



ORANGE PRESERVES

A HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER | *Spring 2018*

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

The University will submit a new Specific Plan to the City requesting expansion of student enrollment. We're concerned about more students because of housing, parking, infrastructure, law enforcement and other impacts. We're meeting with University officials, City staff and community groups including Respect Orange and United Neighborhoods of Orange to determine impact specifics and map a course of action. When the University submitted its last Specific Plan in 2015, we asked that it be suspended and urged aggressive construction of new student housing. Watch otpa.org for updates on the proposed SP.



Packing House Residence Village rendering.

CHAPMAN STUDENT HOUSING

At OTPA's general meeting in January, University VP of Campus Planning and Operations Kris Eric Olsen briefed members on the sizable addition of new housing soon to be available in the recently acquired 900-bed Chapman Grand apartment complex on Katella in Anaheim, and the 400-bed Villa Park Packing House Residence Village now under construction at Palm and Cypress.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

OTPA meets monthly with the City's Code Enforcement staff to review reported violations and to check on follow-up. If you see violations, please email or phone a report to Melanie Ramirez of the City's Code Enforcement Division at 714/744-7204 or email mramirez@cityoforange.org.

THE OLD TOWNE PLAZA

There's activity throughout the Plaza with the probable April opening of the Urth Caffe; an expanded Pandora restaurant taking over the former Beauty School; Wells Fargo with an exterior cleaning, sealing and paint job; and Swift & Swift looking for restaurant tenants. We're impressed with all the restoration/rehabilitation work further enhancing the Plaza District.

Save the Date!

OTPA's 22nd Annual
PRESERVATION AWARDS
Garden Party & Dinner Gala
5:30 pm • Sunday, May 20, 2018

ORDER TICKETS NOW @ www.otpa.org
It's the year's most fun big night in Old Towne!

FIVE LEVEL METROLINK PARKING STRUCTURE

Excavation of the two underground levels have been completed, and installation of the foundation is about finished. Opening late this year with more than 600 spaces.



Construction progress on the Metrolink Parking Structure.

CITY DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE & PLANNING COMMISSION

OTPA reps attend all City Council, Design Review and Planning Commission meetings where Old Towne projects are considered. We comment if the project is not in compliance with Old Towne standards and the best interests of the District, and commend projects that are appropriate and comply with preservation standards. More and more, we're involved at the beginning of a new project so we can help the property owner/developer understand the standards, codes, and preservation practices in the initial stages of project planning. OTPA sends advance emails on upcoming Old Towne projects coming before DRC and/or the Planning Commission. Not receiving OTPA's emails? Email us at info@otpa.org with your new or revised email address.



2018 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR



OTPA'S 3rd ANNUAL STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM

6:00 pm • Monday, April 16

Orange Public Library Community Room

Come hear Mayor Tita Smith, City Manager Rick Otto, Police Chief Tom Kisela, and Chapman VP of Community Relations Jack Raubolt brief you on issues impacting Old Towne including homelessness, parking, student housing — and subjects you may choose to bring up in the Q&A. Free refreshments.

Make your reservations at www.otpa.org



Photo Courtesy of The Gamble House, USC. Photograph © Alexander Vertikoff.

OTPA ON-THE-ROAD DISCOVERY TOUR

Exploring the Historic Gamble House in Pasadena

9:00 am • Saturday, June 2

Join our docent guided tour of an outstanding example of American Arts and Crafts-style architecture, designed by Charles and Henry Greene in 1908 for David and Mary Gamble of the Procter & Gamble Company. The tour departs Orange City Hall in a luxury coach at 9:00 am, returning at 2:00 pm. We'll visit the legendary interior rooms and see the magnificent gardens spreading over the home's manicured grounds. Afterwards we'll enjoy a no-host lunch in Historic Old Town Pasadena. Tickets are \$48 for members and \$55 for non-members.

Tickets may be ordered online today at www.otpa.org.

OTPA'S ORANGE ELECTIONS CANDIDATES FORUM

6:00 pm • Tuesday • October 2

Orange Public Library Community Room

There will be new and returning candidates this year, and OTPA wants each to address how they feel about issues and problems facing our unique neighborhood. Free refreshments. **Make your reservations at www.otpa.org**

OTPA'S 1st ANNUAL HAUNTED HALLOWEEN AWARDS

Judging: Saturday, October 27 **Yes, we're going to do it!**

We've noticed more and more Old Towne homes and businesses are enthusiastically decorating for Halloween. Based on the success of OTPA's annual Spirit of the Holidays Decorating Contest, we're going to recognize four categories of Halloween decorating. Most Original; Best Boo!; Best Use of Creepy Creatures; and Most Spooktacular. A panel of three Official Witch Judges will decide witch house wins witch award.



OTPA'S 32nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPIRIT OF OLD TOWNE DECORATING CONTEST

Judging: evening of Saturday, December 15, with Award Ceremony and caroling at 6:00 pm, Sunday, December 16.

It's never too early to think about how you're going to celebrate the Christmas holiday season, and again this year OTPA will award the winners of Most Beautiful, Most Old Fashion, Best Use of Lights, Most Original, Most Whimsical, Honorable Mention, and Best Block.



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Q&A: ????????

What's the difference between restoration and rehabilitation?

To restore a home means to return its interior and exterior appearance to a particular date or time period. Strict restorations eliminate everything not present during the period chosen. This is 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 historic old house would include modern electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, a modern kitchen, and other attributes.



OTPA MEMBERSHIP

NOT A MEMBER? Old Towne is California's largest Residential Historic District, and OTPA works to protect, preserve and enhance our neighborhood's rich quality. For more than 32 years, OPTA has effectively worked to maintain positive working relationships with the City Council, City staff, Chapman University and Old Towne property owners to ensure compliance with Old Towne's Historic Design Standards and compatibility with our quality of life.

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

It's easy to join online at www.otpa.org or mail to Membership Old Towne Preservation Association, PO BOX 828, Orange, CA 92856.

OTPA's 22nd Annual PRESERVATION AWARDS Garden Party & Dinner Gala

5:30 pm • Sunday, May 20 • The Woman's Club of Orange

Join friends, neighbors, City Council Members, City staff and Chapman officials at this fun spring evening as we recognize residents, institutions and individuals who have contributed to the improvement, preservation and enhancement of Old Towne over the past year.

We will also announce the 2018 winners of OTPA's 3rd Annual Academic Scholarships. These scholarships are given in honor of long time OTPA leader, the late Anne Siebert, to reward students of Southern California colleges who plan a career in preservation and historic heritage.

Premium tables of eight: \$375. Individual tickets: \$50.

Last year was a sell out, so **ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW** for this exciting event online at www.otpa.org. Call 213/215-5555 for information.



Friends and fun at the Gala!



Be a part of the experience by nominating someone in your neighborhood. Read below!



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, rehabilitation or restoration, then nominate them for the recognition they deserve. Let's thank those who are improving, preserving and enhancing our neighborhood.

Award honorees will be recognized at the **22nd Annual Preservation Awards Garden Party & Dinner Gala, Sunday, May 20. Read above for details!** Board member Vickie Laughlin is Gala Chair, and welcomes volunteers who would like to help. Contact her at info@otpa.org.

April 30 Nomination deadline • **May 5** Judging Day

Mark the category your nomination fits

- Sweet, Sweet Orange Award:** Honors outstanding restoration, preservation, or rehabilitation of a historic residential building.
- Pitcher Park Award:** Honors exceptional landscape or garden enhancement on an historic site in Old Towne.
- Good Neighbor Award:** Honors 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:** Honors 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 (*you CAN nominate yourself!*)

Why you believe this person or project deserves recognition:

Your Full Name _____

Email: _____

Submit your nomination by April 30th online at www.otpa.org or check the appropriate box above and mail this form to:

OTPA 2018 Preservation Awards
P.O. Box 828, Orange, CA 92856

Thanks for your nomination!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

OTPA'S HISTORIC HOME TOUR: More than 1,000 guests stepped out on the weekend of November 4 and 5 to explore six classic Old Towne private residences representing a diverse palette of architectural styles and periods. Special thanks to 2017 Home Tour Chair Joe Peters and his dedicated volunteer Tour Docents for creating an amazing experience.



*Owner
Ted Albert
welcomes
Home Tour
guests to
his 1888
Victorian.*

OTPA ON-THE-ROAD DISCOVERY TOURS TO DOWNTOWN LA: In February, three sold-out bus tours set out to explore legendary historic sites in Los Angeles, including Angel's Flight, the LA Public Library, Southern California Edison's art deco headquarters, Grand Central Market, and the Bradbury Building. Then luncheon at the famous Clifton's Cafeteria. Next: Pasadena's Gamble House on June 2.



HELPING UPDATE OLD TOWNE DESIGN STANDARDS: OTPA consulted with the City's Community Development staff on the first update in decades of the official Design Standards, which spell out for residents, businesses and developers what can and cannot be done when rehabilitating or preserving an historic Old Towne structure. OTPA thanks the City's Historic Planner Marissa Moshier and the Community Development Dept. for leading this project and welcoming OTPA's input.

OTPA'S ANNUAL MEETING: We began the new year Jan. 17 with our 32nd annual meeting. Mayor Tita Smith, one of OTPA's founders, told the full house audience at Ruby's Diner how OTPA was formed back when several historic structures were being torn down and lost forever. Their opposition ignited the Old Towne preservation movement. Orange historian Phil Brigandi discussed how Old Towne is the core of neighboring communities in Orange County, and amazed the audience with a story about the Chinese laundry located decades ago on what is now the Friends Presbyterian Church.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lisa Blanc • Al Ricci • Erik Skovseth

NEW MEMBERS

Bob Anderson & Shelley McCartney	Eileen McCarty
John Aust & Kitty	Jessica Mosquera
Angel Barnes	Larry Jordan –
Diane Bergmann	Orangeland RV Park, <i>COMMERCIAL</i>
Ron Brown	Sadie Sacks
Katie Carter	Richard Schwartz
Felicia Ceballos-Marroquin	Susan Secoy Jensen
Bruce Chell	Kim Simovich
Cassy Diaz	Marjorie Smith
Joel Hicks & Mark Hoch	Sarah Pearson –
Marnos Lelesi	The French Estate, <i>COMMERCIAL</i>
Patrick Malley	

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