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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE ANNUAL HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY 2019

Sunday, May 5th, 2:00 PM at Chautauqua Hall.

ONGOING EVENTS

VISIT THE HERITAGE SOCIETY'S MUSEUM AT KETCHAM'S BARN

Saturdays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

605 Laurel Avenue in Pacific Grove

TOUR THE POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE

Thurs – Monday 1:00 to 4:00 PM

80 Asilomar Blvd. in Pacific Grove

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The Annual Heritage House Awards Ceremony 2019

The annual Heritage House Awards Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove (corner of 16th and Central).

This year six houses will be given awards, recognizing the house, the contractor, and the architect. The categories are: new construction, preservation, and remodel/addition. Owners are encouraged to speak about the construction process and share any stories they have about their experiences in working on their houses.

We will also have a local speaker, Pat Hathaway, who will share some of his iconic photos of houses in Pacific Grove.

The public is welcome and there is no admission fee.

Homes Honored in 2018

701 CONGRESS AVENUE *won a Bronze Award in the Remodel/Addition category.*



PT. PINOS LIGHTHOUSE *won a Special Bronze Award for upgrades to the building and grounds, all done by volunteers.*



605 CONGRESS AVENUE *received a Certificate of Commendation in the Remodel/Addition category.*



302 MONTEREY AVENUE *won a Bronze Award in the Remodel/Addition category.*



147 11TH STREET *received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation category.*



224 18TH STREET *received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation category.*



The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove is a nonprofit organization formed in 1975 to foster an appreciation of the city's historical and architectural resources through preservation activities and public education. The Heritage Society also works to encourage the preservation and restoration of the buildings that contribute to the beauty and unique character of Pacific Grove.

A New Look at Pacific Grove's Historic House Plaques

By Michael Groshong



Original design.

New design.

For many, many years a dedicated group of volunteers (Vanessa Bredthauer, Lowell Battcher, Michael Bond, Jerry Boyajian and Steve Honegger) have produced those beautiful green historic home plaques that grace so many of our older properties here in town. The Heritage Society would like to sincerely thank this group for their many hours of work.

Unfortunately, many of these plaques are now in the 20 year old range and are showing the effects of wind and weather and many are almost unreadable.

Recently the Board of Directors made the difficult decision that it was no longer feasible for this group of volunteers to continue making new plaques for owners who are requesting one for the first time plus start to redo all of the plaques in obvious need of replacement. It was decided to look at all alternatives to continue this great tradition.

A subcommittee was formed and looked at many, many possibilities from metal to plastic to laminated plastic to various wood designs. Most were ruled out as too expensive or not in keeping with the character of the originals, so the Board asked a small company, Fair Signs of Oakhurst, to submit a design for evaluation.

Surprisingly enough, their sample was fairly close to what we had produced in-house and was very reasonable in price. The Board then voted to have this company begin making all of our plaques in the future. The Board had a list of the plaques most in need of replacement, so letters were sent to each of these homeowners letting them know that they could order a new plaque to be made closely replicating the original for a modest fee.

To date, we have received about 50 replies back asking for these replacement plaques. We expect delivery of these and distribution to

the homeowners to begin sometime in April. So if you see a newer type green plaque design on your favorite historic house, worry not. Above is a sample of how the new ones will look.

We are sorry to bring our great plaque-making team to an end, but we are now relieved of the manufacturing process and can use the time to help the Society in other areas. Brand new plaques for structures will be provided at no cost, while there will be a \$35.00 charge for replacement plaques made by Fair Signs of Oakhurst.

Care should be taken in placing these plaques on a building. Please avoid south facing facades and spots of extreme sun exposure. Please contact the Heritage Society if you have any questions.

About The Historic Home Plaques

Historic home plaques contain the first owner's name and the year the home was first assessed.

Since 1978 the Heritage Society has given away, free of charge, over 700 of these plaques to homes built before 1926. Such homes must retain their original character and architectural style. We want the plaques proudly displayed as a reminder of our heritage in Pacific Grove. It gives recognition to the age and first registered owner of a structure. It is considered an honor to have a plaque on your house.

Heritage Society Board News

The Heritage Society Board welcomes two new members, Karen Owen and Robin Aeschliman. We know these women are interested in the heritage of Pacific Grove and we look forward to working with them in the future.



Former Heritage Society President David Van Sunder

Thank you David van Sunder for your service on the Heritage Society Board, especially for the five years you were our president. David will be honored for his years as Heritage Society president during the Heritage House Awards Ceremony on May 5, 2019.

And we are pleased to announce that Steve Honegger will serve as the new President of the Heritage Society Board. Steve served as President from 2008 to 2013 and we welcome him back. Mark Travaille will continue as Vice



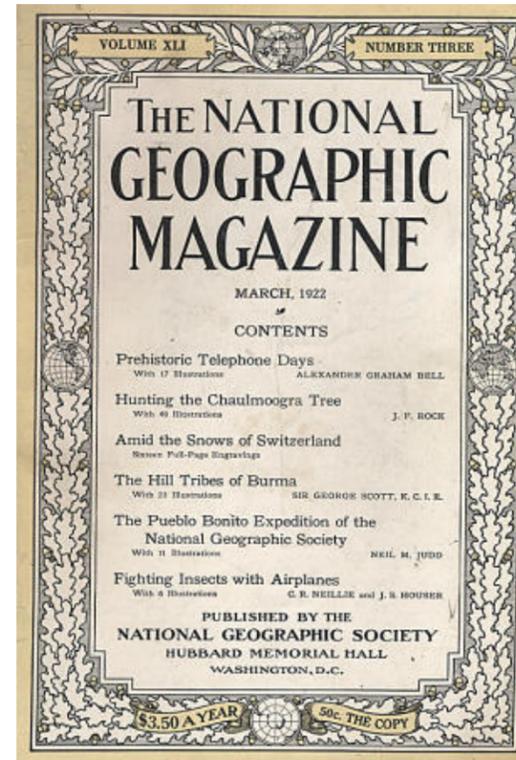
New Heritage Society President Steve Honegger

President, Jean Anton continues as Secretary, and Michael Groshong will continue as Treasurer.



A 97 Year Old Hidden Treasure

By Ashley Gamble



A little treasure was found inside the walls of a 1922 Craftsman Bungalow located on 17th Street in Pacific Grove.

During an extensive remodel to a dilapidated historic house, the Travaille Brothers & Others team, (led by Heritage Society Vice President Mark Travaille) found something very special. The cover of a 1922 National Geographic Magazine was very purposefully nailed between two studs...just waiting to be discovered. We can't be sure what the intentions were of whoever nailed up the National Geographic cover. However the historic records show the house was built in 1922, which

matches the year on the magazine cover. It may have been placed in the wall intentionally as a record of the month, year and what was going on in the world when the house was built.

Renewal Reminder

By Michael Groshong

You should have received a renewal letter from the Society earlier this year. If it is still in your "to-do" box, will you do us a favor and slip a check into the envelope we provided and mail it back to us? We would hate to lose you as a much valued member. Thanks!



NOTICES

POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE

Very soon the Heritage Society will no longer be staffing the gift shop at the Lighthouse. After many years of hard work, it became too much for the Heritage Society volunteers. The City of Pacific Grove will now take over. If you are interested in a paid position at the gift shop, please contact the City.

A special thanks goes to Dennis Tarmina and Nina Grannis for their thousands of hours keeping the gift shop stocked with special items and taking care of the volunteer scheduling. Both of them worked in the shop weekly and did the ordering for as long as the gift shop has been in its new location. It has been a very successful part of all visits to the Lighthouse.



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