

CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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Chico Heritage Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting has been set for Sunday evening, February 10, 1985, at Bidwell Mansion. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include a special tour, a slide presentation by Liz Stewart on Phase II of the Chico Historic Building Survey, a short business meeting including election of board members and officers, refreshments, and time for socializing. Come, bring a friend, and spend the evening with us! It promises to be both interesting and informative!

John Gallardo

Update: Chico Historic Building Survey

In July of 1984 sixty additional structures were added to the first Chico Historic Building Survey, bringing the total number of structures surveyed to nearly 260. This figure is within the number of buildings which the State Office of Historic Preservation estimated Chico should research after they conducted a "windshield" survey of the city.

Phase II of the survey, as it was called, was financed over a six month period by a Community Block Grant of \$9000 which was administered by the City. Liz Stewart, a librarian and former survey volunteer, was hired as part-time director, with Giovanna Jackson assisting as consultant. A title searcher was also hired to help with the project. Volunteers for the research were recruited by various means--slide presentations at social clubs and the public library, flyers posted on the CSUC campus and downtown area, announcements in various newspapers and regular media spots. Articles in the Chico Enterprise Record each Sunday with photographs of homes from the first survey also provided wonderful publicity.

In all, there were around 40 volunteers, some home owners researching their own residences, who dug through Butte County tax rolls, city directories and old newspaper articles or interviewed residents and local historians. Others took photographs, typed, addressed envelopes and drew maps.

It was hard work, but also fun. The finished product turned into the City offices was our biggest reward. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed time or encouraged us by simply being interested.

I would particularly like to thank Louis Poor for his invaluable and patient help keeping track of the budget. Robie Amer, Emily Newton and John Gallardo were indispensable, particularly at the very last, drawing maps, writing and proof-reading. John Nopel was always willing to share his enthusiasm and store of knowledge. And to the many others too numerous to mention -- thank you!

Liz Stewart

Board Of Directors

President John Gallardo
 Vice President Michele Shover
 Secretary Emily Newton
 Treasurer Louis Poor

Term Ending

January 1986
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Robie Amer
 Lorna Barth
 Quentin Griffiths
 Jackie Headley
 Dorothy Hill
 Giovanna Jackson
 Mark Kowta
 Nancy Lindahl
 Ray Murdoch
 Chuck Nelson
 Gary Simmons

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The Association and community sincerely thank the following individuals for having served on the board: Quentin Griffiths, Mark Kowta and Betty Norman. Thank you!

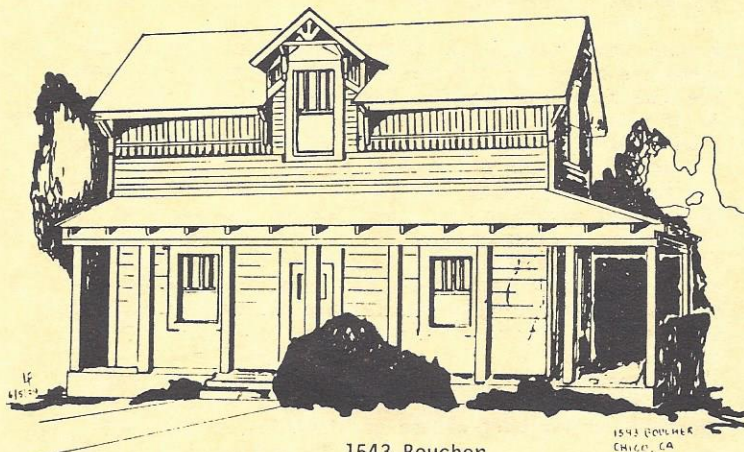
Nominees For Board Of Directors

Nominated for two year terms are:

Lorna Barth
 Pattie Bellefeuille
 Laurence Boag
 Dorothy Hill
 Nancy Lindahl

Emily Newton
 Louis Poor
 Gary Simmons
 Liz Stewart

Nominations to the Board will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.



1543 Boucher
 Chico, CA

Drawing by Louise Foote

1984 At A Glance — A Message From The President

Chico Heritage Association had a busy and productive year in 1984. The major project was the Chico Historic Building Survey, Phase II, coordinated by Liz Stewart and assisted by Giovanna Jackson. Some 60 structures were researched, adding to the overall survey of Chico's heritage. To these two people, plus the many who volunteered and generously assisted in this project - thank you! A job well done!

An excellent walking tour brochure has been produced by an Association committee headed by Giovanna Jackson. Dealing with Chico's oldest neighborhood (south of campus), this is the first of several brochures planned to cover Chico's historic areas.

The Chico Expo gave Chico Heritage exposure to over 20,000 persons who attended the event. A booth was maintained at the Expo for that purpose, and some new members and volunteers were enlisted in the process.

On May 6th the grounds of the Stansbury Home was the scene of the 2nd Annual Pig Out for Preservation "picnic". Also during National Preservation Week several guided walking tours were conducted in "old Chico", encompassing the area on the new walking tour brochure.

Chico Heritage Association has had input into the plans for the renovation of the old Southern Pacific Depot, West 5th and Orange Streets, and contributed toward the acquisition of items for the interior of the depot. We are continuing to press for faithful restoration on the project. We also have submitted ideas for a wrought iron type fence should a fence be required between the Depot property and the city-owned old Depot park across the tracks. We do not feel the proposed chain link fence would be appropriate for that area.

Any community that is serious about saving its heritage has enacted mechanisms that encourage and ensure preservation. CHA has long worked for Chico to have such provisions and the City now has a draft of a Preservation Ordinance. After much public discussion and work, this community will soon join the others across the country which have demonstrated a true concern for preserving their cultural heritage.

The California State University, Chico-owned 3rd Street Language Houses continue to be of great concern. CHA maintains that this row of structures is very important to its neighborhood and to this community. The State Office of Historic Preservation concurs, and has joined the effort to preserve them.

A very common assumption is that structures that do not appear to be of national or even State-wide significance, are therefore unimportant. Even though a structure may be of strictly local importance or interest, it is significant for that area. This does not mean that only the grand or famous mansions or buildings are important. The homes of craftsmen, laborers and farmers are just as much a part of our cultural heritage as are those of bankers, doctors and others of perhaps more affluence and fame. They also contribute as much to the fabric of a community just as each thread contributes to the fabric of a tapestry, adding color, texture and character to the whole unit.

The preservation effort must be of broader scope than simply the saving of a few great mansions. It must become an active part of the governmental process, and the conscience of the community. Only then will it truly be effective and successful in helping the community preserve its cultural heritage. A community in touch

with its past knows where it is, and is better able to find its way in the future. This is precisely why this community-wide group chose as its name, Chico Heritage Association.

John Gallardo

Treasurer's Annual Report

Chico Heritage Association
Receipts and Expenditures
1/1/84 through 11/30/84

Receipts:		
Memberships		\$ 730
Miscellaneous (refunds, donations, maps, posters & other merchandise)		216
Pig Out receipts	\$1203	
" " expenses	<u>817</u>	
		386
Chico Expo receipts	91	
" " expenses	<u>30</u>	
		61
Walking Tour receipts	565	
" " expenses	<u>458</u>	
		107
		<u>\$1500</u>
Expenses:		
Survey, Phase II, City Grant (receipts)	\$9000	
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Survey, Phase II (expenses)	<u>9376</u>	
		10383
		<u>(\$1007)</u>
		493
Less Miscellaneous Expenses (gavel, postage, printing, photocopying, stationery, etc.)		<u>(364)</u>
Income in excess of expenses		129
Balance in checking account 1/1/84		<u>2562</u>
Balance in checking account 11/30/84		<u>\$2691</u>

Louis Poor

Announcements

Slide/Talk Presentations

Liz Stewart will conduct free slide/talk presentations on the Historic Building Survey to any interested groups or clubs. Please contact Liz at 345-6986 for more information.

Survey Research

There are still survey buildings left to research, so if you have time and would like to volunteer, contact Liz Stewart at 345-6986 or Giovanna Jackson at 345-2005.

Survey Publication

There are plans to combine the first and second phases of the Chico Historic Building Survey into a publication. Look for news of this publication in the future.

Office Space Needed

Help! Office space is badly needed for the Chico Heritage Association. If anyone has or knows of available space that might be donated or rented at a reasonable cost, please contact John Gallardo at 895-3848.

Home/Business Research

If you are interested in having your home or business researched, contact Liz Stewart at 345-6986. Liz is now taking on these projects professionally.

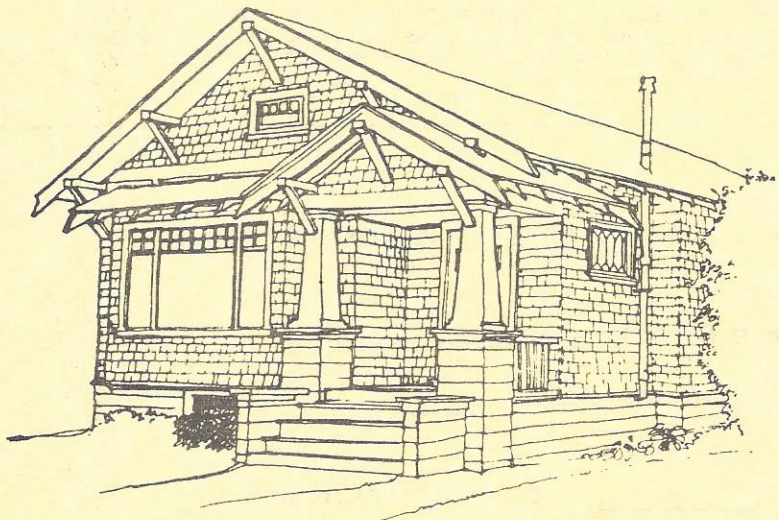
3rd Street Language Houses

California State Public Resources Code #5024.5 contains regulations pertaining to the six "Language Houses" on West 3rd Street between Chestnut and Hazel, and Sierra Hall, 422 West 3rd Street. These structures (formerly homes) are owned by California State University, Chico. The State law requires that:

- 1) The seven structures be inventoried for their historical and architectural significance. These buildings were omitted from the inventory CSUC submitted to the State Office of Historic Preservation. Chico Heritage Association researched these houses in its Historic Resources Survey, Phase I, 1983, and the State Office of Historic Preservation has accepted that survey for its State Master List.
- 2) The State Office of Historic Preservation must be contacted by the University in the planning stages regarding any proposed changes which will affect these cultural resources. This has not been done in the past.
- 3) These structures should also be properly maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards on Preservation Projects. This has not been done. The structures, with the exception of Sierra Hall, have suffered from deferred maintenance.

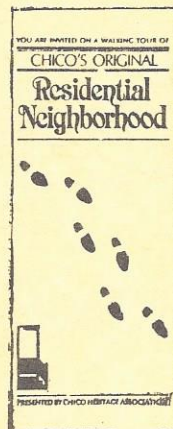
The University is filing an Environmental Impact Report in its effort to be able to remove or demolish the Language Houses. Chico Heritage Association continues to maintain that these structures are architecturally and historically significant to this community, and is supported in this contention by the State Office of Historic Preservation. We will continue to work toward the preservation of these buildings. They are not only an important link with our past, they also form a critical visual and physical link holding our oldest neighborhood together. This area contains the highest concentration of our historic cultural resources, and Chico must preserve these Language Houses.

John Gallardo



Help Save The Covered Bridge!

Donations of money and materials are badly needed to help save the Honeyrun Covered Bridge. For more information regarding this project, contact Flo Opatry at 343-6734.



Walking Tour Brochure

A 21-home walking tour brochure covering the oldest part of Chico was developed this Fall by Giovanna Jackson, coordinator of the project, and Robie Amer. This brochure, complete with map, photographs and interesting facts about the homes and their past owners, is available for \$1.00 at the following locations: Zucchini and Vine, Tower Bookstore, Fireplace Book and Bistro, Grace Jr., and the Chamber of Commerce.

To be acknowledged and thanked for monetary donations and/or contributed services for this project are: Chico Board of Realtors, Chico Visitor and Convention Bureau (Greater Chico Chamber of Commerce), Don's Printing, Earl Talken of Earl Talken Graphics, Victor VanHook, Hall-VanHook Funeral Chapel and Myron Buzzini, photographer. All proceeds from the sale of these brochures will go toward the printing of a future walking tour brochure covering another area of Chico.

Pattie Bellefeuille

Chico Tomorrow: An Opportunity To Determine Our Future

Chico Tomorrow is a community planning group which has scheduled a day-long public meeting on Saturday, February 16th, at California State University, Chico. This will be the first of several such town hall type meetings. The public is invited to attend and express their views on Chico's future growth, and the quality of life desired. Pre-registration will be conducted after February 1st at the following locations: North State Bank (5th and Salem), Butte Savings and Loan (inside the North Valley Plaza Mall), Tri Counties Banks (Pillsbury Road and Mangrove Plaza offices), and the Chamber of Commerce (5th and Main Streets). A \$1.00 registration fee, which covers meeting materials and lunch, will be collected at the pre-registration. For more information, call Barbara Boyle, 895-1223, or Kay Matzdorff, 342-3649.

John Gallardo

Bouquets To Betty Jane Roth

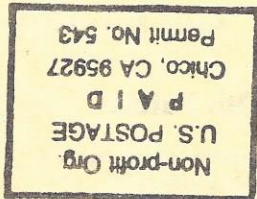
Betty Jane Roth, longtime Chico resident and owner of Roth Investments, has made a contribution of \$100 to Chico Heritage Association in memory of her late husband, Jim Roth. We thank Mrs. Roth for her generous donation to help preserve Chico's historic cultural resources. We also wish to applaud Mrs. Roth for the fine renovation work done on her historic Graves Building, 2nd and Main Streets, which houses Zucchini and Vine.

John Gallardo

Farewell To Quentin

Quentin Griffiths and his wife, Lucille, have moved from Chico to Inverness, California. As the first president of Chico Heritage Association, Quentin was instrumental in the formation of the group, as well as in the Stansbury Home Preservation Association. His knowledge and experience in preservation and history have been invaluable, and the local preservation movement will sorely miss his leadership. We are grateful for your many contributions, Quentin, and look forward to a continued friendship.

John Gallardo



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Please Join!

Please help Chico Heritage Association preserve and enhance the historic cultural resources of our city. We have a unique chance right now to make important positive influences toward saving our past the way it was, enhancing our present the way we like it, and determining our future the way we would like it to be. The Association operates with funds derived from 1) memberships and donations, 2) fund-raising events, and 3) government grants for historic resources surveys. Your involvement is essential. For those of you who are or have been members, we thank you for your continued or past support. For those of you who have not yet joined, please do so. Memberships are on the calendar year, and 1985 dues are now payable.

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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 _____
_____	\$ 50 Supporting _____
Telephone: _____	\$100 Patron _____