

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

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Newsletter

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All-American Ice Cream Social & Annual Member Meeting

What would summer be without lots of sun, reruns on TV, and the annual Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society's Member and Awards meeting?

Watch your mailboxes, members, for your personal invite to this year's meeting on Saturday, July 10th. In honor of the holidays, this year's theme is "All-American Ice Cream Social" and we'll be dishing up some all American flavors at the Howe-Waffle House. We'll even have waffle cups to satisfy the devious among you who have always imagined enjoying a waffle at the "Waffle House"!

As we celebrate our 36th year, we want to honor community members who have continued to dedicate themselves to historical preservation and historical endeavors in Santa Ana. Please come join us in support of these amazing individuals and mingle with fellow members who share your same passion towards local history. This year, the meeting will feature Michelle Light, Acting Head of Archives and Special Collections at the University of California, Irvine, as our guest speaker. She will present "Edward W. Cochems, Photographer in Santa Ana, 1874-1949".



Jean Poppa, docent, and Roberta Reed, treasurer, chat over tea at the Wedding Open House at the Howe-Waffle House.



Photo courtesy Ray Poppa, 2010

Docents (from left to right) Daphne Gallagher, Colleen Williams, Klara Detrano, and April joke around before embarking on tours of the Wedding Open House.

We also have some extra special goodies planned for your entertainment that will perk up your ears. If you haven't attended any of the Open Houses recently, note the displays of local sporting events and a few tributes to the wonderful antique on loans from the late Mrs. Evalene Pulati. It all happens from 2 to 5 pm. Don't forget to send in your reservations and \$10 per person by July 6th and enjoy a summer tradition with friends and neighbors at this year's annual meeting! Call us at 714 547-9645 if you need to make a last minute reservation.

From the President

Ever wonder about the “P” in SAHPS? Unlike other historical organizations, founder Adeline Walker made sure the word “preservation” was included in our name. Saving a once majestic vintage property from the wrecker’s ball resulted in the beautifully restored Dr Howe-Waffle House, now a treasure of the community.

Over the years the Board of Directors continues to try to live up to Mrs. Walker’s example of true historic preservation. As in her day, this often means taking unpopular stands and opposing development projects that we see moving forward without regard to their negative impacts to local history. We are not opponents of development, but expect development projects to take into consideration and respect the historic look and feel of our city.

Unfortunately, preservation of our vanishing cultural heritage often intersects with economics and politics, so you will see representatives of the Society speaking at Planning Commission and City Council meetings, meeting with City staff, writing letters, and being quoted by the press. I know I speak for many on the Board when I say that I would much rather be researching at the library than making another impassioned plea at a public meeting!

Preservation is one of the primary goals of the Society, and one that we take very seriously. So we hope that we have your support when you hear that SAHPS is opposing wholesale demolition of the vintage homes in the Lacy neighborhood, supporting the Henninger Park neighborhood in modifying City plans for 2 apartment structures, asking the City to uphold the original terms of the One Broadway Plaza developer agreement, and more. We think Mrs. Walker would be proud that we have continued her legacy!

Alison Young



A Legacy of Preservation since 1974.

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is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization with
no paid staff members. All donations and memberships
go directly to our education and preservation projects.

We are gathered here today...

“Weddings, Teas and Tours – Celebrating Weddings, Old and New” was the theme of the June 5 Open House. Historic wedding gowns from the SAHPS collection, some from the board of directors and several more contemporary ones on loan from the Santa Ana Assistance League made up an interesting display throughout the Howe-Waffle House. The display cases were filled with wedding related memorabilia from Evalene Pulati. Several board members showed photos of relative’s wedding photos from the past displayed throughout the house.

Roberta Reed baked Mexican Wedding cakes which were served with tea to the guests in the dining room. A small bag of mints and a bookmark was presented to each guest as a souvenir of the day. The gift shop did a brisk business selling a wide variety of items, including: history books on several subjects relating to Orange County, postcards, woven bookmarks, recipe cards and many other items relating to local history. This event had one of the largest attendance records this year.

Don’t miss the next Open House on Saturday, August 7 from noon to 4:00 where the theme will be household/kitchen related! We’ll see you there!

In Remembrance

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society would like to send its heartfelt condolences to the families of several of our beloved members who have passed in the last two months.

Evalene Pulati, 6/12/10 - Evalene was a charter member of the society, who worked with Adeline Walker to save and restore the Howe-Waffle House. She also was instrumental in saving items from the French Mansion before its demolition. Throughout the years she graciously supported the Society, including regularly loaning items from her vast collections for display at the House.



Photo courtesy Guy Ball, 2009

The late Evalene Pulati at last year’s annual meeting, in a fabulous feather hat, supporting the Society.

She and her late husband Vito collected glass bottles, coins, Valentines, and other antique items. They founded a number of clubs for individuals with similar interests, including the National Valentine Collectors Association.

A memorial service will be held at the Howe-Waffle House for Evalene on Saturday, July 17 from 2 to 4 pm.

Josephine Reuter Inslee, 5/16/10- Josephine was long time member of the Society. As a journalism major and lover of art, she was active in her community and her family.

Ken Ulrich, recent – Ken was the co-owner of Means and Ulrich, a construction company responsible for 80% of the schools in Orange County at the time.

Ken worked for Mr. Waffle, the doctor’s second husband, at his ranch when Ken was a teenager. With his love of antiques and history, Ken was a fond supporter of the Society in many ways.



Courtesy of OC Archives, 2010

Mrs. Adeline Walker at the Howe-Waffle House receiving an award for her preservation work. Know someone in this photo? Email sahps@sahps.org and tell us who!

Find the Geocache

Geocaching is a modern high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by people of all ages equipped with handheld GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate containers (geocaches) hidden outdoors and share your experience online. Those hiding the container post the GPS coordinate and some tips on finding the container on the geocaching.com official website. Some geocaches are more difficult than others to find which adds to the “treasure-hunting” aspect of the game.

The camouflaged container is often small and contains a paper log sheet along with some valueless “souvenirs” that are meant to be traded with the finder. As a finder, you should replace an item with something of equal value. The items are usually inexpensive pins, plastic parts, buttons, or the like.

The Dr. Howe-Waffle House received its first geocache a few months ago when Nicholas Ball (the freshman high school son of associate board member Guy) hid one on the grounds of the House. In this case, the geocache is a small Altoids tin, painted to blend into its environment.

The next step was to post the location on the geocaching.com website for others to learn about and search out. The intent was to make the geocache somewhat easy to find, but hidden enough for passersby not to see and remove. Another purpose of this particular geocache was to bring people to the House and the general

historic downtown area that might not have visited otherwise.

And visit they have. Over 24 have searched it out since January. Their comments include: “Great spot, took pics of the monuments near by,” “Beautiful home/museum. Thanks for bringing us here! Made me want waffles,” and “I drive past this place every day. My daughters go to school near by.”

One particular comment that brought a smile to our faces: “This building and the beautiful red stone courthouse next door seem a little out of place amongst the concrete and glass behemoths that dominate this area. I’m glad that this one was saved and restored. Thanks for the history lesson and thanks for the fun.”

If you want to find our geocache, you’ll have to visit the geocaching.com website. If you locate the geocache, please sign the log and return the box to its original location – all without being too obvious or seen by people passing by.

Thanks Nick for discovering a new way to bring people to the Dr. Howe-Waffle House!

Lights, Camera, Action!

Patience is a virtue, which will soon be rewarded in October when advance ticket discount flyers will be mailed for the 2010 SAHPS Cemetery Tour. If you are unsure if you are on the mailing list for those flyers please call 714-547-9645 or email tour@sahps.org. October 23rd will be here before you know it and so will the enlightening stories of the multi-cultural history of Santa Ana!

The scripts are in process, plans are being worked out, and all the details are being polished to present another award-winning living history event. If you’re a regular or never been before, this tour is not one to be missed!

So mark your calendars for “Strangers in a Strange Land: Immigrants who shaped Orange County” to be held Saturday, October 23, 2010. Remember to purchase tickets and reserve your tour early as they tend to fill up early!

A Reflection...

The Society has recently had the wonderful opportunity to introduce some new volunteers to the historic joys of the Howe-Waffle House. Many of these volunteers came from the Disney Volunteer 2010 program "Give a Day, Get a Day" and a few have stayed after.

One such volunteer, a charming new docent named Judy Stewart, illuminated her experiences to us: "I recently had the delightful experience of serving as a docent for the Howe-Waffle House. For as long as I can remember, I have had a love for historic houses and this one, in particular, is absolutely fascinating when you communicate Ms. Willella's story, as you are standing in her actual home! To walk through this gem, with no restrictions, such as velvet rope stanchions, to be able to move freely with guests around the home, provides the perfect opportunity to drift back in time and imagine you are visiting family, or better yet, you actually reside there!"

Thank you, Judy, and we're happy to have you with us sharing your enthusiasm with our visitors!

Our Collection Grows

Many thanks to the individuals in the last few months who have donated some wonderful and unique items to the society and house!

Judy J. donated a vintage violin case, complete with pockets and compartments for all the little items a musician would have carried. She also donated several other ephemera, including mittens worn by her mother as a child. Look for the case and ephemera on display soon!

The John Jones Estate donated a beautiful vintage drop down desk. It's made of strong wood and features a number of compartments, drawers, and mail slots. It's perfect for the doctor who would have needed various methods to keep her records and for the society, who tends to have the same needs.

Thank you for your wonderful donations!! We always appreciate receiving the opportunity to collect new pieces of local history and expand the look and feel of the Howe-Waffle House.

Get Active!

In your society! Join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm to learn more about the society and get involved. This is your opportunity to make a difference in the society and the community.

Our monthly meetings are open to all. We discuss and plan events, projects, and service opportunities as well as conduct the basic business of the society. These monthly meetings are an opportunity to socialize with other members and volunteers. You can volunteer your opinions, creative ideas, and time to advance the society and its historical and community goals!

Want to learn about future events? Have a desire to volunteer your services in planning, fundraising, public relations, or some other area? Looking to connect with fellow historic enthusiasts? Then look no further than the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society monthly meetings.

So get active and join us Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 (meeting starts at 7pm) at the Howe-Waffle House. Please RSVP at sahps@sahps.org by the Monday before so we know how many to plan for dinner. We look forward to seeing you!

Eggs and Authors

This past April the Doctor opened her home to the public for an Easter celebration. She decorated with eggs, bunnies, and flowers. She invited Mike Barry, Phil Brigandi, Rob Richardson, and Chip Martin to come and autograph copies of their books for their fans. She even had an Easter egg hunt in the yard for the children. All in all it was a lovely celebration!

The public was treated to displays of vintage Easter decorations and cards while sipping tea and enjoying home-made cookies. The authors chatted with guests and promoted local history with their books (which can also be purchased in our gift shop or online). Our "young-at-heart" docents gave two enthusiastic girls a run for their money in finding colorful eggs hidden in the plants by the gazebo.

It was another successful Open House with beautifully themed displays to showcase the beauty of the house and diversity of local history.



Photograph courtesy of Colleen Williams, 2010

Tim Rush talks about the Old Orange County Courthouse on the Historic Architectural Downtown Walking Tour. Join the next one in September!

A Close Call for the Howe-Waffle House

Sometime during the first week of May a vehicle drove off Civic Center Drive and onto the sidewalk -- into the landscaping of the Howe-Waffle House narrowly missing the house. The light fixtures in the yard were sheered off and destroyed. Many of the plants were badly damaged. We are very fortunate that the House and Carriage Barn were spared.

After the damage was noticed, the Santa Ana Police were called but they had no record of an accident. The vehicle must have been traveling at a high rate of speed since the bus stop bench and trash container that were on the sidewalk are no longer there. For those that don't remember, those were heavy, sturdy objects!

If anyone has any ideas on ways to protect the House, Carriage Barn and grounds along this area please let us know! Also, if you care to contribute to the refurbishing of the landscaping please send donations to the Society with a note that they are to help defer our costs to replace the landscaping. (And thank you!)

-Wayne Curl

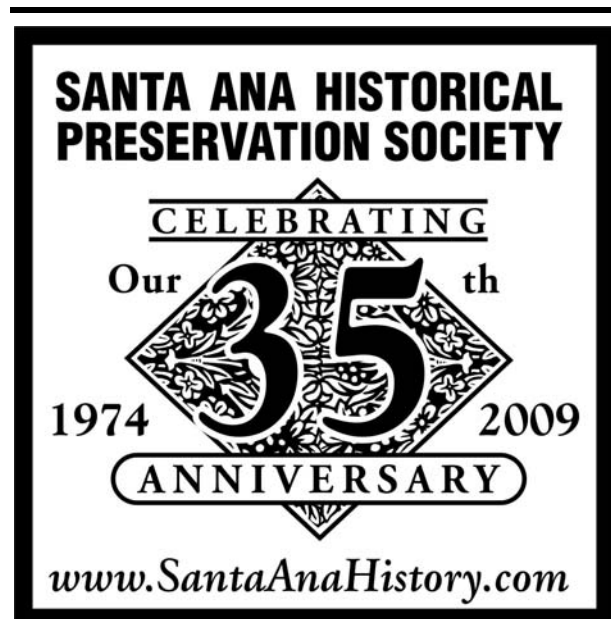
Flower Vendor Power

Every year the historic Floral Park neighborhood hosts a home and garden tour with a delightful vendor fair to showcase the neighborhood. As a fundraiser for the neighborhood association, residents open their homes and yards with docents illuminating unique historic and architectural details.

For the past years, the society has been invited to set up a booth among local vendors to publicize our organization and sell our wares. We set up several tables with our books, blankets, shirts, bookmarks, magnets, and other exciting tid-bits. We also play videos of past cemetery tours and hand out flyers related to events with the Society.

This year went very well for us, as we sold a number of books and other items. We also promoted the bi-monthly Open Houses and Cemetery Tour and even gained a few new welcome members! Of course, the board members and volunteers also had an opportunity to socialize with fellow members and supporters of history.

As always, the society was honored to be a part of a historic neighborhood event and enjoyed meeting new faces and catching up with familiar ones! We'll see you again next year!



Upcoming Events

All American Ice Cream Social: Our annual meeting event this year will be held at the Howe-Waffle House. Meeting, awards, and special speaker Michelle Light will be held after ice cream and socializing. Please RSVP by July 6. **Saturday, July 10 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

Evalene Pulati Memorial: A memorial for friends, family, and admirers will be held at the Howe-Waffle House. **Saturday July 17 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

SAHPS Board Meeting: All are welcome to the Howe-Waffle House for our next monthly board of directors meeting! Please RSVP at sahps@sahps.org (or call 714 547-9645) so we know how many to expect. **Tuesday, July 20, August 17, and September 21 at 6:30 pm**

Knightly Love and Chivalry: The Wilshire Square Neighborhood is hosting a summer concert featuring Full Spectrum Band. Reserve a table for dinner at 6! **Saturday, July 31 7:00 pm**

Downtown Walking Tour: Learn about the history of downtown Santa Ana, particularly its stunning architecture. Purchase tickets for \$8 at the Howe-Waffle House. **The tour is postponed for the hot summer months and will resume in September. (Call 714 547-9645 if you'd like more information or to reserve a spot.)**



Photo courtesy of Colleen Williams, 2010

Wayne Curl, SAHPS vice president, and Open House guests discuss the tour and historic houses over Victorian tea and special wedding cookies.

Howe-Waffle Open House: Learn about Victorian household items and watch for a surprise as well! Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors/SAHPS members, \$3 for students. Come early. Free parking in our lot next to the house. **Saturday, August 7 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Museum Day Open House: For the third year, we are participating in the national Museum Day! Download a coupon from the Museum Day website to get in free! **Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 – 5:00 pm**

Help us continue our efforts to preserve, to educate, and to celebrate Santa Ana and early local History

Renew or join at the \$100 level (or above) and receive a copy of Santa Ana: 1940-2007, Early Santa Ana, Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards, Logan Barrio, Civil War Legacy in SA, 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;*

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