

CHICO HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

Come to our next meeting on May 7, 8 pm, at the Stansbury House (5th & Salem) for a short slide program on

"Chico's Historical Character in Pictures"

by Larry Bourdeau of the CSUC Anthropology Department, who will show us what Chico looked like at various stages, what architecture it has to protect, and how we're documenting it.

The program will be followed by a short organizational meeting to approve Articles and Bylaws, elect interim directors, and establish action goals.

OUR FIRST MEETING -- courtesy of the Stansbury Home (John Gallardo & Judy Kane) -- which some of you didn't hear about because of a slip-up in notifications, decided there should be an organization to protect the overall character of Chico's architectural heritage, by encouraging compatible design of the new as well as adaptive re-use of the old. If you missed the first meeting, be sure to come on May 7 and give us names of other interested people, suggestions of problems we ought to tackle.

Hester Patrick, Nancy Kilbourne and Gary Simmons will present nominations for some of the 15 directors; others will be made from the floor.

GOOD NEWS: The nomination of St John's Episcopal Church to the National Register of Historic Places IS going before the State Commission, following the decision of the vestry, and thanks to the hard work and persistence of Dorothy Hill.

Michele Shover's research and labor of love on THE LITTLE CHAPMAN HOUSE will be published by ANCR, and is available in typescript from CSUC's School of Social Sciences.

PILOT PROGRAM TO INVENTORY HISTORICAL BUILDINGS: Under the direction of Giovanna Jackson and Quentin Griffiths, History Department interns are writing up several downtown buildings to identify their architectural features and historical associations. This is a first step toward insuring that the character of the past will contribute to a changing urban environment. We need more volunteers who like to play detective and produce a tangible contribution (a completed State Inventory form) which might save an historical landmark.

Students can contact Rich Olson (345-7076) or Griffiths (342-2728) about unit credit; other volunteers can call or write.

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN: Tax incentives for identified historical structures were extended by Congress, but there will be no funds for restoration or inventorying unless the House restores them. It may not be too late if congressmen hear from home (you).

BARGAIN FOR HISTORIC BUILDING BUFFS & PRESERVATIONISTS: We have a small supply of the National Trust's lavishly illustrated book, AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN ARCHITECTURE, which now retails for \$12.95. Charter members of "Chico Heritage" are eligible to buy the book for \$10; memberships over \$50 receive a free copy. Call me to reserve a copy.

Quentin Griffiths, Acting Chmn
(342-2728 or 895-6405)

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BUTTE COUNTY COLLOQUIUM OF HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

On Sat. Nov. 6th, about 16 members of various Butte County historical groups met at the Ehmann House in Oroville to share information about their activities. The diversity of historical activities in the counties is amazing -- from the Calif. Dept. of Parks & Recreation at Bidwell Bar to the Covered Bridge Assoc. The latter gave an impassioned plea for aid to their small group in opposing the Butte Creek Canyon dam which would cover Centerville and the covered bridge. Amongst those who had representatives were Paradise Geneological Society, Paradise Fact & Folklore, Oroville Downtown Historical Society, Bangor Heritage Committee, Pioneer Memorial Museum, Yuba-Feather Historical Assoc., Friends of the Parks of Oroville, and Stansbury House. I represented C.H.A. and illicited alot of interest in our Historic Building Survey especially since Oroville is planning on doing a survey in the near future. This initial meeting, sponsored by the Butte Co. Historical Society, was very informative and it was decided to meet again in April at Stansbury House and hopefully to hear from the rest of Butte County's groups and to keep us all in touch.

Giovanna R. Jackson

ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars -- the C.H.A. annual meeting will be on Jan. 25th. We will have a brief updating of our 1982 activities and election of 8 new members of the Board of Directors.

The highlight of the meeting will be a slide show and lecture by Aaron Gallup, Architectural Historian for the State Historic Preservation Office, on the work of Arthur B. Benton. Benton was a well-respected Southern California architect (Mission Inn, Riverside: All-Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara). His only known Northern California building is Chico's St. Hohn's Episcopal Church. We thought this would be an appropriate time to have Aaron's lecture. It should be informative and fun!

NEW B.O.D.

The nominating committee has recommended the following names for the 8 open B.O.B.D. positions: to serve 2-year terms:
see attached list

Remaining B.O.D. members with 1-year terms are:

THANK YOU to Evelyn Post for loaning the C.H.A. office a Webster's Dictionary -- now there will be now excuse for misspellings!

VOLUNTEER AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Zinniel of Durham, one of our best student volunteers, was awarded the Interior Design Scholarship funded by the Butte ~~County~~ Glenn Medical Auxiliary from partial proceeds of their Dream House project. This year's Dream House was the Steward House at 1st Ave. and Oleander (Now called Bullard House Bed & Breakfast Inn). It is particularly appropriate that Karen received the scholarship since she researched Mrs. Steward's grandparents' and parents' homes (Earll House, 238 Hazel, and Whtie House, 642 W. 3rd St.) Congratulations, Karen!