

Heritage Square Gazette

THE LADY BEHIND THE PRETTY CLOTHES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The New Year is here and that means our annual membership dues need to be sent before March 1. We expect to update our membership list on this basis. Please mail to Friends of Heritage Square, 715 S. A St. Oxnard, CA 93030 or bring it to the next meeting.

DUES: \$10.00 for active members \$25.00 for Sponsorships

Look for Paula's costume tips in the next issue of the Heritage Square Gazette!

You've seen her at the Square, but never in the same outfit. She's Paula Bass, one of our most devoted docents. Paula first came to the Square on a Christmas tour in 2004. Upon seeing our Victorian outfits, she immediately signed up. Her favorite part of being a docent is still dressing up in period costume, but she also enjoys working with all of the other volunteers here who dedicate themselves to the Square.

Paula grew up in West Virginia, near Pennsylvania, which is why she doesn't have a Southern accent. She attended WV University and became a pharmacist. After coming to California in 1991 she obtained a job with the American Pharmacists Assn, writing grants and developing partnerships.

Paula travels frequently for

business and also to visit family back east. Her favorite place to go is Long Beach, NC, a quiet beach town where her family has annual reunions.

Besides being a committed docent and having a full time career and travel schedule,



Paula has created a book of her favorite vintage fashions for her aunt in West Virginia who inspires her costume creativity.

Paula is also married to "a wonderful man named Jeff". He works for Amgen, is an avid bike rider and very involved in the Arthritis Foundation. Paula also finds time for her other volunteer passion. She has been a Big Sister to the same young lady for 12 years and is very active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, serving on their Board as well as the Friends of Heritage Square.

Paula inherits her love of costumes from her mom, who passed away just before she became a docent at HS. "I am using her wigs, gloves and jewelry now for my Heritage Square costumes, so she is living on through me".

Paula was awarded the annual Angel of the Year for 2009. Her mom would be so proud of her!

HELP WANTED:

Newsletter Articles Needed

- If you are interested in writing an article for the next issue of the newsletter, please call or e-mail me at:
- conniek22@roadrunner.com.
- We need interviews, news items, historical data, book reviews, Victorian tidbits, recipes, pictures, travel Reviews. You can also call me at 985-9424.
- Connie Korenstein, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KAY BRAINARD



Happy New Year! Looking ahead to events for 2010, our first order of business is to form committees.

We need your help with Museum Development, County Fair Display, Education for

Docents, School Tours, Recruitment, Newsletter, Field Trips, Gift Shop, and Christmas Tours.

If you cannot come to the meetings, call me and tell me how you want to help.

I am in the HS office on Wednesdays and Fridays. 483-7960

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Kay for all your hard work in 2009. We couldn't have done it without you!

FOHS REPRESENTED IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Raj Narula

The Narula family represented the Friends of Heritage Square at the annual Christmas Parade on December 5th. Following the parade theme of "A Story Book Christmas", the FOHS entry was "Alice in Motorland". Each one in the family portrayed a different character from the story. Riding in a black Ford 1920 flat-bed truck, Raj played the Mad Hatter and his daughter Adeline was the Rabbit. His wife, Karen, was the Queen of

Hearts, with their youngest, Lorelei, playing the part of Alice in a 1920's model T. Both cars were donated by the Murphy Auto museum. The Narula family had lots of fun and enjoyed being in the parade. The only drawback from the girls' point of view was that their cheeks were tired from smiling for 2 hours! Thank you to the Murphy Auto Museum and to the Narula family for their smiles and participation!



FIRST ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST

by Heather Behrens



1st Place Amateur winner was Kristin Shapiro, who spent over 46 hours on it!



1st place youth winner was Eloise Galbraith-Albutt.

During this year's 1st Annual Gingerbread House Decorating contest, presented by the FOHS, we had a gallery of entrants on display, all smelling of delicious gingerbread and yummy candy. We had a total of 16 entrees for our competition, with many different styles and skill levels, from professional to youth. (See pictures.) The public was invited to judge for their favorite, and an overwhelming number of votes went to our Amateur winner, Kristin Shapiro. We are looking forward to next year's contest and we know our mouths will be watering.



Below, 3rd place Amateur winning entry by Samantha Duran.



Architecturally Inspired:
Eiffel Tower: 2nd place amateur winner by Marilyn Corbin and The Carnegie Art Museum, winner of the Docent Award, by Lydia Galbraith-Albutt



Judges Harris Berger, Mary Anne Rooney, Magda Weydt and Aaron Sloan, with the first place professional entry from Siblings Bakery.

TASTE OF THE SEASON OFF TO A GREAT START!



Carol Puerto and Ginger Roth welcome guests to the Petit House with Couscous salad and mulled punch.

On December 6, The Friends of Heritage Square teamed up with La Dolce Vita Restaurant and Rancho Ventavo Cellars to offer the public a unique dining experience. Over 70 guests traveled among 6 different houses, where they were treated to gourmet bites and libations such as artichoke stuffed chicken, Cornish turkey cranberry pie, mulled claret and Bellini cocktails. At the final stop, guests enjoyed strawberries donated by the California Strawberry Commission, dipped in white and dark chocolate to the melodic tunes of harpist Vonette Yanaginuma. Many thanks to all the FOHS who helped make this event a success.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

BARBARA HILBURN
1 / 08

GARY BLUM
1 / 22

FRAN HRUSKA
1 / 25

CONNIE K
2 / 02

IVAN SANCHEZ
2 / 08

GERRY MURPHY
2 / 19

NEW OPPORTUNITY

By Diane Suskin

New for 2010 is a great opportunity to support the programs of the Friends of Heritage Square while reaping exciting benefits. For an annual donation of \$25, a FOHS sponsor would be entitled to: copies of the Heritage Square Gazette, advance notification of special events at the Square, including Elite Theatre, La Dolce Vita and Rancho Ventavo, a complimentary weekend docent-led tour or a discounted Holiday Tour ticket.

Proceeds from one such sponsorship would contribute towards funding projects such as: a third grade field trip or outreach program, mailing of newsletters and fliers for special events, fees for guest speakers, advertising and publicity for FOHS events, creating new touring opportunities at the Square. The goal of this plan is to encourage community participation and raise funds to enhance the

programs offered to the public. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a sponsor at this level or would like to be one yourself, please write your \$25 check to Friends of Heritage Square and mail to 715 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. In the memo line on the check, write SPONSOR, and on the back of the check, please write your e-mail address. Thank you.



Support is needed to purchase items such as this Victorian Santa Suit, modeled by Patrick Behrens, as he greeted tourists at the Square this year.

STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS TOURS

This year's theme throughout the city of Oxnard was "A Storybook Christmas", which was incorporated into our holiday activities through decorations, skits and a new tour script .

Story books that were depicted at the Square were: [Alice in Wonderland](#), [The Polar Express](#), [A Christmas Story](#), [The Gingerbread Man](#) and [The Wizard of Oz](#).

The Perkins house was all decked out as the Gingerbread house with a giant cookie escaping from the vintage oven and gingerbread houses on display. The Queen of Hearts reigned supreme over the tree in the Hartveld house, on tour for the first time this year. The Rancho Ventavo Wine tasting room at the Scarlett house got into the spirit by displaying the "12 Wines of Christmas".

Guests enjoyed 3 live actor vignettes, written and directed by Coordinator Linda Livingston, and learning about different Victorian Christmas traditions in each house. Music was provided by Sam the Piano Man, The Harmony Channel, Endless Harmony and the Channel Islands Clippers. If you missed this year's tour, be sure to participate next year!



Debbie Hardin, Riley Behrens and Kaylee Ruiz shared Victorian Christmas traditions with guests in the Gingerbread House (AKA Perkins).

**FRIENDS OF
HERITAGE
SQUARE**

Next Meeting

February 9, 2010

Heritage Square Hall

4:00 : Refreshments and Conversation

4:30 : Business Meeting

5:00 Guest Speaker: Linda Livingston

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE SQUARE

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On February 18, 2010, we had a new group of student visitors at the Square for a school tour. Ms. Soto of Pacifica High School brought her class of 7 special needs students, along with several adult chaperones, on a local Gold Coast Transit bus. They were given a house tour and had the opportunity to experience a slice of early Oxnard farming life with hands-on activities. This included making butter, playing with pioneer toys and making predictions about everyday household items that are no longer used

today. Ms. Soto prepared her students with the vocabulary and history that they needed to enjoy their day at Heritage Square.



Students demonstrated their knowledge of architectural terms by "hugging" the columns on Miss Puntenney's Piano house.

When asked what they liked best, students' responses varied from the clothes, the houses and the butter making experience. Ms. Soto was happy to see her students applying their classroom learning when they got to the Square, identifying such architectural features as the witch's cap. "They are so happy to be here!" she stated. After the tour at the Square, the students walked to Plaza Park for lunch and Farmer's Market. We hope to see them back at the Square with their families!

Have you paid your 2010 dues? In order to continue receiving this newsletter, please mail today!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kay Brainard, President of the Friends of Heritage Square, works at the Square in the California Welcome Center on Wednesdays and Fridays. Stop by and talk to Kay or call her. 483-7960

With so many different activities at Heritage Square, there are a variety of ways that you can help out in the next few months. If you cannot be an active volunteer but want to support the activities at the Square, you can sign up to become a **Supporting Member of FOHS**. You'll get advance information on concerts and other programs. Supporting Members are invited to join

us on field trips and will receive the newsletter. You can also help by delivering flyers to 3rd grade teachers for our **school programs**, designing the **County Fair display** or redesigning the **exhibits** in the Hall and Perkins house. Call 483-7960 for more info. The **Gift Shop** Committee has announced that Oxnard Raspberry Jam will soon be delivered to the Gift shop.

Have you browsed the Gift Shop lately? Additional help is needed with **weekend tours**. I strongly urge anyone who can give tours to sign up for one shift each month on Saturdays 10-1 or 1-4 or Sundays 1-4. This will ease the burden for those few people who are giving tours several times a month. Thank you!
Kay

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN CHRISTMAS!

by Heather Behrens

The committee has already met for the 2010 holiday season events at the Square. This year's celebrations will start off with the Second Annual Gingerbread House Contest, with judging on Thursday Dec. 2nd for the People's Choice and Special Docent Awards. Entries will be on display running through Dec. 19th.

On December 9th, several restaurants of downtown Oxnard will be featured during the Friends of Heritage Square's holiday progressive dinner. The event will highlight the elegantly decorated homes of the Square. Attendees will taste the holiday flavors, sample wines of the season and maybe even a brew or two.

We spend so much time preparing for The Victorian House Tours, that we've decided to make the event a month-long activity during the Saturday (10am-4pm) and Sunday (1-4pm) tours, December 4th through December 19th. Two docents will be scheduled per shift, tours on the hour, for a total of 6 days. Cost for tours will be \$3 per person.



Sample of new pictures taken by Stephen Schafer. See more on the website.

www.heritagesquareoxnard.com



PAULA'S COSTUME CORNER Confessions of a Pack Rat

I really like to treasure hunt at Thrift stores and on e-bay, looking for things that are unique. When I find something, I think about how I can make it part of an outfit for Heritage Square. Sometimes the skirt will be too short, so I have a couple of basic black and white slips and a dress with fringe on the bottom that I use underneath garments that are too short to make them

look longer. It is amazing what a pair of gloves, boots, and hat will do to make an outfit look Victorian. I would suggest investing in a pair of Victorian looking boots. You can take just about any hat and add a lot of stuff to it (flowers, birds, ribbon, netting or fabric) and you have a Victorian hat. When I go to Thrift stores, I often look for anything with lace on it, jackets that are short, or

long full skirts. They can often be converted into something that looks Victorian fairly easily. Gunne Sax dresses are great for Victorian. You can find them on ebay or at Thrift stores. Old bridesmaid dresses can often be altered to look Victorian. A crinoline or two are also good to have on hand and can be found at Thrift stores. They can make a normal long skirt look Victorian.

MUST SEE! THE YOUNG VICTORIA

by Connie Korenstein

It's Oscar Season and if your goal is to see all of the nominated films, this is one you will not want to miss. This movie is nominated for all our favorite Oscars: Art Direction, Costume Design and Makeup. Emily Blunt received Golden Globe nominations for Best Actress. Per the website, the movie "sets out to revise the widely held picture of Queen

Victoria as an elderly woman dressed in black with a handkerchief on her head". Beginning with her childhood, as a sheltered and overprotected girl who was not allowed to walk down the stairs by herself, the film explores her romance with Prince Albert, with whom she eventually had 9 children before he died at age 42. The costumes and sets are out-

standing and well researched. To see pictures, descriptions and comments by the costume designer, Sandy Powell, go to the website:

www.theyoungvictoriamovie.com.

You'll find information there on fabrics, men's wear and Victoria's actual dresses, which were used as models for the costumes.



Emily Blunt as young Victoria with her dashing Prince Albert, played by Rupert Friend.

HAVE A DELICIOUS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WITH THIS AUTHENTIC IRISH RECIPE

Irish Coffee Muffins

1 egg, beaten.
 2 cups of flour.
 ½ cup of sugar.
 ½ cup of melted butter.
 ½ cup of heavy cream, unwhipped.
 ¼ cup of coffee liqueur.
 ¼ cup of Irish whiskey.
 1 tablespoon of baking powder.
 ½ teaspoon of salt.
 Preheat your oven to 400°F
 Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.
 Stir in the remaining ingredients, until moistened.
 Fill paper-lined muffin tins full.
 Bake in your oven for 20 minutes.



Saint Patrick's Day Trivia

Did you know?

- St. Patrick is famous for driving the snakes out of Ireland. This is really a metaphor for driving out the pagans.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the USA was in New York in 1737.
- This was originally a religious holiday, a time to attend mass. In fact, until 1995, pubs in Ireland were legally closed on St. Patrick's Day!
- The Chicago River is really dyed green every year on St. Pat's day!

FOHS FIELD TRIP

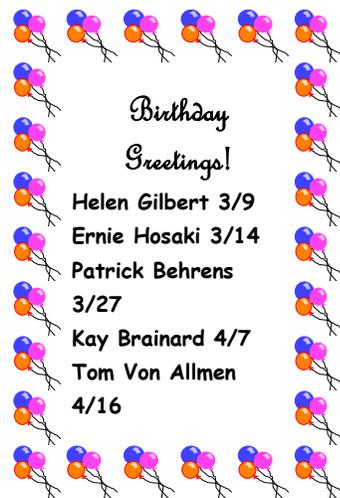
Depression Glass ... And So Much More!

By Diane Suskin

On Saturday, February 20, a group of 7 Friends of Heritage Square met at the home of Tom Deckrow to see his collection of Depression glass, antique leaded glass windows and other antiques. We were welcomed into Mr. Deckrow's home, where we were immediately transported into a boutique-like space filled with collectibles. It is amazing how, despite all of the beautifully displayed artifacts (There are hundreds of them!) there is no clutter. Everything is arranged to show off the individual beauty of the pieces. The largest collection seemed to be the depression era glassware, which was displayed in each room. On top of an antique armoire, there was a beautiful collection of cups and saucers in every color made during the depression.

In the dining room, the round dinner table was laid with a complete set of green depression glassware, including plates in various sizes, cups, saucers, drinking glasses and serving pieces. There are other collectible plates hanging on the walls that his wife picked up during their many trips throughout the U.S. Another interesting collection he has is that of rare leaded glass windows that he has acquired over the years and then cut and framed to hang. There are large ones and small ones throughout the house. Some hang from the ceiling, one large one on a wall, and some are framed within doors, but all are beautiful. There are also cabinets displaying unusual small collectible items throughout the house and everything is lighted to en-

hance the experience. Even the kitchen has an eclectic collection of antique utensils hanging on one wall. Lovely glass doorknobs and drawer pulls abound and everywhere you look there is something to catch your eye. Thank you, Tom Deckrow for your generous hospitality!



NEXT FIELD TRIP

The next field trip is now being planned to the Mission Inn and Bettner House Museum in Riverside. Space is limited to act quickly to reserve your spot!

- Saturday, 4/17/10
- 8:00-5:30
- \$35.00 per person for FOHS members includes: transportation, lunch and museum admission.
- \$50.00 non-members

Contact Gary for more information:
garyaths@aol.com

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S
A T H E R I T A G E
S Q U A R E

March 1 Friends of Heritage Square Dues are Due! *In order to continue receiving this newsletter, please submit your dues .*

March 9 FOHS Meeting

Special Guest Speaker: Glenda Jackson, author of Ventura: Then & Now. She will also be at Barnes and Nobel on March 6 for a book signing to share research methods.

May 16 Fashion Show

Call Paula Bass to help out.

Rancho Ventavo Wine Cellars

Tasting Room Open Fri-Sun 11-6

3/5 First Fridays 6-7:30

3/27 Girls Night 6-7:30

www.rvcellars.com

La Dolce Vita Restaurant

Check the website for exciting and tasty cooking classes and other events. www.theldv.com

The Elite Theatre Company

February 19 - March 28

The Sunshine Boys

Comedy by Neil Simon

Directed by Bob Decker

Al Lewis and Willie Clark played vaudeville as a team for forty-three years, but mutual dislike has kept them far apart for the last eleven years. Now CBS wants them to appear in History of Comedy and their reunion sparks delirious comedy. It's ham on wry!



For info on this show and new season subscriptions, call 805-483-5118 or www.elitetheatre.org

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GET READY FOR SUMMER CONCERTS

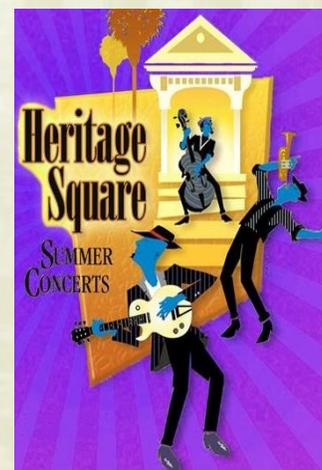
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Celebrating over 17 years, Oxnard's favorite summer-time tradition has been the City of Oxnard's Heritage Square Summer Concerts. The series runs mid June through mid August from 6PM-8PM. The Friday night concerts are one of the best places to hear live music, with entertainment to suit every musical preference. Styles range from reggae to swing and from country to rock and roll. Table seating is available by reservation at \$40-\$60 per table. General admission plaza seats are \$5, and limited lawn seating is free! The concerts are sponsored by the City of Oxnard and community businesses.

Here's the line up of this season's musicians.

- 6/11 Nuestro, Latin Jazz
- 6/18 House Arrest, 60's-80's Dance
- 6/25 Tony Ybarra, Flamenco Latino
- 7/2 Spice, R & B Latin & Jazz
- 7/9 "1969" A Woodstock Tribute
- 7/16 Acadiana , Cajun 'n Zydeco
- 7/23 Chico, Salsa to Swing
- 7/30 Myst, Classic Rock & Rock Espanol
- 8/6 Cuppa Joe, 60's & 70's Classics
- 8/13 Soul City Survivors, Hot Buttered Soul



Get out your dancing shoes and come on down to Heritage Square!

Volunteers are always needed during the concerts, call to sign up.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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I'd like to welcome Heather-Behrens back as our Docent Coordinator. She is known by most of you for her previous volunteer work such as organizing the Gingerbread Contest. She was also the Coordinator in 2005- 2006.

If you missed the last meeting you missed a great speaker on Antique toys. Paula Bass has found some very interesting speakers for monthly meetings. The next

few month's speakers are listed in this newsletter. You won't want to miss them!

As always, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities coming up. We will be needing your help at the concerts and at the Salsa Festival at the end of July. Call the office or sign up at the next meeting.

A great number of teachers have called requesting tours and outreach presentations.

Even if you haven't given a school tour, you can volunteer. Call me if you can help on Fridays or during the week.

I am pleased to announce that we will begin a training session for new docents and volunteers from May 1-15. Please help spread the word to potential docents and volunteers.

Kay

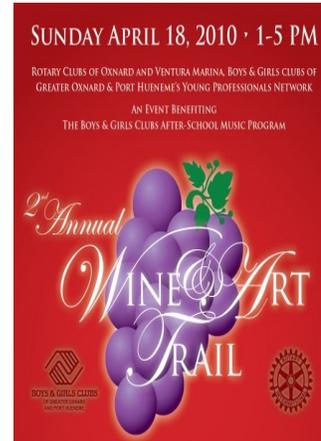
Next
Victorian
Holiday
Tours
meeting:
MAY 18
1:30
Everyone
invited!

WINE AND ART TRAIL STARTS AND ENDS AT THE SQUARE

Last Sunday, April 18, the FOHS had a wonderful opportunity to share our love for the Square and educate more of the public. The Oxnard Rotary and Rotary Marina along with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oxnard and presented the **Second Annual Wine and Art Trail—Rediscovering Downtown Oxnard**, a benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs After-School Music Program. Over a hundred people were here, enjoying the weather and the

ambiance of our beautiful setting. The event started at Heritage Square and featured a five-stop walking tour, tasting local wines, food offerings and artists' exhibits at each location. At the conclusion, participants returned to the Square to hear the Boys and Girls Club "Voices of Hope" choir. Throughout the afternoon, docents Paula and Connie gave tours and mingled with participants. It was a perfect day for such an event and

Heritage Square provided the perfect venue!



Paula added length to this yellow dress by wearing another thin dress underneath. You can do this with a skirt also.

VICTORIAN FASHION SHOW

On Sunday, May 16, the Ventura County Professional Women's Network will present a new event at the Square. Starting at 2:15 PM at La Dolce Vita Restaurant, the event will include wine tasting, delicious hors d'oeuvres and the FOHS Fashion Show from 3:00 to 4:00.

Tickets are \$29.00 each or two for \$55.00. What a great Mother's Day gift this would be!

For ticket information call Mary Gabriels at 248-0598 or e-mail meertje_g2000@yahoo.com. Tickets are limited, so call soon.

WINE, CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE TOURS

The California Welcome Center, which sponsors these tours, will now include the price of a brief tour of Heritage Square in the cost. Docents on Saturday and Sunday must be prepared to give a 15 to 20 minute tour. The modified script is attached to the week-end schedule in the office. The groups arrive at the Square at approximately 11:30

for wine tasting at Rancho Ventavo Cellars, and then have lunch at La Dolce Vita Restaurant. At 12:30 the docent will start the brief tour of Heritage Square. Sunday docents will need to arrive about 45 minutes early if a tour is scheduled. Docents will be notified if so.

ELITE THEATRE PRESENTS THE PENNY ROYAL PLAYERS

The Pennyroyal Players, who travel California, will bring you "Piecin' It Together" —lively and touching musical portraits about those who settled the American West. This fundraising event will be held one day only on Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m. in Heritage Square Hall. Through story and song, "Piecin' It Together" reveals the humor and hardships of pioneering life. Admission is \$18 advanced/\$20 at the door. Call 483-5118 or www.elitetheatre.org.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS AT FOHS MEETINGS

Don't Miss Out!

We have some exciting speakers coming to our docent meetings in the next few months. Make sure to mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month. Social hour begins at 4:00, with the meeting at 4:30 and the guest speaker at 5:00. These meetings are open to the public, so bring a friend!

May 11: Cynthia Thompson, local historian, will bring stories of individuals who helped shape Ventura County history in her presentation entitled **"Ivy Lawn Cemetery (Memorial Park): The Place and Its People**. The cemetery is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Her talk will include a history of Ivy Lawn and an overview of the landscape and architectural significance of Ivy Lawn, with particular focus on the place and its people.

June 8 : "Putting History in the Mystery" by Lynn Weitzel. You've probably seen one of Lynn's wildly entertaining audience participation mysteries at the Dudley house, where we have enjoyed their annual dinner theatre fundraisers. After many years as a freelance writer and publishing over 100 articles and 8 plays, Lynn will talk about the true local murders that inspired her plays and how she goes about putting history in the mystery. Lynn is a member of the Dudley House Speakers Bureau.

July 13: From City Dump by Karen Waln. Coming from the Public Works Department of Ventura, Karen will speak about the history of the Ventura Harbor and bird refuge, how it came about and how it is sustained today. Man thanks to Paula Bass for organizing these speakers for our meetings.

FOHS FIELD TRIP: RIVERSIDE ADVENTURES

By Flora Bea Stratas

On April 17, thirteen FOHS members drove to Riverside for a full day of touring the Mission Inn and the Bettner House. The Mission Inn began as a two story, 12 room adobe boarding house, built in 1876 by Christopher Columbus Miller. In 1880, Miller's son, Frank, purchased the property from his father for \$5000. In 1902 he built a 4 story U shaped hotel enclosing a courtyard. Over the next 30 years, Frank added 3 more wings to the Inn, completed in 1931. There was never a mission on this land. The hotel's

name came from the architectural style. Frank died in 1935 and the Mission Inn began a slow decline. Palm Springs became the tourist spot. The family sold the Inn in 1956 and many owners occupied it for the next 20 years. In 1976, the Riverside Redevelopment Agency purchased the Inn, but it wasn't until 1992 that the Mission Inn was reopened to the public. In the hotel lobby are portraits of many US Presidents who have visited the Inn, notably Harrison, Teddy Roosevelt, Gerald Ford, Ronald

Reagan, (who spent his second honeymoon here), George Bush and Richard Nixon (who played here as a child and was married in the Presidential Room in the Inn). The Inn has 4 levels and 265 rooms. After this grand tour, we had a delicious buffet on the patio of the Inn. Everyone agreed that the food was GREAT! Our next tour stop was the Bettner House, also known as The Heritage House. Built in 1891, the house is a Queen Ann with 4000 sq. ft and Eastlake style furniture. There are six fireplaces, beautifully tiled. We visited many of the rooms in the house. Our guide gave us so much information that you really have to visit the house to appreciate it. It is open from September to June, Friday - Sunday, but closed in July & August. On the return trip, we all appreciated Andre, who has had much experience driving in Europe, as he maneuvered the rented van safely back to Oxnard.





May Birthday Greetings!

5/9 Omar Sanchez
 5/13 Pat Supko
 5/14 Kelley Nolan
 5/24 Diane Suskin
 5/31 Carol Puerto

Best Wishes to All!

New Volunteer and Docent Training will begin **May 1st** at **Heritage Square from 10 to 2**. There will be four sessions, May 1, 8, 15, and 22. Call the office to register. 483-7960. Please tell your friends about the great experiences we share as volunteers and docents at Heritage Square. We need your help to recruit new members.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HERITAGE SQUARE

May 1 New Docent Training starts
May 11 General FOHS Meeting
May 13–June 11 School Tours/Outreaches Every Friday
May 16 Fashion Show
May 18 Victorian Holiday Tours Meeting
June 8 General FOHS Meeting
June 11– August 13 Friday Summer Concerts
June 13 “Piecin It Together” Performance

SCHOOL TOURS AND OUTREACH

Many requests have come in for School Tours or outreaches. Most of them are on Friday mornings. If you haven't been trained in school tours, you can still participate. Come and observe a school program, then help out on the next one. Call to sign up. This is a very rewarding experience.

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The Elite Theatre Company

American Right

April 23 - May 30

483-5118

Political Mystery by Tom Eubanks

When a professor goes missing, detectives investigate his colleague. During the course of the interrogations, the mysterious disappearance becomes a battle of political will and wits to get to the truth.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE CALL KAY 483-7960.

PERKINS DINING ROOM OVER-MANTLE RETURNS AFTER 20 YEARS

With the recent departure of the Christian Science Reading Room from the Perkins house, the Friends of Heritage Square were concerned about the ability to still provide interior tours of this grand space.

No worries for us now with the recent signing of a new lease with building owner Al Barkley and the move in of Mike Tabbara of **Tabbara Corporation**. Mike moved in on Easter weekend and not only is excited about being at Heritage Square but of the opportunity to share the space with the Tour Program. Helen Gilbert was Mike's first tour docent with her Easter tour entourage (nearly 40 guests on Easter Sunday) that went through the newly appointed space.

The added bonus is that Mike and his wife have gladly accepted the Dining Room Over-mantle that was reinstalled on the N/E wall where it had once been since 1885, although in storage and moved around a few times for past twenty years. Now on your tours you will not have to refer the Over-mantle in another location but where it is supposed to be. Maybe someday we can find a craftsman to reproduce the lower mantle and the dining room will be completely restored. Thank you to property owner Al and Rebecca Barkley and new Heritage Square business Mike Tabarra of **Tabbara Corporation**.



Gary Blum
Site Manager, Heritage Square

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FASHION FUN AT THE SQUARE

Volunteer Opportunities

Please help!

- Office help Tues/Thurs
- Weekday Group Tours
- Salsa Festival July 24-25
- County Fair Display

Please call Kay if you can help.

483-7960

Thank you!

On May 16, FOHS had the opportunity to show off our Victorian finery with a special fashion show created for the Ventura County Professional Women's Network. The event included wine tastings from Rancho Ventavo Cellars and hors d'oeuvres from La Dolce Vita, as well as boutique shopping—truly a "ladies day"! With a historically accurate script of fashion details,



modeled authentic antique dresses. Several "Victorian whites" from Connie Korenstein's vintage collection were on display as well. On hand to help with hooks and eyes, petticoats, brooches and last minute unexpected changes were Flora Bea Stratas, Ernie Hosaki and Sue Dirrim. A new FOHS publication featuring all of the elegant outfits or the day will be available soon.



written by Paula Bass and narrated by Diane Suskin, eleven elegant FOHS models cut up the runway of the Perkins stairs in 20 different ensembles, complete with lace gloves, matching hats and jewelry. In addition to FOHS docents, Madison and Riley Behrens modeled children's wear, and Sean Marie Case



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kay Brainard is at Heritage Square in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 until 4:00. You can reach her at 483-7960.

Congratulations to the New Docents who just completed training, Consuelo Macias, Maria Macias, Debby Longenbaugh, and Diana Carl. They will be welcomed and honored as Graduates on July 8, at the general meeting. We have several events coming up and ways in which you can help out at the Square. During the month of July, Heather Behrens, our Docent Coordinator will not be in the office. We need help covering the

office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are six group tours of 25 or more people scheduled. I am thrilled at the prospect of bringing more people to the Square but we need help. If you are free to give tours during the week, please call the office to let us know. Each year we design a display for the County Fair depicting Heritage Square. We need some people to help design and make the shadow box by the first week in August.

Thank you for helping at Summer Concerts. Everyone who worked the summer concerts is invited to a Potluck dinner on August 20th, 6 p.m. in the Rose Garden. Barbeque Tri tip and ham will be provided. Please sign up for salads, appetizers, or desserts at the meeting. The 2010 FOHS Directory is now available. If you didn't make it to the July meeting, stop by the office and come pick up your copy.

SCHOOL TOURS BLOSSOM AND GROW!



Docents Angela Whitecomb and Kay Brainard look on while a student makes a prediction about how a household object was used 100 years ago. Students dress up in period costumes during this part of the tour.

In only four weeks time, from May 14 through June 15, FOHS docents provided 12 school programs at 8 different schools. Over 550 third graders learned about the homes and people of Heritage Square and life in early Oxnard through our school tours and outreach programs. Next year we hope that teachers contact us sooner in the school year to participate in our programs so that we can accommodate all requests. Working in the school programs is a very rewarding experience for

our docents. Students are excited and enthusiastic about the interactive tour at the Square and the hands-on experiences, like dressing up, playing with old time toys and making butter from cream, like the farmers did. For the outreach programs, we bring the history of our city to the classrooms with a story about the Kaufman family. Daughters Caroline and Frances, married Louis Pfeiler and Justin Petit, whose homes are both now at Heritage Square.

This year, a new program was piloted at Soria School. A traveling Oxnard History Museum was set up outside, with 8 stations, manned by parent volunteers. Students rotated to each station and had fun while learning about the early days of our city.

If you would like to be involved in school programs next year, please let Heather know so she can include you, or call Connie for a quick training on how to survive third graders and keep smiling.

OXNARD THIRD GRADERS AND THEIR TEACHERS SHOW APPRECIATION OF HS PROGRAMS

Third grade is the time for California students to learn the history of their community and how to write letters. Ramona students wrote:

- ◆ I liked the old toys, they are more fun than the toys of today.
- ◆ I still remember what you taught us about columns, witch's cap, porch, eyebrow window and the history of Oxnard.
- ◆ I liked the butter with crackers and playing with the toys.
- ◆ My favorite part was dressing up with a dress of flowers.
- ◆ Thank you for taking my class back in time to 1903.
- ◆ My favorite part was the Petit House because it had 7 bedrooms.

Student comments after the museum at Soria School:

- ◆ My favorite station was Oxnopoly because we got to solve questions about Oxnard History.
- ◆ I can't believe jump rope has been around so long!
- ◆ I liked the artifacts because they were very interesting.
- ◆ Number 5 was my favorite station because I like being challenged.
- ◆ Without you, we wouldn't have had any fun that day!

Teachers also gave their feedback on school programs:

- ◆ The children were very responsive and learned about their local history with your interactive presentation.
- ◆ The students enjoyed handling and guessing the use of historical items.
- ◆ Very knowledgeable docent!
- ◆ They were involved in all parts of the presentation. The interaction was the best part!
- ◆ The best part of the Heritage Square experience was seeing how interested my students were.
- ◆ We want to come back next year!



Ms. Garza's third graders from Ramona School.

The Heritage Square School programs were designed on the basis of this old Chinese proverb:

*Tell me I forget
Show me I remember
Involve me I understand.*

BIG BASH FOR PAGODA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

July 3, 2010 Approximately 400 people assembled for the celebration of 100 years of the Oxnard Pagoda. There were speeches, birthday cake, activity booths, music and tours of the pagoda by Yours Truly. Before giving the tours, I researched, using Jeff Maulhardt's book, The Oxnard Pagoda: A Community



Gathering Place, and an interview with Gary Blum to uncover the story of the pagoda. I found that July 4th has long been an important day in pagoda history.

1898 City Planners Plaza Park was part of the original city plan developed by the Colonia Development Co., headed by Major James Driffill. It was described as a 1200 ft park in the center of town with 8 pathways leading to center circle, surrounded by grass and trees, with hitching posts around the perimeter.

Over the next ten years, important buildings sprung up around the park, like the Carnegie Library, Masonic Temple, Bank of Oxnard, Bank of A. Levy, Poggi's Drugstore, Press Courier, Opera House, Hotel Oxnard, Lagomarsino's Bar and Charles Rowe Stable.

In 1908 Plaza Park was sold to the City of Oxnard and progress continued. 5th Street was paved and downtown was electrified. The city decided to upgrade the park with a budget of \$3,000. Landscape architect Wm. Cook was hired to create a plan to include a water tank over the well in the center of park, an irrigation system, **some sort of a structure**, nine 5 globe electric lampposts, sidewalks on the perimeter and new grass and shrubbery.



The plan was to be completed by **July 4, 1910** for the "most gigantic 4th of July Celebration ever developed in Ventura County".

Twenty-one year old architect Alfred Priest was asked to design the structure to house the water pump, in February, 1910. He had already been involved in other redevelopment projects in downtown. Redevelopment seems strange when the city was still so new, but in 1898 when the Sugar Beet factory was built many temporary buildings were moved to Oxnard or constructed in a hurry. Priest designed brick buildings to replace them, including a fire station, businesses and residences. He also designed the original brick EP Foster Library and 13 other buildings in Ventura County.

Priest submitted a plan for the octagonal structure to house the water pump and to provide a shaded area for benches. Another goal was to beautiful the park in the "Biggest Little City on the Coast" and get ready for the big 4th of July bash. The design for the pagoda was in the California Bungalow/Craftsman style, as can be seen in its Asian influence.

The contractor was Thomas Carroll, who had also built the interior of the Santa Clara Church in 1904 and the Carnegie Library 1906. His bid was for \$1,215 and he had 40 days to complete the project. He needed to post a bond to get the job, which was done by Justin Petit. The base was made of cement, 10 feet tall with a wooden frame of redwood and a galvanized metal Spanish tile roof, totaling 25 feet high.

There were originally benches all around the pagoda. The posts around the base of the octagon were the arm rests for the benches.

July 4, 1910 The Pagoda was completed in time, but a fence was put up around the park to protect the newly planted grass and shrubbery. Therefore the celebration events did not actually take place in the park or at the Pagoda, but around it, on 5th Street. There was a parade with 22 floats and 200 decorated cars, a barbeque, bands and speeches; not unlike the recent

event on July 3, 2010 to celebrate the 100th birthday. Six thousand people attended, from all over the county, which is more than the total population of Oxnard back then! The 2nd place float winner was American Sugar Company, which had a mini factory made out of sugar cubes.

1911: Remodel The city budgeted \$300 to raise the roof, add a stairway and build a second floor for a bandstand. Thomas Carroll bid \$745 and started construction again, to be completed by ... guess when?... **July 4th 1911!** Since it wasn't completed, many people went to Fillmore for the July 4th celebration. The first concert in the pagoda was on August 5, 1911. The Oxnard Military Band was formed in 1910, funded by the city at \$15/month, later increased to \$80/month in November 1911. The band lasted about 3 years. From 1911-1920 many other bands played in the Pagoda, then less often over the years through the 50's and 60's, including the Salvation Army Band, The Tony Avila Band (Later in the 70's Tony Avila Jr. and Angel Estrada created the Estrada Brothers Band). In 1947 Arthur Henson came to town. He led both the Parks and Rec band and the choir of Latter Day Saints in concerts at the pagoda. He opened a music store which is still on Third Street today, as well as locations in Camarillo and Ventura.

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SUMMER CONCERTS SIZZLE!



Above, County Supervisor Zaragoza and form Oxnard mayor Lopez. Below, Rabobank sponsor Virginia Espinoza with guests on Petit porch.



If you have not been at the Square on Friday nights, you've missed some terrific concerts! Beginning on July 11 we enjoyed the latin jazz of Nuestro on an unseasonably warm evening. On June 18, the crowd rocked and rolled to House Arrest, dancing in the aisles. Next up Tony Ybarra mellowed out the audience with his unique flamenco latino guitar, On July 2, the kick-off concert to the big Fourth of July weekend, the crowd was swinging again, with Spice, to their cool sounds of R & B and Jazz. It was a festive night for boomers of all ages on July 9 with the retro sounds of Woodstock.

There are 6 more concerts left, with the July 23 concert located at Plaza Park to celebrate Salsa Festival weekend.

Here's the final line up:

- 7/16 Acadiana ,Cajun 'n Zydeco
- 7/23 Chico, Salsa to Swing
- 7/30 Myst, Classic Rock & Rock Espanol
- 8/6 Cuppa Joe, 60's & 70's Classics
- 8/13 Soul City Survivors, Hot Buttered Soul

So remember: Be there or be Square!

PAGODA, continued

Survival: They tried, but they couldn't knock it down! There were many attempts to get rid of the pagoda, mostly in order to open up the park so 5th Street could go through it. In 1928 City Council took a "straw vote" to open the park and replace the pagoda with a fountain, but the vote was NO. Then in 1949, the Oxnard Lions Club held a contest to design a water fountain to replace the pagoda. The contest was dropped for legal reasons. In 1962 The Press Courier ran a campaign to paint the pagoda. "Oxnard's Pagoda, alas, serves no useful purpose. It has no appeal to visitors...It is a reminder of the dead days of the past... It may be painted green, or blue or all the colors of the rainbow, but it will never be beautiful". Letters from the public arrived in favor of the pagoda.

In 1972 there was a firebomb at the pagoda and in 1974 City Council talked of moving it again, but was defeated by public outcry.

The Pagoda Restoration Project began in 1997, spearheaded by Gary Blum, whose great grandfather posted the bond for Thomas Carroll, the original contractor! The Downtown Oxnard Merchants Association raised \$8,000 for the restoration and the city funded the rest, totaling more than \$130,000. Improvements included replacing the metal roof tiles with copper, retrofitting for earthquake safety, new electrical and new paint colors, chosen to accent the architectural features, suggested by the same color consultant used at Heritage Square.

July 3, 2010 When people came to tour the pagoda, they were able to go inside, but not upstairs. There, they could see the original concrete base, with visible lines of the wooden mold in which the concrete was poured, original redwood octagonal frame in the ceiling, the pipe to the original well, and the spiral staircase to the bandstand, as well as new improvements from the restoration. It was interesting to note that the irrigation control for the entire park is still housed in the pagoda, taking up much less space than the original pump over the well.

What's next? Some people remember the benches that were at the base of the pagoda. Providing a place to sit in the shade was one of the original purposes for building the structure back in 1910. This observer of history would love to see the benches restored to the pagoda by maybe...July 4th, 2011? Stay tuned for next year's celebration!



Yours Truly on tour of the pagoda, July 3, 2010



Mayor Tom Holden and Michelle Kenney of La Dolce Vita Restaurant cut the miniature pagoda cake created by "A Little Piece of Heaven" Bakery.

Heritage Square Gazette

Connie Korenstein, Editor

THE LAST DANCE OF SUMMER

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

• **Sunday, Sept 26**
FIRST PRIORITY

8 Tour Docents needed at the Square for wine tasting tours 10-1 and 1-4

Please call the office to sign up. 483-7960.

All HS tour docents receive free tickets to AHT and invitation to post party.

• **Sunday, Sept 26**

Autumn Home Tours
www.oxnardhistoricaldistrict.com
Docents needed in houses and other jobs.

• **Sunday, Oct. 3**

Octoberfest at the Farm Park
House Tours 1-3 and 3-5
E-mail:
jeffmohart@aol.com

Friday, August 20 was the evening of the final concert and supper club presented by La Dolce Vita. At the same time, the FOHS were enjoying the concert as well, in the Rose Garden, at the docent appreciation party.



The 18 piece Ventura Jazz Orchestra played Big Band music from the Swing Era while LDV staff expertly served up an elegant 5 course dinner in the style of Little Italy with recipes from Chef Michelle's Aunt Mary's restaurant. The food was truly awesome, including

specialties like grape and gorgonzola flatbread, watermelon salad with olives and feta, Chicken Milanese and Pork Scaloppini. As one docent told a group on a tour earlier that day, "We have the best restaurant in Oxnard right here at Heritage Square!" Among those attending the supper club were council member Brian MacDonald and mayor Tom Holden, both with their lovely wives, as well as many members of the Italian American Club.

Meanwhile, at the rollicking FOHS party, awards were presented to Kay and Flora Bea in appreciation of their contributions to summer concerts.



Host and Chef Gary cooked tri tip and chicken with FOHS providing the rest of the goodies, including delicious appetizers, salads and desserts.

A good time was had by all until the cool ocean breezes took over the inland warmth. The last group of partiers were seen huddled together around the barbeque to stay warm.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank everyone who helped with the Summer Concerts, Salsa Festival, Pagoda Celebration, and the County Fair Display. Some of you participated in all activities.

The next event on the calendar is Christmas. We are having the Gingerbread House contest again,

participating in the Christmas Parade, and having the progressive dinner in the homes. We will be open for the first three weekends in December to show off our beautifully decorated homes. Call to find out when the next meeting is scheduled to get in on the plan-

ning. Decorating will start in November. Your help is needed!

Reminder: Please remember to call if you are not able to give a scheduled tour so that someone will be able to replace you.

Kay

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS PLACE MATTER

Jeff Maulhardt needs our votes so he can win a \$25,000 grant through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to be used for the Oxnard Historic Farm Park and Museum. Jeff has been working diligently to raise funds for this important project for our community for several years. It includes the two oldest structures on the Oxnard Plain, the Maulhardt/Pfeiler farmhouse (Ventura County



Tom Von Allmen helped out last year at Oktoberfest, giving house tours. Contact jeffmohart@aol.com to volunteer for this year's event.

Landmark No. 165) and the original Maulhardt winery, a replica of which is housed at Heritage Square. Among the goals for the project are a museum in the main house, a Visitors Center in the carriage house, restoration of the original winery, a Courtyard of Memories with engraved bricks from sponsors, 2 small vineyards, a replica of the original Colonia Schoolhouse and 250 garden plots to grow historic crops. This is a huge undertaking that deserves our support!
 You can vote until September 15 at <http://www.oxnardfarmpark.org>. Click on **THIS PLACE MATTERS**. It takes less than a minute and it's well

worth the effort. You can also help by donating a brick which will have your name on it or sponsoring the restoration of a room in the house. Another Farm Park fundraiser is the second annual **Oktoberfest, on Sunday, October 3**. There will be beer, brats, music, vendors, silent auction, kids' activities and tours.

If you would like to volunteer for a shift, e-mail jeffmohart@aol.com.
 For the picture below, Jeff put out a call for people to come to the Farm Park, to submit to the National Trust. "We got 56 people from all walks of life who responded to my e-mail," he said.



WELCOME NEW DOCENTS

Diana Carll is a history major at Cal State Channel Islands. She helped out with summer concerts and is excited about giving tours and creating an architectural display.
Debby Longenbaugh is a semi-retired Speech therapist with lots of experience and enthusiasm for working with kids and adults. An Oxnard resident for many years, she is eager to lend her expertise to our programs at the Square. Already a devoted and generous friend of the Square, she has sponsored costumes for

our two junior docents.
Maria Macias is in the 8th grade at Blackstock Jr. High. Her interests are math and books, and helping at school and in the community. She hopes to become a teacher in the future.



Consuelo Macias is a Junior at Hueneme High. She belongs to the Peer Club which helps students solve problems, as well as AVID, Pennies for Peace and the French Club. Her favorite subjects are languages and science.



The next FOHS Meeting is Tuesday, Sept 14.

THANK YOU!

From Flora Bea Stratas:

To all Docents and Volunteers who gave of their time at the summer concerts concession stand: Give yourselves big hand. We had so much help this year which made for a fun time for all concerned. I would like to thank Ernie, my right & left hand; Mary Kay, our accurate cashier; Fran, helper to everyone, and our new docents: Maria, Consuelo and Maria who made the popcorn, sold the popcorn and all other items and did a great job of cleaning the popcorn machine! Our total income for the ten concerts was \$2213.45. Of course we had expenses which totaled \$764.97. Our net profit was \$1448.48!

Thanks for a great summer!

From Laura Harris:

Thanks to all who helped on the wonderful Fair display. I am sorry the fireworks fell down but overall it turned out really well!



FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Terry Araujo has followed her heart to Heritage Square. Born and raised in Oxnard, Terry graduated from Oxnard High in 1968. Her dream was to own her own shop. About a year ago, Terry opened up her *Follow Your Heart Boutique* in the Pfeiler House. At this writing, she is currently getting her boutique ready for a new Grand Reopening in the front rooms on the left side of the Perkins House, originally Mr. Perkins office, the library and a bedroom. The boutique offers contemporary women's and junior's evening wear and work attire, with prices ranging from \$15. to \$70. In addition to dresses and skirts, Terry carries an array of accessories, jewelry, scarves and hats, both new and vintage. Some of our docents have outfitted their costumes for the Square with items from the boutique. While I was walking through on a tour, my eye caught a box of feathers and some



vintage jewelry that just might find its way into my collection! Moving to the larger space in the Perkins house will enable Terry to expand her merchandise to more vintage items, consignment items and even some antiques.

Terry loves the idea of docents bringing tour groups through her rooms in the Perkins house, and hopes to be able to display some of her mannequins and furnishings in the porch.

The boutique will be open on Wed. through Sat., 10-5:30 and Sun. 1-4 so people can shop before or after tours. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, with free gifts and refreshments, a drawing for a gift certificate and discounts all day long. So stop by and welcome Terry to the Perkins House. Who knows? Maybe you'll walk out with a special gift for a friend or yourself!

IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE LAWRENCE

Suzanne Lawrence, historian, archivist, researcher, docent, author, actor, presenter, re-enactor, volunteer, transcriber, leader and inspiration to many, passed away suddenly on July 30, 2010 in Ventura. Best known to the Friends of Heritage Square for her incredibly realistic living history performance as Molly Donlon, she was involved in many different projects throughout the county that touched so many lives. Suzanne's work also inspired FOHS to write the grant which led us to our own oral history research and interviews.

As Molly Donlon, Suzanne used to come to the annual Spring training classes at the Square. Molly would tell us stories, in her wonderful Irish brogue, of her childhood and her Oxnard pioneer family, and later as Charlie Rowe's wife, living in the Perkins house in Hueneme (pronounced Wyneema then). After the performance, when she broke character, she told us how audience members would get confused and think she must be about 150 years old! We could understand because we, too, were mesmerized and transported back to another time period. We incorporated the stories

that Suzanne told us, as Molly, into our tours.

At a recent meeting of the Talespinners in Santa Paula, it was decided that the best way to honor Suzanne would be to continue her work. So if you know Molly's stories, please pass them on, and keep Suzanne's memory alive in your heart and in the minds of others.

Editor's Note: Years ago, Suzanne encouraged me to create a living history presentation of Lucy Levy. I plan to make that a reality now, in memory of a truly amazing woman, Suzanne Lawrence.

*An Invitation from
Helen Gilbert
Come to the
Bard*

*Saturday, Sept 25
10:00 at the Square
Followed by Lunch
at Yolanda's*

*Not every day do you
get to tour one of the
last remaining mansions
of Ventura County.*

*Senator Thomas Bard's
home is on the base in
Pt. Hueneme.*

*Make your reservation
now. Names must be
submitted to Security
by Sept 22. Those
driving will need to give
insurance and registra-
tion info to Helen before
the trip.*

*Call Helen 483-5887
Heather 483-7960*

DIXIELAND LIVES AT FRESH AND FAB

Do you recognize this hat? It's Sam the Piano man on the keys at the Fresh and Fabulous Café. The FOHS have known Sam from way back, when he was doing his music as a side gig. In fact, the hat was a gift from the editor of the HS Gazette! Now he's started a new band that plays on the last Friday of every month from 8:00 to 10:00. **Sam's Mardi Gras Band** and the café are making early American traditional jazz available to many people who have never before heard it. Lots of people are coming to this unique event, and it is considered a big happening downtown.



There's no admission fee for the Mardi Gras party but it's a busy night at the café, so make sure that you call in a reservation early for September 24. Sam says, "I strongly feel that if you play Dixieland and Ragtime music, people will come, and they will have a wonderful time. So far, that philosophy has worked for me!"

Don't forget the next FOHS meeting on Tuesday, Sept 14. You won't want to miss the Living History presentation of Miriam Dudley



*Flora Bea Stratas (Belated) August 11
Consuelo Macias (Belated) August 25
Modenia Kramer, September 8
Heather Behrens, September 19*

THE GREAT SALSA CHALLENGE

The Pagoda provided the backdrop once again for the annual Salsa Festival on July 24-25. This terrific event was launched in 1994 by the Oxnard Downtowners, and in its 16th year, they are proud to be able to present this as Oxnard's largest free community event. The Friends of Heritage Square were on hand to help out at the Pepsi booth in the salsa tasting tent, where over 50 different salsas could be sampled. There were about 100 arts and craft

and retail booths, as well as international food booths, a Kid's Korner and *non-stop music* for two days. Awards were given for best salsa, from hot to mild and from fruity to green. Vallarta Supermarket and Cafe Rio both won multiple awards this year in the professional category. In the Amateur division Libby Franco of Ventura and Eric Vega of Oxnard each won 2 awards. If you missed this one, there's always next year!



Over 50,000 came, both locals and out of towners to celebrate SALSA: the food, the music and the dance.

Elite Theatre Presents:

Tea At Five

August 13 - September 19
The play captures the fiery spirit of Katherine Hepburn in a one-woman show that recounts her journey from a well-heeled Yankee childhood to winner of four Oscars.
Call 483-5118 for reservations.



Next FOHS Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 14

- ◆ 4:00 Socialize
- ◆ 4:30 Meeting
- ◆ 5:00 Living History Presentation:
Norma Fulkerson as Miriam Dudley

The Oxnard Historic Farm Park
Foundation & Museum's

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Second Annual

SUNDAY October 3, 2010

1:00 - 5:00
At The Oxnard Historic Farm Park
(near the corner of Gear Drive & 4th Street)

The Oxnard Historic Farm Park Foundation is a non-profit organization set up to preserve the oldest structures on the Oxnard Plain, create a 1st generation farm setting and establish a museum for Oxnard history for all groups of people to share.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call Jeff Maulhardt (805) 988-8810
www.oxnardfarmpark.org

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