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Come again for our award winning Cemetery Tour presented October 17, 2009! Tours are offered every fifteen minutes from 10:00-11:30 am and then every half hour from 12:30-3:00 pm. Tickets are purchased for a specific tour and it is recommended to reserve your preferred time right away.

Make your reservations TODAY by filling out the order form at the end of this newsletter and send it along with your check to the historical society. Purchase tickets before October 13 for the discounted price of \$18.00 (adult price). Tickets will be \$20 the day of the tour. All tickets are non-refundable. Please visit our website at www.SantaAnaHistory.com for additional tour information and to download the order form, or contact us at tour@sahps.org or (714) 953-1876.



From the President

With the approach of our October Cemetery Tour, I'm reminded that the year will come to an end before we know it! Prior to the new year, the Society will send ballots to our members to vote for the 2010 Board of Directors.

Would you like to see your name on that ballot? The Society is eager to add people with new and fresh ideas and energy to our Board. Please chat with us at the Cemetery Tour or Open House, contact us by phone or email, or attend one of our Board meetings (we'll even feed you dinner!) We'd like to meet you so we can get to know each other and show you how rewarding volunteer work can be—as a Board Director, docent, or project assistant.

I recently heard some disturbing statistics about volunteerism; even though the number of people volunteering normally goes up slightly during economic downturns, this year volunteerism in the US has fallen. We like to hope that Orange County will help to reverse that trend!

What other job allows you to decide which projects you want to work on, how much time you want to spend working, how much of the organization's money you want to spend on what projects, or what hours you will work? Volunteering with the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society certainly has the 9-5 work world beat! (And did I mention the free dinners?) We look forward to meeting you.

Alison Young, President



A Legacy of Preservation since 1974.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society's newsletter is produced by the Society for its members and other friends. We are proud to say that the Society is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization with no paid staff members. All donations and memberships go directly to our education and preservation projects.



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Mysterious Dr. Willella Clipping Donation

The Society was thrilled recently to receive a donation of newspaper clippings about Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle, including a first-hand interview with the Doctor, and notices of her death and funeral. The articles are in fragile but readable condition and have been converted to digital files for use in our archives.

What surprised all of us was that while the envelope was addressed to us in beautiful handwriting, the clippings were mailed without a cover letter or identifying name! We send our heart-felt thanks to our anonymous benefactor in Murrieta for this wonderful donation.

Alison Young

Salvage Update

The Society has recently found itself back in the salvage business. The city has recently made eleven properties available for salvage, to make way for the Station District development that is currently in the preliminary planning stages (currently there is no design, or even concept to this project – a consultant has been engaged to develop this for the city).

The Society would like to see as many properties as possible preserved rather than salvaged, and is currently working with the city on this.

If salvage does commence, a variety of salvaged materials would become available, including: doors, windows, clawfoot tubs, picture rail, kitchen cabinets, china cabinets, various hardware, and other materials.

Until this process is completed (not to mention our Cemetery Tour) we are not planning any salvage sales, but you can contact us any time for a “personal sales experience”!

If you are interested in any of these, or other salvage materials that we might have available, please call Nathan Reed at (714)953-1876 or email at salvage@sahps.org and we will try to help you out.

Santa Ana Zoo Lecture

What’s new (and old) at the Santa Ana Zoo? Kent Yamaguchi, Director of the Santa Ana Zoo, will be the guest speaker at the Old Courthouse Museum Society’s annual meeting and luncheon. Yamaguchi will discuss the history of the zoo and he promises to bring along a small-furry friend! While in the building, stop by the first floor exhibit gallery to see a temporary exhibit on the history of the Santa Ana Zoo.

The annual meeting is held Wednesday, October 28 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm and is \$7 for lunch, although you are welcome to attend without purchasing lunch. Please call (714) 973-6610 for reservation information.



Henry Macres, founder of Macres Florist, is pictured in 1950 inside the flower shop on Main St. in Santa Ana, surrounded by some of his “wares.”

The store is still owned by the Macres family.
Photo courtesy of the Robert Geivet Collection, Old Orange County Courthouse Museum.

Check Us Out!

Watch for issues of the **944 Magazine** at your local shopping plaza, as the society and the Howe-Waffle House will be featured! Our very own Wayne Curl and Ray Poppa were interviewed so check it out! You can log on to www.944.com for more information.

Smithsonian Museum Day

The Smithsonian Museum Day Open House on September 26th (in place of the usual October Open House) was a huge success! Over a hundred people, many who had never visited before, toured the Howe-Waffle House. Our docents were kept busy with a constant stream of eager, interested families and individuals. All left with a little more knowledge and a big smile.

This is the second year the Howe-Waffle House has participated in the Smithsonian sponsored "Museum Day." The Old Orange County Courthouse also participated with free tours of the facility and a movie screening. With groups bouncing back and forth it was a busy day of history for all!



Edward Cochem posing daughter Adeline Walker (photo courtesy of the Santa Ana Library History Room)

Special Lecture

The historic Orange County Courthouse will be presenting "Picturing Orange County, 1920-1945: Edward Cochem's Scenic Photographs from the UC Irvine Libraries" on Thursday, November 19, beginning at 7pm.

Join us for a lecture by Michelle Light, Acting Head of the Special Collections and Archives at UC, Irvine, who will be showcasing Edward Cochem's photographs. Cochem was a prolific commercial photographer who captured many landscapes of Southern California, specifically

those in Orange County. He also took numerous portraits of local residents. Light will feature many unpublished, unique images from the collection. The lecture will be in conjunction with the current special exhibit "A.O. Carpenter: Photographer of the Mendocino Frontier" on view August 31 to December 31.

There will be a reception following the lecture. Please RSVP by calling (714) 973-6610.

Santa Ana High School War Memorial Plaques

Many will remember the atrocity that happened nearly a year ago: six brass plaques commemorating the war veterans of Santa Ana High School killed in combat were stolen, apparently for scrap. The community was outraged but the plaques were never returned.

Now the school has begun raising the approximately \$8,000 it will cost to replace the memorials. Thanks to a photograph of the plaques, the names of those honored have been preserved and can the memorial can be recreated.

The Plaque Replacement Committee has raised \$2500 as of September 17 (OC Register) but that's just the beginning. SAHPS has already sent our donations on to the cause, and we encourage you to as well! Don't let these thieves get away with stealing a vital piece of Santa Ana history!



Greenville Country Church is pictured here in the 1970s, but its history goes back 100 years earlier. Come to our 2009 Historical Cemetery Tour on Oct. 17 and learn about the history of this area and the people who lived there and worshipped at this church.

HRC Update

On October 1, 2009 the City of Santa Ana's Historic Resources Commission (HRC) will meet for the first time since January 2009 when almost all Committees and Commissions were suspended due to the budget crisis.

While the HRC was saved, largely thanks to the support of the community, the changes to the commission were significant, including: reducing regular meetings from monthly to quarterly; focusing the Commission's actions on those required by the city's Historic Resources Code; implementing a cost recovery fee for self-nominated historic properties (significantly increasing the cost for the homeowner); and limiting the number of Historic Property Preservation Agreements (Mills Act contracts) to 25 per year.

Committee members remain the same, including Chairman Phil Schaeffer and Vice Chair Jeff Dickman. We applaud the entire committee for their dedication and work toward historic preservation in our city.

New Sales Items

We have a few new books and a calendar in the SAHPS store!

"Pioneers in Blue and Gray: Civil War Veterans in Orange County" is author Gordon Bricken's expansion and updating of his award-winning "Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana," published a few years ago by the Society. Soft cover and 198 pages, the book is the most comprehensive book ever produced on the history of the civil war vets in the county. Gordon documents the early history of Orange County and the towns that grew up thanks to the thousands of families who came west looking for a better land and to start over.

The book includes biographies of some 280 men (both Union and Confederate). The book also includes tables showing the burial locations of so many of these brave pioneers. It is priced at \$35 and we're absorbing the sales tax. Shipping is \$6. Our first group of books is signed by the author.

"Knott's Berry Farm: The Early Years" is author Jay Jennings wonderful effort to document the early history of one of Orange County's

favorite attractions – particularly during those early years. He included over 200 rarely-seen images. The book is one of the Arcadia Publishing series of Images of America. The book is priced at \$23.75 (tax included). Shipping is \$5.

We also have the "Vanishing Orange County" book and 16-month 2010 calendar. These are written by Chris Epting and feature some great early images of Orange County. The book is available for \$21.75 and the calendar for \$14. Sales tax included. Shipping is \$5 for either the book or calendar.

If you order more than one item, the total shipping is just \$8 for first class/priority mail. You can mail a check to the Society or email Guy at sahps@sahps.org to have a PayPal invoice sent to you for online payment. You can also visit www.SantaAnaHistory.com/store.html to see what other books are available.

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*See the historic Howe-Waffle house
for my most recent work.*

Final Bits & Pieces

Speaking of websites, we're still big fans of Chris Jepsen's OC History "blog" site at <http://ochistorical.blogspot.com/>. Chris works at the OC Archives, is a board member with the OC Historical Society, and has been doing a history wonderful job documenting and sharing local and historical happenings on his blog site for over a year. If you haven't checked it out, you should. Lots of great local history and photos!

Upcoming Events

SAHPS Board Meeting: If you're interested in joining the board, or would just like to check us out, come to our next board meeting. This month it's a week early so we can prepare for the

Cemetery Tour. We'd be happy to see you!
Tuesday, October 13 6:30pm

Annual Cemetery Tour: Learn about the history behind well-known Orange County place names as we tour beautiful, historic Fairhaven Memorial Park: **Saturday, October 17 with tours starting between 10:00 – 3:00 pm.**

Santa Ana Zoo Lecture: Meet one of the zoo's furry residents and learn about the zoo's history during the Courthouse Museum Society's annual meeting: **Wednesday, October 28 from 11:45-1:00pm**

Downtown Walking Tour: Saturday, November 7 at 2:30 pm. Meet at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

Cochems Lecture: View iconic photographs of Orange County for Edward Cochems' collection at the Old Orange County Courthouse: **Thursday, November 19 beginning at 7:00 pm.**

Our Annual Holiday Open House for Members and Friends: Saturday, December 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm.

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Thank You!

(From our treasurer, Guy Ball)

We're all watching our budgets carefully these days and have to choose carefully how we spend money and who we support. SAHPS membership helps maintain and support the House, and let's us continue our various historical programs.

As we began this year, I was so gratified that so many of you renewed in these tough times – including some at our higher patron-levels.

It's time to consider renewing for 2010 (yes, we've almost gone through another year). If things are very tight, please at least renew at the lower levels. For 10+ years, we have offered a sliding range just for this very purpose. We didn't want anyone to feel "priced out" of membership. If you can offer more, please do. We can always put those funds to good use.

We so appreciate your membership. It's proof that you support all the good things we're doing. The Society doesn't have a paid staff - we'll all volunteers – many with families and full-time jobs and all the other responsibilities of life. Your membership reminds us that we're doing good things and that others care about the same things we do – the preservation and the celebration of local history. Thank you for your support!

Help us continue our efforts to preserve, to educate, and to celebrate Santa Ana and early local History

Renew or join at the \$100 level (or above) and receive a copy of Santa Ana: 1940-2007, Early Santa Ana, Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards, Logan Barrio, Civil War Legacy in SA, or Orange County Blossoms as a free gift as our thanks for your extra support.

Membership Dues: *Individual/Family - \$15-49; Business - \$20-100; Supporter - \$50-99; Patron - \$100-249; Benefactor - \$250-1,000;*

Enclosed is a check for (or charge) _____ for a _____ membership.
(If \$100 or over, please circle the book above that you would like us to send you.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Send to: Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, 120 Civic Center Dr. W., Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505



The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society
 Presents Its 12th Annual
HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR
Saturday, October 17, 2009
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Make your reservations TODAY as we reveal the hidden stories behind those Orange County names we take for granted.

Tickets \$20.00

Save by purchasing tickets in advance for \$18.00 (before October 13)

Reservations recommended to hold your preferred tour time.

Visit our website at www.SantaAnaHistory.com for additional tour information,
 or contact us at tour@sahps.org or (714) 953-1876.

*This event is produced in partnership with Orange County High School of the Arts Thespian Club
 and sponsored through the generosity of Fairhaven Memorial Park.*

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone : (day) ____/____/____ (evening) ____/____/____ E-Mail: _____

Pre-Sale Ticket Prices ____ x \$18 adult ____ x \$14 senior ____ x \$13 SAHPS member ____ x \$12 students (10+) Total \$ ____
(Children under 10 Free)

After 10/13/08 Prices ____ x \$20 adult ____ x \$16 senior ____ x \$16 SAHPS member ____ x \$14 students (10+) Total \$ ____

Enclosed is a [] check in the amount of \$ ____ or charge my [] Visa, [] Mastercard, or [] American Express
 Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ Name on card _____

Please mark your choices for tour start time with a “1”, “2”, or “3”. Unless notified, your first selection will be honored. If your choice is not available, you will be notified by phone or email of your assigned start time. **Tickets available the day of the tour at check-in.**

____ 10:00 am ____ 10:15 am ____ 10:30 am ____ 10:45 am ____ 11:00 am ____ 11:15 am ____ 11:30 am
 ____ 12:30 pm ____ 1:00 pm ____ 1:30 pm ____ 2:00 pm ____ 2:30 pm ____ 3:00 pm

Complete this portion of the flyer, make your check payable to SAHPS (or complete credit card information), and mail to:

SAHPS/Place Names Tour, 120 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505

Book Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City and Zip _____

Qty	Title (all prices include sales tax)	Price
	Santa Ana: 1940-2007 by Roberta Reed \$21.75	
	Early Santa Ana by Guy Ball, Marge Bitetti \$21.75	
	Orange (the City) by Phil Brigandi \$21.75	
	Vanishing Orange County by Chris Epting (NEW) \$21.75	
	Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana by Gordon Bricken \$14	
	Orange Crate Labels of Orange County by Alison Young \$14	
	Orange County Almanac of Historical Oddities by Jim Sleeper \$13.00	
Shipping – \$5 – flat rate, Priority mail shipping for entire order.		
Total		

If paying by credit card, please circle: Visa, Master Card, or American Express.

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