

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Mills, our newly-elected president, reports that "members of the Heritage Society met recently with representatives of the planning commission and the architectural review board. This neighborhood meeting allowed for useful exchange of ideas. The Heritage Society presented its newly-drafted Historical Preservation Ordinance to Robert McIntyre, planning commissioner. The city is studying this ordinance, and we are anxiously awaiting their reply."

Dr. Mills also notes that a meeting sponsored by the Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service on "Maintaining Old Structures" is scheduled to be held at Asilomar late in May. Lowell Northrop, head of our Historical Preservation Committee, will attend the meeting. It is exciting to know that a national historic preservation meeting is being held in our own town!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MAY 17

A general membership meeting has been scheduled for May 17 at 8 p.m. in the Christian Church, located at the corner of Central and Carmel Avenues. It will be the first general meeting since we elected our board of directors, and committee chairmen will give reports. The committees are now well organized and active (see below) and the Heritage Society is becoming a very dynamic organization. Come to the meeting and hear all about what's happening. Guests are welcome; new members are welcome! We've added several people to our membership list recently, and anyone else wishing information on joining should contact John Olkoski, Membership Chairman, at 373-5096.

QUILT SHOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

You've probably heard about this by word-of-mouth or read about it in the paper --- the Heritage Society is having its first annual Quilt Show on June 4th and 5th. We are getting a tremendous response to the request for quilts to show, and Jeanne Mills, head of Fund Raising, and the many women who are helping her, are really excited.

Historic Chautauqua Hall will be filled with quilts - on the walls and on furniture, and they'll be wonderful to behold. The show is a MUST for all Heritage Society members. Those who wish to help set up the show should call Jeanne at 373-5524. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 4, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. General admission will be \$2.00 and admission for senior citizens will be \$1.50. Children under 10 will not be admitted. We will contact you later about a Thursday night preview for Heritage Society members and contributors of quilts.

HISTORIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE TO GET MICROFILM RECORDS

Members of Kevin Howe's Historic Research Committee have their work all cut out for them since they found they can borrow the microfilm of the Monterey County Tax Assessor's records from 1875 to 1900. This is a real boon to the committee and will enable them to discover the specific years old Pacific Grove homes were built. Up to now there has been a lot of guessing and/or a lot of digging done by individual home owners. Now the Heritage Society hopes to generate a list for reference by all Pacific Grove residents.

CATALOGING OF INFORMATION ON HOMES IN RETREAT

Representatives of the city have contacted Lowell Northrop, chairman of Historical Preservation and Restoration, regarding cataloging of the information gathered by the Mills and others last summer on homes in the Retreat. Volunteers are needed to type the catalog and make entries on a city map. The information includes style of the home, its address, condition, approximate age, etc. It should be interesting and worthwhile work. Anyone wishing to help can call Lowell at 372-2904.