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THE MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES IN GLENDALE

by William Shepherd and David Smith

The National Trust recently announced its current list of most endangered sites in America. Closer to home, we have our own endangered sites.

1. Historic lampposts. An attempt to remove the 1920's historic lampposts on Marion Drive was foiled by an alert citizen, Elizabeth Molo and our own Margaret Hammond. The threat is not over yet. Write and telephone all five council members and let them know you oppose the removal of historic lampposts anywhere in Glendale.
2. St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church (formerly known as the First Church of Christ, Scientist). Councilman Sheldon Baker's law firm is representing the Church to de-landmark the building. City Council has already allowed major renovations to the church which conflict with historic preservation.
3. Blocks 29 and 30 of the downtown redevelopment zone. The Redevelopment Agency wants to tear down everything and build an artificial old-town looking development. Included in this area is the Glendale Theatre, the Pendroy's Department Store (156 S. Brand) and the old Barn Furniture Store building. It seems odd that they want to build a new old-town look when they could rehabilitate the real old-town.

The Most Endangered Historic Sites - Continued

4. Goode House. Looking sadder every day. Although there are plans to renovate it, will it happen before the house falls apart?
5. Glendale Police Station and 1920's Garage. The GPD building is a good representative of early 1960's architecture in Glendale. Some are questioning the fiscal responsibility of tearing down this building and building a new, larger police headquarters.
6. The Glendale Wash Bridges. Many of these WPA bridges have been already been removed to accommodate street widening and other traffic needs. The City should place the remaining WPA bridges on the landmark list to remind us of the public works generated during that era.
7. The Woolworth Store. The former five and ten store at the corner of Brand and Wilson sits empty and forlorn. Its fate is unknown.
8. J.J. Newberry (AKA Kress Store). Just a few doors north of Woolworth's, Newberry's is now our only five and dime. There are some who wish to tear it down for a public plaza. If they want a public plaza, why not the vacant lot where the Egyptian Village Cafe once stood.
9. California Bungalow Homes. Glendale was once dominated by the single family, small bungalow home. During the last 10 - 15 years, with rampant development, many were razed and multiple dwelling apartments built on their sites. Will our bungalows join the endangered species list?
10. And lastly, our tongue-in-cheek nomination - the Perkins Building. The City of Glendale tore down the wonderful Art Deco Public Services Building. Council was convinced that the building would not stand-up if we had a major earthquake. In January, the earthquake hit. The earthquake damage to the Perkins Building cost \$650,000 to repair. Will Council now want to tear down the Perkins Building?

TGHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED

At its June 1, 1994 annual meeting, TGHS membership elected three TGHS members to the Board of Directors. David Smith and Isabelle Meyers were re-elected to new terms on the Board and Frances Doll was newly elected to the Board. Frances replaces Dan Cabrera who chose not to run for re-election. Continuing Directors are Caroline Benisians, Margaret Hammond, Phyllis Kenney, Doyle Kutch, Richard Montgomery, and William Shepherd.

At its June 28, 1994 meeting, the Board chose the 1994-95 officers. Elected as officers were William Shepherd as President, David Smith as Vice President, Caroline Benisians as Secretary and Richard Montgomery as Treasurer.

This year's nominations committee was composed of Vi Long, Irene Maben, Bob Newcomb, Caroline Benesians and William Shepherd. TGHS thanks them for their service.

We also wish to thank Dan for his service on the Board during the last three years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Demolition is Forever

by William Shepherd

As I assume the duties of President, I first want to thank my fellow Board members for electing me. I also want to give a special thanks to outgoing President, David Smith, for encouraging me to accept this office. The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) has a history of strong leadership and I hope that I can perform my duties up to the standards of my predecessors.

TGHS has led the battle to preserve local history. I believe this struggle must continue. We need to become more proactive in our advocacy for preservation of Glendale's historic buildings, before the few that are left are destroyed forever. It is sad, but true, since the passing of the City's Preservation Ordinance and the placing of the original 33 sites on the element, not one new designation has been added. Unfortunately, three of the sites (the Elks Club, Tuesday Afternoon Club and Egyptian Village Cafe) are gone. The First Church of the Christ Scientist (AKA St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church) is threatened with being de-landmarked and the Goode House may collapse at any time. The City should move forward in adding additional landmarks.

We must urge City Council/Redevelopment Agency to stop the wrecking ball approach to redevelopment and encourage the City to work with developers to retain and restore historic buildings when developing their plans. We must also push the city in allowing the usage of the State's Historic Building Code for seismic upgrading of the City's older structures. We must work with our State and Federal government representatives to support legislation

that is pro-preservation and to oppose legislation that is anti-preservation. Additionally we should provide support and encouragement to other nearby local, statewide and national preservation organizations in their efforts to preserve history.

In order for TGHS to become a stronger advocate, we must be better organized. This cannot occur if we continue to operate without office space. For too long, TGHS activities have been conducted from various members homes and offices. Our resource materials are stored in closets and garages throughout Glendale. In fact, we have little knowledge of exactly what we have and where it is stored. An office will provide TGHS with more than just having a place to store our files. With an office, we will be more visible and assessable to the public. We will also have a place at which we can coordinate and operate TGHS activities. At its June and July meetings, the Board of Directors discussed this need. The Board realizes that office space will require additional funding to meet the needs of rent, utilities, furnishings and equipment. To meet this need, the Board plans to initiate several fundraising ventures.

The months ahead will be demanding. The organization's needs are many. In addition to office space, there are needs for additional docents at the Doctors' House, volunteers for our various committees, and a permanent editor for the *TGHS Quarterly*. We are a crucial point in our organization's history. Either we can move to the forefront of the community or we can slide backward into a model of "reacting too late to matter."

**Images of the Awards Program
May 14, 1994**



Receipt: Glendale Redevelopment Agency - Awards Chair Andrea Humberger, Presenter Sue Lazara, Representing the GRA: Mayor Eileen Givens, Councilman Sheldon Baker & Project Manager Sean Clark.



**Receipt: Isabelle Meyer, Docent
Cordinator, Doctors House
Docent Guild**



**Receipt: Carole
Dougherty
Derby House**



Receipt: Terry Richman

Photos credits Doris McKently and Connie Humberger

1994 TGHS AWARDS

The Glendale Historical Society held its 1994 Awards Program on Saturday, May 14 in the garden of The Doctors' House. This annual TGHS event honors individuals and groups for leadership, service, and contributions to the celebration and preservation of Glendale's heritage. This year's awards festivities were celebrated during National Historic Preservation Week, the theme of which was "It's your memory. It's our history. It's worth saving."

TGHS presented ten Certificates of Commendation to individuals or organizations in the community who, acting on their own behalf, made a significant contribution to the celebration and preservation of Glendale's heritage. Certificates of Commendation were awarded to:

Glendale Redevelopment Agency, Alex Regional Theatre Board, The Ratkovich Company, R.F. McCann & Company, Leon Sugarman & Associates, Turner Construction Special Projects Division, John Ash Group, and Restoration Studio for rehabilitating the historic Alex Theatre as a performing arts center.

Paula Dinkel and Hugh Avery, owners of **Stage Left Coffeehouse**, for imaginatively reusing a downtown building and its historic facade.

Marcus Scarpiello, owner of the **Great White Hut**, for renewing the lively appearance of a vintage hamburger stand.

Charles Pontrelli, manager of **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** for the sensitive conversion of a Craftsman style home to an office.

Christopher and Stephanie McReynolds, owners of the **Montrose Christian Montessori School** for the ongoing preservation of a classic local stone building.

Sun Hi Hwang and Manuel and Margarita Fabris, property owner and business owners of **Sal's Market**, for maintaining the historic use and appearance of a neighborhood market.

Michael and Carole Dougherty for the faithful restoration and stabilization of the historic Derby House.

Otto Tronowsky for his ongoing dedication to protecting the integrity of historic neighborhoods.

Vic Pallos for promoting the awareness of the history of Glendale and its schools.

June Dougherty for her extensive research and contribution to the knowledge of foothill area history.

TGHS also presented three Certificates of Appreciation which are given to members of The Glendale Historical Society for service to and on behalf of our organization. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to:

Isabelle Meyer, Docent Coordinator, and The Doctors' House Docent Guild for leadership in developing three innovative special events at The Doctors' House.

Terry Richman for her comprehensive reworking of The Doctors' House Docent Training Manual.

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1994 TGHS Awards - Continued

Helen Wrede for dedicated service on the Board of Directors 1992-1994.

Andrea Humberger - The President's Award. The Board of Directors awards the President's Award to individuals who given extraordinary service to the Glendale Historical Society. The 1994 award was a special plaque featuring the cover to the 1990 invitation to the Alex Extravaganza. Engraved on the plaque was "Presented to Andrea Humberger for her dedicated service to the Glendale Historical Society for the preservation of the Alex Theatre from 1988 to 1994." This award recognized the thousands of hours Andrea has given to the Alex revitalization. These efforts included editing of the 1988 position paper, as a member of the Alex Extravaganza Steering Committee, as TGHS's representative on the Committee for Arts at the Alex, and for her tireless support for a high quality preservation project as a member of the Alex Regional Theatre Board.

Many thanks to 1994 Awards Chair Andrea Humberger and jury members Dan Cabrera, Brian Ellis, Sue Lazara, and Suzanne McKay. Thanks also to awards presenters Sue Lazara, Caroline Beniasians, Isabelle Meyer, and David Smith. Special thanks to Sid Gordon for framing the award certificates and providing the background music and sound system for the program, Merry and Dan Franzen for setting up, Phyllis Kenney and Jean Felkel for serving as greeters, Doris McKently for the floral arrangements and Isabelle Meyer for providing tours of The Doctor's House for the event guests.

CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION CONFERENCE REPORT

*by Art Fisher
with William Shepherd and David Smith*

The California Preservation Foundation is a statewide non-profit organization which brings together architects, structural engineers, contractors and members of historical groups and societies. The Foundation seems a disparate, contentious mixture, but all who join are committed to the preservation, restoration and continued use of the many buildings that have been handed down to the present citizens of California and that serve as a reminder of our state's history and growth and the great potential such structures have for present use and, with careful, sensitive planning, can continue to have for future generations. The annual membership meeting was held in Sacramento in mid May. Three members represented TGHS at the conference.

The theme of the "Campaign '94" track stressed that successful preservation campaigns require building coalitions with other groups. Other organizations with non-preservation missions may have the same goal but for a different reason. For example, a local homeowners group may oppose the plans to raze an historic structure because the proposed plans for the site will increase traffic on the street or a taxpayers group may oppose the destruction of a civic building because they perceive it to be a waste of taxpayer dollarse. The various workshops in the "Campaign '94" track also stressed obtaining key endorsements of a preservation campaign. As part of the support effort, editorial support is important, but nothing beats having decision makers confronted with personal contacts by key members of the community and persons that the decision maker knows and respects. In summary, successful campaigns often require a cross section of the community supporting the cause for a variety of reasons.

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California Preservation Conference Report - Continued

The panel session on religious structures was held at the E.B. Crocker House and Art Gallery, built between 1865 and 1873, and is the oldest art museum in the western United States. Discussion was had on Assembly Bill (AB) 1185 which temporarily restricted religious structures from being given an "historical" designation. There is currently an attempt in the State Legislature to make this sad fact a permanent law. If this happens, it is a first successful attack against the ability of local groups to designate areas or buildings as "historic." If one type or group of buildings can be exempted, what is to prevent other types from being given an exemption? The only thing historic that would remain in our State would be the memory of its citizens. A panel of four members gave attendees an overview of successful and on-going efforts to refurbish and preserve religious structures in such diverse locations as Fresno, Oakland, San Francisco and the Echo Park area of Los Angeles.

The panel session on Neighborhoods and Preservation discussed local problems in Sacramento. Sacramento has many areas of historic homes near its growing downtown. Speculators are purchasing historic homes and then let them sit vacant until the building deteriorates to the point that it must be demolished, thus freeing the site for new development. The local preservation groups have identified these buildings as their "fainted ladies." Fainted Ladies tours are conducted to dramatize the fate of these landmarks and as an extra, the attendees are provided a list of names and addresses of the owners. In some cases, the buildings owners have started repairs after receiving a barrage of mail from concerned citizens.

All three attendees thought the conference was a valuable educational experience. Next year's conference will be in Riverside (April 13 - 16, 1995). This year's attendees encourage other TGHS members to attend and learn first hand about the latest Statewide efforts in historic preservation.

The Doctors' House Chronicles

This article is the first of a series that will appear in the TGHS Quarterly about the people who were important to the Doctors' House and the early days of Glendale.

Ellis T. Byram - an early pioneer

Ellis T. Byram arrived in Glendale in 1883 to join the half dozen families then settled in the area north of San Fernando Road. A man of sufficient means, experience and foresight, Mr. Byram was a major force in the formation of the infant township of Glendale.

Byram was originally from Indiana, but had lived in Percy, Iowa, for some time before coming to Glendale. This must have been a major upheaval for his family of seven at a time when Mr. Byram, at age 43, was enjoying considerable business success in his adopted Iowa town. But he became convinced that the precarious health of his devoted wife of 18 years demanded the relocation to California.

Soon after his arrival in Glendale, Byram along with two partners purchased 123 acres on the east side of Glendale Avenue. The land was then sold in ten acre lots while Byram retained ten acres for himself. On this site he built a two-story house in the American farmhouse style for his family residence. The Byram House is now located at 227 N Everett.

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Doctors' House Chronicles - Continued

An important event for the developing town was the arrival of the Sante Fe Railroad in Los Angeles in 1885. The monopoly held by the Southern Pacific Railroad was broken. Forced to compete for business, the two railroads soon were locked in a rate war. Ticket prices from Chicago dropped from about \$120 to \$25, then \$10 and for a few hours one day the rates dropped to \$1. After years of promotion of the great California climate many families took advantage of these low fares to travel to Los Angeles. The railroad rate war started the land boom of 1886.

Byram had become active in plotting a townsite in order to profit from the land boom. The Glendale township was formally created in 1887 by the pooling of all or parts of the lands of six individuals, about 150 acres altogether. The six owners were Byram, Capt. C.E. Thom, Judge Erskine, M. Ross, Harry J Crow, B.F. Patterson and G. W. Phelon. The site consisted of 60 blocks, from today's Lexington Drive to below Colorado St and from Central Avenue to Adams. After surveying and mapping out of the township, Byram was the local agent for the real estate offerings.

With the townsite plotted, large numbers of buyers, speculators, builders and settlers came to Glendale. The ornate 75 room Glendale Hotel was built in anticipation that many visitors would need accommodations while looking for property in Glendale and during construction of their new homes. However, the boom of 1886-7 soon came to an end and the real estate market crashed in 1888. The new hotel was forced to close and Glendale would remain a small town of about 300 people until 1900.

In 1888 Byram built a house at the location that is now Wilson and Belmont Streets. This house would eventually become known as the Doctors' House. Byram built the house as a speculative venture and as an example to all inspecting the new township of the fashionable life awaiting them in this idyllic location. With demand for property depressed the house sat vacant and possibly unfinished until its sale on January 18, 1890 to Mrs W. J. Jay for \$1,500.

In addition to his real estate activities, Byram also opened one of the earliest businesses in general merchandise, Byram & Dalton. He donated the land for and was founding elder of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1896 he was president of the Glendale Improvement Society which worked to bring the first rail connections to Glendale. He was a principal in the formation of the Verdugo Springs Water Company, the first water company in the valley and was an organizer of the Bank of Glendale. Mrs. Byram, Hulda, was credited with achieving the long-sought name change of the post office from "Mason" to "Glendale" and was an active volunteer for the W.C.T.U.

E.T. Byram seems to have weathered the collapse of the late 1880s rather well. According to the tax roll of 1894, he still maintained the largest real estate holdings in the area. That same year he chartered the First Presbyterian Church, being not only a ruling elder but also chief financial supporter.

Ellis T. Byram died on May 30, 1908.

Sources for this article include; the TGHS Docent Training Manual, and Glendale Area History by E. Caswell Perry and Carrol W. Parcher published in 1981.

WANTED!

REWARD OFFERED!

The Glendale Historical Society is seeking the donation of items for our archives:

The types of things sought include:

Yearbooks from Glendale Schools

Old Photographs of Glendale

Books and Magazines about Glendale
(including Glendale residents or businesses)

Old Maps of the Glendale Area

Information about Glendale Businesses

Memoirs of Glendale Residents

The Reward

The warm fuzzy feeling that comes from helping a local organization
and possibly a tax-deduction.

For Information

Call 818-242-7447

DOCTORS' HOUSE TOURS WELL ATTENDED

by Isabelle Meyer

Recent updating of attendance records at the Doctors' House revealed some interesting results. Over a period of ten years tour figures are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sunday Tours</u>	<u>Special Tours</u>	<u>Total Visitors</u>
84/85	3509	1171	4680
85/86	2548	840	3388
86/87	2875	489	3364
87/88	2650	888	3538
88/89	2867	1408	4275
89/90	2617	400	3017
90/91	2013	768	2781
91/92	2740	291	3031
92/93	2072	365	2437
93/94	1698	904	2602

The first year (84/85) tours brought the highest number of visitors, 92/93 the lowest. In the ten years of Doctors' House tours, a total of 33,113 people have visited the house, with the annual average at 3,311 visitors.

The year completed June 30, 1994 saw an increase in visitors, particularly for special tours. We hope to build on these encouraging numbers in the future. These special tours are arranged through the City and provide an opportunity for school groups and other special groups to visit the museum for an exclusive tour. June is especially busy because many elementary schools go on their field trip during that month. Showing small groups and school children through the House is especially rewarding, because so many of them well prepared in background history and are eager to learn more.

In order to supplement our docent corps, we are actively seeking additional docents for weekday tours. As many of our Sunday docents work during the week, they are unavailable on weekdays. Until we have more weekday docents, we are trying to limit special tours to two per month. If you are interested in becoming a docent, please call Isabelle Meyer at (818) 242-4290.

We can all be proud of the continued success of our unique museum.

The Glendale Historical Society
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended November 30, 1993

	General Fund	Doctors' House Acquisitions Fund	Alex Theatre Revitalization Project Fund
REVENUE AND SUPPORT RECEIVED			
Membership Dues	\$ 5,155.00	\$	\$
Merchandise Sales:			
Glendale Pictorial History	979.40		
Madcaps, Millionaires, & "Mose"	256.00		
T-Shirts	250.00		
Other	694.18		
Doctors' House Tour Donations	791.22		
Glendale Community Foundation Grant - Laser Printer	500.00		
Member matching donation for Laser Printer	1,165.50		
Donations - other	167.00		
Interest Income	141.26	8.41	72.05
Other Revenues and Support	400.54	150.85	
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT RECEIVED	10,500.10	159.26	72.05
COSTS AND EXPENSES PAID			
Doctors' House Docent Guild			
Insurance	1,450.93		
Docent Training Manual	263.51		
Other	244.17		
Preservation Committee	254.31		
Membership Committee			
Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive	1384.52		
Other	402.47		
Donation to Alex Regional Theatre Board			5,000.00
Doctors' House Acquisitions Committee		8.88	
General Expenses			
Newsletter Printing and Postage	842.31		
Meeting Publicity	565.87		
Dues in Other Organizations	581.00		
Postage, Supplies & Printing	586.42		
Awards, Gifts and Memorials	654.18		
Social Activities	800.89		
Telephone	219.52		
Officer Expense Reimbursements	180.00		
Other	528.47		
Purchase of Laser Printer	730.69		
Merchandise Purchased For Resale	943.82		
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	10,633.08	8.88	5,000.00
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (132.98)	\$ 150.38	\$ (4,927.95)
CASH BALANCE, December 1, 1992	9,891.90	1,460.29	6,532.54
CASH BALANCE, November 30, 1993	\$ 9,758.92	\$ 1,610.67	\$ 1,604.59

COMMITTEES ON THE MOVE

Doctors' House Acquisitions

by Ethel Shearer

The Doctors' House Acquisitions Committee submitted its annual report to the City of Glendale, Parks and Recreation Department on June 27, 1994. The Committee reported the completion of its inventory and of the past year's acquisitions. Donated acquisitions included a child's rocking chair, steel rimmed glasses (in case) 2 curling irons and a sterling silver card tray. There were two purchased acquisitions during the year, a small card case with a carved ivory front and a black silk dress.

Doctors' House Docent Guild

by Isabelle Meyer

On June 29th, David Smith and Isabelle Meyer met with city representatives Nello Iocono and Jim Kurkowi to discuss some much needed repairs to the exterior of the Doctors' House. The most costly, of the needed repairs, is the painting of the exterior which continues to deteriorate due to exposure to sunlight and the elements. A recent City application for a grant was not approved, and the City is looking for another way in which to finance this urgently needed project. Several other repairs were also brought to the attention of Mr. Iocono and the meeting was concluded with a better understanding of concerns by both sides. It was also decided to initiate regular meetings to discuss House related issues. We appreciate the City's willingness to inform itself about the needs of our valuable cultural resource. We will continue to point to the ways in which both TGHS and the city have benefitted by the careful attention both parties give to our museum.

On July 17th, the Doctors' House docent guild met at the home of Isabelle Meyer for an informal evening of pot-luck dinner and brainstorming on upcoming events. After a relaxing dinner of sampling the varied delicacies provided by the docents, Terry Richman spoke about the

updocming Nell Shipman exhibit in October. The exhibit honoring silent-screen star, director and producer, Nell Shipman will be open for viewing on the first four Sundays in October, with special events planned for October 2. Docents also discussed the viability of having three special candle-light tours on Saturday nights instead of the usual Sunday afternoon tours. One Christmas time Sunday afternoon tour will also occur. The response to the one candle-light tour was so tremendous last year that we feel justified to add two evening tours to accommodate the many visitors expected.

To join the Docent Guild call Isabelle Meyer at (818) 242-4290.

Nell Shipman Committee

by Terry Richman

Sundays, October 2 - October 23, 1994, are the dates set for the Nell Shipman Exhibit at the Doctors' House. We will present displays through the entire museum and give special tours focusing on the film pioneer's (born October 25, 1892) career and experiences while she was a resident in the house (1917-1920).

The exhibits will include publicity shots, family photos (for example, her father and young son sitting on the sidewalk in front of the house on Wilson Avenue), movie stills, posters, period clothing (including an authentic World War I uniform), an audio tape of Nell reading a children's story, some of her published magazine articles and short stories, a video tape the silent movies she wrote stirred in, directed and/or produced, plus a few surprises.

We could use additional docents for the event and encourage anyone interested in volunteering for one Sunday to call Isabelle Meyer (818-242-4290). Period costumes, a script and background information will be provided, and a meeting for all docents will be held at the house to answer questions and review procedures.

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An idea in the planning stage for the opening day is to create a "Sunday in the Park" atmosphere with vintage cars on display and ice cream, etc., for purchase.

Neighborhood Preservation
by William Shepherd

TGHS assisted the Adams Hill Neighborhood in their fight to stop the removal of the historic lampposts in their area. An alert citizen, Elizabeth Molo, contacted TGHS for help and Margaret Hammond, TGHS Board Member, sounded the alarm. The incident received good press in the *Glendale News Press*, *Daily News*, and *Los Angeles Times*. On behalf of TGHS, I sent a letter to the editor of two of the newspapers stating that TGHS supported the Adams Hill homeowners in their desire to retain the historic lampposts in their neighborhood.

Other Glendale neighborhoods are also threatened by a constant attack on historic features throughout the city. Anyone interested in working with TGHS and neighborhood groups can contact William Shepherd at (818) 241-8086.

Preservation Advocacy
by Andrea Humberger

The Preservation Advocacy Committee welcomes new member Deborah Dentler. Deborah, who joined the committee in June, is currently working with us on Blocks 29 and 30 (bounded by Harvard, Brand, Broadway, and Louise) of the Redevelopment Area.

Our committee continues to monitor preservation issues in Glendale, attend and speak on behalf of TGHS at public hearings, provide input to the City on projects impacting vintage and historic buildings, and attend the monthly meetings of the City's Historic Preservation Commission. We are currently participating in the public process on many projects, including the Goode House and Blocks 29 and 30. Please contact Andrea Humberger at (818) 957-6927 to get involved with preservation issues.

Speakers Bureau
by David Smith

The Speakers Bureau is an important part of the TGHS community outreach program and carries our message to a large audience. The Speakers Bureau is being recreated after a three year hiatus. So far in 1994, we have made four presentations to approximately 150 persons. These presentations were requested by groups seeking interesting programs. There has been no publicity about our shows, but the committee will be working on a publicity announcement so to better inform the public about our Speakers Bureau and TGHS's goals.

The committee has held several meetings toward developing a series of new slide show presentations. Plans includes an updated version of *Glendale Historic Buildings and Restoration of the Doctors' House*. Future plans also include organizing both 20 and 45 minute presentations depending on the needs of the various civic groups. While this committee has worked hard, the meetings have been fun and entertaining as committee members get to look at a large number of photographs of historic Glendale. While all committee members have worked hard, special thanks to three TGHS members should be noted.

Bob Newcomb's slide collection of the demolition of the Egyptian Village Cafe will be used to graphically portray how historical structures are threatened and sometimes destroyed during the redevelopment process. Bob was on hand every day during the demolition of this unique landmark and his slides are remarkable.

Mac McKently took new photographs of buildings featured on the TGHS Map of Historic Sites in Glendale. Mac was able to take most of the pictures on one of those rare "Chamber of Commerce" days and these slides will dramatically improve the slide show on Glendale's Historic Buildings.

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Committees on the Move

Speakers Bureau - Continued

Jacqueline Webreck allowed us to make photographic copies from her collection of historic Glendale postcards. Her unique collection provides some of the best available historic photographs of early Glendale and will be a big asset for our new shows.

The committee hopes to announce the availability of additional programs in the near future. You too can join the committee and help create the new slide shows, make presentations or help with publicity. For information on how to get involved contact David Smith at 818-507-1999.

TGHS RECEIVES AWARD!

by William Shepherd

The Glendale Historical Society was the recipient of a Los Angeles Conservancy Preservation Award for the Society's part in the restoration of the Alex Theatre. On May 11, 1994, TGHS members Andrea Humberger, Phyllis Kenney, Sue Lazara, Richard Montgomery and William Shepherd, represented TGHS at the Conservancy's Awards Presentation ceremonies held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Other TGHS members in attendance at the ceremony were Connie Humberger and Christy McAvoy.

TGHS was one of ten organizations given an award for the Alex Theatre restoration project. The TGHS award was accepted by William Shepherd. TGHS member, Mayor Eileen Givens, accepted the award on behalf of the Glendale Redevelopment Agency.

The TGHS award was presented to the general membership at the Annual Meeting in June. The award is in storage until we achieve our goal of a permanent home for all TGHS mementos.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER UPDATES

by Andrea Humberger

Two new commissioners were appointed by the Glendale City Council to the Historic Preservation Commission during the last year. The new commissioners are Richard Dell and Michael Dougherty.

Architect Richard Dell joined the Commission last spring. He has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and spent his final year at the University's campus in Florence, Italy. During a one year stint working for a noted Italian architect following graduation, Mr. Dell worked on 200-year-old buildings which sparked his interest in retaining history. He worked for several noted Los Angeles architectural firms including The Luckman Partnership, DMJM, and Herb Nadel & Associates before opening his own firm in 1981. Mr. Dell is a principal of the firm Puchlik/Dell Architects in Pasadena, which specializes in retail, commercial, multi-residential, and health/senior care projects throughout California. A nine year Glendale resident, Mr. Dell is active in the Montecito Park Homeowners Association. He served as a member of the Glendale Homeowners Association Task Force which was responsible for writing the Hillside Development Standards for the City of Glendale.

Retired attorney Michael Dougherty joined the Commission in January. After earning his law degree from USC, Mr. Dougherty served for 20 years as the Assistant County Counsel for Los Angeles County. Active in many professional and civic organizations, Mr. Dougherty was a member of the State Bar Committee on Administration of Justice and the Committee on the History of Law in California. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of several organizations, including the Historical Society of Southern California, of which he is a past president; the Southern California Chapter of the

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Society of Architectural Historians; and the National Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. Last year he served as Chair of a seminar on the Arts and Crafts Movement in Southern California at a conference sponsored by the California Historical Society. Mr. Dougherty, whose wife Carole was an early president of our organization, is a longtime member of TGHS.

FUNDRAISING BOOK SALE

The Glendale Historical Society will have a fund raising book sale this fall. The exact date and place are being finalized and will be announced in a separate flyer to all TGHS members.

The Southern California Historical Society (SCHS) donated several boxes of used books to TGHS. Special thanks to the SCHS for the donation of the books, to Carol Dougherty for suggesting that SCHS donate the books to TGHS and to Maragaret Hammond, David Smith, and William Shepherd for moving the books to Margaret's storage area.

Additional book donations will be sought from THGS members. All members and friends of THGS are asked to start gathering up those stacks of books that occupy your over flowing bookcases and tables. An announcement will be made soon as to donation specifics.

TGHS DIRECTORS MEETS WITH BURBANK HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIRECTORS

by: William Shepherd

The Glendale Historical Society's (TGHS) Directors met with the Directors of the Burbank Historical Society (BHS) on June 8, 1994 at the BHS' museum and office. TGHS' David Smith and BHS President, Ted Garcia, arranged the meeting so the Boards could share ideas to make both organizations more meaningful to their

memberships and communities.

The BHS Directors were gracious hosts and much information was shared during the evening. Some of the topics discussed were fund raising, preservation advocacy, and the need for volunteers to help both organizations meet their goals. TGHS Directors were given a tour of the BHS museum complex which includes an historical museum and a restored historic home.

This fall, TGHS will be inviting BHS members to tour our Doctors' House during the October Nell Shipman Exhibit. A special invitation will be sent to the BHS inviting their members to a special reception. TGHS membrs who wish to volunteer and be part of the reception activities should call William Shepherd at (818) 241-8086.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION WORKSHOP

by William Shepherd

I represented The Glendale Historical Society at the June 10, 1994 "Planning More Livable Communities" Workshop conducted by the Local Government Commission. The workshop participants represented elected officials, city staffs, community groups and interested individuals from Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena, South Pasadena and La Canada Flintridge. Glendale Mayor, Eileen Givens, hosted the gathering and provided a welcome to the participants.

The workshop focused on land-use design solutions which contribute to improved mobility, cleaner air, economic growth, community revitalization and a better quality of life for all residents. Although, the workshop did not specifically address historic preservation in its focus, it was interesting. Many of the things that people identified as a positive way to develop a more livable community could involve historic preservation. For example, people

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with buildings facing the street, as opposed to the oppressive strip malls and utilitarian architecture commonly seen today. Another strongly advocated need in community planning was that all levels of the community should be involved, with cities holding workshops, not just public hearings. I can only hope that our elected officials and city staff were listening with open ears and that planning for further development in Glendale will be a more open process.

TGHS RESCUES PROGRAM CHAIR!

The program chair of a local service club had a nagging problem, in fact it was a nightmare. The job required arranging a new program every week for a year and the program chair had run out of ideas. Disaster loomed ahead. Oh, what to do? A thoughtful friend suggested calling the TGHS Program Hotline. Within minutes, the Hotline had sent the TGHS Program Rescue Team into action. These public spirited citizens quickly grabbed their slide projector and ran to the rescue. Neither heat, smog, nor darkness of night would keep them from their speaking engagement. Thus dispatched, the program chair was assured an interesting guest speaker and was saved from disaster.

TGHS provides programs to service, civic, church, social, educational, and almost any other kind of organization. This free service is part of the community outreach program of the Glendale Historical Society. Currently available programs include:

TGHS in the 1990's - a talk about the historical society presented by David Smith

Glendale's Historic Buildings - a slide show presented by a member of the Speaker's Bureau.

Restoration of the Alex Theatre - a slide show presented by Andrea Humberger.

The TGHS Speakers Bureau is developing several new programs including: *Restoration of the Doctors' House* and an updated *Glendale's Historic Buildings*.

To arrange a presentation for your group contact David Smith at the TGHS Program Hotline, 818-507-1999 any weekday from 9 to 5 or you may leave a message at the TGHS Regular Phonenumber at (818) 242-7447.

THE MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES IN AMERICA

by William Shepherd

The National Trust recently announced its current list of most endangered sites in America. The list includes the following sites (in no particular order).

1. The Historic Northern Virginia Piedmont area which includes Civil War battle sites.
2. The historic towns and beaches of Cape Cod, Massachusetts where the pilgrims landed in 1620.
3. Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin, Spring Green, Wisconsin.
4. The oldest surviving McDonald's, Downey, California.
5. The Manuelito Archaeological Complex, Gallup vicinity, New Mexico - the ruins offer insights into the Anasazi, Zuni, and Navajo peoples who occupied Manuelito from about 700 A.D. to modern times.
6. Natchez, Mississippi.
7. Fair Park's Texas Centennial Building, Dallas, Texas.
8. The cornices (and buildings) of Harlem, New York.
9. U.S.S. Constellation, Baltimore, Maryland.
10. The Old Mint, San Francisco, California
11. Virginia, City Montana

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The Glendale Historical Society is one of many Southern California organizations dedicated to promoting local history and historic sites. The following nearby groups may be of interest to our members:

Altadena Heritage: P.O. Box 218, Altadena CA 91103. (818) 397-1785

Burbank Historical Society: 1015 W. Olive, Burbank, CA 91506. (818) 841-6333

Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society: 5345 Hillmont Ave., L.A., CA 90041

Highland Park Heritage Trust: P.O. Box 42894, Highland Park, CA 90050

Historical Society of Southern California: The Lummis House, 200 E. Avenue 43, L.A., CA 90031.
(213) 222-0456

Hollywood Heritage: P.O. Box 2586, Hollywood, CA 90028. (213) 874-4005

Little Landers Historical Society: P.O. Box 203, Tujunga, CA 91043. (818) 352-3420

Los Angeles Conservancy: 727 W. Seventh St., Suite 955, Los Angeles, CA 90017. (213) 623-CITY

Pasadena Heritage: 80 W Dayton St., Pasadena, CA 91105. (818) 793-0617

Pasadena Historical Society: 470 W. Walnut, Pasadena, CA 91103. (818) 577-1660

San Marino Historical Society: P.O. Box 80222, San Marino, CA 91118. (818) 568-0119

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- September 15-18 The California Historical Society Annual Conference, "Remains to be Seen, California History through Places and Things. San Diego. Contact: CHS, 2099 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94109.
- September 17
4:30 p.m. September Meeting and Board Installation at Casa Adobe. Bring a picnic dinner and come join the fun as we install this year's officers, catch-up on TGHS news, and visit with friends.
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 Conference of California Historical Societies. Walnut Creek. For more information call (510) 939-9180 or (510) 254-2295.
- October 2, 9, 16, 23
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Nell Shipman Exhibit at the Doctors' House. Docent guided tours.
- October 15 - 16 Second Annual Southern California History Fair. Sponsored by the Museums of the Arroyo. \$8 adults, \$7 teens and seniors, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Send self addressed stamped envelope to Heritage Square Museum, c/o Phyllis Gomer, Suite 1125, 225 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.
- October 21-23 "Pasadena Heritage Craftsman Weekend," tours, lectures, and demonstrations. contact Pasadena Heritage, Harlean Tobin, at (818) 793-0617.
- October 5
7:30 p.m. October Meeting. Program to be announced. Carrillion Room, Glendale Federal Bank, N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.
- November 2
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Keeping in Touch

Public Meetings: When and Where

Glendale Redevelopment Agency/ Glendale City Council

Every Tuesday, 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

613 E. Broadway - City Hall - Council Chambers

Historic Preservation Commission

First Monday of the month, 2:00 p.m.

633 E. Broadway - Municipal Services Building - Room 105

Environmental and Planning Board

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

633 E. Broadway - Municipal Services Building - Room 105

Membership Update

A special welcome to the following new members who have recently joined our organization:

Vic & Barbara Pallos
Maria Whitaker

A special thank you to members who have recently renewed at the Corporate, Sustaining, or non-profit organization levels:

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Membership Application

The Glendale Historical Society is a non-profit tax exempt organization. Membership is open to men and women of all ages who are interested in the preservation and appreciation of the heritage of Glendale. Dues are for a one year period

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City, State, Zip

Telephone

- Individual \$20
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- Sustaining \$50
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- Corporate \$100
- Non-Profit Organization \$25

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Please indicate any committees or areas of interest:

- The Doctors' House
- Membership
- Neighborhood preservation
- Nell Shipman
- Preservation Advocacy
- Tours
- Newsletter

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The editors welcome letters and articles relevant to Glendale heritage from members and other interested parties. Please mail to: The Editors, The Glendale Historical Society, P.O. Box 4173, Glendale, CA 91202.

The Co-Editors thank the committee chairs for submitting their articles and Daphne Lindstrum for handling the mailing.

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