



# The Glendale Historical Society

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### Fifteen Year Anniversary of Doctors' House Move

On the evening of September 15, 1980 Glendale Historical Society members gathered at 921 E. Wilson Street. Shortly after midnight on the morning of September 16, the house began its journey to its present location in Brand Park. The move started the long process that resulted in the exacting restoration of the house to its turn-of-the-century appearance and its reuse as a house museum.

A celebration of sorts was held at a TGHS monthly meeting last year as many of the volunteers who worked on the house gathered to watch the Doctors' House Restoration Slide Show and to share their experiences as a member of the restoration team.

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The Doctors' House continues to be the centerpiece of TGHS activities. The dedicated docents that operate the house tours are continuing to delight the public with unique programs that illustrate Glendale history and life at the beginning of the 20th century. Recent events have included a melodrama using the Doctors' House as the stage, special tours and exhibits on silent screen star Nell Shipman, holiday candlelight tours with the house decorated for a Victorian Christmas, and a Mothers Day tea and fashion show.

With this issue we salute the many dedicated volunteers that have made the Doctors' House possible. (We have also heard that they are actually having fun doing all this!)

# Another Docent Tells All!!!

## More Secrets of the Docent Guild Revealed

*Bob Newcomb, a past president of the historical society, joined the Docent Guild in the Fall of 1994 and now shares his experiences of being a Doctors' House Docent.*

I wonder if our fellow citizens of Glendale realize fully that we are fortunate to have a Historybook House, a living piece of our urban and social past, which is alive and well in Brand Park. As a new-baked docent who has recently joined the Doctors' House team, I feel very fortunate and proud to be a part of the resource base which is dedicated to the pleasant task of bringing this Historic Marvel to the attention of a wider audience. The volunteered hours spent conducting tours through the Doctors' House have indeed brightened and stimulated my retirement.

It was Isabelle Meyer who gave me the first chance when I acted as a docent during the course of the Nell Shipman exhibit last Fall. I was also able to attend Isabelle's effective Docent Training Program. During the Victorian Candlelight Program of last December I did duty with my trusty fire extinguisher. Having been so gently worked into the Docent Job, one takes pleasure in being a team member, assigned on a regular basis according to the quarterly assignment sheets which are faithfully circulated.

The Docent Job at the Doctors' House has, for me, three facets in its make-up. First of all is the task of becoming familiar with the great reservoir of information contained within the blue covers of *The Docent Training Manual*. I daresay that few have seen one of these thick books in order to wonder at the accumulated, professional research which has gone into its pages. The information which we share regarding our house museum is accurate, deep, and

exciting, and its compilation is a great tribute to the historical and archival talents which its existence reflects.

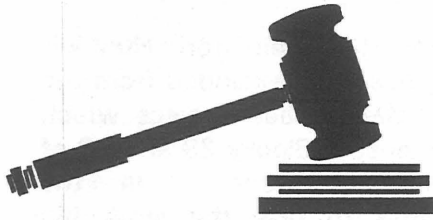
A second facet of our work in Brand Park concerns the collegial group of Docents, each individual, each conducting unique tours, each willing to work together so that the Past contained within these walls can be brought forth and presented to the public.

The last element, the Public, is, indeed, where the research and the presentation come together, I am still marveling at the level of interest, the cordial reception, and the good feelings which are projected by the self-selected groups of folks who find their way up our winding road and pause to enter the doors of the Doctors' House. In our company they seek to learn something about the Past of the City of Glendale, and, is so doing, perhaps to reflect upon what the Past means to them individually.

And, most of all, it's a delight to see so many children entering this Historybook House and there absorbing something of what it can tell us about a Past which was living and interesting, a Past which can indeed enhance our Present.

For information on joining the Doctors' House Docent Guild please contact Isabelle Meyer at (818)-242-4290.

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## The President's Message

*By: William Shepherd*

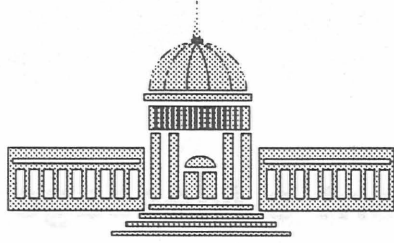
### **"Redevelopment Does Not Have To Threaten History"**

The preservation of Glendale's historic structures and the reuse of those structures are important to the community. One of the best examples of this belief is nearing completion. The historic Goode House will soon have new life. The Goode House is being restored as the community center for a new housing project of the Crippled Children's Society. The renovation of the one time home of Edgar Goode, early Glendale pioneer, should be pointed to with pride. More importantly, it should be touted as an example of how historic preservation can be incorporated into new projects.

Another historic building recently saved from the redevelopment wrecking ball is the Huntley-Evans Building on the northeast corner of Brand and Harvard. The owner of the building convinced the Redevelopment Agency to remove his building from the proposed Glendale Marketplace Project. In the meanwhile, the owner continued his restoration of the building for restaurant and retail use. TGHS nominated the building to the National Register of Historic Places and the building was found eligible. Finally, the owner won his battle and the building was excluded from the Project. We wish the owner good luck in finding successful retailers and restaurants for his building.

The importance of historic structures to a community cannot be underestimated. They provide a feeling of place and belonging. We can recognize our past and our sense of home when in an historic building. That is why TGHS continues to urge the retention of our historic structures. We recognize that not every old building will or should be saved. But, the retention of as many as possible allows us the sense of belonging and of home that we need.

We would like to urge the Glendale Redevelopment Agency to include incentives in its Requests for Proposals and other bid packages for developers and builders that stress historic preservation. Perhaps those bidders who include preservation of existing structures in their proposed projects can be given bonus points in rating the various proposals. Redevelopment does not have to be tear it down. It can and should be renew and reuse.



## Preservation Update

### Historic Streetlights

The periodic issue of removing the "swastika" (which is NOT a Nazi swastika) on the cast iron streetlights recently was heard by City Council. The historic lampposts were installed between 1924 and 1926. TGHS has continuously supported retention of the lampposts as part of the historic fabric of the City.

City Attorney, Scott Howard, compiled a report for Council discussion on the history and possible options as to what to do with the lampposts. TGHS wrote a letter in support of retaining the lampposts without any modifications being done to them. City Council did not take any formal action on the issue, but there was no support to make any changes to the lampposts.

### St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

As reported in the Spring issue of *TGHS Quarterly*, the Church has applied to the City to de-landmark the building. The Environmental and Planning Board (EPB) has required that the Church conduct an Environmental Impact Report. The Church filed a motion for reconsideration. As of September 1, there has been no change in that status. TGHS continues to oppose de-landmarking and is monitoring the situation closely.

## Blocks 29 and 30

As previously reported, the historic Huntley-Evans Building has been excluded from the new Glendale Marketplace Project which will be built on most of Blocks 29 and 30 of the Redevelopment Zone. In the meanwhile, plans to raze the remaining historic buildings on Blocks 29 and 30 are still part of the project. Recent publicity about the historic Glendale Theatre will probably not be enough to save it. Because many of these buildings have been remodeled and their historic features modified, TGHS has taken no formal opposition to razing these structures. But, we continue to urge their retention if at all possible.

### Preservation Ordinance

The revised ordinance will go before the Planning Commission on September 11 and to City Council on October 10. Changes to the ordinance are positive and have received TGHS support.

### Downtown Strategic Plan

TGHS Preservation Advocacy Committee continues to attend the meetings for the Downtown Strategic Plan. Volunteers are needed to assist in this effort. Contact Andrea Humberger, Preservation Advocacy Chair, at (818) 957-6927 if you can help.

### Masonic Temple Building

Plans have been developed by ELS Architects for two theaters within the building. TGHS continues to provide input on plans that involve one of the premier historic buildings in Glendale.

A Noise Within continues to use the building to present classic theatre productions.

## Goode House

Restoration of the Goode House is nearing completion. TGHS has offered the Crippled Children's Society our assistance in creating a historic display for the Goode House. TGHS and the Crippled Children's Society are also discussing other ways TGHS can be involved with the historic Goode House.

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## TGHS Booksale: Big Success

On Saturday, July 22, TGHS made over \$400 to help finance its various programs. The event took place curbside in front of the TGHS office. TGHS volunteers started setting up tables and unloading books about 8:00 a.m. in preparation for the 10:00 a.m. opening of the sale. About 1:15 p.m. a super sale started where lucky shoppers carried away a whole bag of books for \$1!

Volunteers helping on day of the event were **Bob and Ann Oliphant, Art Fisher, Sid Gordon, Shannon Pedlow, Margaret Hammond, Dave Smith, Glenn & Marie Luft, Caroline Beniasians, Bob Newcomb, Dorothy Krieger, Dick Montgomery, Jerry Behoteguy and Bill Shepherd.**

Thanks to all of the above volunteers and to all of those who donated books for the sale. Special thanks to **The Southern California Historical Society** and the **Temple Sinai Sisterhood** for their contributions of a large number of books.

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## Historical Note

On June 26, 1905 the Bank of Glendale opened its doors for business. Located in the Ayers Building at the northwest corner of Glendale Avenue and Wilson (then know as Third St). The Bank was the first bank in Glendale.

## Doctors' House Collection Acquisitions

During the past year several items have been acquired for the Doctors' House.

These items include:

- Soup Tureen (cir. 1879)
- Hand Painted Cake Plate (cir. 1895)
- Steel, Wood & Brass Curling Iron with Marcel Label (1915)
- Steel Curling Iron (1890)
- Velvet Card Case (1890)
- Steel Rimmed Glasses (undated)
- Child's Rocking Chair (1890)
- 2 Piece Black Dress (pre-flapper era)
- Black Silk Cape (1910)
- 6 Inch Porcelain Plate (1900)
- Prop Food (for displays)
- 2 Female and 1 Child Mannequins

Other items acquired include an old school book, pair of white shoes, small jewelry box, small clock, crazy quilt and a large oil painting.

Some of these items have been kept for exhibiting at the House. Others still need to be appraised and a decision made if they are appropriate for the House.

The Acquisitions Committee is part of the Doctors' House Docent Guild. TGHS thanks the volunteers of this group for their dedication in ensuring acquisitions fit the era, style and beauty of the Doctors' House.

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## Historical Note

In November 1934 First Federal Savings and Loan opened it doors in a storefront on Broadway after J. E. Hoeft raised the \$5,000 in deposits required by the Home Owners Loan Act of 1934. Today we know this institution as Glendale Federal Bank.

## The Doctors' House Chronicles

*The continuing series on the people who were important to the Doctors' House and the early days of Glendale.*

### Dr. Leonidas Hamlin Hurtt

#### The Fourth Doctor

The first three Doctors, Charles Bogue, Winslow Hunt and Allen Bryant were medical doctors. Dr. Hurtt was a chemist and so the Doctors' House association with the medical profession ended when Hurtt purchased the house in 1912.

Leonidas Hamlin Hurtt was born on February 17, 1842 in Tarelton, Ohio. He was the son of Thomas Hurtt, a newspaper publisher. Hurtt's mother died when he was six years old. He was raised in Columbus, Ohio where he attended public schools.

Hurtt's middle name, "Hamlin", was the result of his father's and brother's close relationship with Vice-President Hamlin. Hamlin served as Vice-President during Abraham Lincoln's first term. Lincoln refused to have Hamlin renominated in 1864 due to his reputation for corruption.

In writing this article we have noted that Hurtt's own comments are often boastful and some of his stated facts can not be verified. Many of these comments came from a newspaper interview and he may have been inaccurately quoted or the text may have been embellished by the reporter. Accordingly, we are presenting the information as we know it. Readers can draw their own conclusions about Dr. Hurtt's accomplishments.

In March 1911, Dr. Hurtt told the *Jewel City Press* about his Civil War record. Hurtt stated that "boy though I was, I could not study or stay at home when the flag was going into battle. At nearly the first tap of the drum and screech of the fife, I enlisted as a drummer boy in the Third Ohio Regiment and started for the front. I took part in the entire campaign, experiencing the highlight of my patriotic service in my march with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea." Attempts to verify Hurtt's military record were unsuccessfully as the staffs of both the National Archives and the State Roster of Ohio Civil War Participants could find no record of his Civil War service.



In the same interview, Hurtt said that after serving four years in the military he went to Cincinnati and took up the study of chemistry. Of his business career he says "I entered the employ of W. G. Gordon, a manufacturing chemist for whom I traveled for 4 years. Then I formed a partnership with my brother, F. W. Hurtt to conduct the drug and chemical business in New York City. Our firm subsequently brought out Pond Extract Co. And I was first elected vice-president, thence president, an office I held for 20 years, until disposing of my stock in the company and moving to California. All told I was in the wholesale drug and chemical business in New York City for 36 years."

Hurtt boasted that "I invented, along with my brother, the still used in making of Pond's Extract. I was the first chemist to distill glycerine, leading to the manufacture world-wide of many new and improved soap products."

Of his New York years, Hurtt told the interviewer "I also served as President of the Students Dramatic Club of New York City. I have always been interested in education having put through college no less than forty-five ambitious young men and women."

Hurtt's older brother and business partner, F.W. Hurtt had a "questionable" Civil War record. He was an army captain and it was reported that as a quartermaster, he "stole everything in sight." He was arrested, court marshaled, and sent to prison. After his release F.W. apparently prospered in business and by 1900, according to census records, lived in a fashionable part of Manhattan with his wife, children and servants. That census does not list Leonidas Hurtt as living in either New York or Ohio and his whereabouts at that time are unknown.

Hurtt apparently made his first trip to California in 1905. He later spent two winters here and eventually began to live in Glendale year around.

He took an immediate interest in real estate and established the firm of Hurtt and Rogers. This firm was, based on the volume of newspaper advertisements and published real estate transactions, very active in the 1906-1910 period.

In January 1907, a Miss Sarah Pepper "Sadie," daughter of Judge Enoch Pepper of Los Angeles, purchased two lots for \$626 through Hurtt. "Sadie" was a teacher and had lived at home with her prominent parents and two sisters. In 1909 Hurtt and Sadie were married. He was 65 years old and she was 34.

In 1908 Hurtt purchased seven acres of prime valley land along Wilson Avenue near Verdugo Road, a property already improved with citrus groves and "first class buildings," including a house. Hurtt planned to use this house as his residence. In October the nearby Hunt/Bryant home (The Doctors' House) became available and his plans changed. He bought the Hunt/Bryant property and remodeled the house as a suitable residence for his fiancé. The Wilson/Verdugo property was operated as an orange and lemon grove.

Sadie became part of the local country club circle and was, according to press articles, welcomed warmly as the new bride of the "genial doctor" and they saw her as a "cultured and interesting lady who will prove a desirable acquisition to Glendale Society."

The reporter in the 1911 interview described the Hurtt's home as "the home and the grand grounds... is one of the show places of Glendale, the ground checkered with orange and lemon groves, a fig patch, and is radiant here and there with rose bushes, flowers and shrubbery, and sentineled with beautiful pepper trees."

During this period Dr. Hurtt and several others organized the Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Hurtt served as its first president. Glendale at this time was a town of several thousand in population and growing rapidly.

In his 1911 interview Hurtt talked about the desirability of Glendale and vicinity as places for establishing homes and making investments he said "I unquestionably think this is one of the grandest climates on earth and I have traveled 126,000 miles in my time in many of the civilized countries. He went on to tell how "my sister's health was so poor before we came that I

despaired for her life, but we came to California as fast as steam could pull us and she began to mend as soon as we arrived. Her health has steadily improve ever since."

Dr Hurtt said "there is no more desirable city for homes to be found in American than right here in Glendale. Realty values in and around Glendale have doubled, in many cases tripled, and in not a few instances quadrupled, in the past 4 years. The man with a few thousand of dollars, or even with much less could make no mistake by having a home here, even if he bought it blindfolded."

In 1910, Hurtt built the Hurtt Block, a commercial development which was located at the southwest corner of Glendale Avenue and Broadway. The Hurtt Block must have been controversial as some Glendale citizens referred to it as "sheer flamboyant architectural folly."

About 1912 the Hurtt's left Glendale citing that the Belmont-Wilson house was too big. Dr. Hurtt moved his residence to Los Angeles but always said he would soon return to Glendale. He maintained his office in the Hurtt Block and owned and operated Glendale Transfer and Storage. The Doctors' House was a rental property until its sale in 1914.

On December 29, 1920 Leonidas Hurtt died at the age of 78. According to his obituary, his wife and sister survived him, but the Glendale Order of Elks, not the family, assumed charge of the funeral arrangements. He is buried at Forest Lawn.

What happened to Sadie is unknown. The couple may have separated after leaving Glendale in 1912.

*This article was adapted by the editors from the TGHS Docent Training Manual. Original research and text by Sue Lazara.*

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#### Dr. Hurtt's Renovations

Renovations made by Dr. Hurtt to the Doctors' House included replacing the original steep interior stairs with the current stair grade, closing-off the large double doors between the parlor and dining room, the parlor window seat was removed and an oak floor was laid over the original fir flooring.

# A Salute To Our Volunteers

## The People Who Made The Doctors House Possible

### Fifteen Years of Accomplishments

On September 15, 1980, members of the Glendale Historical Society watched as construction workers raised the Doctors' House from its foundation, cut the structure into two parts and moved the house to its new location in Brand Park. That evening culminated a year of planning and started a four year restoration effort.

Thousand of hours of volunteer labor went into the restoration work, research, fundraising and other activities necessary to complete the project. For over ten years the dedicated members of the TGHS Docent Guild have organized the Sunday tours, school and special tours and many special events and exhibits. It is the dedication of these volunteers that have made the Doctors' House special.

As a tribute to the dedication of these many volunteers we present the following reprint of an eye-witness account of that evening from the TGHS newsletter -- 1980 Volume 1, Number 3.

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### The House On Its Travels

By: Joni L. Atkinson

Almost fifty witnesses were on hand for the moving of the Doctors' House on the night of September 15/16, an event which climaxed a year-long effort by the Glendale Historical Society.

Although extensive planning has been ongoing since the commencement of the project, preparatory work for the actual move was begun about a month in advance. Weekend work parties removed interior molding, carpets and flooring, as well as labeling and detailing the spindle work of each porch in anticipation of the cut. Exterior woodwork and windows were removed prior to the cutting in half of the structure, and several members (assisted by

the explorer scouts, boy scouts and community volunteers) managed to salvage and clean bricks which will be used to face the new foundation. The actual cut was made by Gregg-Gangi Development Corporation with direction by Larry Winans of Heritage Square, who graciously donated his time and experience. Ability Heavy Movers were contracted for the actual move--they carefully mapped the proposed route and made trial runs to insure the success of the relocation.

The structure was rolled from its location of some 85 years just a few moments past midnight on the night of September 15/16 and, in a flood of light, developer Jan Czucker presented the Glendale Historical Society with a check in the amount of \$1,000. This happy event and a champagne toast began the evening's work.



The parade, led by two Glendale Police cars with blue and red lights flashing, was followed by tow vehicles with flood lights directed at the house. Yellow lights adorned the two parts of the structure while follow-up vehicles and onlookers trailed behind. Clocked at twelve miles per hour, the house made its way down Wilson to Glendale Avenue, then west on Broadway to Central and went north to Glenoaks. At this point the parade turned east on Glenoaks and drove down the wrong side of the road in order to avoid street lights before turning north on Grandview where the house reached out to upset a line of trash cans before making the turn west on Bel Airs. One step ahead of the procession were the telephone company and city workers who carefully lowered power and service lines so that the two-story house could pass. Turning north on Western the parade was detained for some time while heavy wires were disconnected, and scantily attired neighbors joined the rest of the interested onlookers. Moving west on Mountain Street, the procession finally turned north on Vista as the sun began to rise.

At approximately 7a.m., the Doctors' House made its way through the rear gates of Brand Park to come to rest at its new location where it will await the completion of the foundation by Frank T. Howard Investment Co. Ability Heavy Movers showed great skill in their handling of the Doctors' House and impressed onlookers particularly with their manipulation of the huge structure.

Whereas the uncertainty of the past has given way to solid accomplishment of the completed move, the Glendale Historical Society must now look ahead to the next major task which is the restoration of the Doctors' House. The success of this entire project will be the key to our organization's future and will serve as our Diamond Jubilee gift to the city of Glendale, an achievement to which we can then point with pride.



The Doctors' House poised for the move. The Glendale Historical Society worked hard to keep vandals at bay and to salvage as much as possible from the building and the site.  
*(Photo by R.M. Newcomb)*

## Doctors' House Report

by: Isabelle Meyers

After a quiet summer the Doctors' House Docent Guild, presented its first live theatrical performance at the House. On September 10, a Victorian Melodrama was given before an appreciative crowd. Several TGHS members silently acted out a "Day in the Doctors' House" accompanied by a narrative reading of the events taking place. Following the play, a light buffet supper was enjoyed by the cast and play goers. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of their time to develop the script, act in the show, and provide technical support for the program.

In October, we once again will offer a training session for new Doctors' House docents, since we are always in need of new and enthusiastic participants. The two training sessions will take place on consecutive Sundays, October 8 and 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know would enjoy becoming a Sunday or week-day docent, please join us. I can promise you an interesting and rewarding experience with a very special group of people!

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### Historical Note

Mrs Phillip W. Parker in 1915 remembered how the township of Glendale appeared in 1898. She described it as "a community of about 300 people, with Glendale Avenue and Third Street (Wilson) the center. No gas or electric lights, electric irons or electric cars. Not too much water. Only three blocks of cement side-walks. No private telephones, automobiles, jitneys, movies, high school or library. One church, a livery barn, a blacksmith and a meat market."

## Membership Update

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

### Individual & Family

Pamela Mary Doerr  
Katheryn C. Hughes  
Saundra E. Kent  
Daniel T. Munoz  
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Ella Mae Schmitt

A special thanks to the following members who have recently renewed at the upper membership levels.

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# The Historical Classifieds

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## Help Wanted

### WORK YOUR OWN HOURS!!

**WANTED:** Guest Speaker Coordinator. Make telephone calls to other preservation and community groups to secure guest speakers for eight TGHS General Membership meetings per year. Pay: The fuzzy warm feeling that you will have from helping TGHS accomplish its mission. Call (818) 242-7447.

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### Must Know Alphabet

Do you know your alphabet? If yes, you can join the *TGHS Quarterly* editorial staff as a proofreader. Help us eliminate typos and goofs. Needed four times a year for a few hours. Call David Smith at (818) 507-1999.

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### General Office

Office help is needed to staff the TGHS office on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 to 12 a.m. Answer phones, greet visitors and help with clerical work for various projects. Volunteer once a month or more if you can. Pay: the eternal thanks of the TGHS President. Call (818) 242-7447.

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### \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

TGHS needs help fundraising. Duties include making phone calls, visits to stores and homes, letter writing, mass mailings, etc. Pay: A great big thank you from the TGHS Treasurer. (818) 242-7447

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## Use Creative Skills

The TGHS Quarterly is looking for a person to research and write a feature article on Glendale history. Students may be able to earn community service credits! Call David Smith (818) 507-1999.

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### Adventure

TGHS needs tour directors to create interesting and fun tours of Glendale. Help the public discover historic Glendale with a downtown walking tour. Or perhaps a tour of churches and cemeteries. Use your imagination. Other volunteers will help you create the ultimate tour. Call (818) 242-7447.

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### Work at Home

This volunteer job can be done from the comfort of your living room. TGHS needs a coordinator to call and schedule volunteers for TGHS projects. Salary: The gratitude of every committee chair. Call (818) 242-7447 for details

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### Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women

Join the Doctors' House Docent Guild. training provided. Weekday docents for school and special tours are especially needed. Join the fun. Call Isabelle Meyer at (818) -242-4290.

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## Things For Sale

### Historic Theme Items

Books and research materials, postcards, notecards, etc. Items are on display at the Doctors' House.

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### Glendale: A Pictorial History

This book is still available from TGHS, however, supplies are limited. Price \$29.95 (\$25 member discount price). Available at the Doctors' House or by mail. Add \$2.50 for postage. Write TGHS, P.O. Box 4173, Glendale, CA 91202.

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### Good Times

Friendship, laughs, thought provoking lectures and wild parties. All of these are available when you join The Glendale Historical Society. Join and be counted as a TGHS supporter. For price information, see further information on Page 15 of the *TGHS Quarterly*.

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### Things Wanted

#### Photocopier

TGHS needs a desktop size copier for the TGHS office. If you have a copier to donate, please call TGHS at (818) 242-7447.

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# **Riverside's Historic Mission Inn Hosts CPF Conference**

## **TGHS Sends Representatives to Learn About Preservation**

**By: Art Fisher**

Dave Smith, Bill Shepherd and I represented TGHS at the Twentieth Annual State Conference of the California Preservation. The Conference was held June 1-4, 1995 at the Mission Inn Hotel, Riverside. It was a fitting location because the first state-wide conference was also held at the Inn--when the building and grounds were in a sad state of decay and neglect. Attendees at the 1995 Conference witnessed the results of the complete, time-consuming and very expensive restoration of the unique structure. The City of Riverside is fortunate to have this irreplaceable building in its central city area, especially considering the costs of restoration.

The theme of the 1995 Conference, sponsored by the CPF and the City of Riverside Redevelopment Agency, was "Preservation is Planning for the Future." The workshops and demonstration lectures covered the following sub-themes: a.) preservation of sacred structures and of historic landscapes (specifically green-belts, parks and tree-scales of residential areas); b.) The legacy of public art; and c.) The impact of transportation planning on historic areas.

State Senator Jim Costa (Fresno) was presented CPF's Legislator of the Year Award. Senator Costa is a strong supporter of historic preservation. It is hoped that the other State legislators will take a cue from Senator Costa's positive actions on preservation causes.

Of grave concern to Conference attendees, was funding for State agencies which govern and help with historic preservation of buildings. Efforts to balance the State budget are worthy. However, are we not robbing the future by short-sighted monetary quick fixes? This is not to mean that preservations are advocating a spend-till-we-drop approach. However, intelligent debate is needed before cutting and eliminating funding for historic preservation so that we not expose ourselves to long-term dangers by the short-term solutions being advocated by some budget cutting advocates..

In one session architects and planners discussed preservation of older buildings as a means to reduce or prevent crime. In urban areas, vacant buildings become harbors for undesirable activity. Finding new uses for these buildings and restoring them eliminate the undesirable's safe haven. Design features of older building included windows, doors and porches facing the street. The undesirable element does not find areas where their activities are subject to viewing by the public and possible calls to the authorities as good places to do their business. By contrast newer building designs often include windows and doors that face to the side or into the property thus preventing the occupants from observing the areas around their buildings.

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# COMING ATTRactions



Date & Time	Event, Sponsor & Information
Sunday, September 17, 1995 2:00 p.m.	Sunland-Tujunga Little Landers Historical Society, Boulton Hall Museum. Opening of new exhibit about movies filmed and stars living in the area. Exhibit shown until January 1996. Call (818) 352-3420 for more information
Friday, September 22, 1995 9:00 a.m.	California Preservation Foundation Workshop, "Award-Winning Design Solutions: Exemplary Projects - Universal Applications." Alex Theatre, Glendale. For information call CPF at (510) 763-0972.
Saturday, September 30, 1995 6:00 p.m.	Culver City Historical Society and Electric/Railway Historical Association of Southern California, "Red Car Days on the Westside." Program and Silent Auction. For info: (310) 202-9009.
Wednesday October 4, 1995 7:30 p.m.	Glendale Historical Society General Membership Meeting. Subject to be announced. Glendale Federal Bank, 401 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. Separate announcement to follow to TGHS members.
Friday - Saturday October 6 - 7, 1995	Conference of California Historical Societies 1995 Fall Symposium. Auburn, California. Call (916) 878-2950. TGHS members interested in attending should contact TGHS at (818) 242-7447.
Saturday October 7, 1995 10 a.m.	Glendale Neighborhood Task Force Community Meeting. Edison Elementary School. Enter on Pacific between Vine and Riverdale. for more information call Maria at (818) 548-3700.
Saturday, October 7, 1995	West Adams Heritage Association & Los Angeles City Historical Society present "Angeles-Rosedale Cemetery tour. Call (213) 734-8820 for more information and reservations.
Wednesday Nov. 1, 1995 7:30 p.m.	Glendale Historical Society General Membership Meeting. Subject to be announced. Glendale Federal Bank, 401 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. Separate announcement to follow to TGHS members.
Sundays Continuous 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Doctors' House Tours. Docent lead tours of the Historic Victorian House Museum. Last tour departs at 3:40 p.m. Free, but a donation is requested.

# An Invitation to Join the Glendale Historical Society

The Glendale Historical Society was formed in 1979 by a group of citizens who banded together to save the Doctors' House from demolition. The Society led the grass roots efforts of the 1980s to relocate the house to Brand Park and to authentically restore and furnish the house to its 19th century appearance. From this beginning, the organization quickly grew and initiated other programs related to the preservation of the heritage of Glendale.

The goals and objectives of the Glendale Historical Society are to:

- Advance the study and appreciation of local history.
- Promote the preservation of structures and sites that are culturally significant for their historical or architectural importance.
- To be an advocate for the preservation of historical resources.
- To insure the continued public access and enjoyment of the Doctors' House.

The Glendale Historical Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization and membership is open to men and women of all ages. Members receive the *TGHS Quarterly* newsletter, announcements to all meetings and events, discounts on selected TGHS merchandise and tours. Special membership events include the annual Christmas party, Awards Program, Fall Picnic and Installation Ceremony. New members will receive an initiation to a special welcoming reception. Members joining at the sustaining and higher levels will receive special recognition in the *TGHS Quarterly*. All new members will receive a copy of the TGHS map *Historic Sites in Glendale, California*.

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