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Heritage House Awards *by Maryanne Spradling*



232 17th St., awarded Bronze Plaque



432 Spruce St., awarded Bronze Plaque

Once again, the annual Heritage House Awards drew a large crowd of preservationist enthusiasts. And there were some exemplary examples of homes that had been lovingly restored or added on to, with a common goal to complement the integrity of the heritage home. We salute you all.

Organized and MC'd by Jan and Ted Rose, the keynote speaker C.K. Tuttle (acted by Kevin Hanstick) featured a slideshow of some of the Tuttle Collection historic Pacific Grove photographs. With a degree of humor and historic perspective, "Mr. Tuttle" ushered the audience into the presentation of the awards ceremony. A power-point presentation, thanks to Brooks Leffler, chronicled this year's Heritage Award winners. Thank you to Barbara Nelson for her expertise, to the judges and to all who participated in the nomination process . . . it is a group effort!

HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS BRONZE PLAQUES

- Steven Dewey and Noie Fitzpatrick,
232 17th St.
- Scott Hall and Claudia Sawyer,
432 Spruce St.
(Photos next page)

HERITAGE CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

- Clement and Marina Ojugo,
108 19th St.
- Mark and Julie Davis,
864 Laurel
- Sallie Brun and Sherlyn Moore,
237 Walnut
- Katy and James Anastasi,
508 Fountain
- Pat and Alan Boscacci,
389 Gibson
- Jeff and Carol Edmonds,
218 4th St.
- Judy and Larry Wallner,
506 19th St.
- Arvina and Alan Julian,
156 19th St.

COMMERCIAL RENOVATION

- Robert and Laurie Corotto,
172 16th St.

NEW DESIGN AWARDS

- Michael and Renee Child,
1384 Jewell
- Larry and Linda Bell,
1072 Egan St.

NEW DESIGN COMMENDATION

- Michelle and Frank Knight,
1360 Arena
- Lee and Julie Lorenzen,
40 Quarterdeck Way

SPECIAL AWARD: MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

For recognition in transforming the school auditorium into the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center, the Rotary Club and the PG Unified School District were honored. Architect Jeanne Byrne; contractor Steve Covell.

Calendar

JULY

**IMAGES OF AMERICA SERIES:
PACIFIC GROVE** by KENT SEAVY
Friday, July 29, 7pm
Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center
(Middle School)
Members: FREE
Non-members: \$5

PACIFIC GROVE: THE CHAUTAQUA YEARS (1879 – 1926)

Continuing through October 8
An exhibit celebrating the
formative years of Pacific Grove
and the 100th anniversary of the
Feast of Lanterns
Museum of Natural History
Forest and Central Avenues
FREE

AUGUST

SUSAN SHILLINGLAW CENTER FOR STEINBECK STUDIES

Friday, August 26, 7pm
Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center
(Middle School)
Members: FREE
Non-members: \$5

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Thank You!

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



Steven Dewey and Noie Fitzpatrick, 232 17th St.



Claudia Sawyer and Scott Hall, 432 Spruce St.



Honoring the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center, from left: Mark Cameron, Steve Covell, Linda Bailey, Jeanne Byrne and Dr. Brian Lackey

Chautauqua Hall Project Update

The Chamber of Commerce fundraising efforts for upgrading Chautauqua

Hall have yielded some positive results. As of June, \$18,000 in cash donations have augmented monies set aside by the city in addition to a \$50,000 grant written by Barbara Nelson and Jody Derington from the State Office of Historic Preservation. The Chamber's campaign caught the attention of the Monterey County Association of



Chautauqua Hall under fumigation tent

Fumigators, who donated the tenting and arranged for Dow Chemicals to donate the gas to kill the bugs. A very reasonable bid by contractor Mark Travaille gave the Recreation Department some needed latitude to expand the scope of the work into the bathrooms. However, city officials were caught off guard by required ADA entrance access issues. Until those issues are addressed, use of the building may be curtailed. Meanwhile, donations are still encouraged, particularly for use in the much-needed painting of the old building.

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Preservation Celebration

by Gary Sprader

The Heritage Society recently received this letter:

Dear Gary,

I wanted to let you know that I have seen some good examples too of remodeling of Victorian Homes. They are not all negative. One is the commercial property at 172 16th Street which is an example of a property that I think has done a great job in renovating a Victorian home and putting it to good use. Sincerely,

Mary E. Lindsay

Pacific Grove

Mrs. Lindsay has alerted us to several houses in the past that were poor examples of preservation. I agree that this house is a good example. In fact, it was honored at the recent Heritage House Awards under the Commercial Category. I was on the ARB when this house was approved, and I voted for it. This house was raised quite a bit to add

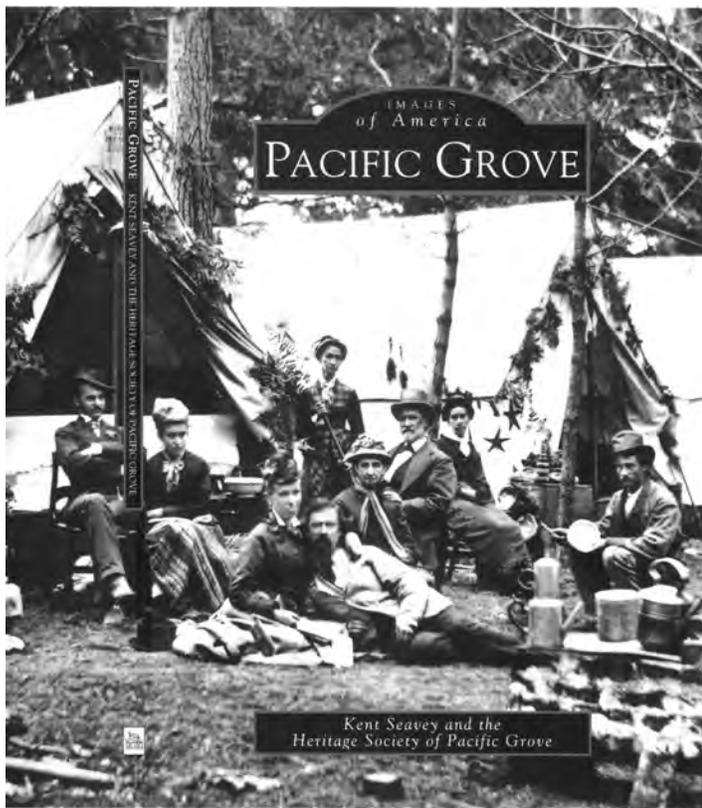


172 16th St.

the space on the lower level. I think this is a good practice on a commercially zoned Victorian since it makes the restoration economically viable.

The point of Ms. Lindsay's letter is a good one. That is, most preservation projects in Pacific Grove are good. Most owners of historic homes care about the character of their home and how it fits into their neighborhood. However, there are a few property owners who apparently don't understand preservation. They propose additions or remodels that cause a historic home to lose its character. Unfortunately in some cases, the ARB has approved these projects.

Keep your eyes open to see what's happening in your neighborhood. When you see a notice posted that there is an ARB hearing for a remodel, you can go to City Hall (2nd floor, Community Development Department) and look at the drawings. The people there will help you understand the drawings so you can see what is being changed. If the project looks like it will not fit with the character of your neighborhood, go to the ARB meeting and speak during the public comment portion of the meeting for that project. The ARB members like to hear the comments of neighbors, and your comments could make a difference.



Images of America Series: Pacific Grove

Book Release

Images of America: Pacific Grove Lecture and Celebration

Circle Friday evening, July 29, on your calendar for what will prove to be a highly entertaining and informative evening. The Heritage Society sponsored photo history book on Pacific Grove in the Arcadia Press: Images of America series, will be the basis for a lecture by the author and historian Kent Seavey. Mr. Seavey is a former curator of the California Historical Society, an art museum director, as well as Monterey County's first Historical Co-coordinator. He is well known as a passionate preservationist and an outstanding speaker. He will draw on previously unpublished images, as well as share his insights into

the development of "God's Kingdom by the Sea" from the Spanish/Mexican era to World War II. Come hear the rest of the story about Pacific Grove's butterfly molestation law, perhaps the first environmental legislation involving an insect in the United States, as well as a theory on the rapid disappearance of the Pacific Grove Taxi Company. The event is FREE to Heritage Society members and \$5 for others. We are proud to be offering the Summer Lecture Series at the beautifully refurbished Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center (previously known as the Middle School auditorium) at 835 Forest Ave. The lecture will begin at 7:00. I'll see you there!

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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.

Letters to the Editor

My fellow members of the Heritage Society will be interested to know that an issue about Pacific Grove architecture and history has just been published by Noticias del Puerto de Monterey, the Monterey History and Art Association's quarterly. It features a long and fascinating article by Carol Mazur about "Trimmer Hill," 230 6th St. (NW corner of Laurel), P. G. Built in 1893 by Dr. Oliver Stone Trimmer, it is the only private residence in town that is listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings. This issue also features book reviews of the new edition of A Piney Paradise by Monterey Bay: The Early History of Pacific Grove, first published by Lucy Neely McLane in 1951 and now carefully revised and edited by Wesley B. Keeler; and of The Vintage House Book: Classic American Homes, 1880-1980 by Tad Burness, which contains dozens of photographs of P. G.



209 19th St., 1882

houses arranged by decade. I was astonished to find my own cottage pictured among them. Copies of this issue of Noticias are on sale in the bookshop of the P. G. Museum of Natural History, and a free copy can be enjoyed at the public library.

*Noble Stockton, Noticias
Editorial Board Member.*

Research Notes:

Ye Old Tax Ledgers

by Ken Hinsbaw

For those of you interested in musty documents and the dark quirky corners of local history . . . read on. Marsha and Dennis Tarmina, who have been working with the Inventory Completion Team, have inside connections at the County Assessors Office, a repository of all manner of arcane information. That office lately came into possession of three ledgers containing Pacific Grove's tax information going back to 1891. One surprise was the inclusion of the tax information about a newly (1891) subdivided community of Carmelito. The map of Carmelito shows a town with roads and hundreds of lots at Point Lobos! The subdivision was a financial failure. Part of the record contains information about a letter written by an employee of the Assessors Office offering to buy the land "for the cheapest price." It was written on official stationery. It is heartening to note the upward revision of ethical standards of our public servants. The other surprise is the 1919

tax record of Del Monte Park that will bear out some further scrutiny. Are any of those properties with improvements still standing?

We are indebted to Assessor Steve Vagnini for making these records available to the Heritage Society.

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New Members

Alan & Arvina Julien
 Kyle & Cherie Hotchkiss
 Katy & James Anastasi
 Sherlyn Moore & Sallie Brun

Total Members: **1218**



Bradbury & Bradbury are Back!

The well known creators of Victorian and Arts & Crafts wallpapers, among other hand-stenciled and air-brushed frieze designs are back. In one of our most recent issues, we announced the upcoming closure of Bradbury and

Bradbury, and orders could be made by December of 2005.

We are very pleased to announce that a new owner of the company is going to continue the fine tradition of these wallpapers – Steve Bauer, Bradbury & Bradbury’s chief designer, who has been with the company for 24 years. He is optimistic about continuing this enterprise and has plans to expand the line. So, no need to rush those orders in.

Thank you to watchful board members and readers, such as Nancy Iversen, for bringing this good news to our attention.

Victorian Dinner

As we are planning our annual Heritage Society Victorian Dinner, we are looking for a new venue because the selection of historic restaurants in Pacific Grove that are handicap accessible is very limited. We are working on a solution and will provide an update as we have more information available about this popular event that has become a Pacific Grove tradition.

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Michael Souza

Heritage Society Awards Scholarship

by Jeanie Anton

Michael Souza was selected to receive this year’s Philoma Goldsworthy Scholarship, an award of \$1000 given annually by the Heritage Society. He is a senior at Pacific Grove High School, and he wants to continue his studies at UC Berkeley, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a 4.1 student, and he comes from a family with deep Pacific Grove ties.

Michael’s great grandfather, Manuel Souza, designed and

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built a number of houses in this area while his wife worked in the canneries. Grandfather Frank Souza was also a contractor, and so is Michael’s father. On his mother’s side, Michael’s other grandfather worked at the DLI and later at Hopkins Marine Station. Congratulations to Michael. We wish you well as you go off to college.

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