



# CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m., Chico Heritage Association will hold its annual meeting at Bidwell Mansion. In addition to a chance for us all to get together, each year we try to have a speaker who will broaden our preservation knowledge.

This year we are very fortunate to have John Snyder, Chief Architectural Historian for CalTrans, speak on "Rehabilitating Historic Railroad Stations on the San Francisco Peninsula". John and CalTrans have been involved in this project since 1983. This is a timely topic for Chico in view of our own City-sponsored depot restoration. John has also offered to do a paint analysis of our depot so that we'll know what the original colors were!

This should be an informative and fun evening! First we will have our usual short update of the year's activities and election of new board members. Then John will regale us with his tales and slides of depot restorations. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a chance to socialize and meet new members.

Please come on time--the Mansion has limited space!

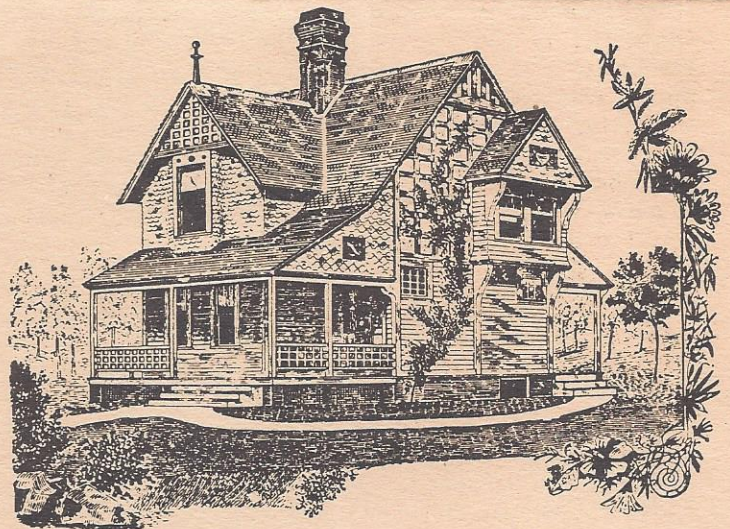
## FOR THE RECORD

Chico and vicinity has a creditable start on National Register recognition with the following structures approved:

- The Allen-Sommer-Gage House  
410 Normal Street
  - Bidwell Mansion  
the Esplanade
  - The Stansbury House  
307 West 5th Street
  - The Little Chapman Mansion  
256 East 12th Street
  - St. John's Episcopal Church (now Pang's Restaurant)  
230 Salem Street
  - Silberstein Park Building  
426, 430, 434 Broadway
  - U.S.Post Office  
141 West 5th Street
  - Patrick Ranch House  
3 miles SE of Chico off 99E
  - Patrick Rancheria
  - Mud Creek Canyon
- Applications for National Register standing have been submitted for Chico's Old Southern Pacific Depot and the City Hall.

## THIRD STREET HOUSES

Chico Heritage representatives, other community groups and a heartening array of students effectively challenged the credibility of a draft Environmental Impact Report on the value and condition of the Third Street houses. The University heard this response at a well-attended public hearing which was followed by written responses addressing the building's architecture, historical significance, structural condition and other types of community impact. Sorority and fraternity groups interested in the buildings have come forward. They have toured the buildings and are expressing interest in acquiring them on site. Because the draft EIR report was patently inadequate, a fuller more professional report will likely be commissioned.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## RURAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

California's first State Rural Preservation Conference was held in Chico October 15-17. It was sponsored by Chico Heritage Association, the California State Office of Historic Preservation, and the Downtown Chico Businessman's Association. Approximately 100 persons attended the conference representing city and county agencies and boards from such diverse places as Los Angeles, Alturas, Bishop and Eureka. Topics presented at the conference included such subjects as tax incentives for historic preservation, methods and procedures of research, case histories of preservation projects, National Register listings, and tourism. The State Historic Preservation Office selected Chico as the site, and engaged Chico Heritage as the local "agents" to organize the conference because of Chico Heritage's "good track record and reliability" according to the State Office.

Working throughout the conference and acting as session chairpersons were key members of the State Historic Preservation Office, including Kathryn Gualtieri, Historic Preservation Officer for California, and Steade Craigo, State Preservation Architect. Also acting as a session chairperson was Clarence Cullimore, Chair of the State Historic Building Code Board.

Wednesday evening was an opening dinner reception held at the Redwood Forest Restaurant. Thursday's sessions were held at the Holiday Inn. Lunch guest speaker was State Senator Jim Neilsen who spoke on Rural Renaissance in California. Based on the bill he sponsored in the legislature which was signed by Governor Deukmejian, rural entities are able to apply for grants and loans to be used for job-producing economic development. Preservation and renovation of historic buildings' exteriors, with the buildings then returned to use in the community, and tourism, were two excellent examples of ways this could be done, Neilsen said.

Before dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fortino, Safor Corporation, generously hosted a reception at their Silberstein Park Building (1909, National Register), 400 block of Broadway. The beautifully restored building, formerly the La Grande Hotel, was returned to life by the Fortinos, and represents the only building to date in Chico which has taken advantage of financial incentives for restoration. Chico Heritage Association had researched the building, and listed it on the National Register of Historic Places. Thursday's dinner was at the Chico Community Center on Vallombrosa, and guest speaker was Kirk West, President of the California Chamber of Commerce. A quote West offered from another source was, "a city without old buildings is like an old man without memories."

Friday's sessions were at the Chico Women's Club, and at the end of the conference, attendees were able to take one of three walking tours of Chico which included Chico's oldest neighborhood (south of campus), downtown, and Chico's street trees. The conference has been judged a success, and the State Office hopes to make it an annual event.

John Gallardo

## CONFERENCE THANK YOU

The Rural Preservation Conference appears to have been a success--so much so, that the State Office of Historic Preservation is now planning its 2nd annual conference (in the Visalia area)

The success of the conference was due in large part to the support of many local people and businesses. Foremost in the ranks of local support was DAVE KILBOURNE, DCBA, who not only shared his considerable experience at conference organization but gave us constant positive support. And as if that wasn't enough, he also gave a delightful and informative presentation for the "Downtown" section of the conference, and then led a walking tour of our own downtown area.

BOB MALOWNEY, Media Screenprint, set the tone of the conference with his wonderful poster design featuring the Park-Silberstein Building. JOE MARTIN, CSUC Associated Students Marketing, turned our bare-bones outline into a well-designed, inexpensive program and good-humoredly met our ever-changing deadlines. RICK HANNEMANN's professional-looking map ensured that we didn't lose anyone between Holiday Inn and our various other conference locations. MARYANN MIZE, Redwood Forest, worked with NANCY LINDAHL and JACKI HEADLEY to provide a festive "Welcome-to-Chico" pre-conference dinner Wednesday at her restaurant. SIERRA NEVADA BREWERY donated some of their renowned product for that evening. SUSIE GESHEKTER, Associated Students Food Service Catering, created a lovely dinner at the CARD Center Thursday, and followed it the next day with a yummy lunch at the Chico Women's Center. The CHICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE sponsored our coffee and rolls one morning and OY VEY BAGEL COMPANY and ZUCCHINI AND VINE (coffee) gave us a "Chico breakfast" the other morning.

BOB FORTINO, Safor Corporation, besides donating the beautiful centerpiece for the Thursday dinner, provided the highlight of the conference with an open-house and reception in his stunningly restored Park-Silberstein Building. It is a perfect example of exactly what the whole conference was about.

Anyone who has been involved with conferences knows how important the people are who staff the registration and information tables, who run last minute errands, and do the behind-the-scenes set-up. Without these wonderful volunteers, our conference would not have run as smoothly as it did:

Robie Amer	Nancy Lindahl
Sylph Bronson	Emily Newton
Jeanne Brown	Louis Poor
Carol Eggleston	Dorothy Reeve
Roberta Franklin	George Reeve
John Gallardo	Linda Rowell
Susan Gass	Vivian Shaw
Jackie Headley	Tim Simonds
Ingaborg Johannsen-Steele	Pat Walleman

To these and to all who gave us the moral support that kept us going, a heart-felt THANK YOU!

Giovanna Jackson

Liz Stewart



## SHOO FLY

- \* The elegant Lee House at Fifth and Flume was acquired by a counselling clinic. We are happy to note that the new owners are keeping up its exterior maintenance to the previous owners' high standard.
- \* The *Chico News and Review's* "expose" on a local contractor in the December 4 issue gave long overdue attention to the low standards to which developers are being held by the City. As such it is as much an indictment of the City's oversight as of this one contractor. "Wrist slapping" is clearly not enough. Who allowed Nord Avenue to become the blight it is?
- \* The Jackson House at 330 Ivy has had some loving care from owners Jim and Jeanmarie Bardoli. They rebuilt the front and back porches with respect for the original style and made a number of sympathetic interior improvements.
- \* The *Chico News and Review* has bought the Victorian house next to their new quarters at Second and Flume. They will keep it intact; are painting it right away and will restore its style in the next year or so. All credit to them too for their article this past Fall on Chico's Victorian houses.
- \* The Old SP Depot's old roof is off and the new one is underway. We hope for the best!
- \* Tower Books now carries *The Old House Journal*.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Chico Heritage Association  
January 1, 1986-December 31, 1986

Cash on hand January 1, 1986	\$2328
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$1595
Old House Journal	211
Walking Tours	102
Pig Out Fundraiser	1916
Preservation Conference	5896
Less Stop Payment Check & Refunds	-170
Donations	150
	<b>\$9700</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Newsletter	\$814
Old House Journal	189
Insurance	232
Chamber of Commerce Dues	60
National Trust Dues	15
Research Material and Copying	239
Pig Out Fundraiser	1210
Conference	5259
Taxes	12
3rd Street Houses	193
Utilities	22
Office Improvements and Furnishings	566
	<b>\$8811</b>
Income in Excess of Expenses	889
Balance as of 12/31/86	<b>\$3217</b>

Louis Poor, Treasurer



## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

A beautiful, charming historical home is now being offered for sale by the owner. The home is located at 413 West 4th Street (southwest corner of West 4th and Normal Streets). This gracious home is classified as architecturally significant. It was built in 1918 for Albert Abraham, a partner of Morris Oser of M. Oser and Company Drygoods Store. Since 1939 it has been the family home of Herman A. and Marjorie Garske, and most recently the home of their daughter, Lois Borgen, and her husband, Leland.

This unique 2-story stucco home has been owned by only two families since 1918. The home is in excellent condition. It is 3,300 plus square feet, and has a 1000 square feet plus full basement. The main floor consists of an entry room, living room, and dining room with coved ceilings. It also includes a kitchen, back hallway and half-bath. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, walk-in closets and 3 full baths. There are hardwood floors throughout, and central air and heat. The full basement includes a bedroom or office, a commode, a storage room and workshop. A detached garage is also on the property. Contact the owner at 342-6247 for an appointment if you are interested in this home.





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Please help Chico Heritage Association preserve and enhance the historic cultural resources of our city. We need your membership and your participation. Become a part of Chico. Join Chico Heritage Association.

I want to become a member of Chico Heritage Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Please renew my membership in Chico Heritage Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5 Senior/Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10 Individual \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 Family \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 Business/Prof \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 Supporting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Patron \_\_\_\_\_

Activities I would like to help with:

Preservation legislation \_\_\_\_\_ Typing \_\_\_\_\_ Programs/Tours \_\_\_\_\_

Education/Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Baking cookies for fund raisers \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory on preservation planning \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Fund raising \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_