

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove NEWSLETTER

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Heritage House Awards

by Maryanne Spradling



228 1st St., 2001 Heritage Society Commendation Award (built in 1911)

Once again, during Preservation Month, the Heritage Society is hosting its annual Heritage House Awards, where we honor the owners and builders and architects for their efforts in preservation. As in the past, each restored home contributes to the community's collective historic fabric, for which the residents says thanks. The Heritage Society's celebration of these homes will take place on Friday, May 25th at 7pm at the Natural History Museum.

Homeowners will share

their stories – the highs and the lows – of the challenges they met and conquered, and ultimately their reward in the finished product. Awards will be given to homes that have been restored in an exemplary fashion and also to homes that have been expanded in a manner that complements their historic integrity and environment.

Also, this year, the Society will pay tribute to the restoration of Grace H. Chapel at Asilomar Conference Grounds, designed by Julia Morgan. Preservation

work, with mandates for the highest standards, was carried out by historic building specialists who completed the work within an intense two month period. Representatives from Asilomar will be on hand to share the process and to acknowledge the professionals who gave the Chapel another 100 years of service. The Chapel was built in 1915 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please join in the celebration.

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Calendar

MAY

HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS

Friday, May 25, 7pm
Museum of Natural History

Cooper Garden Connection

With much reluctance and disappointment, the Cooper Garden Day, scheduled for May 19, is being cancelled due to heavy construction in the adjacent parking lot, along with the back gate closure.

Historic plants are still available; please call Frances Grate at 372-6410 for information.

Support the
Heritage Society
Thank You!

Paul Finnegan
Bill Whitney
already have



The 2007 judges for the Heritage House Awards include from left, Linda Bailey (Planning Commissioner), Judy MacClelland (former PG city planner), Dan Cort (Mayor), Ted Larson (architect), Steve Honegger (contractor and building inspector), Jeff Becom (architect) and Gary Sprader (Planning Commissioner).



Historic neighborhood assets: cats and white picket fences.

Steinbeck Bungalow

by Bob Davis

On Tuesday, February 20, 2007, a note in the *Herald's* "Names in the News" reported that members of the John Steinbeck family had sold several first editions of his works to help finance "renovation of a Pacific Grove bungalow where Steinbeck wrote some of his books."

That note prompted an e-mail search for clues about the house. A number of members of the Heritage Society responded. Two houses were possibilities—one on the corner of 11th Street and Ricketts Row and the other on Eardley Avenue. Jeanne Anton and Thom Akeman confirmed that the



Cottage where John Steinbeck penned some of his early novels.

house on 11th Street is still owned by members of the Steinbeck family. The one on Eardley is not.

So the mystery is solved—at least for the moment—thanks to members of the Heritage Society.

We'll let you know of any progress on the renovation of the little house at 11th and Ricketts Row.

50th Annual Good Old Days

... Something for Everyone



Judd Perry, on behalf of Sustainable Pacific Grove, offers Monterey Pine saplings at Jewell Park.



Ms. Trawick's Garden Shop



The Heritage Society Booth, with members Jean Chapin and Art Evjen, and Board members Betty Aickelin and Fran Horvath.



Alien blowup-dolls



Something very, very scary

New Members

Diane Johnson
 Peter & Sheila Tansill
 Wendy Fields
 Honey Spence
 Kathleen Steyer
 Loretta Collins
 Daryl & Mandy Salm
 David & Talli Sunder

Membership Count:
1263

Swan Boat Project

For a brief moment during Good Old Days, the Swan Boat showed herself off in the ever-popular parade, recalling a slice of Pacific Grove nostalgia. The boat is back in the City Yard again, patiently awaiting her permanent site at Lover's Point.

In the meantime, the Society has raised \$3,062 towards its \$20,000 goal, related to the site construction. Donations to the Swan Boat project are tax deductible. For



The premiere of the Swan Boat took place at the Good Old Days parade.



The future location of the Swan Boat will be along the Rec Trail near the Snack Bar at Lover's Point.

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