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## 2006

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## Holiday Decoration Contest Winners



Just when we think we've reached the summit of Old Towne's decorating creativity, a new Holiday Decoration Contest rolls around and we find ourselves amazed at the height of Old Towne residents' holiday spirit! Pictured here is 515 E. Maple, this year's winner of the Most Original Decorations title. For more winners of the 2005 Holiday Decoration Contest, check out the back page.

## President's Message

By **Tom Loughrey**  
OTPA PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to be the new president of Old Towne Preservation Association. I think it is going to be a very exciting year. Following the recent election of new Board members we have had one of the largest turnovers in Board membership in quite a few years. Combined with the experience of continuing Board members and the enthusiasm of our newest members we anticipate getting a great deal accomplished this year on

behalf of the membership and Old Towne Orange that we love so much.

Our mission is for education, preservation and community involvement. We will be intently focused on all three aspects of our mission. I encourage all of our members and neighbors to be actively involved with the association as we take on this work.

One of the best ways to be involved and to become educated is through the general membership meetings. The dates for these meetings are posted on

our website at [OTPA.org](http://OTPA.org). At these meetings we usually have updates on local preservation issues and we focus the meeting on education on topics of interest to homeowners in our historic neighborhood. This past year we had presentations on house painting, window repair and replacement, a tour of the Old California Lamp Co., a meeting on gardening and landscape design, emergency preparedness from the police department, and more.

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**President, continued from page 1:*****New Year, New Board, Fresh Enthusiasm for Preservation***

Our Preservation Committee works very hard to represent the interests of preservation at all the Design Review Committee meetings, the Planning Commission meetings and City Council meetings. They have developed excellent working relationships with the city planning staff and now are frequently consulted for our opinions and our take on proposed projects here in the Old Towne neighborhood. Old Towne Preservation Association has worked very hard over the years to have a place at the table. We want the codes relating to historic structures to be closely followed and enforced--not for their sake alone, but for the fact that good code enforcement protects the unique look of our neighborhoods thus preserving and enhancing home values and quality of life.

You can count on us to continue to be active

observers and participants in this important work. The City of Orange is in the process of revising its General Plan and we have already been involved in the public hearings. Chapman University continues its growth and now works very closely with our association as part of their planning process. Developers have discovered Old Towne Orange and are looking at opportunities to develop historic buildings into other uses. More often than not they now work with us to develop projects that preserve the historic character of these properties.

We have numerous opportunities for community involvement. Almost every board member has a committee to head up, and they are always looking for energetic volunteers. Just check them out on the website and send an e-mail if you have a particular interest. We will again be having our annual Preservation Awards

banquet this spring and it won't be long before the Street Fair is on us. This year we will have the Irish beer booth and we will need a lot of help for this activity. There are many others--just check out the calendar and let us know where you would like to help.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, issues or just interest in the many areas we are working. I can be reached at [president@otpa.org](mailto:president@otpa.org). I look forward to getting to know many more of you and working with you closely for the benefit of our historic neighborhood.

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**About to do work on your home?**

If you are in doubt or have any questions about a project on your historic property, please contact the Old Towne Preservation Association hotline: (714) 639-6840, or e-mail us at [info@otpa.org](mailto:info@otpa.org).

We will be more than happy to advise and help guide you through the process. We will also be glad to meet with you concerning your project.

# **OLD TOWNE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**

ORANGE, CA - The Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) formed its first board of directors in 1986 and will celebrate 20 years at its annual Preservation Awards Dinner to be held at the Citrus City Grille on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

“We are currently accepting nominations in all five categories for outstanding restoration of a property or a personal contribution by a group or individual all in the name of preservation,” says Vickie Laughlin, Awards Dinner Chairperson.

“In addition to our regular program of giving awards,” Vickie adds, “we will be celebrating our 20 years by having an old-fashioned birthday party. We will be recognizing past presidents and all the accomplishments of our organization and what those accomplishments have meant to our community.”

The Awards Dinner Committee is seeking photos and memories from the early days of OTPA. This information will be compiled for a presentation during the awards portion of the evening.

If you have anything to contribute to the evening or a nomination to submit, please call our hotline, (714) 639-6840, or log on to our website, [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org).

Dear Friends of Old Towne Orange,

**We are seeking nominations for our annual Preservation Awards. Once the nominations are received, the committee will select the winners and those winners will be announced at the annual Preservation Awards dinner to be held on Sunday, May 7, 2006. There are all kinds of restoration projects happening here in Old Towne. Please take a moment to nominate your neighbor in one of the following categories:**

**Sweet, Sweet Orange Award:** Recognition for outstanding restoration and preservation of a residential building.

**Pitcher Park Award:** Recognition for outstanding landscape or garden enhancement on an historic site in Old Towne.

**Plaza City Award:** Recognition for outstanding restoration, preservation or enhancement of a commercial, industrial or public use property which sustains the life and vitality inherent in the original Orange Township.

**Spirit of Old Towne Award:** Recognition to a person or group who has contributed to the goals of the Old Towne Preservation Association.

**Good Neighbor Award:** Recognition for a structure built in Old Towne which demonstrates outstanding compatibility and harmony with the existing historic structure it neighbors.

**OTPA Special Merit Award:** This award is not necessarily given every year and is awarded to a program, process, project, building, person or group whose outstanding accomplishments and significant contribution to preservation in Old Towne must be recognized.

**This year OTPA turns 20 years old!! Please help make this event memorable. If you have any photos or memories from the early days, please submit to the address/phone numbers listed below. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!**

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**OTPA 2006 PRESERVATION AWARDS NOMINATION (Submission deadline 4/7)**

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

WHY DOES THIS PROPERTY DESERVE RECOGNITION? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to:

Vickie Laughlin

OTPA Preservation Awards Nominations

P.O. Box 828

Orange, CA 92856-0828

VICKIE DIRECT: (714) 469-8820 or (714) 538-0550 (fax)

Or you may submit your nomination on-line at [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org) or call the hotline at (714) 639-6840.



# Membership News

OTPA welcomes its newest members:  
**Albert & Debora Arellanes, Edward Breckenridge, Steven & Christie Dunbar, Daniel Ebeling, Art & Sandra Fiebing, Jennifer Gonzales, Cyrus Jovan, Emily Ludwig, John Mahler, John Meifert, Gary & Lisa Miller, Vanessa Nesbit, Vicente Rodriguez, Ken & Alexis Roy, Richard & Jennifer Schaefer, Derek Smith, Wayne & Judith Taylor, Jonathan & Jenny**

**Thomas, Jade Trinh, Philip & Jaclyn Turner, and Tony Ung.**

New life members include **Dennis & Cathie Caldwell, Regina Mundekis, and Vincent Pollmeier.**

March membership dues renewals will be mailed out shortly. If you joined OTPA between December 2003 and May 2004, your annual membership dues are currently due by the end of March. These may be paid by mail or at the next General Meeting.

TOP 10

## Reasons to Get Involved in Old Towne

- #10 You like meeting other preservation-minded people.
- #9 You like to see the interiors of Old Towne homes.
- #8 You want to impact decisions affecting Old Towne.
- #7 One of your hidden skills is hawking Guinness Stout.
- #6 You like learning about the history of Orange.
- #5 You need a venue to show off your baking skills.
- #4 You prefer to be part of the solution.
- #3 You want to be in Bob Hitchcock's memoirs, soon to be made into a major motion picture.
- #2 You want to preserve the value of your home.
- #1 Reason to get involved in OTPA: You love Old Towne Orange!



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## Picture This...

More winners from this year's  
Holiday Decorating Contest



Best Use of Lights: 205 E. River

Most Old-Fashioned: 413 E. Maple



Best Block: 200 Block of N. Pine

OTPA Hotline: (714)  
639-6840

## ... and Calendar That

February 18-19  
March 18-25  
March 23  
May 7

Old Towne Orange Antique Affair  
Santiago Creek Week  
Orange Community Historical Society general meeting:  
"Orange's Dairies," Trinity Episcopal Church, 7 PM  
Preservation Awards Banquet, Citrus City Grille

[www.OTPA.org](http://www.OTPA.org)