



The Glendale Historical Society

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TGHS "SPRINGS" INTO ACTION

By: Deborah Dentler, TGHS President

Spring has arrived, and with it some "spring cleaning" and some "spring planting" by the board and active members of our organization.

Special plans are underway to plant a small citrus grove adjacent to the Doctors' House in honor of the family of recently departed Treasurer, Dick Montgomery. Isabelle Myers, Curator of the Doctors' House Museum, engineered the first part of this remarkable feat seemingly overnight, and was assisted in this effort by our sister organization, Glendale Beautiful, which arranged for the trees to be purchased and dedicated for Arbor Day in March. Many members helped contribute to the purchase of the three trees, and we thank them. The grove will be planted in May.

Another special thanks goes to Emily Wargo's cleaning crew who gathered in March to give the Doctors' House its annual spring spiffing up. Our office at the Goode House will soon be getting similar attention. Our administrator, Mary Reed, is recruiting a small group of local high-school students to dust and sort through piles of documents and old office supplies cluttering up the Good House office. Any one interested in participating is welcome to contact Mary at (818) 957-0757.

The Board is very pleased to announce that TGHS member Rosemarie Ibanez has graciously agreed (with some trepidation, but much enthusiasm) to serve as the liaison between TGHS, local government officials, and other organizations, in the area of historic preservation. Rosemarie has served on TGHS' former Preservation Advocacy Committee. Her professional background and training is in urban planning and she works for the City of Los Angeles. I know all our members appreciate her willingness to assist us in our preservation activities.

Speaking of preservation.....I have been honored to represent TGHS at a number of meetings with city officials and concerned residents recently, providing input on ways to preserve three important structures in Glendale beloved to our members and to the wider community: Brand Library, the stone barn (officially named "Le Mesnager Vineyard Ranch), and the Adams Square Building (less officially, but better-known as "the pink building.") Plans for saving and enhancing these structures are underway, in various stages, and we at TGHS can be very pleased that the City has recognized our organization's importance by keeping our officers "in the loop." As these projects progress, I will report more on them.

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**"Springs"
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The Board has recently nominated, for a special "Governor's Award," the City of Glendale's video series, only partially completed, spotlighting historically significant places in Glendale such as the train depot, the main post office, and an upcoming video to be taped at the Doctors' House. Watch for more in this series, cable-cast on Channel 6 and advertised in "Cityviews."

National Trust Updates

The theme of this year's Preservation Week, is "Taking America's Past into the Future." Preservation Week is May 14-20, 2000.

The 54th National Preservation Conference will be held in Los Angeles, October 31- November 5. The theme is "Saving America's Treasurers in the 21st Century." The Trust is looking for volunteers to assist during the conference. Volunteer shifts are broken into half-day increments. In exchange for their time, volunteers receive an equal amount of half-day passes to non-ticketed activities during the conference (e.g., work a half-day of registration and attend a half-day of educational sessions or special lectures.) To volunteer, please contact the National Trust at (202) 588-6092 or by e-mail at: megan_will@nthp.org.

MARK YOU CALENDARS!

May 17, 2000

Our friends at the Burbank Historical Society are hosting a slide program and talk entitled "The Burbank Connection: Amelia Earhart and Harriet Quimby." The event is open to the public. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Gordon R. Howard Museum, 1015 W. Olive Ave. Burbank.

May 14, 2000, Mother's Day

The Monrovia Old House Preservation Group is hosting its annual Mother's Day Old House Tour. Call (626) 358-7822. From past reports, this is always a super event! Treat mom to a fun day with a tour and then take her to dinner!

May 20, 2000

The Eagle Rock Association, with the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society, is having an Eclectic Eagle Rock Home Tour. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour features five homes. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the event. For tickets, contact TERA, P.O. Box 41453, Eagle Rock, CA 90041 or e-mail to eaglerock2000@cs.com.

May 21, 2000

From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. TGHS and the Jewel City Doll Club host a Doll Sharing Event in around the Doctors' House Gazebo. The Doctors' House Gazebo is adjacent to the Doctors' House Museum in Brand Park, 1601 West Mountain Street, Glendale.

June 24, 2000

Burbank Historic Society will present an "Antique Wedding Dress Fashion Show." Reservations are required. Call (818) 841-6333.



"Fly to some of these events and have a good time!"

GOODE HOUSE HAPPENINGS!

For several years now, TGHS has participated on the Crippled Children's Society's (now known as AbilityFirst) Goode House Committee. This group of volunteers helps keep an eye on the historic Goode House and plans an annual event to open the House to the public. The Goode House is primarily used as the community center for the Ivy Glen Apartments residents, but is also the site to TGHS' office. The House was the home of Edgar Goode, one of the City of Glendale's founding fathers.

The Goode House Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help it in its activities. Please call TGHS at (818) 242-7447 if you would like more information.

TGHS LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

By: Dr. Robert Newcomb

January

The TGHS Lecture Series has continued to have wonderful speakers which have informed and entertained those attending. Just within the waning shadow of Y2K, the Society met on January 5 and shared an evening with David L. Smith who talked about "Glendale: Those Formative Years." David, who has been a member of the Society for many years as well as having serviced on its Board of Directors, strikingly combined two threads of local history for one instruction.

David's family history in rural Nebraska goes back several generations, and the old school-house does, in fact, bear the initials of three generations of his family carved into schoolroom desks! The Old School House is now a museum of the community's local history. With this background in mind, David coupled it with his deep knowledge of the local history of the community and City of Glendale over the span of nearly a century. His frequent appearances a guest lecturer on this topic and his research into the participation in local neighborhood walks all have equipped him to speak knowledgeably about Our Town.

For the January 5 evening, he skillfully interwove the two threads of One Family's History as a reflection of societal growth, incorporation, and flowering into a vital community and city. Many of the same processes and phases of growth and development which can characterize a single family over time may also be obtained from the record of urban growth and development which is found in the many written, oral, and recorded images which are held as treasures in archives, libraries, and the memories of individual people. All in all, David Smith shared with us a delightful and memorable evening.

February

The February 5, 2000 meeting attracted the largest crowd to attend any of our recent membership meetings. About 120 folk took their seats, using every available chair in the auditorium at the Boy Scout Service Center. As someone noted, if the program topic concerns planes, trains or automobiles, then you can be assured of a record turnout, and such was the case this evening.

The Society and its guests met to hear Thom Eberhardt discuss the background of his project designed to illustrate "When Glendale Ruled the Skies!" This was the saga of the Grand Central Airport which came and went as a major air transportation and support facility right here in Glendale during the first half of the Twentieth Century.

For The Friends of the Library, a support group for the Glendale Library System, Thom has put together with talented resources a 38 minute-long video about Grand Central Airport. In this production he used still photos, movie footage, and live interviews with people who had personal memories of the Airport. It was particularly touching to see our dear, departed Society member, Richard Montgomery, on the screen while telling his childhood recollections of the facility and its flying machines.

Thom Eberhardt's Video and his presentation were indeed a smash-hit, and the entire, large audience present vastly enjoyed it and had questions and some answers afterwards when we broke into the informal portion of the evening's program. (Continued on Page 5)

DOCTORS' HOUSE REPORT

By: Isabelle Meyer

The past year has been a busy one for our museum. Besides our usual events, I spent much of the year researching this year's Glendale Public School exhibit. I went as far as Sacramento to search the State archives for Superintendent of School reports from the turn of the century to document the growth of local schools over a period of 123 years. I would encourage you to visit the museum and enjoy the result of assembling memorabilia from different Glendale schools. For many of you, this will bring back memories of school days in our city.

We are seeing a steady stream of third-grade classes take advantage of the opportunity to learn about Glendale's past by seeing our exhibit, and have added old-fashioned outdoor fun to our school tours. We could use additional week-day docents to cope with the increased number of school tours, so if you or anyone you know may be a candidate, please let me know. Each docent only gives 2 hours per month, so it's not a time-consuming commitment.

We began this year with our traditional docent tea, an opportunity for our docent guild to socialize and discuss upcoming events. Soon after, we added five new docents to our roster: Annette Allison, Brook Applegate, Joan Morris, Jenny Ruiz and Bonnie Tortorelli.

This year's Valentine's Day dinner raffle raised about \$700 for our group. Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets. Our winner was TGHS member, Valerie Howard, and we are once again indebted to La Fontana Restaurant for the delicious dinner they donated.

Our next event is an all-time first and it is very exciting. We are cooperating with the Jewel City Doll Club (who furnished the playroom many years ago) to stage a doll-sharing event in and around the Gazebo on May 21, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is free, but we will be selling refreshments. Also on exhibit will be the personal doll collections of some Jewel City Doll Club members throughout the house. We hope to attract both old and young to this fun day in the park and invite you all to bring your favorite doll to share.

This September sees the 20th Anniversary of the Relocation of the Doctors' House to Brand Park and we have reserved the Gazebo for a special celebration. Our board is open to suggestions on how we should celebrate this mile-stone. So far, a parade of old cars along the moving route and a relay of walkers has been suggested and we would love to get your input, as well. I have assembled a list of 400 volunteers, donors and docents who have contributed to making the Doctors' House a success and we hope to immortalize their names on a memory quilt made for us the Glendale Quilt Guild.

At the end of the year, we will once again hold our very successful Candlelight Tours, which have become a holiday tradition to which many Glendalians look forward. Last year's attendance was an all-time record (550 visitors on two nights) and we will continue offering this wonderful de-stressing event.

After consulting with Glendale Parks & Recreation, we have set aside an area at the back of the Doctor's House, where Glendale Beautiful will plant three citrus trees (one donated by Andrea Humberger) and two by TGHS) with a memorial plaque for the Montgomery family. This will allow out-of-state visitors to the museum to pick a lemon or an orange (a BIG DEAL when you live in colder climates!), while creating a lasting memorial to Dick, Natalie and Craig Montgomery, who were (Continued on Page 5)

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life-long supporters of all our endeavors. Since the museum was surrounded by a citrus orchard at its original location, this seems to be the perfect addition to our lovely site. If you would like to contribute to this memorial, please send your donation to TGHS. Dick's passing has left a huge hole in our organization, but we can take comfort in the fact that he will be long remembered and appreciated.

We have much to be proud of and thankful for when looking back on the past 20 years of our group's accomplishments. I would encourage you to continue your enthusiasm for Glendale's history. Please take advantage of our exhibits and events at the Doctors' House. We always love to see some of our members at the many functions available to you.

TGHS LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES **(Continued from Page 3)**

March

The March 1 meeting was held at Glendale Main Library Special Collections and was hosted by Nora Goldsmith and her staff, including Cindy Cleary and volunteer George Ellison. Nora opened up the Collection for our attending members to see after a short orientation held in the Library's auditorium. She enumerated the parts of the Collection, included the fine Feline Collection, the High School Yearbooks Collection, the Photo Collections, and the many different files of documents, clippings and publications.

We were able to dip into any of these collections which caught our eye including some new/old material on the Doctors' House and its relocation to Brand Park some 20 years ago. We also had "Mystery Photos" to look at, but we were not too successful in identifying the persons, buildings or scenery!

With brochure materials on Special Collections to take away with us and a most hospitable reception to our group, the only lament was that more of our members did not avail themselves of the opportunity of sampling and coming to know better this priceless library resource right her in our home town.

Future Lectures

At 7:30 p.m., on May 3, 2000, Christena Barnes will lecture on the History of Judaism in Glendale. The lecture will take place at the Boy Scout Service Center, 1325 Grandview Avenue, Glendale. Admission is free and open to the public.



**The Jewel City Doll Club
and
The Glendale Historical Society**

invite you to join us for

“Share Your Doll in the Park”

On Sunday, May 21st, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**at the Doctors' House Gazebo
in Brand Park, Glendale
(1600 W. Mountain at Western Ave.)**

**Bring your favorite doll(s) and tell other doll lovers
about your special friend.**

**Admire private collections of doll club members
throughout our Victorian house museum.**

FREE ADMISSION

**Doll Identification Assistance
Refreshments for Sale.**

For information call (818) 242-4290



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 effort to relocate the house to Brand Park and 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 of the Society are:

- 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 historic resources
- To ensure the continued public access and enjoyment of the Doctors' House.

The Glendale Historical Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Membership is open to all.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewel City Patron (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verdugo Patron (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Senior or Student (\$10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tropico Patron (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization (\$25) |
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