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Winter 2012

Old Towne Orange *Shines* brightly during the Holiday Home Decoration Contest

“Best Block” • 200 N. Pine St. (Not Pictured) 🍊 For additional photos please visit www.otpa.org



“Most Old Fashioned” • Hanson Residence, 413 E. Maple Ave.



“Best Use of Lights” • Daniels Residence, 225 S. Olive St.



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“Most Original” • McNeil Residence, 304 N. Pine St.



“Most Beautiful” • Colburn Residence, 205 N. Pine St.



“Honorable Mention” • Blaylock Residence, 157 N. Pine St.

President's Corner

Quotes are the new rage in communication. Funny quotes, pithy quotes, quotes with pictorial support, and any kind of quote which can be cut and pasted to convey a thought are de rigueur. Because I am, at this moment, bereft of independent thought and unwilling to fight the trend, I am sharing the following in an attempt to get my point across.

- *"When you strip away the rhetoric, preservation is simply having the good sense to hold on to things that are well designed, that link us with our past in a meaningful way, and that have plenty of good use left in them."* – Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- *"It's not good because it's old, it's old because it's good."* – Anonymous.
- *"We shape our buildings; thereafter, our buildings shape us."*
– Winston Churchill.
- *"He who loves an old house never loves in vain."*
– Isabel La Howe Conant.
- *"The man for whom history is bunk is almost invariably as obtuse to the future as he is blind to the past."* – J. Frank Dobie.
- *"In the end, the character of a civilization is encased in its structures."* – Frank Gehry.
- *"[W]hatever may be the future of architecture, in whatever manner our young architects may one day solve the question of their art, let us, while waiting for new monuments, preserve the ancient monuments. Let us...inspire the nation with a love for national architecture."* – Victor Hugo.
- *"Old ideas can sometimes use new buildings. New ideas must use old buildings."* – Jane Jacobs.
- *"Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backward."* – Soren Kierkegaard.
- *"These old buildings do not belong to us only, they belong to our forefathers and they will belong to our descendants unless we play them false. They are not in any sense our own property to do with as we like with them. We are only trustees for those that come after us."*
– Herbet Muschamp.
- *"Those who do not know history are probably also not doing well in English or math."* – P.J. O'Rourke.
- *"Never believe a politician or a bureaucrat who says there's no money for preservation."* – Charles Payton. (To be taken into consideration with, *"Maybe if people started to listen, history would stop repeating itself."* – Lily Tomlin).
- *"We will probably be judged not by the monuments we build but by those we have destroyed."* – NY Times Editorial on the destruction of Penn Station.
- *"A country without a past has the emptiness of a barren continent; and a city without old buildings is like a man without a memory."*
– Graeme Shankland.
- *"If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you are."* – James Burke.

And finally, my two personal favorites:

- *"He got the notion into his head that if he restored the old house where they had come that night, Allie would find a way to come back to him. Some called it a labor of love. Others called it something else. But in fact, Noah had gone a little mad."*
– The Notebook.
- *"Great architecture has only two natural enemies: water and stupid men."* – Richard Nickel.

With that, we say adieu to 2012. And may the New Year be good to our old buildings.



Michelle L. Carder, Esq.

ORANGE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR



◀ Volunteers prepare to pour Guinness, Harp Lager, Stella Artois, Smithwick's.



OTPA Members poured over 16,000 cups of beer during the Labor Day celebration. 111 volunteers turned out over the weekend and served beers on Irish Street. Special thanks to Kevin Gidden at La Purisma for his assistance. ▶



General Meetings

OTPA was treated to a look inside the Sunkist Fruit Exchange during the August Meeting.



1. Orange Historian Phil Brigandi signed books after his presentation, "One Hundred Years Ago in Orange," which took participants in a journey into Orange's past.



2. Tom Porter, Sheri Ledbetter, Phil Brigandi outside The Sunkist Fruit Exchange Building.



3. Ceiling of the Sunkist Fruit Exchange. Tom Porter, restored the building in 1994 and opened it as The Exchange Fine Arts Gallery.

4. Residents admire the interior surroundings during the presentation. It was built in 1922 at a cost of \$20,000.



5. Judy Tallman with OTPA Board Members, Steve Bennett, Wayne Gensler, Mike Ochs, and Jeff Frankel. Judy's first summer job was summer clerical help in the Sunkist Fruit Exchange.

The final meeting of 2012 featured a look inside the historic Mennonite Church. Chapman University restored the 1919 church.



(Left) Tower Before and After (Top) Period fixtures adorn the exposed open beam ceiling in the Great Room.

Notification of Board Nominations for 2013

By Sandy Quinn

A slate of board candidates has been nominated to govern OTPA in 2013.

All current members are standing for reelection except Jeanine Ciulik who resigned after accepting a new job and will be moving from Orange.

Nominees are:

- Steve Bennett
- Wendy Bennett
- Michelle Carder
- Jeff Frankel
- Guy Hinrichs
- Sheri Ledbetter
- Laree Lopez
- Jonathan Neal
- Mary Matuzak
- Mike Ochs
- Sandy Quinn
- Sue Vaurs
- Wayne Gensler

The election will take place at the annual OTPA general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 30 in the community room of the main Orange Public Library on Chapman. The nomination committee consisted of OTPA Vice President Sandy Quinn, Secretary Steven Bennett and past President Dan Slater.



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The California Preservation Conference

Historic preservation will take center stage May 1-3, 2013 in Orange County as the 38th Annual California Preservation Conference celebrates California's world-famous cultural and historic heritage. The conference will also explore a range of thought-provoking topics which address the future of preservation in the great Golden State.

The conference theme, "The True California Adventure: Preservation's Wild Ride" will feature dozens of sessions—from seminars and panel discussions to mobile sessions and study tours—which delve into traditional notions of historic preservation and engage new audiences in setting its course for the future.

This event will bring together an influential group of preservationists, architects, city planners, historians, tourism professionals, as well as a variety of stakeholders. The conference will also celebrate notable Orange County milestones such as the 60th Anniversary of the City of Buena Park and the Centennial of Fullerton College.

Also featured will be appearances and keynote speeches from nationally renowned leaders in a number of fields. Over 20 Educational Sessions and Workshops will cover issues spanning four tracks, Nuts & Bolts, Gadgets & Gizmos: Balancing Traditional Materials and New Technologies, Adventures in Travel: Economic Development through Heritage Tourism, Futurama: Yesterday's World of Tomorrow Today, Carousel of Progress: Harnessing Future Trends in Preservation.

A number of special tours to notable historic and cultural sites will be offered during the 3-day conference. Sites include

Old Towne Orange, Chapman University,

Anaheim Citrus Packing House, Old Orange County Courthouse, Crystal Cove State Park, Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens, Crystal Cathedral and more!

To volunteer for the conference, please contact jefsndy@sbcglobal.net. 🍊

