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

Saturdays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

605 Laurel Avenue

Pacific Grove, CA

TOUR THE POINT PINOS

LIGHTHOUSE

Thurs – Monday 1:00 to 4:00 PM

80 Asilomar Blvd.

Pacific Grove, CA

THE HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY 2017

On May 21st the annual The Heritage House Awards Ceremony took place at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove. Those attending were pleased to see that eleven houses were given awards in three categories:

1. Preservation 2. Remodel/Addition 3. New Construction.

The Preservation awards are given annually to houses that have been updated and repaired yet maintain the existing form, integrity, and materials. Remodel/Addition awards are for houses that have also been well preserved, but with new additions that complement the original structure. New Construction awards are given to

houses that have an exemplary design compatible with the community of Pacific Grove. All work must have been completed within the last five years.

Pacific Grove residents and members of the Heritage Society were asked for nominations last spring, and a team of judges made the final decisions.

872 LAUREL AVENUE *won the Bronze Award in the Preservation category.*



191 OCEAN VIEW BLVD *won a Bronze Award in the Remodel/Addition category.*



1142 CREST AVENUE *won a Bronze Award in the Remodel/Addition 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.

THE HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY 2017 *(continued from the cover)*

414 9TH STREET received a Certificate of Commendation in the Remodel/Addition category.



128 16TH STREET received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation category.



508 9TH STREET received a Certificate of Commendation in the Remodel/Addition category.



441 OCEAN VIEW received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation category.



105 MONTEREY AVENUE received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation Category.



130 GRAND AVENUE received a Certificate of Commendation in the Preservation category.



191 17 MILE DRIVE received a Certificate of Commendation in the New Construction category.



414 9TH STREET received a Certificate of Commendation in the Remodel/Addition category.



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DID YOU KNOW? The Barn at Laurel and 17th in Pacific Grove, fondly known as “Ketcham’s Barn,” was built in 1891 by H. C. Ketcham who used it to house animals. The barn is open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM every Saturday and by appointment.

THE HERITAGE SOCIETY Lighthouse Work Continues

by Dennis Tarmina

Big Blue wins again! No not that Big Blue, not IBM. I am referring to our big, beautiful Pacific Ocean. After three short years it has already taken its toll on the lighthouse out-buildings that were constructed in 2014.

We went to the expense of duplicating the original exterior doors on the two buildings that we constructed, one housing a gift shop and one that is a restroom. The doors couldn't take the constant salt air pounding and they began to de-laminate. So we fashioned a temporary fix with multiple screws to hold the outer door wood on. Then after consulting with Rick Steres our “in-house” architect and Mark Traville one of our contractors, we looked at steel, fiberglass and several other composite material doors but decided that wood would be the most appropriate material and the most cost effective. So Ken Hinshaw, one of our many volunteers, decided he would build the new doors. He spent 60 plus hours constructing ‘old looking’ exterior doors that are much nicer and stronger than the originals. These are solid wood so the ocean will find a much tougher opponent this time around.

Did you know that The Heritage Society has been preserving and restoring the Point Pinos Lighthouse for over seven years? This project has included all refurbished period correct interior rooms, repaired exterior windows, new fencing, new access, new period correct entry signs and countless other large and small projects. You should also know that the Society raised all the funds for this major undertaking. With the generosity of local grant foundations, individual donations and visitor contributions and an all-volunteer workforce the project has thus far never used any City general funds. No tax dollars!

If you haven't visited this oldest and most important of community places, you should do so. After all, it belongs to you the citizens of Pacific Grove and is something of which you can be proud.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Become a lighthouse docent or gift shop clerk. Work in the beautiful Point Pinos light station, help educate our visitors, make new friends and become part of the volunteer staff. Call Dennis Tarmina **831-643-1943** or email dennistarmina@gmail.com. (Heritage Society Board Member.)

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DID YOU KNOW? We're always searching for volunteers. Your area of skill or interest might address an unserved need. Stop by Ketcham's Barn on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM or visit us online at www.pacificgroveheritage.org for more information.

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove

NEEDS YOUR HELP

by Michael Groshong

Several years ago Sandra and I joined the Figli di Italia in Sonora. It is a group very much like the Heritage Society, in that it was formed about 35 years ago by a dedicated group of people of Italian heritage who wanted to preserve this heritage. The society has monthly Board of Director meetings and puts on a monthly dinner at the local Elks Club.

It is similar in that it has a very nominal yearly membership fee, puts out a regular newsletter and does whatever it can to preserve their heritage. It is smaller in number, but very similar in many, many ways.

I was very surprised earlier this year when it was announced at one of the monthly dinners that they were having trouble getting their members to renew. We had a lot of discussion about the whys of this – the original members getting older and no longer able to participate, more interesting clubs or societies pulling people away, too expensive, etc.

This is very much a mirror of what has happened to the Heritage Society this year. We normally have in the range of 500 or so paid members. To date, we are now down to about 375 paid members. Where did these other 125 or so former members disappear to? We have sent out reminders to renew, but so far there has been little response.

Are we suffering from the same problems as the Figli di Italia group in Sonora for the same reasons? I hope it is not for financial reasons, as it would be pretty difficult for a member to go out for a nice lunch for the cost of a yearly membership.

Do you have any thoughts you might like to share with us? Do you have any friends/neighbors/relatives that may be interested in joining the Society? Every new member is of value as a potential volunteer, a source of some valuable information, the owner of a green plaque home, etc. We do need you help to build up our membership rolls. What can you do to assist us? Please let us know!

PLEASE VISIT WWW.PACIFICGROVEHERITAGE.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE.

COMING UP

Carol O'Neil will talk about the Pt. Sur Lighthouse on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 PM in Chautauqua Hall (corner of 16th Street and Central Avenue in Pacific Grove.) More information will be available in the next newsletter.

NOTICES

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS TO BUILD BIRDHOUSES OR LITTLE LIBRARIES The Heritage Society is calling for builders for its Birdhouse and Little Library Competition and Silent Auction. Entry forms and details are available online at www.pacificgroveheritage.org and at The Barn any Saturday between 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The Barn is located at 605 Laurel Avenue in Pacific Grove. Deadline for entries is September 23, 2017 by 4:00 PM. Birdhouses and Little Libraries will be on display and put

up for auction during Butterfly Days (formerly Chautauqua Days) at Chautauqua Hall October 7th and 8th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BUTTERFLY DAYS IN PACIFIC GROVE Come join the fun October 7th and 8th for Butterfly Days... all the traditional events like the Butterfly Parade and Birdhouse & Little Library auction will be joined by the Feast of Lanterns High Tea and Fashion Show, the release of a new book written by people who have lived the Pacific Grove life; It is aptly titled – *Life in Pacific Grove*, plus so many more events and activities too numerous to list here.

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