
The Glendale Historical Society

Celebrating Our History and Conserving Our Heritage

Spring 2012



Photo: Victoria Lasken

TASTE OF SPAIN

Sunday,
April 29, 2012
4-6 pm

TGHS Members are invited to tour a beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival home in the proposed Rossmoyne Historic District and enjoy a light buffet of tapas and sangria.

There are three ways to gain admission to this exclusive event: 1) Our Verdugo Patron and Jewel City Patron members simply need to RSVP by April 25 to events@glendalehistorical.org. Attendance is complimentary as a benefit of these membership levels. 2) Bring a new member who joins TGHS between April 1 and April 25 and RSVP to events@glendalehistorical.org by April 25. Both you and that new member will be admitted free of charge. 3) Purchase tickets at www.glendalehistorical.org or send a check to P.O. Box 4173, Glendale 91202 by April 25. Tickets are \$20 per person.* Space is limited to 75 guests, and reservations will be filled in the order that payment is received. RSVP or buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment! Location details will be provided to attendees on April 27. Questions? Contact us at events@glendalehistorical.org or 818-242-2447.

*Ticket purchases limited to number of members included at each membership level (i.e. Individual members can purchase one ticket; Family/Dual members can purchase two.)

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President's Message

Photo: Simon Wright



Following the overwhelming success of our holiday party on December 18, which nearly half of our entire membership attended, you may have thought that we would have chosen to rest on our laurels for a little while. Not so. Rather than ease into the New Year, TGHS has been abuzz with activity during the past few months as we gear up for another productive and successful year.

Our Events Committee and Home Tour Committee wasted no time by scheduling meetings in January to plan activities and events that highlight Glendale's rich history and architectural heritage. We are excited to be repeating our successful "Taste of Spain" fundraiser and member-

ship drive on April 29 at another spectacular Spanish Colonial Revival home. We are also delighted to be offering an exclusive architectural tour of the historic Forest Lawn Memorial Park on June 10 and are already hard at work lining up magnificent period revival houses for our Fall Home Tour, "Glendale's Golden Age: Distinctive Homes of the 1920s and 1930s," which will be held on September 30. See Events Calendar listing on page 8.

On March 1, the Friends of the Doctors House Committee met to organize fun and exciting events and museum exhibits that will continue to bring new and returning crowds to our Victorian crown jewel in Brand Park. Our Membership and Outreach Committee convened last month to develop new membership levels and benefits, which will attract additional supporters to our organization and motivate others to upgrade to a higher membership level. And our Communications Committee continues to do amazing work to promote the Society's mission and upcoming events.

TGHS has been active on the preservation front as well. On March 4, we hosted a well-attended "Shattering the Myths of Window Replacement" workshop in front of the Doctors House Museum (which has 125-year old windows that are in fine working condition!). Our guest speakers demonstrated how and why original wood or steel windows, important

character-defining features of any older home, could and should be restored and repaired rather than replaced.

In addition, as part of our ongoing efforts to preserve the integrity of our older, established neighborhoods, TGHS continues to reach out to owners of potentially eligible houses and buildings to encourage the submittal of applications to the City for designation on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources and supports efforts to establish more historic districts. To help in these endeavors, I am pleased to announce that TGHS has formed a new Preservation Advocacy Committee and is actively seeking member participation. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me directly at greg.grammer@glendalehistorical.org.

We've also met with The Walt Disney Company on the pending restoration of the Grand Central Air Terminal and with Caruso Affiliated on the reconstruction of the Mission Revival brick building façade at 230 S. Orange Street and will continue to follow both issues very closely. See Preservation Updates on page 3.

Oh, and we are working on giving TGHS a little makeover with an updated logo and newsletter design. But you'll have to wait until next time for that!

Warm regards,

Greg Grammer

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EVENT RECAP



Holiday party 2011: Kumiko Mayhew, Leanne Reynolds, and TGHS president and host Greg Grammer.



Windows Restoration Workshop, Doctors House gazebo, March 4.



Sonia Montejano and Peter Rusch flank new City Manager Scott Ochoa and wife Sophia at "Meet & Greet" on March 11.



Genealogy expert Laura Stotler discusses resources for family research to "Uncover Your Past," March 14.

Photos: Top - Jeri Anderson; Middle two - Victoria Lasken; Bottom - Greg Grammer

updates PRESERVATION

Grand Central Air Terminal

TGHS President Greg Grammer and Vice President Victoria Lasken met with representatives of The Walt Disney Company and the City of Glendale earlier this month to tour the historic Grand Central Air Terminal and discuss the status of its much-anticipated restoration.

Disney purchased the property in 1997, and, as part of its agreement with the city, is required to rehabilitate the building by 2015 according to United States Department of Interior Standards. The Grand Central Air Terminal, located at 1310 Air Way in Glendale, was the first official air terminal in Los Angeles and quickly became the premier spot for air travel in Southern California for many of Hollywood's elite as well as such aviation celebrities as Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh.

We are pleased to report that Disney is in the process of selecting an architect to complete the design and restoration work of this Spanish Colonial Revival-Art Deco landmark and expects to present plans to the city's Historic Preservation Commission by the end of this year. Disney is also required to list the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

230 S. Orange Street

The Mission Revival brick building located at 230 S. Orange Street was dismantled last month, and TGHS is in close communication with Caruso Affiliated on its plans to reconstruct the building's façade on the west-facing wall of the new Nordstrom at the Americana at Brand in 2013.

We are also working with Caruso Affiliated on the inclusion of photographs and images of Glendale's early days along a newly created "historic passageway" between Nordstrom and Barnes & Noble.

Historic Districts

Three of Glendale's historic district applications continue to move through the review and approval process. The city's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the Rossmoyne historic resources survey and has authorized the distribution of the final petition for the 504 single-family home neighborhood. Area residents are in the process of collecting signatures to establish the historic district, which requires 50+ percent homeowner support. If you live within the proposed historic district, TGHS encourages you to sign the petition and persuade your neighbors to do the same.

The original Cumberland Heights historic resources survey has been updated for the new application for the proposed North Cumberland Heights historic district. The survey is scheduled to be submitted to the HPC for final review and approval on March 27. If the survey is approved, proponents will be authorized to circulate the petition requesting a zone change to create the historic district.

The historic resources survey for Brockmont Park is still underway and should be completed within the next few months. If approved, these three neighborhood applications will join Royal Boulevard, Ard Eevin Highlands and Cottage Grove for a total of six historic districts in Glendale. TGHS views the establishment of historic districts as the best way to maintain the integrity of our older neighborhoods and continues to reach out to other potential historic districts throughout the city.

Glendale's REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES



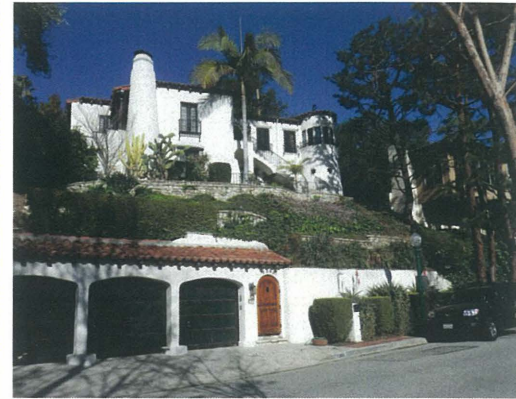
#88

Located in Chevy Chase Canyon, this two-story, single-family hillside residence was built in 1963. It was designed by architect Richard Fleming and is considered an excellent example of a post-and-beam Modern-style house. The home's most notable architectural feature is the narrow clerestory monitor that runs the entire length of the roof, providing light to the open-plan upper floor as well as the garage. Both levels of the house feature wrap-around wood balconies that extend across the back and one side of the house, providing the indoor-outdoor flow so associated with Modern homes in Southern California.



#89

Originally built in 1923 as a five-story building, Historic Resource #89 was significantly altered when Central Avenue was widened in 1929 to become the eight-story structure that stands today. It has been used throughout its history for storage businesses. The utilitarian structure was added to the Register because it is an outstanding example of Glendale's early commercial architecture and is among the city's few examples of tall, reinforced concrete buildings.



#90

Gray-Sherwood House

This Spanish Colonial Revival house in the proposed Rossmoyne Historic District was built in 1928. The structure is perched on a steep lot and features the smooth stucco walls, wood multi-light casement windows, exposed rafters and red tile roof that are typical of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. The house is particularly notable for the dramatic emphasis of its hillside setting, a spiraling entry path, a round turret and chimney – and their interplay with the rectangular volumes of the main body of the house – and the extensive use of wrought-iron, wood and tile throughout.

In 2011, five houses and one commercial structure were added to the Glendale Register of Historic Resources, bringing the total number of structures on the Register to 93.



#91

Stanford House

The Stanford House was built in 1928 by John F. Stanford, a well-known Glendale contractor and developer, as his own residence. The home is in the Spanish Colonial Revival style and has some Mediterranean Revival influences as well. It is U-shaped, with a central courtyard and contains many Spanish Colonial Revival features: a low-pitched roof clad in rustic 2-piece barrel tiles; open eaves with exposed rafter tails; smooth stucco cladding; wood casement windows and French doors; and a balcony with wood supporting brackets, carved balusters, and turned posts.

Photos 88-91: Simon Wright



#92

Wall House

This 1959 house is an Asian-inspired Modern Ranch in the Oakmont area. It has the long, close-to-the ground profile typical of the Ranch style and features a shallow hipped roof with broad soffits at the overhanging eaves, unusually wide board-and-batten siding and original steel casement windows. The rambling, open floor plan takes full advantage of the wooded corner site, wrapping around the swimming pool in an irregular “U” shape and maximizing options for indoor/outdoor living.

Photo: Arlene Vidor



#93

Farrar House

The Farrar House was built in 1925 as the personal residence of Bert C. Farrar, owner/developer of the 1,600-acre Chevy Chase Estates subdivision. The house was designed by Swiss-born architect and planner Franz J. Herding, who was instrumental in creating the design of numerous Southern California neighborhoods, including Chevy Chase Estates, Hollywood Knolls, and Leimert Park. The T-shaped house, clad in whitewashed red brick, is an exceptionally high-style interpretation of Spanish Colonial Revival in its size and grandeur, which is punctuated by a double-height living room wing.

Photo: Elizabeth Simone

GATSBY LIVES in Glendale!

By Peter Rusch

It was like a scene from “Masterpiece Theatre”....the forecourt of the Doctors House was bustling with characters right out of “The Great Gatsby.” Deviled eggs and cucumber sandwiches abounded in the gazebo, while Gatsby himself hosted a non-alcoholic bar (it was the Prohibition Era, after all) with all kinds of ginger drinks punctuated with bright red maraschino cherries. Authentic bottles of Coca Cola popping their caps permeated the crisp afternoon air while Guy Lombardo eagerly crooned “If You Knew Susie” in the background.

On a Saturday in late November, Bradley Trevor Greive (Gatsby) and his girlfriend Amy Melin (Daisy) were strolling past the gates of the Doctors House when they saw a kiosk notice boasting the 30th anniversary of The Glendale Historical Society. It was their “Voilà” moment indeed, because Amy’s 30th birthday was nearing, and Bradley thought the expansive grounds in front of Doctors House would be the perfect setting for their “Gatsby-esque” adventure.

Since the gathering of 40 of their best friends was to be December 10th (less than two weeks away) their plans needed to be expedited at warp speed, so Bradley was at City Hall on Monday morning making the proper requests (granted!), and Amy was on her computer searching antique clothing websites for just the right vintage outfit for her special birthday party (found!...complete with authentic shoes that might just make it through one more garden party).

No bones about it, Bradley and Amy paid strictest attention to every detail for their four-hour afternoon event, while



Gatsby and Daisy (center front) and friends celebrate Amy’s birthday at the gazebo.

everything seemed to fall in place as their research uncovered authentic cuisine (cakes, cheese, fruit) and games (croquet, bocce ball, ring toss) for their 1920’s extravaganza! Of course, the Doctors House obliged the devoted couple with guided tours, one of which involved finding clues based on passages directly from the famous novel, while learning the revealing history of the house itself.

After a proper birthday champagne toast, Gatsby and Daisy, Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, and their other compatriots trekked to the south end of the lawn where the final chapter of “The Great Gatsby” was reenacted, as poor Gatsby was shot while in his bathing suit! Of course, no one was really harmed, but the guests eagerly took turns trying to see that Gatsby got his just desserts....which were, by the way, delicious. Happy 30th birthday Amy (Daisy) from your adoring Bradley (Gatsby)!



Bike riders of all ages pedal on Glenoaks Boulevard during last year’s historic ride. Photo: Scott Lowe

Montrose History Bike Ride Saturday May 12

By Marty Bracciotti

Be sure to mark your calendars for our popular annual bike ride on Saturday, May 12. We’ll be touring Montrose on a bike ride of 10 or so miles (avoiding hills!), with numerous stops to take in points of historical interest. This year, we’ll be partnering with Walk/Bike Glendale, the City of Glendale and Montrose Patch. Our bike rides are always a fun way to see historical points of interest, get some exercise and, of course, meet new people from our fine city. Riders must wear helmets. Rain cancels. To get more information about this bike ride, such as start time, starting place, etc., please check our website www.glendalehistorical.org prior to the ride. This additional information will be also be posted on our Facebook page and emailed to those on our email distribution list.

WELCOME

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2011 – FEBRUARY 2012

VERDUGO PATRON (\$250)

Peter Rusch &
Scott Halloran - R

TROPICO PATRON (\$100)

Irene Blore - R
Jordan &
Elizabeth Cohen - U
Arlet &
Harach Davoodian - U
Cindy Holland - U
Bonnye LaPenotiere Sirk,
Rossmoyne Properties Inc. - R
Alen Malekian - U
Maureen Palacios,
Once Upon a Time
Bookstore - R
Diane Stevens - R

SUSTAINING (\$50)

Jamie & Polly Anderson - R
Jeri Anderson - R
Eva & Bill Fonnet - U
Los Angeles Public Library - R
Helene Marnell - R
Carol Merry - R
Tammy &
John O'Connor - N
Anna Rundle - U
Mirna Stanley - R
Mary Ann Valenzuela - N
Lorna Vartanian - R

FAMILY/DUAL (\$40)

Michael Akop - N
Mark & Sharla Bohman - R
Katherine Cahill - N
Kent Chesney - R
Zuzka Eggena - R
Lyn Foster & Glenn Webb - R
Arye Gross & Lisa Schulz - N
Richard & Carol Heyes - R
Catherine & Chris Lamson - R
Richard A. Lieboff - R
Larry & Isabelle Meyer - R
Ray & Virginia Newbum - R
Dominic Rayner - N
Alyssa Resnick - N
Chris Nichols &
Charlene Gould - R
Jacque & Keith Norris - N
Stephanie Schus &
Joe Russin - R
Brian Snedeker - R
Lynn Theard - U
Randall Von Bloomberg &
Joanna Hess - R
Sandy & Woody Wise - R
Katherine Wolfe - R

INDIVIDUAL (\$25)

Alek Bartosouf - U
Hannah Lazarus - R
Doris McKently - R
Mary McVay - U
Robin Oates - R
Robb Sahli - N
Mike Shea - N
Ruth Steinhart - N
Mona Vasiloiu - N

SENIOR/STUDENT (\$15)

Gail Bogan - N
Rita Cárdenas - N
Paula Devine - R
Gabriella Doyle - R
Dr. Ray Galloway - R
Dolores Hawkes - N
Larry &
Bernadette Hovland - R
Valerie Howard - R
Richard & Laura Lovick - R
Don McDonald - R
Michael Mohill - R
Irene Munafo - R
Mary Ellen Naldjian - R
Michael Sharp - R
Bella Yegian - R

NON-PROFIT (\$35)

Glendale Arts

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP
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Carole Dougherty
Andrea Humberger
John LoCascio
Marie Luft
Steve Preston
Bill Shepherd
David Smith
Arlene Vidor

N - New Member
R - Renewing Member
U - Upgrading Member

Please consider a membership upgrade the next time you renew.

Join The Glendale Historical Society and Support Historic Preservation in Our Community

THE SOCIETY IS A NON-PROFIT tax exempt organization and we encourage you to join and volunteer. Please complete this form and mail it with a check payable to
The Glendale Historical Society, PO Box 4173, Glendale CA 91202

Jewel City Patron (\$500)
Verdugo Patron (\$250)
Tropico Patron (\$100)
Sustaining (\$50)

Family/Dual (\$40)
Individual (\$25)
Individual Senior or Student (\$15)

Nonprofit (\$35)
*Nonprofit organizations are encouraged
to join TGHS as Associate Members
(No voting rights)*

Name _____ Phone _____
Street Address _____
City/Zip _____ Email Address _____

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events/Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic research/Surveys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Districting | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Archiving/Organizing |
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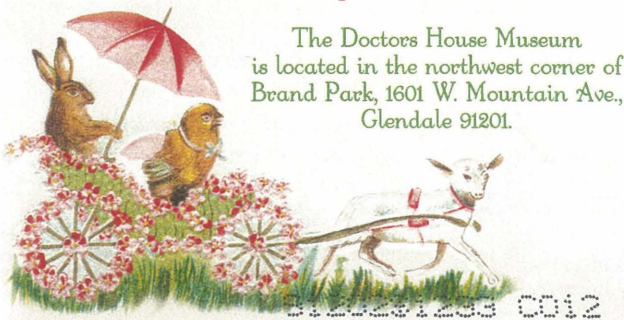


A Victorian Easter at the Doctors House Museum

Please join us on Sunday, April 1, 2012 for a Victorian Easter celebration!

The festivities begin at 1:30 pm with an Easter Egg Hunt and Victorian games on the rolling lawns of the Doctors House Museum. Bring your own baskets. Costumed guides will share information about Victorian Easter traditions, and tours of the Doctors House will be ongoing from 2-4 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Donations of \$5.00 are requested for this special event.



The Doctors House Museum is located in the northwest corner of Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain Ave., Glendale 91201.

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MARCH 2012



Members of
The Glendale Historical Society
are invited to purchase tickets for the
Glendale Neon Cruise
Saturday, April 28, 2012, 6:30 pm
sponsored by
MUSEUM OF NEON ART

Log onto neonmona.org, and click through
Glendale Neon Cruise to book the Glendale tour
online at the special TGHS members rate.

The tour will start and end at the Americana at Brand.
Full instructions will be sent to you with ticket confirmation!
The tour is conducted entirely from the bus.

Questions? Contact neonmona@earthlink.net or call 213-489-9918

2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 1** Sunday
A VICTORIAN EASTER
Doctors House, Brand Park
1:30 - 4:00 pm
- April 29** Sunday
TASTE OF SPAIN
4:00 - 6:00 pm
See page 1 for more information
- May 12** Saturday
MONTROSE HISTORY BIKE RIDE
See page 6 for more information
- June 10** Sunday
ARCHITECTURAL and
HISTORICAL TOUR OF
FOREST LAWN, GLENDALE
Stay tuned for details about this
exclusive opportunity
- Sept 30** Sunday
ANNUAL HOME TOUR
GLENDALE'S GOLDEN AGE:
DISTINCTIVE HOMES of the
1920s & 1930s
11:00 - 4:00