to archival management and preservation will be presented in five separate all day classes. Reservations required. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. For more info or to register, call Marshall at (714) 973-6607 or Sharon at 973-6610.

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Join us for an informative tour of historic downtown Santa Ana. Learn details about the vintage buildings, their architecture, and their history!

On the first Saturday of each month in November and December, informative docents will lead small groups to view the exteriors of many of Santa Ana's most interesting old buildings, including the **Old Orange County Courthouse**, the **Masonic Temple Building**, old **City Hall**, the **Spurgeon Building**, and the **Santora Building**.

Tours start at the Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House at 2:30 pm and groups will be limited to 20 people each. Reservations are highly recommended. The cost is \$8 per person and includes a beautifully detailed map of the historic downtown area. (Member's cost is \$6.)

Send in the form below to pay and reserve your preferred tour start time. You can also leave a message at (714) 547-9645 or email [tour@sahps.org](mailto:tour@sahps.org) to reserve a time. Be sure to give us your name, number in party, phone number, and preferred start time.

A tour of the Victorian-style Dr. Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum, built as the home-office of one of Orange County's first female physicians, will be included.

See [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) for additional information or call/email with additional questions.

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Send to: **SAHPS – Walking Tour; 120 Civic Center Dr., W; Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ openings for the \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov 3** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dec 5** tour.

I'm enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (\$8 per person, \$6 per if a SAHPS member). If using your charge, please write your number, expiration date, and address of the card holder on a separate piece of paper.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# OC Confidential: Law & Order in Early Orange County

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society  
Presents Its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Tour

**Saturday, October 22, 2005**  
Tours from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Law-makers and law-breakers in the OC! This guided historical walking tour of Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 E. Fairhaven (between Tustin and Grand), Santa Ana, and Santa Ana Cemetery will feature costumed actors portraying residents of the Santa Ana and Orange County area who represented, or sometimes ran afoul of, the law.

Since Orange County's creation in the late 1800's, its judicial center in Santa Ana has been witness to cases ranging from tragic to groundbreaking. Sheriff Lacy's failed attempt to prevent the County's one and only lynching in 1892; the dramatic trial of Beulah Overell and her boyfriend for the murder of her parents in Newport Harbor and the crucial case of Mendez vs. the Board of Education that laid the groundwork for school desegregation.

Docent-led tours will guide you through scenes about people and events that made headlines and played important roles in the growth of the county. Some cases even helped to change the course of legal history for the nation.

**Tickets: \$18.**

**Save by purchasing tickets in advance for \$15.00** (before Oct. 17)  
Reservations recommended to hold your preferred tour time.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$12 for children 10 and over. (Children under 10 are free.)

Visit our website at [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) for additional tour information,  
or contact us at (714)547-9645 or [tour@sahps.org](mailto:tour@sahps.org)

*This event is produced in partnership with **Orange County High School of the Arts**  
and sponsored through the generosity of **Fairhaven Memorial Park.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : (day) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Sale Ticket Prices \_\_\_ x \$15 adult \_\_\_ x \$13 senior \_\_\_ x \$13 SAHPS member \_\_\_ x \$9 students (10+) Total \$\_\_\_\_

After 10/17/05 Prices \_\_\_ x \$18 adult \_\_\_ x \$15 senior \_\_\_ x \$15 SAHPS member \_\_\_ x \$12 students (10+) Total \$\_\_\_\_  
(Children under 10 Free)

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Please mark your choices for tour start time with a "1", "2", or "3". Unless notified, your first selection will be honored. If your choice is not available, you will be notified by phone of your assigned start time. **Tickets available the day of the tour at check-in.**

\_\_\_ 10:00 am \_\_\_ 10:15 am \_\_\_ 10:30 am \_\_\_ 10:45 am \_\_\_ 11:00 am \_\_\_ 11:15 am \_\_\_ 11:30 am  
\_\_\_ 12:30 pm \_\_\_ 1:00 pm \_\_\_ 1:30 pm \_\_\_ 2:00 pm \_\_\_ 2:30 pm \_\_\_ 3:00 pm

Complete this portion of the flyer, make your check payable to SAHPS (or complete credit card information), and mail to:  
**SAHPS/Law & Order Tour, 120 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505**

## Book Order and Membership Form

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	<i>See our website for other available books</i>	<b>Total</b>

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