

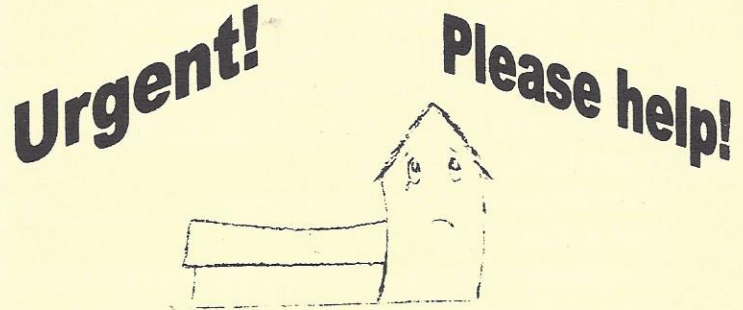


# Chico Heritage Association. *Summer 2008*

*Chico Heritage Association-CHA- for 25 years a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Chico's cultural heritage*

## MANY PRESERVATION PROJECTS UNDERWAY

There is a swell of Historic Preservation effort going on in and around Chico these days. The historic 1950's Thunderbird Motel neon sign is going to be saved; the Barber Neighborhood group is working to list the Barber Neighborhood as a National Historic District; and active sub-committee of the Avenues Neighborhood Association is beginning work on listing Mansion Park as a Historic Neighborhood, with other projects in the wind as well. Frances Farley continues his effort to save the Humboldt Road wagon ruts, and of course we are working to save the Old Patrick House (or the Wright-Patrick House). We are also continuing to monitor Chico State University's First Street Renovation Plan in order to make sure it does not threaten the seven historic faculty row houses on Rio Chico Way, which are currently slated for eventual demolition according to the University's Master Plan for future growth and development. Many, many individuals are working to preserve and/or restore the historic character of their homes and buildings, and, last but certainly not least, the City of Chico authorized staff to develop a Preservation Package that will greatly enhance preservation efforts in Chico. Included is a draft of a historic preservation ordinance for future consideration and hopefully approval, by the City Council, and updating the outdated Survey Historic Buildings that was begun over two decades ago. We'll try to keep you updated on these and other projects.



The roof of the Old Patrick House (Wright-Patrick House) ca. 1852 has reached the end of its life span! To preserve the integrity of the building over the coming winter, it is imperative that a new roof be installed this fall. Because this is estimated at about a \$15,000 project, your financial help is needed more than ever! See the enclosed flyer for a way **YOU** can make a real difference!

### CHA ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

Meeting is the First Wednesday of month, 7:00p.m., 635 Flume Street

At the June meeting, the CHA Board, which you elected at the Annual Meeting chose officers for the coming year:

Lucy Sperlin, President

Adrienne Pustejovsky, Vice-President

Margaret Siemsen, Secretary

Kathleen Hillman, Treasurer

John Gallardo

Mike Magliari

Randy Taylor

Other Board Members:

Darrell Deter

Nancy Deter

Shelley Compton Hutchens

Ann Sands

Jannis Wentworth

Additionally, appointed to committees were:

Kathleen Hillman - Membership

Nancy Deter - Newsletter Editor and Producer

Mike Magliari & John Gallardo - Public Agency Liaisons to City Hall, Butte County and the University

Liz Stewart, John Gallardo, and Randy Taylor - Research Team

John Gallardo - Publicity

Darrell Deter and Shelley Compton Hutchens -Project Coordinators, Old Patrick House Project



## SPECIAL THANK YOU:

For the Picnic/house tour:

Shelley Compton Hutchens for the photographs.  
Andy Bertagna for mowing the property.  
Amy and Alyssa Marler for the lovely music.  
Jack & Wade Thorpe for fixing & installing the chandelier for the front parlor.

## RESTORATION FUND IS KICKED OFF

The Wright-Patrick House Restoration Fund was kicked off thanks to a feisty challenge by Myles Pustejovsky at the event. Numerous donors came forward that day to kick off the Fund to help us care for the old house:

Marc Brusie Family  
Nell & Errol Doty  
Rian Farley  
Keith & Karen Johnson  
Denise Kaveny  
Michael & Karen Murrish  
Charles & Mary Ann Priddy  
Myles & Adrienne Pustejovsky  
Sharon Scott  
Lucy Sperlin  
Butte County Historical Society

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Our fund has grown to over \$2500

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## STANSBURY HOUSE NEWS

Congratulations to the Stansbury House Preservation Association on the completion of the Carriage Barn. The Grand Opening, along with 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the house, will be celebrated at the Annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm. The house will also re-open (it has been closed for a year and a half) on that date for Saturday and Sunday every week from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The house is located at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Salem Avenue.

## CURRENT PRESERVATION EFFORTS NEEDING OUR AWARENESS AND SUPPORT:

CHICO HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
SURVEY  
BARBER NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORICAL DIST.  
AVENUES NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION SUB COMMITTEES  
RIO CHICO WAY "FACULTY ROW" HOMES  
THUNDERBIRD MOTEL SIGN  
HUMBOLDT ROAD WAGON RUTS PRESERVATION

## WATCH LIST:

VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL  
EL REY THEATER  
BIDWELL BOWL AMPHITHEATER  
WATER TOWER CELL ATTACHMENTS  
DIAMOND MATCH BUILDINGS  
DELTA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY HOUSE  
JOE'S BAR - W.5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

. If you hear of any others that could be of interest to our mission, please let us know by calling our telephone number 530-345-7522 and leaving a message.



Supporter Marc Brusie enjoying the bountiful Picnic table at the "Event" on May 4<sup>th</sup>



## CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are due at the first of the calendar year. Our membership dues and donations provide our day to day expenses, which include our office rent, telephone, insurance, newsletter printing and mailing, photocopying and photography for research.. We receive no government funds.

Please help us save Chico's heritage by your membership and/or donations.

Simply fill out and mail this form to:

Chico Heritage Association, P.O. Box 3517, Chico, CA 95927

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Wright-Patrick House Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY DONATIONS (OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP) GIVEN BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 WILL BE ADDED TO BY ANNIE'S FUND (SEE INSERT)**

Please note which fund (above) and/or which type of membership:

\_\_\_ \$15 Individual                      \_\_\_ \$30 Family                      \_\_\_ \$50 Supporting  
\_\_\_ \$100 or more - Patron            \_\_\_ Other

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## **REPORT ON OUR "FUN AND FUND" HELD IN MAY**

Thanks to so many of you our picnic-house tour of the Old Patrick House (Wright-Patrick House) was a rousing success. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. With the admission, raffle tickets (2 baskets), outright donations, the challenges, and selling of the extra cooked chicken we raised over \$1200. We are especially grateful to the Butte County Historical Society who helped to sponsor the event and contribute to the Restoration Fund.



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A descendent of the Patrick Family (Darrell Deter) imparting information (to the picnic-filled crowd) about the home at the "Event"



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## **CHICO HISTORIC-LOOK HOUSE WINS NATIONAL ACLAIM**

Mike Campos' local house pictured was one of the winners in the *This Old House* Magazine contest for the national ten best renovations. There is a plaque placed at the house with the name of "Costar House", the builder of the home, which, in 1905, was a wedding gift to his bride. The home is located across from Notre Dame School and is now a triplex. Mike also has rehabbed other Chico homes and is continuing to do so. The interiors are rehabbed to today's lifestyle, but he strives to keep the historical look on the exterior.

