

# The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove NEWSLETTER

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## HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS

*by Maryanne Spradling*



*190 Central Avenue then*



*190 Central Avenue now*

Once a year the community comes together to celebrate the stewards of our town's heritage, namely homeowners who have maintained, renovated, or added on to their homes with historic integrity as their guiding light. This year there were more celebrants than there was seating—a notable gage of interest and success.

Jan and Ted Rose deftly organized and MC'd the event, while Senior Planner Barbara Nelson provided

a PowerPoint presentation of "before and after" shots that told each home's story. The featured speakers were architect Gretchen Flesher and homeowner Polly Moore, who described the labor of love they went through along with contractor Mark Travaille to achieve the rehabilitation of the Julia Morgan home. Just think, in 1972 an owner had secured a demolition permit in order to put a multi-unit apartment building on the site. The angels must have been watching!

Great thanks to the owners, architects, and contractors who went the extra mile—our entire community is richer because of your efforts.

### BRONZ PLAQUE AWARDS

- Polly Moore and Stuart Builder, 104 1st St.
- Don Davis, 190 Central Ave.
- Jeff Botwin and Phillip Howlett, 308 14th St.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Bob and Deborah Talbot, 1223 Ocean View Blvd.

### COMMENDATIONS

- Bill and Patricia Monahan, 120 13th St.
- Time and Burgit Maddox, 250 Lighthouse
- Warren and Sharon Strouse, 219 Bentley Ave.
- John Carminati and Phyllis Hubbard, 138 18th St.
- Mark and Jeanne Hood, 505 9th St.
- Jim and Linda Hogan, 138 Pacific Ave.
- Sue Lewis, 306 Carmel Ave.
- Agassiz Bldg., Hopkins Marine Station

### Commercial Restoration

- Adlyne and Bob Bratty, 574 Lighthouse Ave.

### New Construction

- Kevin and Sunde Robinson, 775 Jewell Ave.
- Toni and Jean Prock, 722 Granite St.

## Calendar

### JUNE

#### 5TH ANNUAL

#### SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

##### ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

Friday, June 18, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Museum of Natural History

Forest & Central Avenues

FREE

### JULY

#### GREEN AND GREEN

Friday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.

Museum of Natural History

FREE

### AUGUST

#### HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND EARTHQUAKES

Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m.

Museum of Natural History

FREE

### OCTOBER

#### HISTORIC HOME TOUR

October 3, 2004, 10: a.m. to 4 p.m.

*All opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official positions of the Board of Directors, but are meant to stimulate interest in and discussion of preservation issues.*

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**Thank You!**

Bob Davis,  
Frances Grate,  
and Anonymous,  
"Highway 68"  
already have

# The Heritage Plaque System

By John Billstrom

The Heritage Society produces those green plaques that mark Pacific Grove's commitment to preservation. A team of local crafts persons and a Salinas silk-screen house produce magic whenever the number of requests totals more than seven or eight. The process usually takes a month to six weeks.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> we had only four requests, but one of the requesters wanted to feature the plaque at Good Old Days on April 3. We found ourselves challenged to find out how fast we could produce plaques. I usually move the plaques from station to station, but I went on vacation to Arizona.

Vanessa Bredthauer lettered the plaques in one day, and then passed them on to Lloyd Battcher, who routed out the lettering. He in turn passed them on to Ted and Jan Rose who delicately painted the yellow in the letters. The plaques were then ready to go to the silk-screener when I returned to my duties on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The plaques were delivered to the silk-screener on 20<sup>th</sup>, but there encountered a speed bump. It was Little League season and the silk-screener's busiest time of the year. Fortunately, they promised to try to fit our job in. The plaques were ready on March 31st, giving me two days to complete the last step, application of four coats

of varnish. The plaques were ready on time!

Adam Weiland set up the plaque manufacturing system over twenty years ago, and it has functioned smoothly all those years. Steve Honegger, founding Heritage Society member, selects the redwood for the plaques and cuts them to the proper length. He, Vanessa Bredthauer and Lloyd Battcher have volunteered to do their part in the plaque production as long as the system has been in place. When Adam and his wife, Bruna, retired from plaque coordination (and painting the yellow in the letters), I took over the coordination and Jan and Ted Rose took over the yellow paint detail. The Jock Shop in Salinas has become the silkscreen vendor and maintains the border screen on file. Central Coast Screening of Pacific Grove retired from screening the plaques at the same time Weiland retired. There wasn't a hiccup in the operation even when that change took place. It's time to thank all these hard working people for their dedication, perseverance, and quality work. Thank you!

Six new plaques are in process and should be ready by June.

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# New to the Inventory

By Gary Sprader

The Historic Resource Committee (HRC) added another house to Pacific Grove's Historic Resource Inventory (the list) at their April 2004 meeting. The house is

located at 44 Companion Way in the Beach Tract area of Pacific Grove. This house was constructed in 1927. The HRC determined that it retains the integrity of the original design, which is one of the criteria for inclusion on the list. As you can see from the picture it is elegant in its simplicity with stucco siding and a tile roof. The addition on the right was added in 1937.

Michael Albov, the owner, stated at the hearing that he was in favor of adding his house to the list as long as it would not affect his remodeling plans. Since he planned an addition



44 Companion Way

on the rear of the house, that should not be a problem. The permission of the owner is not necessary to add a house to the list, but everyone feels better about the decision when the owner is in agreement.

Houses in the beach tract were not surveyed when the list was first developed, so there are probably many houses in that area which could be qualified for inclusion on the list. The policy of the Community Development Department now is to only consider houses for addition to the list when a remodel is planned. Since being on the list has both benefits and limitations for a remodel, it is important to determine a house's historic status before detailed plans for the remodel can begin.

# Do It Yourself Research

## Part III

by Ken Hinsbaw

Last month I wrote about the digital Sanborn Maps Online. It seems that the web path that I described has been lately closed, and the old password WELCOME has been changed to something else, maybe GO AWAY. If any of you on line-sleuths can find a new (free) way to access the maps let me know and I will pass it on.

I promised last month to tell you about one of the most interesting documents that can be found at City Hall, the Building Classification and Computation Record. Back in 1928 the Building Department was given the

1928 building survey form for 275 Spruce Street

task of filling out a survey form for every home in town. This form includes an outline of the building, the type of foundation, siding material, roof shape, square footage, inside finish, flooring material, built-ins, lighting fixtures, whether the home is owner occupied, and its age. Information on

this form is often the most detailed available and is used by the Historic Resources Committee to determine whether a home still retains its original integrity and qualifies to be on the Inventory. If your home was around in 1928, there's probably a Building Classification and Computation Record on file.

If the 1928 building survey is not exciting enough for you, next month I will write about the re-survey efforts now taking place.

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# People Places



*Holman's*

The Holman's Department Store building will be getting a facelift. Owner Nadar Agha was granted approval at last month's Architecture Review Board meeting to make changes to the outside of the building in order to strengthen it against earthquakes. On the Lighthouse facade several changes are to be made.

The most notable change is the closing up of some of the window display space, and the application of a brick veneer below window openings that extends from side to side. On the sides and back of the building, many of the smaller windows are going to be closed up to strengthen walls.



*Gretchen Leffler*

Gretchen Leffler is a volunteer par excellence. When I asked her to furnish me basic information for

this profile, she demurred with her typical modesty. So, I must sing her praises alone. She toils at the Community Development Department, working with the storehouse of information about historic buildings. She knows where the bodies are buried at City Hall. She has assisted the Heritage Society on countless preservation related projects. Lately she has been advising the technical survey committee in their efforts to come up with an efficient digital solution to the gathering and storage of historic resource information. She is one of our valuable connections downtown and is a committed preservationist. Thank you Gretchen for all your hard work.



*Bob Davis*

Community leader Bob Davis is an outstanding spokesman on behalf of preservation. Bob has served on the City Council and is presently on the Planning Commission. His background is in media education and communications. Bob has been laboring to create an index for all past issues of the *Board and Batten*, a tool that will be of assistance to anyone doing research on Pacific Grove. Lately he has taken on the task of coordinating the re-survey project, which involves revising the documentation for all 1200 buildings on our historic inventory.

## Looking for Mr. Long

*By Darlene Billstrom*

Recently the Heritage Society received a letter from Brenda Daucette Branson of North Carolina looking for a long-lost classmate, Jackson Grey Long. She thought he lived at 240 Congress Avenue in Pacific Grove; but after some research Mr. Long could not be located at that address. Does anybody know of Mr. Long's whereabouts?

Ms. Branson writes, "[he] graduated from high school in 1966, but I'm not sure in which state, since as military dependents, we changed schools often. He would be about 55-56 years old. He was very artistic and at one time was involved in carpentry and historic restoration. We lost contact with him when we all moved back to the States in the mid-60s from Stuttgart, Germany, where our fathers were stationed in the US Army.

"Another friend and I have located over 60 of our old friends from those days in Germany, and finding Jack continues to be one of our priorities before our June 2004 reunion."

"If you know Jack, would you be so kind as to give him my phone number or call/email me to let me know if I am correct that he is in Pacific Grove and at that address." Brenda Daucette Branson, Class of '66, Kelley Barracks, Germany, New Product Development, Furniture Division, 800-542-3789 ext 6924, [bbranson@libertyhardware.com](mailto:bbranson@libertyhardware.com)"

If you know where Mr. Long is, please contact Ms. Branson directly.

### HERITAGE BOARD SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ROTARY PROJECT WITH \$500 DONATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PACIFIC GROVE

Your Board is asking you to support this project that will transform our historic Middle School Auditorium into an attractive center for entertainment and creativity for the entire community for years to come.

The inside of this magnificent building will be refurbished from refinished floors to new lighting and sound system.

This work will be funded by selling Seat Sponsorships at \$100 per seat. Sponsors will be honored on special plaques in the lobby. Please send donation to: Performing Arts Center, PO Box 51, Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950



*Middle School Auditorium*

# New Members

Britta and Frederic Ballerini  
 Harvey Bennett  
 Doug and Elayne Catey  
 Jean Chapin  
 John Feeley  
 Richard Fulgham  
 Sandra Gavran  
 Lester and Winifred Gorn  
 Arden Handshy  
 Kathren Herman  
 Mario and Carri Iglesias  
 Richard, Janice & Lauryn Jones  
 Gene & Carol Linder  
 Julie Lorenzen  
 Patricia O'Keefe  
 Michael Peterson  
 Jim Ream and Deborah  
 Michael Schimpf  
 Mel Soares  
 Grace Souza  
 Ken & Toni Souza  
 Richard Steres  
 Bob Talbot  
 Sue Taylor  
 Rob Willis  
 Tom & Caroline Woolny

Total members **1087**



*Kayla Consiglio*

## Heritage Society Awards Scholarship

This year's Philoma Goldsworthy Scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, has been awarded to Pacific Grove High School senior Kayla Consiglio. She is the daughter of Frank and Bonnie Consiglio, and Kayla has spent all of her life in PG. She has been a community minded scholar since elementary school. In middle school her History Day project researched the history of temperance in PG, and her project board was on display for several years in the Barn. Kayla maintained a 4.23

grade point average in high school, is a member of CSF, and she also excels on the volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She is involved in the Interact Club and was the ASB Athletic Commissioner. Kayla plans to attend the University of the Pacific in the fall, majoring in pre-pharmacy. Congratulations to Kayla!!!

## To the Brink

### 275 Spruce St. Update

The question of the historic status of 275 Spruce has been put to rest to the relief of many in the preservation community. The property owner pulled it off the May 19th City Council Agenda at the last minute. The owner said he took this action after "conferring with both counsel and my advisors." The Board was very concerned about the questioning of the status of this "plain and simple" home that is so typical of hundreds of buildings that make up the fabric of our neighborhoods. The Board wrote a letter strongly objecting to the delisting. We assembled a team prepared to defend the fundamentals of preservation in our town. Strategy meetings were held, e-mails were

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sent out urging supporters to attend the meeting, speeches were polished. We were ready. Then, two hours before the meeting, we were notified that we had won without going into battle. Thanks to John Billstrom, Bob Hummer, Betty Hummer, Craig Riddell, Adam Weiland and others for their hard work to keep 275 Spruce protected and on the Inventory.

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