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## UPCOMING EVENTS

THE HSPG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM at Chautauqua Hall.**

THE ANNUAL HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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# Heritage Society of Pacific Grove 2019 Annual Membership Meeting

*With guest speaker Charles Osborne, author of "Boss – The Story of SFB Morse, founder of Pebble Beach"*

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove will hold its Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in Chautauqua Hall, located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street at Central Avenue in Pacific Grove. The membership is meeting to elect new directors to the board and disseminate general information about the Heritage Society and its activities to the public. The meeting is open to the general public.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the Heritage Society will present special guest speaker, Charles Osborne whose talk is titled, "*Cheater, Liars, and Thieves – how Sam Morse saved the Monterey Peninsula.*" The lecture will be illustrated with privately held and rarely seen photographs of SFB Morse's life and times.

Osborne will tell the story of his grandfather, Samuel F.B. Morse, who stood between 11 square miles of beauty and any attempt to mar it for 45 years. His vision of land conservation was the basis for the creation of this most beautiful piece of real estate – Pebble Beach. Boss, as Osborne and family call his grandfather, was by all accounts a Renaissance man – conservationist, athlete, artist, and entrepreneur. Osborne will share some of the stories and photographs he gathered during his five years of research completed for his book on Morse's life.

Individuals standing for election to the Board of Directors include: Don Beals\*, Steve Honegger\*, Barbara Nelson, Haroon Noori\*, Rick Steres\*, and David van Sunder\*. *The \* denotes incumbent.*

This event is free to members of the Heritage Society; a \$5 donation is welcomed from non-members.

For additional event information contact The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove at 831-372-2898, [info@pacificgroveheritage.org](mailto:info@pacificgroveheritage.org) or [www.pacificgroveheritage.org](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org).



*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.*

# Butterfly Days 2018

*Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made Butterfly Days such a success – and helped it to return every year since 1939, just like the monarchs.*

Our Board of Directors couldn't have done it without you – the teachers, parents, and students of Pacific Grove, City of Pacific Grove, Chamber of Commerce, Businesses, Museum, Library, Feast of Lanterns, Homeowners, Volunteers, Builders, and everyone who has ever called Pacific Grove their hometown.

It was such fun for those of us who had the opportunity to relive one of the fondest memories of growing up in Pacific Grove, for those who simply love the tradition, those creating new memories, and for those who just happened to stumble on all the festivities. Here are just a few photos to help you relive the weekend, and perhaps make like a monarch and return to Pacific Grove for Butterfly Days October 4 – 6, 2019!

2019 will be the year we will join many other cities across the country and throughout Northern America to Save the Monarchs! If you'd like to join us, please call Dixie at (831) 917-1536.



# One Project Down – More To Follow

*In the beginning of 2018 the Society embarked on a long-planned project to scan and digitize many, many file drawers of historic written material consisting of lists of houses by address, famous names in Pacific Grove and several books of old photos that are housed in the Barn.*

Rick Steres volunteered to start the project by contacting a scanning company in San Jose. They came down to the Barn and picked up many boxes of material and brought them to their facility. Several months later the boxes were returned along with a thumb drive containing about 35,000 images.

A different group consisting of Jeanie Anton, Michael Groshong, Steve Honegger and Haroon Noori then started the task of putting all of the scans into their proper folders and began the labeling process. Haroon was able to do his usual magic and make all of these documents “machine readable”; that is, a search of the records on a computer would “see” individual words and be able to bring up a list for the user. Let’s say, if you wanted to do research on Steinbeck, one would bring up the entire file, enter “Steinbeck” in the search box and all items that contain “Steinbeck” would appear. Almost magical.

The group also incorporated three scanned boxes of “Block and Lot” (Assessors) files from the early 1880’s until the 1920’s. These show the owner of each house and how much was paid in taxes for those years. Also added to the collection were about 200 research papers done by Steve Honegger, for the Planning Department and many “Green Plaque” research papers done by Rick Steres.

In December this entire file was given to the City to be used by the Planning Department and others in conducting historical research.

The Society is now researching how best to share this treasure trove with the public.

A similar project is being planned for 2019 – stay tuned.

## NOTICES

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE GIFT SHOP

The lighthouse gift shop has been very busy. Thank you to everyone who has stopped by to see our new merchandise.

We would love to have you consider being a part of our volunteer team. We ask that you work twice a month, 3 hour shifts, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. If interested, please contact **Nina Grannis at 831-646-8429.**

PLEASE VISIT **WWW.PACIFICGROVEHERITAGE.ORG** TO SEE OUR ONLINE CALENDAR AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR LECTURE SERIES EVENTS.



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To become a member, sign up online with a credit card or Paypal at **www.pacificgroveheritage.org**. Or send a check payable to 'The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove' to **P.O. Box 1007, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

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