

# The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove NEWSLETTER

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## Annual Meeting: PG in the Movies

*by Darlene Billstrom*



*Though the story line for "A Summer Place" took place on the East Coast, Pacific Grove's LaPorte mansion (above), built in 1895 was the site that was used for the film. The other home that was used in the film was the Frank Lloyd Wright house on Scenic Road in Carmel.*

This year's special program will feature Doug Lumsden, President of the Monterey Film Commission, as well as owner and operator of Monterey Movie Tours. At the Museum of Natural History, Lumsden will give a 30 – 40 minute presentation of some of the more familiar movies that were filmed here in Pacific Grove and the Monterey Peninsula. Since the 1920s, over 200 films

have featured Peninsula locations. It's a great way to connect to our past through the movies and see locations that have either changed entirely, or have remained the same with minor changes. Either way, seeing our lovely peninsula captured on film, as many as 70 years ago, will be very entertaining and provocative. Lumsden, a native local, is a great source of local history and lore.

Movies that were made on the Peninsula include "Mutiny on the Bounty" (1935), "Captains Courageous" (1937), "National Velvet" (1944), "From Here to Eternity" (1953), and "East of Eden" (1955). The ones made here in Pacific Grove include "A Summer Place" (1959) and "Turner and Hooch" (1989).

Also, attendees will learn more about Lumsden's Monterey Movie Tours, which

## Calendar

### FEBRUARY

#### HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 17, 2pm  
Program: Monterey Movie Tours  
Election of Board Members  
Museum of Natural History  
Forest and Central

### APRIL

#### WILDFLOWER SHOW

April 18 – 20  
Museum of Natural History  
Forest and Central

#### GOOD OLD DAYS

April 12 – 13  
Downtown Pacific Grove

feature a three-hour luxury bus tour throughout the peninsula, where films on overhead video screens show the movies featuring the sites that you drive past.

As the president of the Society, I'll present a brief summary of the Society's 2007 accomplishments, as well as plans for the future. Election of new board members will follow. There are three openings this year. Ken Hinshaw's term expires, and he has elected not to continue on the board. Sally Rideout and Fran Horvath had to resign their seats early due to the pressure of their careers. Their service to the Society

has been valuable, and we will miss their energy and wise guidance. We thank them for their unstinting service.

The board member slate is as follows: Carrol Patterson, Darlene Billstrom, Betty Aickelin, Maryanne Spradling, Linda Donofrio, Claudia Sawyer and Barbara Lazarony. The terms of Ms Patterson, Billstrom, Aickelin and Spradling are expiring this year, but fortunately they have elected to continue as board members. Two of the new board members will be filling the seats of Ms Horvath and Rideout, which are two-year terms. The rest of the slate will be elected for 3-year terms. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The meeting will be held at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, located on Central Avenue between Forest and Grand Avenues. It's a great opportunity to view the Museum's permanent and temporary exhibits. The meeting is on Sunday, February 17, and starts at 2 pm. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.



*The Monterey Peninsula has contributed landscapes and landmarks to over 200 movies, since the 1920s. Monterey Movie Tours: 800-979-3370*



*"A Summer Place" was filmed partially in Pacific Grove in 1959.*



*The "Heritage Houses for the Birds" fundraiser included a new category for youth in 2007. The birdhouses (above) are some of the whimsical creations that were offered. The fundraiser raised a little over \$4000.00. Thanks to the builders, the buyers, the judges, the interested public ... and especially to Craig and Rebecca Riddell who supply all the creativity and energy organizing this event!*

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