

The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove NEWSLETTER

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National Preservation: May 2006

Sustain America-Vision, Economics, and Preservation” is the theme of National Preservation Month 2006. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is highlighting different areas of preservation related to this theme throughout the month of May. Likewise,

Pacific Grove, the Monterey Peninsula and San Francisco have a host of offerings that will take place this month following similar themes.

Celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has provided a sense of place. Please join the Pacific Grove Heritage Society for the Heritage House Awards on May 12, Friday at 7pm. Hats off to all of the people, in the past and the present, who have practiced preservation in our community. This event is a highlight of the year.

AMAP (the Alliance of Monterey Preservationists) is hosting a forum on the economics of preservation on May 19. See page two for more information.

The California Historical Society in San Francisco is featuring an exhibit entitled

“Jack London and the Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906,” which features London’s own photographs on the first day of the great quake and fire storms (through June 10). See page two for details.



Monterey historian Jim Conway will be giving a lecture at Colton Hall entitled

“Where California became a State” on May 11th (646-5640). Conway, author of *Monterey, Presidio, Pueblo and Port*, will also be leading a walking tour of the Lower Presidio on May 20th (646-3991). Monterey’s historic Cooper-Molera Adobe at 525 Polk St. will have a plant sale featuring “Mrs. Cooper’s Garden” plants that were introduced prior to 1865. Saturday, May 20, 9am to 1pm.

Carmel’s annual Tor House Garden Party takes place on May 7, 2 to 5pm, featuring music and readings from Robinson Jeffers’ poetry (624-1813).

Santa Cruz has a similar program to Pacific Grove’s Heritage Plaques. In honor of Preservation Month, the Museum of Art & History at the McPherson Center will present the Historic Landmark Blue Plaque Award Ceremony for notable architecture, Saturday, May 6, at 1pm.



Scott Love’s garden, which will be featured in the “Secret Garden Tour” of Pacific Grove, tells a story via before and after photos of an overgrown garden that needed a new start. Having lived at the property for only a year, Steve has a beautiful fresh start.



The home above in the Retreat, 108 19th St., was one of the award winners in the Heritage House Awards of 2005, traditionally held during National Preservation Month.

Calendar

MAY

COLLATERAL DAMAGE: 1906 EARTHQUAKE EXHIBIT

PG Natural History Museum
Forest and Central

PG SECRET GARDEN TOUR

May 6, 10am – 4pm

HERITAGE HOUSE AWARDS

PG Natural History Museum
May 12, 7pm
Free

AMAP: THE ECONOMICS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Monterey Conference Center
May 19, Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Information: (831) 646-0351

COOPER-MOLERA PLANT SALE

Cooper-Molera Adobe,
525 Polk Street, Monterey,
May 20, 9am -- 1pm



Reading at Good Old Days

Enjoying the picture book, *Images of America: Pacific Grove*, at the Heritage Society's booth at Good Old Days are Don Beals, Betty Aickelin, Darlene and John Billstrom, and Maryanne Spradling. It was a wonderful turn out despite the rain on Sunday. Lots of people stopped by the booth to chat and find if their house was in the large aerial photograph. Books were sold and new members signed up.

There are still books available, just drop by the Barn any Saturday between 1 – 4pm. Thanks to Linda and Guy Chaney, Craig Riddell, Marsha

Tarmina, Jeanie Anton, Roger and Rochelle Dolan, Ken Hinshaw, Steve Honegger, Peggy Schmidt and the five readers above for manning the booth on Saturday and Sunday.

The Economics of Historic Preservation

AMAP (The Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists) along with cosponsors, the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove and the City of Monterey, will conduct an informational forum on "The Economics of Historic Preservation." The keynote speaker will be Richard J. Roddewig, President of Clarion Associates, Inc, a

real estate and land use and zoning consulting firm. He is both an attorney-at-law and a real estate consultant/appraiser with national expertise in matters relating to land use, real estate economics and landmark preservation. A panel of local experienced practitioners will address the issue of "How Can the Disciplines Keep Costs Down." Mark your calendars for May 19, at the Monterey Conference Center's Ferrante Room, beginning at 10am and ending with a wine and appetizer reception at 4pm. For more information contact: Craig Riddell at (831) 646-0351.

"Jack London and the Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906"

The day that the earthquake hit San Francisco in 1906, Jack London and his wife Charmian felt the quake also, 40 miles north in Glen Ellen, and immediately took inventory of the damages on their property.

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From the hills of Sonoma, they could see the smoke from the City, and ventured south into the City where fires would rage for three long days. London and his wife took over 100 photos of the tragic event. A week later, *Collier's* magazine contacted London, requesting an article along with photos of the quake and firestorms.

The exhibit includes London's photos, the *Collier's* article and Charmian's diary of the quake and events following. On display at the California Historical Society through June 10, 2006, at 678 Mission St., San Francisco. (415) 357-1848

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