

The BOARD'N' BATTEN

October, 1979

A bi-monthly Newsletter published by and about the Heritage Society

"One day - I shall never forget it - I had taken a trail that was new to me. After a while the woods began to open, the sea to sound nearer at hand. I came upon a road, and, to my surprise, a stile. A step or two farther, and, without leaving the woods, I found myself among trim houses. I walked through street after street, paved with sward and dotted with trees, but still undeniable streets, and each with its name posted at the corner, as in a real town. Facing down the main thoroughfare - "Central Avenue" - as it was ticketed - I saw an open-air temple, with benches and sounding board, as tho' for an orchestra. The houses were all tightly shuttered; there was no smoke, no sound but the waves, no moving thing. I have never been in any place that seemed so dreamlike. This town had plainly not been built above a year or two; and perhaps been deserted overnight. Indeed, it was not so much like a deserted town as like a scene upon the stage by daylight, and with no one on the boards. The barking of a dog led me at last to the only house still occupied, where a Scotch pastor and his wife pass the winter alone in this empty theatre. The place was "The Pacific Campgrounds, the Christian Seaside Resort". Thither, in the warm season, crowds come to enjoy a life of totalism, religion, and flirtation, which I am willing to think flameless and agreeable. The neighborhood at least is well selected. The Pacific booms in front. Westward is Point Pinos with the lighthouse in a wilderness of sand. To the east, you will come upon a space of open down, a hamlet, a haven among rocks, a world of surge and screaming seagulls. Such scenes are very familiar; they appear homely to the eyes of all; to me, this was like a dozen spots in Scotland..."

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY WALK

The script above is a quotation from Robert Louis Stevenson's writings, expressing his thoughts of Pacific Grove during his initial visit here, one hundred years ago.

The public is invited to join in a celebration of the recognition of this occasion on Saturday, October 6th, from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Church on Central Avenue at 12th Street. A narrated slide show depicting the town as it was a century ago will be shown, repeated at intervals. Guided tours to retrace the famous writer's steps will leave the church frequently.

Theme for the event will honor Stevenson's Scottish heritage, with the Monterey Scottish Pipe Band performing; Michel Davolis is the Pipe Major, and Rod McKay manages this group, which is

"AS IN A REAL TOWN"

There is no question today about Pacific Grove being a real town - its trim houses often still nestle among the trees. And as the town grew from its earliest days as a religious campground, tent houses gave way to the trim houses noted by Stevenson; which, in turn, gave way to the more ornate embellishments of the Victorian era, and the larger summer homes of the well-to-do.

"Seven Gables" was the first large permanent home in Pacific Grove, built directly beside the bay in 1866, at 104 Fountain Avenue. Continuously expanded over the years, this residence shows touches of several architectural styles. The original seven gables can still be counted, and the name can be seen carved in the bargeboard over a

"One day - I shall never forget it - I had taken a trail that was new to me. After a while the woods began to open, the sea to sound nearer at hand. I came upon a road, and, to my surprise, a stile. A step or two farther, and, without leaving the woods, I found myself among trim houses. I walked through street after street, paved with sward and dotted with trees, but still undeniable streets, and each with its name posted at the corner, as in a real town. Facing down the main thoroughfare - "Central Avenue" - as it was ticketed - I saw an open-air temple, with benches and sounding board, as the far an orchestra. The houses were all tightly shuttered; there was no smoke, no sound but the waves, no moving thing. I have never been in any place that seemed so dreamlike. This town had plainly not been built above a year or two; and perhaps been deserted overnight. Indeed, it was not so much like a deserted town as like a scene upon the stage by daylight, and with no one on the boards. The barking of a dog led me at last to the only house still occupied, where a Scotch pastor and his wife pass the winter alone in this empty theatre. The place was "The Pacific Campgrounds, the Christian Seaside Resort". Hither, in the warm season, crowds come to enjoy a life of totalism, religion, and flirtation, which I am willing to think blameless and agreeable. The neighborhood at least is well selected. The Pacific booms in front. Westward is Point Pinos upon a space of open down, a hamlet, a haven among rocks, a world of surge and screeching seagulls. Such scenes are very familiar; they appear homely to the eyes of all; to me, this was like a dozen spots in Scotland..."

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY WALK

The script above is a quotation from Robert Louis Stevenson's writings, expressing his thoughts of Pacific Grove during his initial visit here, one hundred years ago.

The public is invited to join in a celebration of the recognition of this occasion on Saturday, October 6th, from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Church on Central Avenue at 12th Street. A narrated slide show depicting the town as it was a century ago will be shown, repeated at intervals. Guided tours to retrace the famous writer's steps will leave the church frequently.

Theme for the event will honor Stevenson's Scottish heritage, with the Monterey Scottish Pipe Band performing; Michel Davolis is the Pipe Major, and Rod McKay manages this group, which is one of the top three pipe bands on the West Coast.

Coffee and scones will be served.

* * *

"AS IN A REAL TOWN"

There is no question today about Pacific Grove being a real town - its trim houses often still nestle among the trees. And as the town grew from its earliest days as a religious campground, tent houses gave way to the trim houses noted by Stevenson; which, in turn, gave way to the more ornate embellishments of the Victorian era, and the larger summer homes of the well-to-do.

"Seven Gables" was the first large permanent home in Pacific Grove, built directly beside the bay in 1866, at 104 Fountain Avenue. Continuously expanded over the years, this residence shows touches of several architectural styles. The original seven gables can still be counted, and the name can be seen carved in the bargeboard over a small gable facing Ocean View Blvd.

Two years after "Seven Gables" was built, William Lacey constructed a large Victorian home at 104 Fifth Street, called "Ivy Terrace Hall" for the mass



(continued from front page)

of ivy cascading down from the house to the sea, before construction of Ocean View Blvd. It is now known as "Green Gables Inn".

Perhaps Stevenson may have surmised as to the interior's spacious, 12 foot ceilings, solid maple floors and stairways, ornately designed copper and brass hardware, and Tiffany glass panels lining the fireplace wall, as he roamed past the estate, a few years after its completion.

* * *

MORE THAN 500 ATTEND QUILT SHOW

Now an established event in Pacific Grove, the 4th annual Quilt Show netted close to \$1,000.00 for the Heritage Society's treasury.

These funds will be used in the organizations efforts to restore and preserve local Victorian buildings, and associated projects.

Special appreciation for this impressive display is due Jean Mills, Wendy Howe, Pat Dormedy, Marge Honnegger, Marilyn Gustafson, & Bob DeFord for their hours of interest and energy; with thanks also to their committee members for their willing assistance.

Winner of the raffled quilt was Gwen Gamerutti.

New this year was the walking tour and open house. Since 106 enthusiastic people participated in this excursion, it will be included in plans for next year's exhibit, ideas for which are already insuring that the 5th Annual Quilt Show will be an even greater success.

* * *

VICTORIAN TEA HOSTED

The Ed Laurence home on Granite Avenue was open to the Fort Ord Officer's Wives Club on September 27th. Nell Meyer hosted the tea, which was

lovely old residences, please contact Ron Crtley (375-5762), Special Projects Chairman.

* * *

HERITAGE HOMES AAIT SIGNS

A new batch of historical markers are being processed, and at this point, volunteers are needed to help with the silkscreening. It's a simple process, no experience necessary, so if you have some time and energy to participate in this project, Jan Dunlap (649-0409) would like to hear from you.

* * *

RESTORATION ADVICE AVAILABLE

Through this newsletter, the Heritage Society would like to be of service to anyone considering - or already involved in - renovation projects, of either furniture or buildings. Upon receipt of your written inquiry, the question will be referred to a qualified expert on the subject, and an informative reply will be printed in The Board 'n' Batten. We look forward to hearing from you.....

* * *

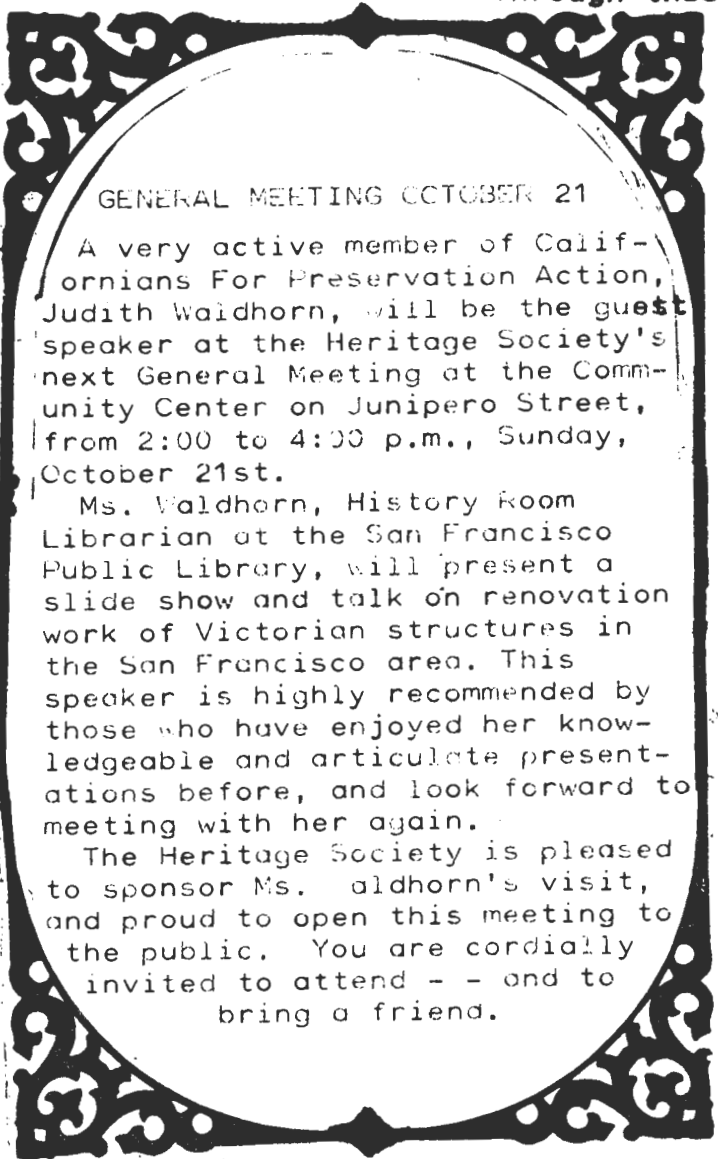
"During this delightful weather large numbers of bathers enjoy a dip in the surf. Wednesday an Oakland young lady was in the water one hour and fifteen minutes by the watch."

- from edition of Pacific Grove Review in 1888.

* * *

SUMMARY OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Treasurer's report of \$325.61 in checking account, \$1200.00 in savings account...requests for two markers were received...Historic Research chairperson reported on details of commemorative walk Oct. 6...Lita Staples appointed Publicity Chairperson...Membership Chairperson reported good response to



* * *

some time and energy to participate in this project, Jan Dunlap (649-0409) would like to hear from you.

MORE THAN 500 ATTEND QUILT SHOW

* * *

Now an established event in Pacific Grove, the 4th annual Quilt Show netted close to \$1,000.00 for the Heritage Society's treasury. These funds will be used in the organizations efforts to restore and preserve local Victorian buildings, and associated projects.

Special appreciation for this impressive display is due Jean Mills, Wendy Howe, Pat Dormedy, Marge Honnegger, Marilyn Gustafson, & Bob DeFord for their hours of interest and energy; with thanks also to their committee members for their willing assistance.

Winner of the raffled quilt was Gwen Gamerutti.

New this year was the walking tour and open house. Since 106 enthusiastic people participated in this excursion, it will be included in plans for next year's exhibit, ideas for which are already insuring that the 5th Annual Quilt Show will be an even greater success.

* * *

VICTORIAN TEA HOSTED

The Ed Laurence home on Granite Avenue was open to the Fort Ord Officer's Wives Club on September 27th. Nell Meyer hosted the tea, which was preceded by a brief walking tour, including visits to Gosby Inn and the historic lighthouse.

Initiated earlier this year, the Victorian Teas are offered by the Heritage Society as a means by which the public may become better acquainted with some of Pacific Grove's Victorian homes by way of an intimate visit. If your group would like to enjoy the experience of tea-time in one of these

RESTORATION ADVICE AVAILABLE

Through this newsletter, the Heritage Society would like to be of service to anyone considering - or already involved in - renovation projects, of either furniture or buildings. Upon receipt of your written inquiry, the question will be referred to a qualified expert on the subject, and an informative reply will be printed in The Board 'n' Batten. We look forward to hearing from you.....

* * *

"During this delightful weather large numbers of bathers enjoy a dip in the surf. Wednesday an Oakland young lady was in the water one hour and fifteen minutes by the watch."

- from edition of Pacific Grove Review in 1888.

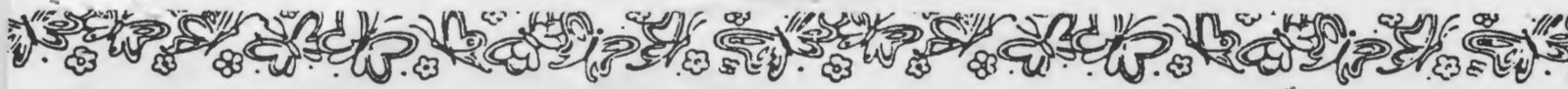
* * *

SUMMARY OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Treasurer's report of \$325.61 in checking account, 1200.00 in savings account...requests for two markers were received...Historic Research chairperson reported on details of commemorative walk Oct. 6...Lila Staples appointed Publicity Chairperson...Membership Chairperson reported good response to delinquent member contact in newsletter; membership table will be on duty at the RLS Walk...Newsletter editor complimented for work...plans for next General Meeting discussed...discussion of suggested improvements to Caledonia Park...

Extracted from Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nellie Patchek

* * *



Mark your Calendar —

- ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON WALK,
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., St. Mary's
Church & the 1879 Retreat Area;
see flyer insert *Oct. 6th*
- BOARD MEETING, at the DeFord's,
432 Spruce Ave., 7:30 p.m... *Oct. 18th*
- GENERAL MEETING, at the Community
Center, 2:00 p.m.; author
Judith Waldhorn speaks.... *Oct. 21st*
- BOARD MEETING, at the DeFord's,
432 Spruce Ave., 7:30 p.m... *Nov. 15th*

PUBLIC HEARING at Pacific Grove
Town Hall for further discussion
on re-zoning of the Retreat Area;
7:30 Wednesday evening - watch
your local newspaper for the
exact date, and plan to
attend and express your
opinions in favor of the
preservation of the
community...

DONATIONS SOUGHT

Do you have a tea service set that you'd like to see being utilized? The Pacific Grove Heritage Society would be most appreciative of such a gift.

Also needed are china cups and saucers. Even if you have just one to spare, please call the Society at 372-2898; someone will pick-up your donation.

Also welcome are contributions of Green Stamps, to be redeemed for tea service items.

Thank you for your consideration.

* * *

ONLY 85 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

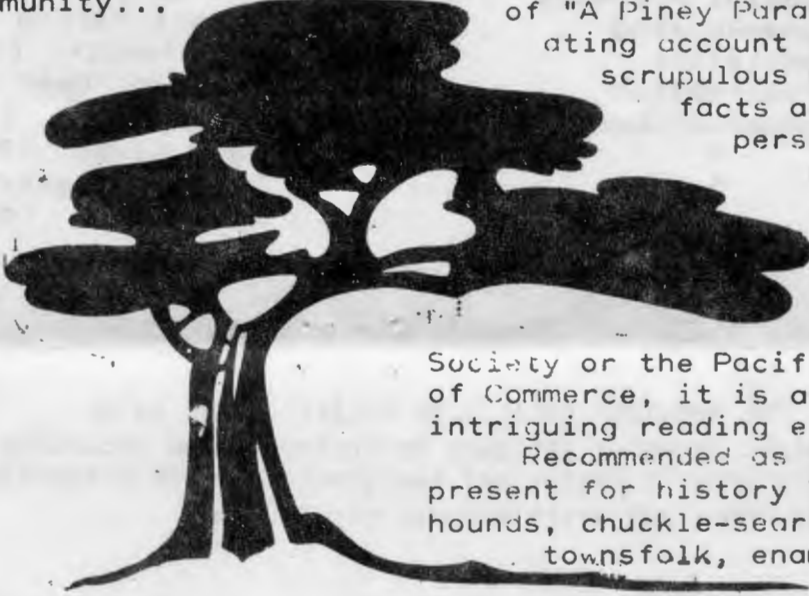
Since the next issue of this newsletter will not be out until December, it is perhaps not too early to make a Christmas gift suggestion now: a copy of "A Piney Paradise", the fascinating account told "with

scrupulous attention to facts and details and personalities, with discriminating insight" into the unique town of Pacific Grove. Available from the Heritage

Society or the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, it is a thoroughly intriguing reading experience at \$7.95.

Recommended as the perfect present for history buffs, nostalgia hounds, chuckle-searchers, fellow townfolk, enamoured visitors, or anyone you'd like to entice to come for a visit. And for yourself.

* * *



"Noah Brooks of the N.Y. Times lately visited California and wrote a letter describing private residences in San Francisco. Nobody seems to think of building a sober house. The prevailing style is what might be called the delicious Queen Anne. Of all the efflorescent, floriated bulbousness and flamboyant craziness that ever decorated a city, I think San Francisco may carry off the prize. And yet, such is the glittering and metallic brightness of the air, when it is not supercharged with fog, that I am not sure but this riotous run of architectural fancy is just what the City needs to redeem its otherwise hard nakedness."

Real Estate Circular, October 1883, quoted by Judith Waldhorn in An Amateur's Guide to Victorian Research in San Francisco.

* * *

MAILING LIST UP-DATE

If you would prefer not to receive further editions of this newsletter, please let us know (373-0856) - - we do not wish to contribute to the environmental problem of litter, or to make the postman's burden (and our postage costs!) any heavier than necessary.

Without your cancellation request, we shall happily continue to supply you, on alternate months, with paper for your fireplace blaze, the floor of your

ADVERTISEMENTS:

Restoration & Refurbishing
of your oil paintings.
Barry Masteller 649-0347
(No charge for estimates)

Pepper O'Neal James
consultant
real estate restorations
649-2457

GENERAL MEETING, at the Community Center, 2:00 p.m.; author Judith Waldhorn speaks.... *Oct. 21st*

BOARD MEETING, at the DeFord's, 432 Spruce Ave., 7:30 p.m.... *Nov. 15th*

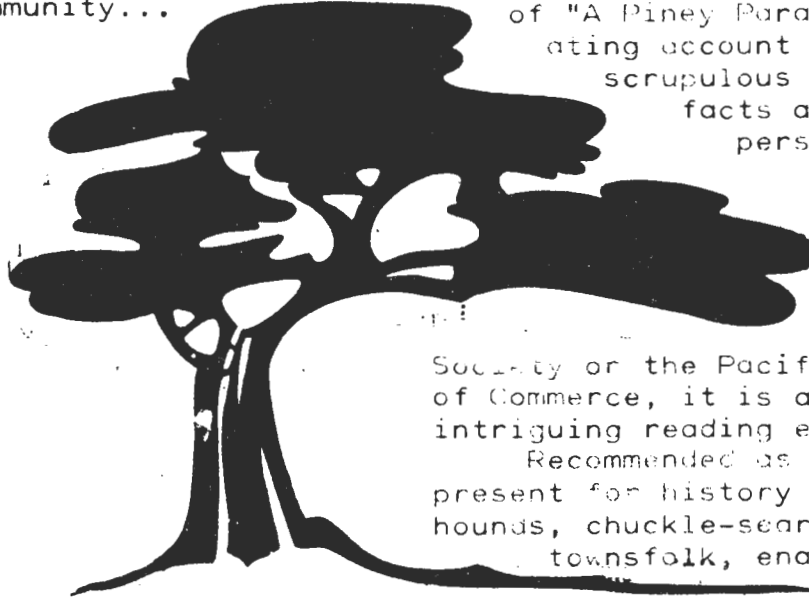
PUBLIC HEARING at Pacific Grove Town Hall for further discussion on re-zoning of the Retreat Area; 7:30 Wednesday evening - watch your local newspaper for the exact date, and plan to attend and express your opinions in favor of the preservation of the community...

* * *

Real Estate Circular, October 1883, quoted by Judith Waldhorn in An Amateur's Guide to Victorian Research in San Francisco.

"Noah Brooks of the N.Y. Times lately visited California and wrote a letter describing private residences in San Francisco. Nobody seems to think of building a sober house. The prevailing style is what might be called the delirious Queen Anne. Of all the efflorescent, floriated bulbousness and flamboyant craziness that ever decorated a city, I think San Francisco may carry off the prize. And yet, such is the glittering and metallic brightness of the air, when it is not supercharged with fog, that I am not sure but this riotous run of architectural fancy is just what the City needs to redeem its otherwise hard nakedness."

* * *



ONLY 85 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

Since the next issue of this newsletter will not be out until December, it is perhaps not too early to make a Christmas gift suggestion now: a copy of "A Piney Paradise", the fascinating account told "with scrupulous attention to facts and details and personalities, with discriminating insight" into the unique town of Pacific Grove. Available from the Heritage Society or the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, it is a thoroughly intriguing reading experience at \$7.95. Recommended as the perfect present for history buffs, nostalgia hounds, chuckle-searchers, fellow townsfolk, enamoured visitors, or anyone you'd like to entice to come for a visit. And for yourself.

* * *

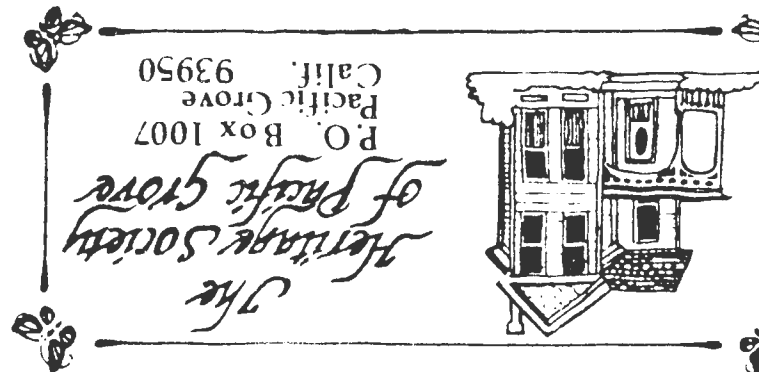
ADVERTISEMENTS:

Restoration & Refurbishing of your oil paintings. Barry Masteller 649-0347 (No charge for estimates)

Pepper O'Neal James consultant real estate restorations 646-8467

Victorian restoration a specialty (Interior/Exterior) Building materials and architectural items bought & sold. Alan Forrest 649-0775/373-6748





MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE :

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| President | Lois DeFord (649-0939) |
| Vice-President | Wendy Howe (372-8459) |
| Secretary | Nellie Patchek (372-7482) |
| Treasurer | Don Beals (375-8491) |
| Membership | Kris Franco (373-1489) |
| Publicity | Lila Staples (372-5112) |
| Historic Research | Marge Smith (373-2835) |
| Special Projects | Ron Cobley (375-5762) |
| Fund-Raising | Robert DeFord (649-0939) |
| Newsletter | Jane Temple (373-0856) |
| Preservation | Ed Bredthauer (373-7389) |
| Member-at-Large | David Mills (373-5524) |
| " | Nell Meyer (372-8981) |
| " | Steve Honegger (372-7816) |
| " | Jan Dunlap (649-0409) |



THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE is an organized group of citizens dedicated to the recording of Pacific Grove's historical background and the preservation of its important architectural structures.

If you are interested in joining our organization, please fill out the slip at the bottom and mail it to:

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove
P.O. Box 1007
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Our annual dues are \$5.00 and this would be for an individual or family membership. For further information call Kris Franco, Membership Chairman, at 373-1489.

join us..... Thank You!





MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE :

President	Lois DeFord (649-0939)
Vice-President	Wendy Howe (372-8459)
Secretary	Nellie Patchek (372-7482)
Treasurer	Don Beals (375-8491)
Membership	Kris Franco (373-1489)
Publicity	Lila Staples (372-5112)
Historic Research	Marge Smith (373-2835)
Special Projects	Ron Cobley (375-5762)
Fund-Raising	Robert DeFord (649-0939)
Newsletter	Jane Temple (373-0856)
Preservation	Ed Bredthauer (373-7389)
Member-at-Large	David Mills (373-5524)
"	Nell Meyer (372-8981)
"	Steve Honegger (372-7816)
"	Jan Dunlap (649-0409)



THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE is an organized group of citizens dedicated to the recording of Pacific Grove's historical background and the preservation of its important architectural structures.

If you are interested in joining our organization, please fill out the slip at the bottom and mail it to:

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove
P.O. Box 1007
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Our annual dues are \$5.00 and this would be for an individual or family membership. For further information call Kris Franco, Membership Chairman, at 373-1489.

join us Thank You!

I would like to be a member of the Heritage Society.
My \$5.00 annual dues is enclosed.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Area of interest (Please check one or more):

Preservation
Historical Research
Restoration

Fund Raising
Publicity
Membership