

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove NEWSLETTER

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High School Photo Contest



Calendar

MARCH

THEN & NOW

High School Photo Contest
On display at Crackpot Studio
170 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove

ARTISTS AT CONTINENT'S END

Through April 29
Monterey Museum of Art
559 Pacific St., Monterey

APRIL

WILDFLOWER SHOW

April 13-15
Museum of Natural History
Forest and Central

GOOD OLD DAYS

April 21-22
Downtown Pacific Grove

MAY

SECRET GARDEN TOUR

May 5, 10am – 4pm

Pacific Grove High School Student, Adam Garrett, placed “Best of Show” with his rendition of the Museum’s Tuttle Collection photo taken in 1893 compared to the same building as it looks today, taken from a similar vantage point. This “Then and Now” photo contest, with the assistance of Heritage Society members Donna Stewart and Sharon Blaziek, is part of the Heritage Society’s goal to educate today’s students about Pacific Grove’s past.

Top: 549/551 Lighthouse Ave., 1893. Standing on unpaved Lighthouse Ave., from left: C.K. Tuttle holding daughter Gladys’ hand, Emily Tuttle, Mrs. Edgerly, Mr. Edgerly, and Arthur Edgerly. Bottom: 549/551 Lighthouse Ave., 2007



Needed: Lighthouse Preservation Coordinator and Team

by Ken Hinsbaw

The Lighthouse needs YOU!

In the past month's newsletter, I wrote about problems associated with the long term maintenance of the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse. The National Parks Service has identified over \$300,000 in repairs and maintenance, but no one has taken the responsibility for raising the money or supervising this needed work. The Heritage Society has been meeting with members of the city staff and Board Members of the Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers in order to develop a workable plan. The Lighthouse Keepers is the non-profit organization that is responsible for the impressive work at the Pt. Sur Lighthouse. Since the early '90s, they have raised

and spent more than two million dollars restoring the buildings and grounds.

Their organization is reluctant to over-commit its existing volunteer force by taking on responsibility for the maintenance of Pt. Pinos Lighthouse (they already provide many of the docents). Your Heritage Board is confident that among our 1200 members, there is the one key volunteer who could coordinate the work of maintenance, volunteers and outside contractors. The job would require good people with organizational skills as well as knowledge and experience in preservation. If you would like further information please contact me (375-0816) or Dennis Tarmina 643-1943.

Two Heads?

Former Board members, Jan and Ted Rose are hoping to launch a project that has long been ready to launch. Look for the story in the next issue of the Newsletter, which will detail the plans for the launching. In the meantime, ponder what has two heads and can swim!



Dawn Redwood tree

Dawn Redwood Metasequoia Glyptostrobooides

Dawn Redwood derives its name from its leaves and cones, which look like those of the California Coastal Redwood. However, it is deciduous, unlike Coastal Redwood, and thus is given the botanical name of metasequoia.

The prehistoric tree (sometimes called the Dinosaur tree) was long thought to be extinct. But, in 1941, it was discovered growing in several places in western China, some planted places and some natural places. Natives there called the tree *shui-sa* or "water fir." The Arnold Arboretum in Boston

sponsored an expedition in 1947 and collected seeds, which it shared widely around the world.

The Dawn Redwood is still a rare tree, but is gaining popularity. Its prehistoric look makes it special, and it grows in a wide range of conditions. There is a 60 year old specimen (above) in the Stevenson House garden (530 Houston Street, Monterey), part of Monterey State Historic Park. One grows in Boston, and there is one growing in the Duke University Gardens in North Carolina.

A Dawn Redwood tree has been donated by Frances Grate as part of the Trees for PG program initiated by Mayor Dan Cort, and it is on the city's list of "appropriate trees." It will be planted in Jewell Park this year and hopefully will become a future heritage tree.



825 Pine



Story poles

100-Year-Olds

Thanks to the plaque inventory computer database that former Board member Adam Weiland created, which Marsha Tarmina has updated with the help of Don Beals, the Heritage Society

research associates are able to chart the 100-year-old Heritage House birthdays each year, along with the original owners. Each year, we will be able to sing happy birthday to our 100-year-olds and maybe even share a little of their history with you. The editors of the Board &

Batten are considering doing an annual edition that commemorates these centenarians each year.

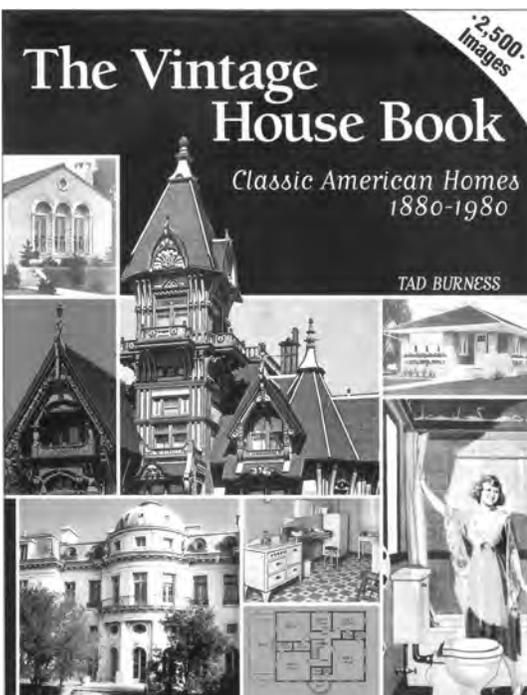
Story Poles (Opinion)

You have probably noticed the proliferation of orange netting blowing in the wind, supported on poles over and around homes of the Last Hometown. The Planning Commission devised some new rules that seeks to let neighbors know the size of proposed remodeling projects large and small. This has already had the desired effect, seemingly easing

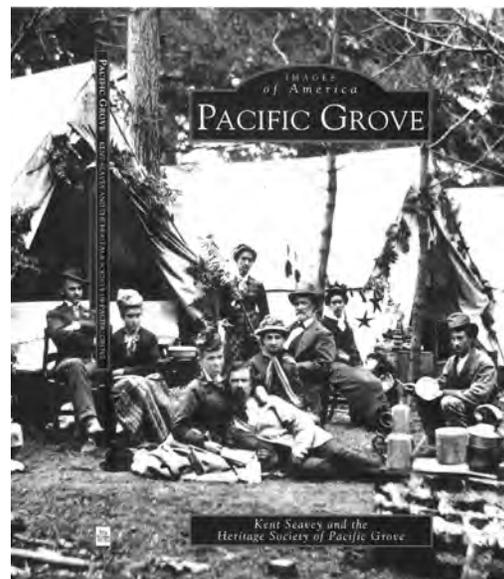
some projects through the approval process, while causing the redesign of others. One applicant, after seeing the size of their project, delayed the review in order to downsize. Another proposal on Spruce St. brought out many neighbors, who spoke out against the oversized house.

The story pole requirement applies to historic and non-historic projects, and hopefully will temper the demand for oversized additions on historic homes.

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The Vintage House Book by Tad Burness is now available at the Barn. In this 256 page encyclopedic tome, Burness leads the reader through classic American homes from 1880 to 1980. The chapters are neatly divided by decades and offer a kaleidoscopic tour of not only the homes, but the furnishings and the lifestyles of each respective period. Available at the Barn for \$15.



Images of America: Pacific Grove

Books are available for \$20.00 from 1 – 4 pm every Saturday at the Heritage Society Barn (the price includes the sales tax). For those who live out of town, send a check for \$23.00 to the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove and we will mail the book to you.



*Raymond Dabb Yelland (1848-1900), Sunset at Cypress Point, Monterey.
Collection of W. Donald Head, Old Grandview Ranch, Saratoga.*

Artists at Continent's End

This spring, the Monterey Museum of Art is hosting the exhibition, *Artists at Continent's End: The Monterey Peninsula Arts Colony, 1875-1907*. Organized by the Crocker Art Museum of Sacramento, the exhibit gathers together many of the early

artists of the peninsula, giving them as individuals as well as a whole a well deserved legacy of the masterpieces they achieved while painting our beautiful shores and inland reaches.

Pacific Grove is well represented as a subject of various painters. And some of the Grove's former residents are represented, among them William Adam.

Take a stroll through this exhibit and you will witness landmarks, whose

modern-day contexts have changed dramatically; then there are those landmark's surroundings that have not changed at all. And quizzically, there are the paintings that remain enigmatic, challenging the viewer to guess where in their backyard these paintings (or locations) are to be found.

This exhibit will be at the MMA, 559 Pacific Street, Monterey, through April 29, 2007. Open Wednesday through Sunday.

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Thank You!

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

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