

# Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

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## Newsletter

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### Salvage Program Makes Local Vintage Home Owners Happy

Society volunteers recently held another salvage operation and soon after a salvage sale for local home owners, with proceeds going toward our preservation and educational programs.

Vintage doors, windows, flooring, mouldings, and bathroom accessories were the hottest items. SAHPS volunteers had recently saved many items from houses slated for demolition.

If you are interested in helping out with the salvage operation or want to know when the next sale is, contact Nathan Reed at (714) 953-1876.



### Meet the Authors! Sat. June 3rd

To commemorate the publication of our newest book, *Early Santa Ana*, we will host a special open house event at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House on Saturday, June 3 from noon until 4 pm.

Co-authors Guy Ball and Marge Bitetti will be on hand to sign copies of the book (purchase from the Society is preferred, but not necessary). In addition, the Society will be featuring some new collections of Santa Ana memorabilia.

The open house and building tours will be free. Parking in our lot is also free.

We will also feature our regular walking tour of historic downtown at 2:30 pm. There will be a standard \$8 per person charge for that.

Please join us as we celebrate our new book and Santa Ana's heritage!

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## From the President

You meet the nicest people “networking” in historic preservation these days, and three of them are now welcome additions to our Board of Directors. We connected with Historic French Park neighbor Wayne Curl during our work to preserve buildings threatened by the One Broadway Plaza project. Angela Mauro joined us enthusiastically in salvaging a bungalow slated for demolition by the City. And former SAHPS board member Jim Marquez re-joined us after a hiatus of a few years, during which he earned his Masters degree. We are so pleased to have all three of these talented individuals with us for 2006, and hope you had a chance to meet them at our recent Annual Member Dinner!

Another long-time Board member, Jo Ann Ramirez, stepped down last year and will be truly missed. Jo Ann added immeasurably to the Society during her many years on the Board, also serving as Recording Secretary and Vice President. Among her most notable contributions were the creation of our popular Cemetery Tour (now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year), and spearheading the fight to preserve the historic Broadway Corridor.

It has been a real pleasure over the years to work with so many interesting people who have brought their unique talents to SAHPS—the “3 Ts” of time, talent and treasure. Historians, researchers, artists, fund-raisers, writers and more; they continue to make the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society a leader in education, preservation and celebration of our local heritage.

*Alison Young*

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## Time to Renew?

Please look at your mailing label! If it does not say “Member 2006” it is time for you to renew! Use the form on page 5 to renew your membership today! Without your membership, our historic activities, including the preservation and maintenance of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum, our education programs, and more, would not be possible.

If you can, please help with an additional donation beyond membership. Every penny goes toward our educational and preservation activities.



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The Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House,  
Medical Museum, and Carriage Barn.  
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# Annual Member Meeting a Rousing Success

The 2006 Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society was held on March 21 at the Ebell Club in Santa Ana. Members and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner catered by Karen's Extreme Cuisine Catering, as well as the company of friends old and new. Following dinner, the 2006 Board was elected without fanfare and the festivities of the evening were begun.



Outgoing board members Jo Ann Ramirez and Lynn Yerby were recognized for their many years of hard work on behalf of the Society. Salvage Operations Director Nathan Reed was recognized for his efforts in the area of salvage (much to the surprise of wife and Board Secretary Roberta Reed!). Guy Ball was recognized for his efforts, and Tim Rush was presented a "Perseverance Award" for, well, persevering in a lot of areas over the years.

Special recognition was given to **Catherine and Steve Cate**, whose dinner organization and hard work directly and primarily contributed to the success of the evening.



*Vice President Tim Rush presenting Award of Appreciation to Salvage Operations Chairman Nathan Reed*

The 2005 Preservation Award was presented to Truth and Advertising, Rosenow Spevacek, and Nestor and Gaffney for restoration of the Phillips Block Building. Located at the northwest corner of Broadway and Fourth, this building is one of the anchors of the only completely original intersection in downtown Santa Ana. Its restoration is an excellent example of both historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

The evening concluded with an informative presentation by Diana Watson of Native Tile and Ceramics and Ed O'Reilly of Riverside Tile on California Art Tile, which educated us on both the history of California tile and the players in the industry in years past, as well as the process used to produce art tiles today. As an added bonus, each annual dinner guest received a commemorative tile of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House designed by Diana Watson and produced by Riverside Tile.

If you missed the event, you missed a great evening of fun, food, and facts!

*Annual Dinner Speakers Diana Watson and Ed O'Reilly*



## Survey Says.....

After the dinner, we sent out surveys to those who attended the dinner to see what they thought of the food, the location, and the event itself. Overwhelmingly, people were supportive – even of the new change to a buffet style meal. (This allowed us to improve the food quality while not increasing the price by much.)

Why did people come to the dinner? There were usually several reasons checked. Most diners included "to be at a society event" as well as for the speech topic itself. Many also included "to be with friends."

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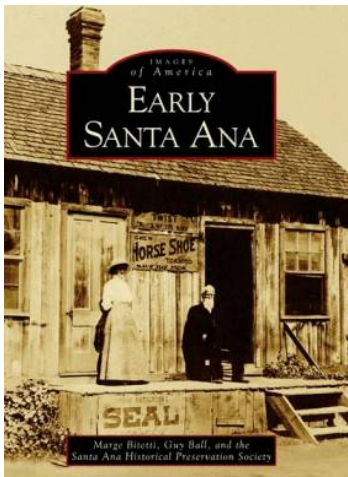
## Survey Says (continued)

A few random comments about the dinner: the music was too loud, the music was too low, the event was too long, the social hour was too short.

But the overwhelming consensus – people had an excellent time. They enjoyed being with friends and new acquaintances, were pleased with the speakers, and enjoyed the food.

Thanks to all who returned the surveys!

## New Santa Ana Book Available Now!



The classic *Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards* has some competition for those interested in old photos of Santa Ana. *Vintage Postcards* author Guy Ball teamed up with Marge Bittetti to create *Early Santa Ana*, a collection of vintage photographs dating up to the 1940s. The book includes photos from the collections of the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, the County Archives, the Orange County Historical Society, and the Santa Ana Public Library. Also, numerous families lent their images to help us tell a more intimate story of Santa Ana's past.

The books are available from the Society (see the back page or come to our open house), and at Barnes & Noble, Woodward Ace Hardware, Macres Florist, the Bowers Museum, and Acorn Naturalists, to name a few locations.

## Home Rescuers Sought

Once in awhile, we come across a house slated for salvage that just seems too nice to lose. In the current list of “to be salvaged” houses, there are

two such properties. In order to be saved, the houses would have to be moved and restored. While the City does not currently have an active program to save these houses, the Society is hopeful that if we could find an interested party to work out an agreement with the city to save these two houses. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please call Nathan and Roberta Reed at (714) 953-1876 and we'll connect you with the right city staff.

## Volunteers Sought for Paint Your Heart Out

Looking for a way to help out in your community and make a positive impact? Think about taking part in Paint Your Heart Out Santa Ana's upcoming Paint Day.

Paint Your Heart Out (PYHO) is a non-profit organization supported by individuals, businesses, foundations, and fundraisers. Volunteers are recruited from the community to repair and refurbish homes for low income senior or disabled homeowners. Since 1991 PYHO has refurbished 625 homes at a value of \$4.5 million at no cost to homeowners.

This year's goal is to refurbish a minimum of 35 homes. Refurbishment may include repairs, yard clean ups, landscaping, prep work and painting. Teams of volunteers are recruited from neighborhood associations, churches, businesses, service clubs, and colleges.

Santa Ana's Paint Day is fast approaching, on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If interested, contact Debbie Schultz at (714) 758-1387 or [Debbie@pyho.org](mailto:Debbie@pyho.org).

## Labor-Themed Art on Display at OC Courthouse

*At Work: The Art of California Labor* is showing at the Old Courthouse Museum. It is the first exhibition to explore this topic through the eyes of artists who were inspired by one of the most fundamental components of our daily lives – work. The exhibition will run through June 5.

The Old Courthouse Museum is located at the Old Orange County Courthouse at 211 West Santa Ana Boulevard and is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information call (714) 973-6605 or visit [www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse](http://www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse).

## Save the Date - Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Our 9<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Tour

Saturday, October 21, 2006 is the date for the Santa Ana Historical Society's 9<sup>th</sup> annual cemetery tour at Fairhaven Memorial Park.

This year's theme is "The Perils of OC: The Calamities that Shook Orange County!" Orange County has been witness to many trying times in its history. A balloonist plummets to earth during a community celebration; buildings collapse throughout the County during the 1933 earthquake; the economic cataclysm of the Great Depression impacts California, from migrant workers to businessmen; the devastation of Pearl Harbor shocks a nation. Join us for the stories of Orange County residents that lived through these trying times. Some of their stories will be touching, some inspirational.

The Orange County High School of the Arts will again be a partner in this tour. Check out our website, [www.santaanahistory.com](http://www.santaanahistory.com), for more information as planning progresses. If you are not on our new e-news mailing list, visit our website to sign up.

## SAHPS Launches E-News, Email-based Messages

SAHPS has created an email-based E-News program to send out one or two message emails a month to inform our members and friends of upcoming events and special projects – in between regular issues of our newsletter.

Communication in between newsletters has always been a tough problem for the Society. We'd love to send regular reminders of events and open houses, as well as last-minute news of special dates and projects – but the cost to mail these out is prohibitive. Email messages seem to be a good solution for at least some of our membership base, but managing a large list of emails is not easy – particularly to properly handle opt-outs and bad email addresses.

We've negotiated a low non-profit rate with [www.ConstantContact.com](http://www.ConstantContact.com). The first E-News messages have proven very successful to communicate with our members and friends.

If you would like to be on the email list, simply go to [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) and sign up on the main index page. You will receive a confirmation email after you sign up.

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## Help us continue our efforts to preserve, to educate, to celebrate Santa Ana and Orange County History

*(Renew or join at the \$100 level (or above) and receive a copy of Early Santa Ana, Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards, or Orange County Blossoms as a free gift as our thanks for your extra support.)*

Membership Dues: *Individual/Family - \$15-49; Business - \$20-100; Supporter - \$50-99; Patron - \$100-249; Benefactor - \$250-1,000; Golden Honoree -- \$2,000 and above*

Please charge: \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ membership.  
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City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Qty	Title	Price
	<b>Early Santa Ana \$24.50 including postage &amp; taxes</b>	
	Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards \$23.50 including postage & taxes	
	Orange County in Vintage Postcards \$24.50 including postage & taxes	
	Orange County Blossoms (hardcover) Was \$48, <b>now just \$28</b>	
	See our website for other available books	Total

If paying by credit card, please specify: Visa, Master Card, American Express.

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