



# Chico Heritage Association, December 2007

CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION--CHA--FOR 25 YEARS A VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF CHICO'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

## OUR MAJOR PROJECT THIS YEAR

As our President informed you in his letter, the saving of the Wright-Patrick House (the Old Patrick House, as it is registered on official papers) has become our major project. The story of the home was the subject of our April 2007 Annual meeting.

After this annual meeting Valene McIntyre Posey proposed a generous memorial to her late husband, Stan McIntyre, to stabilize and move the house to the Present "Patrick Ranch Museum" site, which is owned by the Far West Heritage Association (FWHA), and is two miles down the Midway

This oldest remaining farm house in Northern California seems a perfect fit to tell the ongoing historical agriculture story of this part of the country. The Northgraves Mansion (known to many as the Compton Ranch) sits on FWHA's property. Two of the residents, Bee Patrick Compton and William Garrison Patrick (Pat), were born in the old home, and each as an adult moved into this Mansion. Thus, the connection is of one farm family .

Unfortunately, FWHA, after initially agreeing to the move, is now unable to accept the home at this time. This is due to their master plan that doesn't allow for its placement until their phase three timeline, sometime in the future. Chico Heritage Association Board is afraid that the home will not be in any condition to be moved at that late date, so we are undertaking the basic stabilization process now. We do not know at this time if some other option will be available sooner, but we are doing our best to preserve it, using the Secretary of Interior Standards. We have had a small group of members (many of the Board members who are retired!) who have spent many Tuesday and some Sunday afternoons doing what we can to keep the house from the ravages of time. Those of us pursuing this project are very passionate about its historic value. In fact, Adrienne Pustjovsky has put together a succinct little booklet about the importance it plays in our history. The booklet is accessible to anyone interested. Give a call to our office, and leave a message (we do not man the office, so don't expect to be able to get an answer right away!)

Bob Mackensen, a Consulting Preservation Architect (retired from the State), as well as Wayne Donaldson (pictured on page 2), have been up to advise us on the correct procedure for this preservation, so we feel we are on the right track.

### Current Board Members

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

President, John Gallardo

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Some of the "Big Players" in preservation: Tim Simonds, Amy Huberland, Nette Martinez, and Wayne Donaldson conferring at the "Old House"

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## NEWSWORTHY CONFERENCES

As our President mentioned in his letter, CHA along with several other organizations held a very successful conference, "Cultural and Historical Resource: A Toolbox for Preservation". Fortunately we were able to be the recipient of half the profit. Since we do not normally hold fundraising events and rely on our membership dues and donations for our day to day expenses, we were doubly happy for the attendance and interest.

Also the Butte County Historical Society (BCHS) held a very informative annual museum conference on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Administrators and volunteers of various museums from around the county attended and shared their experiences.

Our present CHA Secretary, Lucy Sperlin (also the Director/Curator of BCHS) led a very informative discussion concerning the loaning and gifting of artifacts to museums.

Three volunteers; Nancy Brower, Jim McDonnell and Larry Mausch led a discussion on how to recruit and retain volunteers.

We are lucky to have so much interest in local conferences that add so much to our community.

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## OUR THANKS FOR RECENT DONATIONS

**Gail Eatough-Smith--NE Information Center**  
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**And a extra-special thanks to:**  
**Valene McIntyre Posey**

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Our President (John Gallardo) emphasizing a point to Wayne Donaldson and Mike Magliari at the "Old House" on November 27<sup>th</sup>

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**All photos thanks to**  
**Shelley Compton Hutchens**

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

Simply fill out and mail this form to:

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Chico Heritage Association (CHA) has been very active this year with important preservation issues.

On September 5, CHA co-sponsored a preservation conference at CSUC that attracted some 175 people from all over Northern California and beyond (Santa Fe!). There were both local speakers and those from the State Office of Preservation. Various areas of preservation were discussed and there was a walking tour of historic west 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, followed by a reception at the historic Hotel Diamond, courtesy of owner, Wayne Cook.

For a number of months Chico Heritage has been working with the Brusie family to stabilize and preserve the historic Old Patrick House, c. 1852, on the Midway next to Glen Oaks Cemetery. It is a top priority of CHA to save this most important structure, and we will continue to work towards this end until complete plans for its ultimate restoration are finalized, and implemented.

California's Preservation Officer, Wayne Donaldson, visited Chico November 27, meeting with CSUC and CHA representatives. He was given a tour by CHA of the historic Old Patrick House and told of plans for its eventual restoration. We are honored that Mr. Donaldson thinks highly enough of our local preservation projects to make a personal visit to learn more of them, and to offer his advise. He referred to the house as a treasure.

Discussions at our level and the City of Chico show that the time is right to soon start an update of Chico's Historic Building Inventory, which was completed between 1981 and 1985 by CHA. It included some 300 structures. This huge project will involve many Chicanos, and bring this important document into closer focus with today.

Also at this time there is renewed interest in Chico in enacting a preservation ordinance. Such a document will seek to prevent the loss of our important historic structures, while encouraging and facilitating their preservation and restoration.



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