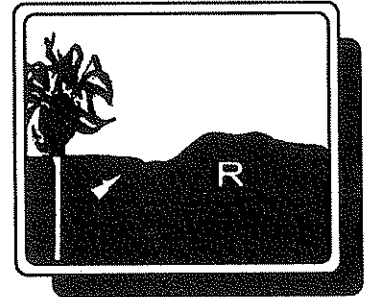


# REDLANDS CHRONICLES



November, 2006

## Old House Group Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 7:00pm 226 South Buena Vista Street

The November OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Dave and Jennifer Kirkpatrick will be hosting the meeting in their classic Craftsman Bungalow located at 226 South Buena Vista Street.

For more than seven years Dave and Jennifer hunted for an "old" house. In June, 2005, their "new" old home "found" them and they snapped it up. They joined the OLD HOUSE GROUP and went to the Library. There they discovered that during 1908-1909, Garrett Huizing built their 1 1/2 story home for Fred and Jesse Clark.

The Kirkpatrick's worked feverishly on their home for 6 months before they moved in. They upgraded the original plumbing and electrical, revamped the kitchen, restored the natural rock fireplace, refinished the wood floors, reconfigured the upstairs and painted walls everywhere. They had fun discovering historic items during construction like old postcards and notes from the past.

Dave and Jennifer like the look and feel of their "original" old house. They love its style and all its unique "nooks and crannies" Now they step back almost a 100 years in time, sit their front porch and watch the world go by.

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## Take a Stroll Down State Street Sunday, November 19, 2006

Have you ever wondered why the buildings on State Street look so different; some old brick and some modern stucco? Now is your chance to find out why, take a stroll down State Street with the Redlands Area Historical Society (RAHS) on Sunday, November 19, 2006. Three one hour walking tours will be conducted by three prominent local historians. At 11:00 am, Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales will walk a group of 25 interested history buffs along the street where Redlands commercial district began. Then at 12 noon and 1:00 pm, Tom Atchley will enlighten interested walkers with a different take.

These tours are in conjunction with the Redlands Art Association's Art-on-State Street activities which occur all day on the 19th of November. The one hour tours are \$10.00 per person and reservations can be made by contacting RAHS at (909) 307-6060; any questions will also be answered by leaving your name and number.

Individual buildings and their merchant occupants over the years will be discussed. The original Town Plat was filed March 10, 1887 and there are buildings on State Street that date from that period. According to Illustrated Redlands, published in 1897, these businesses were originally called "Business Houses". Businesses anxious to be the first in the downtown began building as early as 1885. Several had to physically move their existing buildings to match the survey completed by E.A. Tuttle in 1887. Redlands founders, Judson and Brown,

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## A Letter from your President...

Yes, the rumors are true; the Redlands Area Historical Society will not be holding a Heritage Home Tour & Quilt Show (HHT&QS) with the Citrus Belt Quilt Guild in May of 2007. Our hope is that the "Heritage Home Tour" portion of this event will remain with RAHS while the quilt guild will hold a quilt show in Smiley Park on their own.

This year, your Board of Directors proposed a few modifications to this event. The most significant change was to raise the ticket price to \$15. The quilt guild voted not to raise the ticket price although this has been the 'day of show' price since the event began. We felt the increase in the ticket price was important as RAHS made only half, in May 2006, what we had collected in previous years. Since all our proceeds from this event are contributed back into the community as donations to other organizations, we thought it was too much work for so little return.

Some of the RAHS Board, namely Ernie Dierking, Sandie Green, and Janet Cosgrove, worked very hard on this event last year. They did all the pre-show work for RAHS. Ernie was the HHT&QS Chair, Sandie was the Docent Chair whom organized all the house docents, and Janet opened her home to the tour. These behind-the-scenes workers did so much that they all clearly did not want to repeat their jobs in 2007. This left RAHS without a HHT&QS Chair or Docent Chair.

Many of you may have helped on or chaired events with other groups around Redlands. After all, this is the Redlands way, to raise money to help many organizations meet their goals. It is impossible to put together a large event without volunteers. As the African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, it also takes a village to pull off a big event; just ask Char Burgess, Chair of the Centennial Celebration at the University of Redlands. But while I was looking for replacement volunteers the quilt guild decided that a \$15 ticket was beyond most quilters reach and the discussion was closed.

However, since the Society is in the business of promoting history, we have proposed that RAHS retain the use of the name "Heritage Home Tour" (as this was our part of the event) because we already have and are planning more historical tours in the future. On Sunday, November 19, 2006, in conjunction with the Redlands Art Association's Art-on-State-Street we will conduct three one hour docent led historic walks down State Street. Starting at 11:00 am Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales will lead the first tour. Then at 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm Tom Atchley will be leading the walks (see all the details on the front page of this newsletter or call 909 307-6060 for reservations). These promise to be entertaining and informative.

Tom Atchley has also agreed to do a walking tour of Palm Avenue, beginning at Kendall Place (the Victorian housing the administrative offices for Plymouth Village), on Saturday, January 13, 2007. Tom has proposed a "Heritage Home Tour" wherein small groups would walk to turn-of-the-century homes, receive a short history of the house, then go inside to view the Victorian features. As you can see, we are not out of the home touring business but we want to go back to emphasizing historical aspects and antiques rather than modern day accomplishments such as quilts.

Finally, your Annual Holiday Party invitations will be arriving soon in the mail. Remember to get your membership renewals in before the December 12th party date to be eligible for the prize drawing for Larry Burgess's new book *With Unbounded Confidence: A History of the University of Redlands*. See you at the party!

Judith Hunt, President

### *State Street, continued*

held two auctions for the sale of downtown lots and all were sold by the end of the second sale.

Each tour will begin at Ed Hales Park, on the corner of East State and Fifth Street. All the proceeds will be used by the RAHS to promote their mission statement "to support and advance the many facets of the area's historic resources. . . [to emphasize] the con-

servation of the past in terms of buildings [and] neighborhoods. . . [and to] present programs to educate citizens, young and old, on the significance of the values of Redlands' heritage." (The Redlands Area Historical Society, Inc. bylaws Article II- Mission Statement). Atchley, Burgess, and Gonzales are donating their time for this endeavor.

## One Hundred Years Ago...

Reprinted from *The Citrograph*, November 10, 1906

"The A.K. Smiley Library addition is all completed except the inside finishing. At the meeting of trustees Monday, a large number of new books were ordered and also the new furniture. The total number of volumes is now 12,000. The new addition will afford some sorely needed room, as the original building was crowded beyond a comfortable working capacity."

"There is a good chance for the locating of the South California Baptist college in Redlands. Many things favor this location, but our people will have to hustle up cash or property to win out. But the prize is worth a supreme effort, for it will locate the institution for all time."

[Editor's note: Smiley Library now holds more than 141,000 volumes. Redlands did win the American Baptist college - University of Redlands began its Centennial Celebration in October, 2006 with a major convocation and gala, which kicked off a year of events to honor the University.]

## New and Renewing Members in October

### *Individual/Family*

Baty, Roger & Phebe  
Beall, Kathleen & Family  
Bell, Bob & Jan  
Bice, Margie  
Bowles, Dorothy  
Burgess, Dan & Carol  
Campbell, Anna Jane  
Clifton, Neil & Kim  
Coleman, Cheryl & Ron Evans  
Cox, Richard E.  
Critchlow, Barbara  
Cross, Gary  
Cunningham, William & Beverly  
Dalton, Mary  
Dangermond, Allen & Joyce  
Deckard, Kenneth  
Dierking, Ernie & Jo  
Dunn, Jim & Karen  
Fairchild, Jerry & Maureen  
Flippin, Karen  
Forrester, Shawn & Brenda Talge  
Green, William & Sandra  
Guggisberg, Sharon & Steve  
Hamner, Ben & Viola  
Hardy, Joyce N.  
Holmes, Verne & Diana  
Hurlburt, Howard & Sue  
Jablonski, Carol & Philip  
Keen, Larry & Karen  
Keith, Susan & Jerry  
Kim, Marilyn  
Larson, Patricia A.  
Marriott, Scott & Terri  
Martz, Carlton S.  
Massoud, Roger  
Mee, John & Beth

Metsker, Laura  
Miller, Mary Frances  
Moore, Malcolm & Patricia  
Morris, Paul & Pam  
Munz, Larry & Cindy  
Muñoz, Daniel T.  
Newman, Thelma Faas  
Osborne, John  
Rieger, Chuck & Shirley  
Sanderson, Judson & Beverly  
Schuilling, Caroline B.  
Self, Mark & Linda  
Siglow, Jess & Cathie  
Smiley, Elise  
Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Charles S.  
Smith, Robert H. & Ann Lyn  
Veiga, David & Marsha  
Walsh, Linda & Walter H.  
Wood, Gary & Patricia  
Wood, Kay

### *Contributing*

Allen, Curtiss B  
Benart, Scott & Nancy  
Benson, Don & Arlene  
Cunanan, Jason & Nina  
Grube, Gerald & Robin  
Hastain, Harold & Barbara  
Lee, Ruth & Raymond  
Llaurado, Dr. & Mrs. J. G.  
McLeod, Bettina  
Morrill, Ken & Roberta  
Naftzger, Eric & Valerie  
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West, Dick & Sally  
Wilson, Lois Fair

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Russell, Ann & Bob  
Spiller, Steve & Juli  
Ward, Maureen Arrigo & Paul

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Brooker, Carmelita  
Burgess, Charlotte & Larry  
Clem, Clara Mae & Chauncey, Jr.  
Cosgrove, Janet  
Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph  
Dill, Monty  
Ewart, Harold & Sharyl  
Hardy, Bill & Sue  
Hunt, Tom & Judith  
Paytas, Gary & Ellen  
Rettig, Franz & Susan  
Titera, Richard & Clara

### *Corporate*

Brier, Wes & Peggy

Thank you, each and everyone, for your support! Congratulations, you are all entered in our membership prize drawing.