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Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation designates one week in May to be celebrated nationwide as Historic Preservation Week. This year the Glendale City Council joined in and expanded this celebration by declaring the entire month of May Historic Preservation Month.

Our organization inaugurated the month by presenting framed copies of our new historic sites map to City Council at their May 2 meeting. The Planning Division produced promotional posters and brochures and set up slide and film shows at Brand Library. The shows were presented by Historic Preservation Commission Chair Vonnie Rossman and Brand Library Associates. Glendale Beautiful hosted extra open house days at Casa Adobe de San Rafael. The City Hall and Central Library displayed historic photographs and artifacts. The Planning Division brochure and publicity also drew attention to the newly available "Urban Hikeaway" walking tour guide to some of downtown Glendale's historic sites, the TGHS historic sites map, the tours at The Doctors' House, the Cinco de Mayo fiesta at Pacific Park, and the Historic Preservation Commission's brass plaque site marker program.

The day-to-day involvement of City Government in historic preservation continues to be centered in the Planning Division under John McKenna. The five-member Historic Preservation Commission is now under that Division. Recommendations regarding existing and potential sites in the Division's Historic Preservation Element are made by the Commission. Presently, for example, the Commission is working with the owners of four properties who would like their homes listed, and with a group of home owners who are interested in designation as a special architectural-historic district. Copies of the Element may be purchased for \$10 at the Planning Division, 633 E. Broadway, Room 103. The "Urban Hikeaway" brochures may be obtained there at no charge.

The City Public Library System also deals with aspects of historic preservation. Special Collections Librarian Barbara Boyd oversees a large local history section at the Central Library, and Brand Library offers books on architectural history and restoration. Librarian Cindy Carr is increasing the collection, using the National Trust book listings as a guide for the purchases.

We are pleased that the City Government and our fellow organizations in Glendale participated in National Historic Preservation Week/Month. The extent of the participation indicates great potential for making this an annual observance.

Suzanne McKay

TGHS PARTICIPATES IN STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

The Glendale Historical Society was one of several statewide and regional organizations hosting the 14th annual California Preservation Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles April 20 - 23. Presented by the California Preservation Foundation, the conference provides the opportunity to meet with other people from throughout California, exchange ideas about projects, and get up-to-date information on a variety of historic preservation topics.

TGHS members David Smith, Mary Sheppard, Sue Lazara, Merry Franzen, Suzanne McKay and Almetta Hames attended the conference, choosing workshops on heritage promotion, interpretation, and education; preservation law and policy; design and development; preservation in neighborhoods and small towns; and the historic architecture of Los Angeles. Almetta was especially impressed by the guided tour of Seventh Street. Suzanne and Mary particularly enjoyed a workshop on creating a strong positive public image. David reported that TGHS's Dan Leimeter was an outstanding panelist for a seminar on historic theaters.

As a host group, our organization helped in organizing and running the conference. In addition, we were one of 19 local groups offering tours on Sunday, April 23. Our tour, "Glendale By Rail", had guests board the Amtrak "Coast Starlight" train at Union Station and alight at Glendale's 1923 depot. After hearing about the station from ticket agent Bruce Gaughan, the 36 guests boarded a bus for a tour of Forest Lawn, the Alex Theatre, Casa Adobe de San Rafael (with a box luncheon on the grounds), the Grand Central Air Terminal, Brand Library, and The Doctors' House. The route returning to the Biltmore included our beautiful Kenneth Road and Rossmoyne neighborhoods.

The tour was extremely well received by the guests, a credit to all who worked on planning and hosting it. Thanks to Glendale Beautiful docents (Maude Gentry, Lu Hutchinson, and Vonnice Rossman), Doctors' House docents (Mary Sheppard and Almetta Hames), Brand Librarian Joe Fuchs and docent Mary Lu Higgins, Alex Theatre guide Dan Leimeter, and bus/downtown docents David Smith and Robert Newcomb. Thanks also to Suzanne McKay, Christy McAvoy, and Connie Humberger for their enthusiastic support and assistance, and to Sue Lazara for organizing the tour and compiling the accompanying brochure (which is now available for \$2 at The Doctors' House). The expertise and efforts of all these people were most effective in showcasing the rich heritage of our city.

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ALEX THEATRE UPDATE

A special evening event at the Alex Theatre will be co-sponsored by The Glendale Historical Society and the Glendale Regional Arts Council next spring. A core committee made up of members of the two organizations is now meeting on a budget, a timeline, and a list of committees necessary to make such an event happen. Next we will recruit volunteers to fill out these committees, so please let us know if you would like to help! More details on the event itself and the kind of help we need will follow in the next issue of the TGHS newsletter.

Andrea Humberger
TGHS Preservation Action Task Force

FASHION SHOW DRAWS APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

On Saturday April 29 the Doctors' House Docent Guild presented "The Well-Dressed Woman: 1860 - 1930", an afternoon of fashions from the collection of Mary Lilien. The fashion show was held at the Boy Scouts Auditorium and continued at the nearby Doctors' House, where the spring display of Victorian wedding finery was opened.

Modelling the fashions were twelve models from the International Music Box Society and Docent Guild members Judy Cabrera, Luanne Sauter, Merry Franzen, Almetta Hames, and Mary Sheppard. The enjoyment was enhanced by Wallie Forstall's musicianship, Almetta Hames' refreshment arrangements and table decorations, and Bill Sheppard's stage set design. Loraine Zabaro co-ordinated ticket sales. Tea breads and hostessing were provided by docents Vesta Agnew, Mary Belle Clark, Karen Cline, Elaine Deuel, Judy Hine, Billie Knox, Sandra Lockhart, Doris McKently, Mary McVay, Isabelle Meyer, Julie Pasos, Eileen Rasmussen, Ethel Shearer, Gail Nelson and Helen Wrede. Many thanks to all who helped with this event. It was a wonderful success, and the proceeds will greatly aid in the completion of various projects at The Doctors' House and in the purchasing of cleaning equipment.

Mary Sheppard
Doctors' House Docent Chair



Doctors' House docents Mary Sheppard, Judy Cabrera, Merry Franzen, and Luanne Sauter join models from the International Music Box Society to portray "The Well-Dressed Woman: 1860-1930." At right is clothing collector Mary Lilien. (Photo by Doris McKently)

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NOTE SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

Because of the holiday weekends, The Doctors' House will be closed on July 2 and September 3. The September General Membership meeting will be replaced by the Awards and Installation Ceremonies at Casa Adobe de San Rafael on Sunday afternoon, September 17.

ARTS COUNCIL NAMES TGHS TO BOARD

The Glendale Regional Arts Council, which promotes and co-ordinates art activities in the Glendale area, has recently designated a seat on its Board for The Glendale Historical Society. President David Smith is our current representative.

The Arts Council is broadening its base to include a variety of arts-related organizations. It has been working during recent months with the TGHS Preservation Action Task Force in dealing with the issue of possibly converting the Alex Theatre to a live theatre or cultural center. We are honored and pleased to be a part of this creative and influential group.

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TGHS CO-HOSTS RESTORATION LECTURES

"How To Research and Restore Your Home" - "Adding On to Your House Without Sacrificing Architectural Integrity" were the subjects of the 1989 Spring Lecture Series on April 2 and April 30 at Brand Art Center co-sponsored by TGHS and the Brand Art Associates.

Guest lecturers Christy Johnson McAvoy, architectural research professional, and Tim Brandt, restoration architect, delivered informative slide and lecture programs on these two Sundays.

If you were not among the audience for this excellent series, you can still participate by taking advantage of its two free ongoing benefits:

1) Copies of the research and restoration packets offered at the series are available at Brand Library. These packets include information on Glendale's architectural history, articles on neighborhood revitalization successes, an updated local preservation bibliography, and other basic restoration and research advice.

2) An all-new preservation shelf at Brand Library is now being catalogued. These new volumes are the gifts of TGHS and Brand Art Associates as an adjunct to the lecture series. The shelf includes guidelines from the National Park Service, briefs from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, technical leaflets from the American Association for State and Local History, reprints from The Old House Journal, and numerous other preservation publications. These volumes were collected by co-chairmen Elaine Williams and Sue Lazara to augment the already established preservation periodicals file available at Brand, and they are a gift in the name of The Glendale Historical Society and Brand Art Associates in honor of Glendale's unique architectural heritage.

We are pleased to be able to contribute to the development of this new community resource at Brand Library in support of neighborhood preservation in Glendale.

Sue Lazara
TGHS Preservation Action Task Force

TGHS PUBLISHES MAP OF GLENDALE'S HISTORIC SITES

A map showing 41 historically and architecturally significant sites in Glendale has recently been published by our organization.

The 17" by 22" map will enable people who live and work in Glendale to know more about their community's history and its architectural treasures, and it will help visitors and newcomers discover our city's special assets. The front of the map includes a brief history of Glendale and a map pinpointing the location of the sites. On the reverse side are brief descriptions of all the sites, which are the 34 listed in the City's 1977 Historic Preservation Element and several additional noteworthy properties. The history of Glendale section has been translated into Spanish, Korean, and Armenian, with each translation being available as a supplement to the map.

Conscious of its educational value, we gave copies of the map and translations to Glendale College and to every public and private elementary, junior high, and senior high school in Glendale. We also gave copies and translations to each branch of the Glendale Public Library. In most cases these were non-folded maps, suitable for mounting or laminating. We also gave complimentary copies to the owner of each property listed, and to every TGHS member. On May 2 TGHS President David Smith presented framed copies to the City Council at their weekly meeting.



Fremont School Library Assistant Sherry Wolfe, *right*, accepts a copy of the TGHS historic sites map from David Smith, Cathleen Blatt (from Glendale Federal) and Doris McKently at the presentation event on March 9th.

The map is now available at The Doctors' House for \$2 and by mail from TGHS for \$3 (to include postage and handling).

We are most grateful to Glendale Federal for underwriting the map's printing and distribution costs, and to the Glendale Unified School District Office of Intercultural Education for providing the Spanish, Korean, and Armenian translations. Many thanks also to all those who contributed their time and talents; Robin Abramians, who drew the map; Dan and Barbara Leimeter, who typed the text; Bill Sheppard and Karen Cline, who gave valuable advice regarding the graphics and design; Sue Lazara and Cathleen Blatt, Glendale Federal liaisons; Doris McKently, who so enthusiastically delivered the maps and translations to the schools and property owners; and Daphne Lindstrum, who helped with the bulk mailing. The text and map were written and designed by Suzanne McKay.

We are proud to be able to offer this map as a means of enhancing historic awareness and civic pride in our community.

THE E. D. GOODE HOUSE: PROTECTING A HISTORIC RESOURCE

The TGHS Preservation Action Task Force and the Friends of Heritage took steps at each level of public comment in this project to have it more closely conform to state and national guidelines for National Register-eligible landmarks. Although these efforts did not result in fundamental design changes, several important modifications and conditions for approval were imposed upon the project through our appeals and through the concomitant work of conscientious planning staff and Design Review Board members.

The final form of the project of Mr. Joe Ayvazi as approved by the City's Environmental and Planning Board May 5 Notice of Determination includes both the design and conditions. The Goode House will be converted to office use. A senior housing structure will be built in a horseshoe shape around the house, with seven feet separating the Goode House side walls from the senior housing walls at foundation level. The new building will, to fulfill a Design Review Board requirement, have a setback from the street equal to that of the Goode House. It will be a maximum of 3 1/2 stories high in the rear, 2 1/2 stories high in the two forward wings, and 1 1/2 stories high in the front twelve feet of the 120-foot deep structure. (The Design Review Board also called for several modifications of the roofline contours and exterior treatments of the new project in order to increase compatibility between the historic structure and its new companion and to downplay competition of design features between the new and the historic buildings.)

In accordance with the appeal sponsored by TGHS in July 1988 before the Environmental Planning Board, the Board required that there be certain mitigation measures to reduce environmental impact on the Goode House, a historic resource as covered under the California Environmental Quality Act. It stipulated that "The renovation of the Goode House shall be in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating Historic Buildings so as to insure its eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places."

Our second point of appeal, that there was also a need to satisfy CEQA by addressing the potential adverse impact of certain aspects of the new structure on the Goode House, was not upheld by the Board.

Neither did the Board of Zoning Adjustments uphold the November appeal of Friends of Heritage, who asked them to reconsider their granting of five variances. These combined variances resulted in the new housing being of greater bulk and density than normally allowed -- a bulk of more than 20 times that of the Goode House. They argued that these variances (exceptions to certain codes) for office use, reduced setback, reduced unit size, reduced parking requirements, and the allowing of 40 units instead of 25 for the size of the lot, could not be justified unless economic hardship was demonstrated and unless the project design would preserve the National Register eligibility and historic integrity of the Goode House. Although unsuccessful, this appeal did call attention to several unvarianced inadequacies which the developer needed to correct.

Last January a new state law was enacted requiring cities, as lead agencies, to monitor and report on the implementation of any mitigation measures which circumvent the requirement of an Environmental Impact Report under CEQA. The City of Glendale, therefore, must provide a specific implementation plan for this project. This the Environmental Planning Board did on March 16, 1989, by stating that "The developer shall retain the services of an architect, approved by the State Office of

Historic Preservation, to design and specify the restoration and renovation of the Goode House, inside and out, in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's standards." " The approved architect shall be required to supervise all restoration activities." "A cash bond shall be filed . . which shall cover the full value of all restoration work identified in the architect's on-site supervision." " Prior to issuance of any implementation permits, the proposed restoration plans shall be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission."

The final plans for the restoration of the Goode House are still pending, but the senior housing project plans are in the final stages of being reviewed for correction notices and issuance of the building permits. The project is expected to be underway this year.

Sue Lazara
TGHS Preservation Action Task Force

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The Inter-Valley Ranch in
Dunsmore Canyon.
(Photo by S. McKay)

CITY RECEIVES INTER-VALLEY RANCH TRAILS GRANT

The City of Glendale was successful in its application for a \$100,000.00 State conservation grant to develop hiking trails through the historic Inter-Valley Ranch in the Verdugo Hills north of Glendale. The ranch, alleged hideout for nineteenth century bandit Tiburcio Vasquez, covers 702 acres in Dunsmore Canyon and includes a capacious stone winery. It is listed in the City's Historic Preservation Element and has for several years been used as riding stables and a horse trail area.

In addition to constructing the hiking trails, the City intends to rehabilitate the winery and use it as an educational center depicting the history, flora, and fauna of the foothill area. Since the history/archeology grant applied for was not received, this portion of the project will be funded by the City itself.

The Inter-Valley Ranch and Winery project promises to be an exciting addition to Glendale's publicly accessible historic sites. It will spotlight the northern, more rugged, yet fascinating and unique portion of our city.

Suzanne McKay

IN MEMORIAM: AUDREY HALES

Audrey Stites Hales was a woman who believed in her community. I met her through my involvement with The Doctors' House, and got to know her very well as we worked together over the past several years.

Audrey was a generous person. She had a loyalty to a project, the determination to finish a job; and she devoted many untold hours to carrying out her commitments. She was very knowledgeable about antiques and was always willing to share that knowledge with others.

Christmas "was" Audrey. She would select the perfect Victorian tree for the Doctors' House parlor, travelling to L. A. railway yards to pick the right tree fresh off the train. She believed in authenticity for the tree ornaments and left her Victorian Christmas ornament collection to The Doctors' House.

Audrey spent eight years on the Acquisitions Committee and was particularly interested in the kitchen. Late last year she assisted in training new docents on the features of that room. Under Audrey's patient guidance, countless children used the apple peeler to peel real apples. Over the years Audrey was acquiring a vintage clothing collection. We have accepted these clothes and plan to have an Audrey Stites Hales clothing exhibit next year. Her other lasting contributions are The Glendale Historic Cook Book, The Early Glendale Fun Book for children, the substantial proceeds from several garage sales, and of course all the minutes she took at General and Board meetings as TGHS Recording Secretary for eight years. In her last days Audrey took the time and strength to donate several personal items to The Doctors' House.

We thank her for being Audrey -- a caring person. She will be missed and remembered.

Mary Sheppard

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SOMETIMES THE MODERN WAY REALLY IS BETTER!

The Doctors' House docents would like to thank Fran Ferrin for her donation to the house of a Royal vacuum cleaner. This means that a docent doesn't have to lug her own vacuum from home to clean the carpets. (No, they don't use beaters.) We truly appreciate the gift.

Mary Sheppard
Doctors' House Docent Chair

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JOIN THE FUN OF AN "AFTERNOON IN THE PARK"

Our family fun afternoon last summer at The Doctors' House was so popular that we are again holding an "Afternoon in the Park" for people of all ages to enjoy. So mark your calendar for Sunday, September 10, and bring your friends and family to the grounds of The Doctors' House in Brand Park for an afternoon of summer pleasures. From 1 to 4 pm there will be refreshments, a vintage car display, music, and entertainment. On exhibit in The Doctors' House will be old-fashioned bathing suits and postcards. Find out what made "The Good Ole' Summertime" so good!



WELCOME TO NEW DOCENTS



The Doctors' House kitchen provided the setting for docent training classes attended by Julie Pasos, Terry Richman, Denise Tari, Marilyn Archer, Marlene Sanchez (and her son), and Cat Murray. Julie, right, greeted visitors to the house after the April 29 fashion show.

(Photos by Doris McKently)



We extend a warm welcome and thank you to our seven new Doctors' House docents, graduates of the recent spring training classes. We hope they will treasure and enjoy their hostessing hours at the house as much as we treasure and enjoy them. The new docents are Marilyn Archer, Doris McKently, Cat Murray, Julie Pasos, Terry Richman, Marlene Sanchez, and Denise Tari.

THE GLENDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Financial Report November 27, 1987 to November 27, 1988

Balance in bank 11-27-87 \$7,485.44

INCOME:	Membership dues	2,996.00	
	Interest	314.41	
	Dr's House tours	1,477.45	
	Pictorial books	1,505.00	
	Cook books	275.00	
	Aviation books	285.95	
	T-Shirts	431.00	
	Donations	572.00	
	Miscellaneous	709.54	
	Research books	145.21	
	Fun books	244.00	
	Post cards	142.30	
	Alex report	15.00	
	Glendale elements	46.00	
	Refunds	255.00	
	Fund raisers	429.00	9,842.86

\$17,328.30

EXPENSES:	Dr's House	\$ 427.53	
	Preservation	1,742.22	
	Supplies	69.22	
	Mailing	522.50	
	Receptions	684.50	
	Special events	253.48	
	Refunds	16.80	
	Docents	113.02	
	President's expense	120.00	
	Meeting notices	86.08	
	Printing	307.00	
	Sales merchandise	3,537.96	
	Miscellaneous	183.99	
	Organization dues	246.00	
	Newsletters	625.86	
	Donations	60.00	
	Flowers	18.11	
	Ray West Memorial	201.90	
	Insurance	1,814.40	
	P.O.Box rent	28.00	
	Acquisition account	84.29	
	Awards	12.43	
	Days of Verdugo	35.00	
	Secretary's expense	25.00	
	Secretary of State	2.50	
	Telephone		
	The Doctors' House	\$109.84	
	T.G.H.S.	153.11	262.95

11480.74

Balance in bank 11-27-88 \$5,847.56
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Richard Montgomery, Treasurer

1989 AWARDS AND INSTALLATION ON SEPTEMBER 17

Our annual awards and installation ceremonies will again be held on the grounds of the Casa Adobe de San Rafael. This yearly event, taking place on Sunday afternoon September 17, provides the opportunity for us to get together to meet and install our Board of Directors and to honor those individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to your organization and our city.

We welcome nominations for awards for service to TGHS, for an education or preservation project, or for any other endeavor which furthers our goal of promoting community awareness of Glendale's history and architectural heritage. Please send your nomination, together with your own address and telephone number, to The Glendale Historical Society, P.O. Box 4173, Glendale CA 91202. Watch your mail for further details about the awards and installation ceremonies.

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"HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME. . ."

Do you save postcards? Would you like to share them? Our Doctors' House exhibit for July, August and September will feature old-fashioned bathing suits and postcards from earlier decades in Southern California. If you would be willing to loan any of your postcards for the exhibit, please contact Mary Sheppard at 244-7646. All items loaned are carefully handled, secured, and returned.

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WANTED: BACKUP COMPUTER PERSON

Our TGHS membership roster is maintained by Bob Woodring, using his Apple 2E computer, a disk containing the names and addresses, and address management software entitled "PFS:File". We would like to have a duplicate copy of the disk and a backup person for Bob. This person could print out mailing labels or lists using his or her computer if the (unanticipated but possible) need arose. If you think you could do this, please phone Bob at TGHS, 242-7447.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, so membership renewals are now due. Renewal notices have been mailed to all members. Please remember to keep us informed of any address changes needed so that you will continue to receive the newsletter, meeting notices, program invitations, and other membership benefits. Our bulk postage rate does not provide for forwarding mail.

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Newsletter Editor: Suzanne McKay Assistant Editor: Dr. Robert Newcomb

Thanks to Helen Wrede for typing the newsletter, and to Bob Woodring, Karen Newcomb and Daphne Lindstrum for their help in the bulk mailing.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Denise Tari, Marilyn Archer, Cat Murray, Terry Richman, Marlene Sanchez, Irene Blore (renewing), Yin Li, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Browne, and Curtis and Judee Kendall.

Membership in the Glendale Historical Society is open to all persons interested in learning about, promoting, and preserving aspects of Glendale's history. Members receive quarterly newsletters, announcements of events, discounts on TGHS tours, and the opportunity to work on a variety of projects. Annual dues are \$15 for single active, \$25 for family active, \$50 for sustaining, \$5 for student/senior, \$25 for non-profit organization, and \$100 for corporate.

General meetings are held monthly (except December, July and August) at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Carrillon Room, Glendale Federal Savings, 401 North Brand Boulevard. Telephone: 242-7447

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