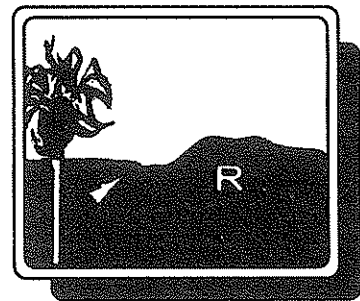


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



April, 2006

Historic Preservation in Redlands

Past, Present, and Future: A panel Discussion

April 24, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

Over twenty years ago the City of Redlands adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance and later approved a Preservation Element in the General Plan. Join us in celebration of Historic Preservation month, with a panel discussion of where we are in preserving the unique heritage found in the City of Redlands.

Our panel members will include Mayor Jon Harrison, the City's Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission Chair Jan Korfmacher, City Archivist Don Mc Cue, City Community Development Director Jeff Shaw, and Redlands Conservancy representative Sherli Leonard.

In the early 1980's the City formed the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission which held its monthly meetings in the basement of the Provident Savings and Loan building. Since that time the City adopted a comprehensive Preservation Ordinance, a Preservation Element in the General Plan, surveyed hundreds of historic resources, designated several historic districts, and reviewed countless numbers of demolition permits and individual applications for designation as historic properties.

The panel discussion will be moderated by the Historical Society Board member Ron Running, who served on the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission in its early days. The panel will discuss the accomplishments the City has made with regard to Historic Preservation and where its future will be.

OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Tavis Home, 136 East Hilton Avenue

The April, 2006 OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting will be Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm. Terrie Tavis will be hosting the meeting in her 1903 (dated) "HERITAGE AWARD" Winning home located at 136 East Hilton Avenue in Redlands.

Two well-known Redlands sisters - Olive and Emma Jane Lawson - helped trace the oral history of this Victorian Shingle style home. It appears to have been built some time in the early 1890s near "two dirt roads, Perley Avenue and Franklin", although no one knows the exact details. Charles W. Hobbs, who owned the area including the home and the groves, wanted to move the house away from all the dirt created by wagon traffic and so it arrived at its current address sometime before 1903.

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A Letter from your President...

First it was spring and then it wasn't. Next, we had spring again. Do you think the weather is going to make up its mind sometime this month? My fruitless plum has already completely blossomed and dropped all the blooms while the wildflowers are starting to reseed in my Son's garden. What a confusing time for all the flowers. My heart goes out to the Horticulture and Improvement Society who must be frantically trying to plan their April garden tour. The upside is that we can always use this rain! But this late in the season? Come on, let's get real. After all, this is Redlands, land of sunshine and promise.

Last Monday evening our general meeting, presented by Tom Atchley, covered the "Demise of the Citrus Industry". I am sure this must be a year for the record books; one in which all growers cringe because the weather can be so unpredictable each day. Thank you Tom for all the interesting tidbits and incite. Please join us for our April 24th meeting when we will have a panel discussion on preservation in Redlands. Come with your questions and help us build a bridge to answering some of Redlands preservation issues.

Your Board is interested in boosting our membership. It is only through our members that we are able to have a voice in local issues such as preservation. Please reach out to those that are interested in the same issues you cherish. We have a plethora of new RAHS brochures which you are welcome to distribute. Call me directly, at (909) 793-8424, if you need additional brochures to pass out to all your friends. I challenge you all to help us in this endeavor by personally funding a PRIZE to the member that brings in the most new recruits over the next five months - until September 1, 2006. Let's see who will win! Please do not hesitate to regale me with your accomplishments.

Remember, on Saturday, April 15, 2006, the Redlands Area Historical Society is proud to present a new event! Tom Atchley will lead a walking tour of Alvarado Street from 10:00 am - 12 noon. As this will be an official RAHS fundraiser, we will collect \$10 per person on the morning of the tour. No reservation necessary, just show-up with \$10 and your walking shoes at the corner of Chestnut Avenue and Alvarado Street that morning.

Everyone is starting to ask about the Heritage Home Tour & Quilt Show. I personally want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that have already volunteered for this important event. It is impossible for us to put on this home tour without the help of volunteers, such as yourselves. Thank you. Please remind your family and friends to make this pre-Mother's Day tour a tradition. This year we are featuring five homes within easy walking distance of the Smiley Park area and an additional bonus of the "Morey House" on Terracina Boulevard. The Morey's second floor will feature a private collection of Civil War quilts from Laura Vroman, a local Redlander and active member of our community. We will see you all there on Saturday, May 13, 2006 for the 5th Annual Heritage Home Tour & Quilt Show.

Judith Hunt, President

Old House Group, continued

Terrie acquired this vintage home about 100 years later in October, 2003. Records indicate that six families have lived in this historic home prior to Terrie. Several of these residents are quite well known. Most recently, it was the horticultural duo - Fritz and Corrine Bromberger - who lent their ingenuity and their 'Green Thumbs' to this lovely location for more than a dozen years. In earlier times, it was Hazel J. Hobbs - the wife of Charles W. Hobbs, Junior (Charles W. Hobbs's son). Hazel Hobbs was a sister of Redlands co-founder Frank Brown.

Although the date this home was built or moved cannot be exactly established, several structures on the site bear specific dates: the front gazebo - 1911, the outdoor bench - 1932 and a brick walkway - 1938.

Terrie loves her home and has been working on it very diligently. She is looking forward to sharing her wonderful Heritage Home with the Old House Group and says that her home is a "work in progress". Is there any other type of Old House?

SEE YOU THERE!

Walking Tour of Historic Alvarado Street

On Saturday April 15th Tom Atchley will be conducting a historical walking tour of Alvarado Street homes. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and begin at the corner of Alvarado and Walnut Street. Park anywhere along the street and bring comfortable walking shoes and perhaps some water. The Redlands Area Historical Society is charging \$10.00 per person for the two hour walking tour. Board member Ron Running will be collecting the fee and the walking tour is open to all.

The tour will explain the history of Alvarado Street as it descends to the corner of Olive Avenue and Alvarado. We will see homes built from 1950's through turn of the century. Original home owners, architects, builders, architectural style and other issues of Alvarado Street will be presented on the tour.

One suggestion for tour participants is parking one car at the end of the tour on Olive Avenue and traveling to the tour beginning in another car.

We will be seeing Victorian, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, California Ranch, Spanish Revival and some good question mark homes on the tour. We will not be entering any of the homes.

Come join us for the Tax Day Tour of Alvarado Street.

Redlands and the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire

Remembering the Centennial
1906 - 2006



Check out this special exhibit in the Library's Heritage Room this month, remembering the centennial of the Great San Francisco Earthquake, curated by Archivist Don McCue.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO The Great San Francisco Earthquake

From the Citrograph:

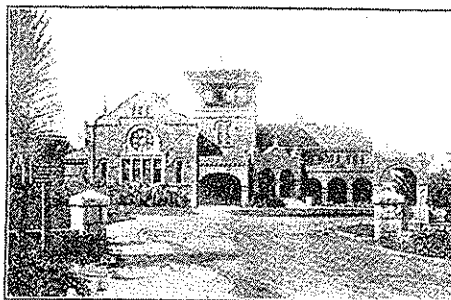
"Telegrams and letters have been received, and letters are still coming anxiously asking for information regarding Redlands and the damage done by the earthquake. Eastern people, generally, are in the darkest ignorance concerning the geography of California. Redlands is 500 miles from San Francisco. We have had no big earthquake, and never have had. Slight quivers are common, but scarcely noticed."

"Redlands' reputation for liberality has not in the least suffered by the call for help for the stricken, houseless, homeless, hungry of San Francisco. The money raised and the food and clothing contributed is in excess of two dollars a piece for every man, woman and child in Redlands. And the end is not yet in sight. Contributions are still being made, as relief will be needed for two or three months yet. The only complaint we have heard any of our people make, was that they were unable to do as much as they wanted to."

EIGHTH EDITION

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Sixty fine views of Redlands 25 cents. At all dealers.



SMILEY LIBRARY—The Pride of Redlands

The above is a reduced copy of the picture in "Twentieth Century Redlands"
All of the pictures are 6x8 inches in size.

1906 Ad for the the photo-booklet "Twentieth Century Redlands," a popular souvenir for visitors and residents alike. A copy of the fifth edition in only fair condition recently sold on eBay for more than \$50.00.