



ORANGE PRESERVES

Spring 2020

Founded in 1986 by concerned residents to protect, preserve and enhance the historic character and unique charm of Old Towne Orange through education, community involvement, communication, and public service projects.

Announcing **OTPA'S 24TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS** **Garden Party & Dinner Gala**

5:00 PM • SUNDAY, MAY 17 • THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ORANGE

Enjoy another fun evening with Old Towne friends, neighbors and civic leaders gathered for good food, fellowship and recognition of exceptional success in protecting, preserving and enhancing the charm and character of Old Towne homes and business structures. We'll start with a spring Garden Party on the Woman's Club beautifully landscaped grounds, then we'll sit down inside for a great dinner and program.

With a theme of *Honoring Our Roots*, the evening highlight will be the Preservation Awards, given to recognize improvements in five categories:

- ❑ **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.
- ❑ **The Phil Brigandi 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.

See a welcome improvement in the hood? *Nominate it!*

If you spot a significant neighborhood preservation or restoration at a home, business structure or garden, submit an online nomination at otpa.org. *Yes, nominate your own work!*

Nominations deadline: April 15

Official judging: Saturday, April 25

Dinner Chair Vickie Laughlin says tables and individual tickets are available now, and urges quick purchase since last year's dinner sold out early. **Tickets are \$50. VIP Tables of eight are \$380**, with preferred location and recognition by the MC and in the printed program.



Dan Slater presented awards to last year's winners of the Sweet, Sweet Orange award. J.P. and Anne McDermott for Restoration (left) and Dale and Gayle Ray for Renovation (right)



The Garden party is always the ideal kick-off to a fun evening.



2020 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR



Full House for the Forum

OTPA'S 5th ANNUAL STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM

6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 29

Orange Public Library Community Room

Meet and hear Mayor Mark Murphy, City Manager Rick Otto, Police Chief Tom Kisela and Chapman VP of Community Relations Jack Raubolt discuss the issues impacting Old Towne now and in the future, including Chapman's SP7 Amendment proposals, homelessness, crime, parking, student housing and more. Free refreshments! Free and open to the public. **RSVP ONLINE NOW at otpa.org**

OTPA IN THE ORANGE MAY PARADE

Saturday, May 2, Chapman Avenue/Old Towne Plaza

A wonderful and welcome return of the historic Orange Harvest Parade which began in the 30s. OTPA will again showcase with a motorcade of antique cars with drivers in period outfits.

THE 2020 STREET FAIR

Friday Evening, Saturday & Sunday, September 4-6

OTPA will participate in the 48th edition of this popular Old Towne tradition with a theme booth offering cold beer.



Club 33 Harpist Performed

OTPA'S 2nd ANNUAL ART OF WINE GALA

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday, October 3

The Hilbert Museum of California Art

Join neighbors at this special wine tasting evening at the popular Hilbert Museum to raise funds for OTPA's new Anne Siebert Preservation Internships. Tickets are **\$75 per person** and include complimentary tasting of impressive new wines from California's best boutique vineyards, plus elegant hors d'oeuvres.

MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE now at otpa.org



OTPA'S CANDIDATE FORUM

6:00 pm, Tuesday, October 6

Orange will soon have a City Council with six members representing specific geographical districts, plus the Mayor. Elections in some districts – plus the Mayor – will be on the ballot this November. Co-hosted by the Foothill Sentry Newspaper, Respect Orange, and United Neighborhoods of Orange. The Forum will present candidates running in each district. Free and open to the public. **RSVP ONLINE NOW at otpa.org**

OTPA'S 3rd ANNUAL HAUNTED HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Judging 4:00 to 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 24

Award Presentation Ceremony will be held on the winning Creepy Street at noon, Sunday, October 25. Join the Halloween fun and spook up your Old Towne home or business. Categories include Creepy Street, Orange & Black, Horror House, and The Spooky Spirit of Old Towne.



Last years winner for Most Beautiful
258 N. Center St

OTPA'S 34th ANNUAL SPIRIT OF OLD TOWNE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Judging 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Saturday, December 14

Award Presentation Ceremony and Caroling on the Best Block at 7:00 pm, Sunday, December 15. Start thinking now about how you'll decorate for the holidays! OTPA recognizes decorated homes and businesses within the Historic District in categories of **Most Beautiful, Most Old Fashioned, Best Use of Lights, Most Original, Most Whimsical, Best Block and Honorable Mention.**



Board 2020 Planning Retreat

2020 OTPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Adam Feliz, *Member-at-Large*
Joe Peters, *Member-at-Large*
Alia Gerard, *Member-at-Large*
Dan Slater, *Member-at-Large*
Mignon Whitaker, *Member-at-Large*
Teresa "Tita" Smith, *Co-Founder and Member-at-Large*

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



CHAPMAN'S MASTER PLAN: *Serious Impact on Old Towne*

Chapman University has submitted amendments to its master plan to the City of Orange for review and study. It's called the **Specific Plan #7 Amendment**.

The school held a required public Scoping Meeting on January 16 at The Woman's Club of Orange to present details to the residents and various public agencies, and answer questions. Next step is reaction commentary from the City followed by an Environmental Impact Report.

As a follow-up to the lightly attended Scoping Meeting, residents were invited to submit online comments to the City of Orange on the potential impact of Chapman's plans, with a January 29 deadline for submission. OTPA sent a letter with the following focus:

- Utilization of a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) count, versus actual body count; it under-represents the impact and headcount of the proposed additional students and faculty. It also makes verification of the number of actual students an estimate at best.
- Have environmental impacts from prior University expansions been studied/mitigated?
- Are reduced parking requirements warranted by the relatively small number of students/faculty that utilize their van service?
- Is increased on-campus density (FAR) the right approach for Old Towne Orange?
- Is housing 50% of undergraduate students enough? Why are residential neighborhoods being burdened with providing the majority of student housing – shouldn't that be a University responsibility?

To read the full text of OTPA's letter, plus comments from Adam Duberstein of Respect Orange and Brian Lochrie of Chapman's Neighborhood Advisory Committee, visit www.OTPA.org and look under "News."

OTPA AND CITY SEEK STUDENTS FOR PAID INTERNSHIPS

The City and OTPA have formed a partnership to provide student interns to assist the City's Community Development Department on preservation and restoration projects. Students interested in history, writing, research, and resource surveys are encouraged to apply.

"We welcome this unique relationship, and thank the Old Towne Preservation Association for offering to fund student talent to help research and illuminate the historic heritage and character of Orange."

— MARK MURPHY, MAYOR OF ORANGE

Interns will be paid and serve at City Hall, working on projects supporting the preservation and recognition of Orange's unique and valuable historic resources, particularly in the Old Towne Historic District.

The Preservation Internships will be funded by OTPA to honor the late Anne Siebert, an OTPA former President. "Anne was a tireless, resourceful and positive civic leader who realized the importance and long term value of protecting our Orange history," said OTPA board member and former Mayor Teresa "Tita" Smith, a close Siebert friend and collaborator.

For applications and more information go online at www.cityoforange.org/261/Historic-Preservation.

Interns will serve for a period corresponding with their spring, summer or winter school or vacation schedules and must work a minimum of 120 hours per term.

Hours are flexible to accommodate school courses. Interns will be paid honorariums by OTPA, based on \$1,000 per spring or winter semester internship, and \$500 per summer internship.

Chapman's History Department Chair Alexander Bay welcomed OTPA's internship concept saying history students have training that can benefit the city.

Assignments could include, for example:

- Updating the City's survey of historic properties in Old Towne or throughout the City.
- Assisting with the Mills Act tax reduction program for owners of historic properties.
- Researching and writing narratives of historic neighborhoods and properties.
- Assisting the Orange Public Library's History Center.
- Researching and summarizing historic preservation ordinances.
- Prepare public information material on preservation projects.



Our community working together!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

 OTPA Preservation Chair and former President Jeff Frankel was honored by the Orange Community Historical Society at its Annual Dinner January 23. Nearly 200 Orange residents applauded when former City Councilman Dan Slater presented Frankel with the coveted William T. Glassell Award saying he is considered the “heart and soul of OTPA.” The Glassell Award is presented to “an individual or group that emphasized contributions to the preservation of our local heritage.”

 OTPA and the Old Towne Historic District have become models for other communities seeking to preserve their historical landmarks. Placentia has named an Advisory Committee to create comprehensive preservation design/construction standards for owners of historic properties. The committee contacted us for guidance, and OPTA co-founder Tita Smith is helping them out.

 OTPA is enjoying the highest membership numbers in its 34 year history with 411 total, including 174 Household Members, 145 Lifetime Members, and 41 Business Members! OTPA hosts more member events annually than ever before, and enjoys better event attendance.



Mayor Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Alvarez speak at Annual Meeting.

 OTPA's 34th Annual Membership Meeting attracted a full house January 21 with several speakers including Mayor Mark Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Alvarez discussing the state of the City as we enter 2020. (It's very healthy!) President Sandy Quinn gave an annual report on the state of OTPA; VP Tony Trabucco reported on the Nominating Committee and the 2020 Board was approved; Chapman VP Jack Raubolt invited members to submit comments on the University's Specific Plan 7 outlining ten year enrollment, housing and other plans; and Al Ricci reported on the Chamber's plans for this year's Orange May Parade and thanked OTPA for participating.

 OTPA will host a pre-opening sneak preview of Brewery 1886. Date TBD. The Brewery, located in the former Georges Antique store on N. Glassell, will offer a full bar, family restaurant and lots of craft beer. Even a distillery to brew their own. Owner is Mike Hernandez of Smoqued BBQ.

 OTPA saved the historic Killefer School from demolition when it stepped in five years ago to have it entered on the National Register of Historic Places. The Orange Unified School District declared the property as surplus and open to development. Several parties made bids, including Chapman University. When others dropped out, OTPA joined in urging the School Board to sell to the University rather than reopen to new bidding and allow the school to suffer more deterioration. OTPA's interest is in achieving a thorough restoration of the school building.



Important News For Our Valued Old Towne Preservation Association Members



Lemon and Chapman

Q) What's next at Hoffman Radiator?

A) The large corner at 237 W. Chapman has sold to Millworks, a successful adaptive use property developer. Millworks' Michelle Molina gave us a briefing at OTPA's annual membership meeting: “For design, think of Vintage Route 66 with a reuse of as many existing structures and signage as possible. We're working with the City and are beginning environmental clean up, fencing repairs and demo of non-historic and unusable structures. We're looking at something retail and/or services oriented, and something clean and community-focused. Something fun!”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

LIFETIME

Rick Ellifritt • Liz and Eric Clapp • Sharon and Jonathan Zimmerman

BUSINESS

Architects of Orange
 Jennifer Hill and Michelle Molina, The Millworks

Brent Cross
 John and Christina Flynn
 Barbara Francis
 Jackie Francoeur

Chad Lefteris & Sherry Mendenhall
 Steve & Kari Ratkevich

HOUSEHOLD

Brian & Heather Brinkerhoff
 Kevin Carroll

Dana Halopoff
 Luis Carnero & Naomi Kadinoff

Gina Siegel
 Nora Valadez

If you live or have a business in Old Towne, help keep our neighborhood and Plaza charming and unique by signing up now for one of these OTPA memberships: **Household \$30 annually, Business \$55 annually, and Lifetime membership one time dues of \$250.**