



ORANGE PRESERVES

A HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER | *Spring 2016*

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: What's Going on in Old Towne by Jeff Frankel, OTPA Preservation Chair

WORKING WITH CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

OTPA is represented on the new Neighborhood Advisory Committee and participates in discussions on the need to build on-campus student housing, improve off-campus student behavior and better respond to neighbor concerns. Chaired by Chapman's President-Designate Daniele Struppa, the committee brings together city officials, community residents (like OTPA), and university leadership to find solutions. You can stay informed and participate by checking out the committee's website: neighborsofchapman.com

SPEAKING UP AT CITY COUNCIL ON HOUSING ISSUES

We attended and spoke at the January and February City Council meetings regarding problems caused by more and more students renting single family homes, parties, parking violations, and what many feel is ineffective law enforcement. City staff proposed options for the council to consider including restrictions on the number of occupants in rental homes, stricter code enforcement of students living in rooms other than designated bedrooms, fines for repeat offenders of party rules and other issues.



Lemon Street entrance, viewed from Chapman Ave.

METROLINK PARKING STRUCTURE

The City Council has given its approval to the \$20.4 million parking facility on Lemon Street and Maple Avenue at the Old Towne Santa Fe Depot. It will accommodate 611 vehicles on five levels, two subterranean and two above ground. Input from OTPA has been incorporated in the final design, and we're supportive. Opening is expected in 2018.

BETTER CODE ENFORCEMENT

OTPA met with members of the City's Community Development staff including Code Enforcement personnel to voice our concern that Old Towne needs more code enforcement. Many reported violations aren't followed up, such as furniture on the porch, house deterioration, parking on the lawn, etc. The Code Enforcement office agreed to monthly meetings to review complaints and action taken. Violations should be reported to Code Enforcement Administrative Specialist Kathy McTaggart: kmctaggart@cityoforange.org Please copy me, Jeff Frankel, at jefsndy@sbcglobal.net.

SAVING THE HISTORIC WATSON HOUSE

We opposed an out-of-town developer's proposal to demolish the 75-year-old Watson family home at 655 S. Glassell to make way for three new buildings with seven apartments most with four bedrooms, appearing to be designed for student housing. When first reviewed by the City's Design Review Committee, the project was rejected. The property adjoins Hart Park and was built by Kellar E. Watson Jr. in 1941. His father was the founder of Watson's Drug Store and Soda Fountain. OTPA feels his home is an iconic feature of Old Towne history.

URTH CAFFE

The construction fence is up and work is well underway on the interior of this historic structure on the Plaza's southwest corner. The two story exterior will return to its original turn-of-the-century appearance and character. The owner tells us it will open late this year or early 2017.



For More Updates check out our website: otpa.org and look for our One Minute Update emails.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

OTPA'S HOME TOUR again showcased several classic homes to more than 1,200 visitors during the two-day presentation in November. Thanks to Home Tour Chair Wendy Bennett and her committee for an extraordinary job!



The Mennonite Brethren Church, owned by Chapman University, was just one of the wonderful homes on display in our 2015 Home Tour.

THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION will honor OTPA at its 2016 Legacy Awards Gala on June 5. Foundation President Kim Nichols said it is "in recognition of 30 years of outstanding service and commitment to our community and the City of Orange."

CHAPMAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE includes four OTPA board members: President Sandy Quinn, Preservation Chair Jeff Frankel, Chapman Liaison Bob Hitchcock, and Community Involvement Chair Teri Lepe.

THE ANNE SIEBERT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND is again looking for a deserving student in Historic Preservation. Board member Mary Anne Skorpanich is chair. The winner will be announced at the May 15 Preservation Awards dinner.

OTPA'S FIRST GENERAL MEETING of the year was held at the Hilbert Museum of California Art where more than 80 members enjoyed a preview tour of spectacular paintings of California history. The collection was a gift to Chapman University by Mark and Jan Hilbert, who were on hand to welcome OTPA guests.

THE CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION annually hosts a conference to educate preservationists on new legislation and changes. OTPA attends and sponsors city staff members who are working on historic projects.

THE PLAZA BIBLE CHURCH property on Chapman Ave. west of Wahoo's has been sold and the new owner asked to meet with OTPA and review plans. He'll remove the stucco coating and restore the exterior to its original brick. The property will include offices and a venue for public events.

RESTORE VS. REHABILITATE : What's the difference?

TO RESTORE A HOME means to return its interior and exterior appearance to a particular date or time period. Strict restorations – ones that eliminate everything not present during the period chosen – are rare for homes, with most owners opting to maintain modern systems (plumbing, anyone?).

TO REHABILITATE A HOME means to make it useful and functional for contemporary living while preserving important historic and architectural features. A rehabbed old house would include modern electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, a modern kitchen, and other attributes.

Lights On for the Holidays.

Here are the Holiday Decorating Contest Winners! Thanks to contest chair Amy Thai and her committee for lighting up Old Towne.

Best Block:

200 Block of N Pine St

Most Beautiful:

Steve & Kristi Colburn
205 N Pine St

Most Old Fashioned:

Ray and Susan Hare
270 S Olive St

Best Use of Lights:

Adrian and Jorri Olmos
376 S Olive St

Most Original:

Mark Drenner
424 S Grand St

Most Whimsical:

Jeff & Shirley McNie
304 N Pine St

Honorable Mention:

Jim & Viki Blaylock
157 N Pine St

BEST USE
OF LIGHTS



How are YOU decorating your home this year?





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Front row (l to r): *President Sandy Quinn, Secretary Diana Zdenek, Treasurer Carol Craig, Membership Chair Paula Soest, Chapman Liaison Bob Hitchcock, Anne Siebert Scholarship Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich.*
 Back row (l to r): *VP Tony Trabucco, Member at large Patrick McDermott, Preservation Chair Jeff Frankel, Fund Development Chair Guy Hinrichs, Education and Research Joe Peters. Not pictured: Ms. Courtney and Community Involvement Chair Teri Lepe.*

Get your tickets for our 20th Annual PRESERVATION AWARDS GALA Garden Party & Dinner

5:30 pm • Sunday • May 15th
 Woman's Club of Orange

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: Enjoy an evening of fun with your neighbors as we recognize special Old Towne restorations and preservations.

Great menu, fantastic door prizes, classic entertainment and the nicest people in town!

Tickets \$45 • Tables of Eight \$350

Order online at www.otpa.org or call
 714.639.6840

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

IT'S TIME FOR OLD TOWNE TO HONOR those who have made improvements to their historic homes. If you know of a home, business structure or public building that has undergone preservation or restoration over the past year, then nominate them for the recognition they deserve.

They could be recognized at the 20th Annual Preservation Awards Garden Party and Dinner Gala, Sunday, May 15, 2016

April 10 Nomination deadline • **April 13** Nominees notified
April 30 Judging Day

- Sweet, Sweet Orange Award:** Recognizes outstanding restoration, preservation, or rehabilitation of a historic residential building.
- Pitcher Park Award:** Recognizes exceptional landscape or garden enhancement on an historic site in Old Towne.
- Good Neighbor Award:** Recognizes a new structure, or a non-contributing in-fill project, that is sympathetic in design as well as materials that demonstrate outstanding compatibility and harmony with neighboring historic structures.
- Plaza City Award:** Recognizes superior restoration, preservation, adaptive reuse or enhancement of a historic commercial, industrial, or public-use property that sustains the life and vitality inherent in the original Orange Township.

- Spirit of Old Towne Award:** Honors a person, group or building who has contributed most to the mission of OTPA, which is to preserve and enhance the unique Old Towne Orange area through education, communication and community involvement.
- Dale Rahn Volunteer of the Year Award:** Honors an individual who demonstrates a commitment to Old Towne Orange by volunteering his or her time in various community programs and concerns to support the goals of OTPA.

Name or Address of Nominee

Why you believe this person or project deserves recognition:

Your Name (first) _____

(last) _____

Email: _____

Submit your nomination by April 10th online at www.otpa.org or check the appropriate box above and mail this form to:

OTPA 2016 Preservation Awards
P.O. Box 828, Orange, CA 92856





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JOIN UP ONLINE!

Become a member of **The Old Towne Preservation Association** and help us protect, preserve and enhance the special character of Old Towne. We work with the city, university and community on the serious issues impacting our homes and quality of life. **\$10** annually for Seniors; **\$25** for Households; and **\$500** for a Lifetime membership. **JOIN ONLINE TODAY** at www.otpa.org

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EVENT CALENDAR

6 pm • Wednesday, April 20 • Orange Public Library

1st Annual STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM

Hear leaders of City Hall, Chapman University, the community and the Police Dept. discuss issues of concern to Old Towne residents, followed by member Q&A.

5:30 pm • Sunday, May 15 • Orange Woman's Club

20th ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS GARDEN PARTY AND DINNER GALA

Celebrating OTPA's 30 years of preserving and protecting the historic character of Old Towne. Enjoy fun, food and friendship as we recognize important improvements in our neighborhood. Tickets: \$45 each. BUY TODAY online at www.otpa.org

OTPA ON THE ROAD

We've packaged luxury motor coach tours to two popular Southern California landmarks for lunch and exploration:

JUNE 4: Riverside's Mission inn for lunch, with a visit to the historic Fox Theater and nearby antique shops.

SEPTEMBER 10: Downtown LA's restored 80-year-old Clifton's Cafeteria for lunch and browsing, then we'll tour one of LA's legendary film and stage palaces.

Details soon!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ted & Debbie Albert
David & Gale Buchanan
Jan Carmichael
Shari Carter
Annette Drake
Jan Drinkgern
Yvonne Early
Gary Elsey
Greg Epke
Arleen Galiati
Heather Garcia
Ruth Gordon
Pam Hargrove
Alain & Lila Hasson
Michael & Frances Johnson
Dana & Linda Jordan
Taylor Kincaid
Michael Knight
Dave & Patricia Knorr
Victoria Laughlin

Kelly Laule
Leanna Lawrence
Deborah LeClerc
Brian Lewis
Phillip & Susan Menard
Michael Montgomery
Anne Mount
Andrew Mower
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