



# ORANGE PRESERVES

A HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER | *Fall 2017*

*Dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the unique character of the Old Towne Historic District through education, communication, community involvement and public service projects.*

## Update: Major Old Towne Projects by Jeff Frankel, OTPA Preservation Chair

### CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

More on-campus student housing is a top priority for the University, the community and OTPA. We're working together so that capacity will be such that as many students as possible will live on campus.

The City's Design Review Committee has approved the **VILLA PARK PACKING HOUSE** project which the school hopes to open with 402 new beds in time for fall 2019 enrollment. The design style will be sensitive to the industrial heritage of the neighborhood. The restoration and rehabilitation of the historic packing house will allow for student services plus the relocated Hilbert Museum of California Art. There is progress on the exciting **PANTHER VILLAGE II PROJECT** off I-5 Freeway (not in Old Towne!) with the selection of Togawa Smith Martin as architects. Chapman's Board is currently reviewing various project options. The project could add upwards of another 900 beds to Chapman's housing capacity. Plans are also being considered for The **NORTH RESIDENCE HALL PROJECT** that would be located at their residence hall block north of Walnut Ave. that could add an additional 640 beds.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

OTPA meets with City Code Enforcement management on the first Wednesday of every month to review violations reported in Old Towne. We work with City staff to ensure thorough follow-up. Email Melanie Valdez at [mevaldez@cityoforange.org](mailto:mevaldez@cityoforange.org) to report a violation.



**RENDERING OF SWIFT & SWIFT** building renovation at the southeast corner of the Plaza is reviewed by OTPA President Sandy Quinn; Dean Kim of Nimo Holdings, LLC, the building's new owner; architect Victor Corona; and OTPA's Preservation Chair Jeff Frankel and VP Tony Trabucco. The interior will be designed for restaurants on the first floor and tenant offices on the second.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

*To Discuss the Updated  
Old Towne Historic Design Standards*

**6 PM • TUESDAY • AUGUST 22**  
**Orange Public Library, Community Room**

The City is updating the Old Towne Design Standards for the first time in decades with improvements to make it clearer and easier to understand. Some changes may have an impact on rehabilitation and preservation projects you may be planning for your home, other accessory or commercial buildings, or site improvements within the Historic District.

The City Community Development Department and the Old Towne Preservation Association are co-hosting an Old Towne Town Hall to present the highlights and to welcome community input and comments. The draft Old Towne Design Standards update can be found online at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org) or the City of Orange website.

Don't miss this important opportunity to shape the future of our historic neighborhood. This is an update to current city ordinances so the community's input is vital. **RSVP at [www.OTPA.org](http://www.OTPA.org)**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. REFRESHMENTS!**



### TOSSING THE FIRST SHOVELS OF DIRT

Parking progress took place July 26 at official Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the \$33.2 million multi-level Old Towne Metrolink Parking Structure on N. Lemon. OTPA was involved in advising on the early design of the 611-space building scheduled to open in late 2018, with five levels of parking featuring electric car hook-ups and bike lockers. The first trains came to Orange in 1880, and Metrolink service started in 1994. Pictured above tossing the first shovels of dirt are, left to right, 3rd District Supervisor Todd Spitzer, Miss Orange Katie Wayland, and Council members Kim Nichols, Mike Alvarez, Mayor Tita Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Murphy and Fred Whitaker.

# 2017 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

## OTPA'S 16TH HISTORIC HOME TOUR

*Sat & Sun • November 4 & 5 10 am - 4:00 pm*

This extraordinary self-guided exploration of Old Towne residential treasures returns the weekend of Nov. 4 and 5, featuring six magnificent examples of Old Towne's historic architecture.

Here's what you'll find on what is perhaps the most diverse and interesting tour ever: a quirky one-of-a-kind Mediterranean, a classic California Craftsman Bungalow, a grand Victorian from Old Towne's heyday, a huge Victorian with a classic wrap around porch veranda, two side-by-side cottages built nearly 100 years before the current Tiny House craze, and the grand Craftsman Mansion pictured.

If you'd like to serve as a tour docent or other volunteer, go to [otpa.org](http://otpa.org), click on the home tour volunteer tab (link live after 9/5/17).



*This Craftsman mansion is on this year's home tour.*

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW** \$20 per person for OTPA members, and \$25 for non-members. Purchase tickets at [www.OTPA.org](http://www.OTPA.org)

## OTPA/CITY OF ORANGE TOWN HALL MEETING

*6 PM • Tuesday • August 22*

Orange Public Library Community Room. Free and open to the public. Refreshments! Please let us know you're coming.

**RSVP online at [www.OTPA.org](http://www.OTPA.org)**

## OTPA AT THE 45TH INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR

*Friday, Saturday & Sunday • September 1, 2 & 3*

We'll again host the very popular Irish Street Banger Food Booth. Revenue from OTPA food sales is one of our major sources of income, so thank you for your financial support. Our Irish Bangers are among the most popular items at the Fair. Or try Irish Nachos and French Fries with a topping of cheese sauce and bacon. If you'd like to volunteer, go to [www.OTPA.org](http://www.OTPA.org) and look for Click to Volunteer.



*Irish bangers are street fair goers very favorite!*

## OTPA SIP, SAVOR & SAVOR WINE PARTY

*3:00 pm to 6:00 pm • Saturday • October 21*

Enjoy our 2nd annual elegant afternoon of excellent wines, lovely hors d'ouvres and coveted door prizes. Join your neighbors and friends to raise money for OTPA's Anne Siebert Academic Scholarship Fund to help educate college students who want to pursue careers in historic preservation. Anne was one of Old Towne's godmothers and a tireless preservation advocate. Last year, OTPA honored three university students pursuing preservation careers with a total of \$7,000 in awards. Tickets are on sale now at \$70 per person.

**Purchase tickets at [OTPA.org](http://OTPA.org).**



*Come Sip,  
Sample  
& Savor at  
the historic  
French Estate!*



## OTPA ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

*Judging, Saturday & Sunday • December 16-17*

Start thinking about your home (and block) decorating now! OTPA selects outside judges who tour Old Towne and select winners in the categories of Most Original, Most Old Fashioned, Most Beautiful, Best Use of Lights, Honorable Mention and Best Block.

21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL

# PRESERVATION AWARDS

## *Garden Party & Dinner Gala*

*It was a wonderful evening, starting with perfect weather for a delightful garden party, followed by dinner in the ballroom of The Woman's Club of Orange. Nearly 200 OTPA members and friends attended, including the five members of the City Council, the City's senior staff, and Daniele Struppa, the recently inaugurated President of Chapman University. The centerpiece is always the announcement of OTPA Preservation Awards. This year's honorees were:*



### **Pitcher Park Award**

Ted & Debbie Albert –  
1886 Victorian Garden and Grounds



### **Good Neighbor Award**

Chapman University –  
Musco Center for the Arts



### **Spirit of Old Towne Award**

Orange Public Library History Center



### **Plaza City Award**

Al Ricci – Spanish Colonial  
Revival at 704 E Chapman Ave.



Ted and Debbie Albert –  
1886 Victorian for  
Preservation and  
Enhancement



### **Sweet, Sweet Orange Award**

Hugh Siler –  
Palmyra Cottages  
for Restoration



Robert and Michelle  
Gross – 1912 Craftsman  
Bungalow for Preservation  
and Enhancement



### **Dale Rahn Volunteer of the Year Award**

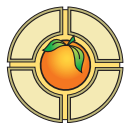
Glory Johnson

## OTPA MEMBERSHIP

**NOT A MEMBER?** *Old Towne is California's largest Residential Historic District, and OTPA works hard to protect, preserve and enhance the rich quality of our neighborhood. For more than 30 years, OTPA has effectively worked to maintain positive working relationships with the City Council, City staff, Chapman University and Old Towne property owners to assure compliance with Old Towne's historic design standards.*

**CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Household \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Business \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$250

**It's easy to join online at [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org)** or mail to Old Towne Preservation Association, PO BOX 828, Orange, CA 92856.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



**2ND ANNUAL STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM** was held April 12 featuring, left to right, Police Chief Tom Kisela, Chapman Community Relations VP Jack Raubolt, Mayor Tita Smith, and City Community Development Director William Crouch. The full house crowd heard reports on several issues, and the number one subject was the homeless population.

**CHAPMAN CAMPUS PLANNING AND OPERATIONS VP KRIS ERIC OLSEN** takes a question from an OTPA member during a June private tour of the Science and Technology Center, under construction at Walnut and Center. Slated for a fall 2018 opening, this will establish Chapman as an important science research university. Research in the labs will be broad based including such topics as prostate cancer. OTPA applauds the underground parking.



**URTH CAFFE** will open later this year at the southwest corner of the Plaza. OTPA loves witnessing the very visible restoration progress on this historic building dating back to 1888, and will host the grand opening event. See great video of the interior and exterior restoration online at [urthcaffe.com](http://urthcaffe.com).

**TWO NEW OTPA DIRECTORS** were approved at the July Board meeting – Ted Albert and Adam Duberstein. Ted and his wife, Debbie, moved to their historic 1886 Victorian on So. Orange St. in 2015. Adam serves Orange and Old Towne causes through his website, [www.RespectOrange.org](http://www.RespectOrange.org), which is now raising funds for the 4-H Club at Orange High School.

**SAVE THE DATE.** After this year's very successful Preservation Awards Garden Party and Dinner Gala, we've set next year's gala for Sunday, May 20, 2018. Mark it down and don't be out of town!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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| Kimberly Atkinson                               | Kathleen Losi                                  |
| Janis & Edith Bowbeer/Read                      | Carol Martinez                                 |
| Robert B. Breskin /<br>Breslin Accountancy Corp | Chris & Megan Morris                           |
| Lisa Fujimoto, Exec VP<br>Change a Life         | Terrie Richardson                              |
| Chantal Patterson<br>Fine Tattoo Work           | Jenny Richenburg                               |
| Lauren Henderson                                | Adam Feliz/Touchstone<br>Construction Services |
| Andrew & Jennifer Hoyer                         | Doug Willits                                   |
|   | Wendy Wilson                                   |
|   | Cindy Wood                                     |

### The Old Towne Preservation Association 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| <b>Sandy Quinn, President</b>                       | <b>Teri Lepe,</b><br><i>Community Involvement Chair</i>           |
| <b>Tony Trabucco,</b><br><i>Vice President</i>      | <b>Joe Peters,</b><br><i>Fund Development Chair</i>               |
| <b>Carol Craig, Treasurer</b>                       | <b>Mary Anne Skorpanich,</b><br><i>Academic Scholarship Chair</i> |
| <b>Diana Zdenek, Secretary</b>                      | <b>Theodore Albert</b><br><i>Member-at-Large</i>                  |
| <b>Jeff Frankel,</b><br><i>Preservation Chair</i>   | <b>Adam Duberstein</b><br><i>Member-at-Large</i>                  |
| <b>Guy Hinrichs,</b><br><i>Special Events Chair</i> |   |