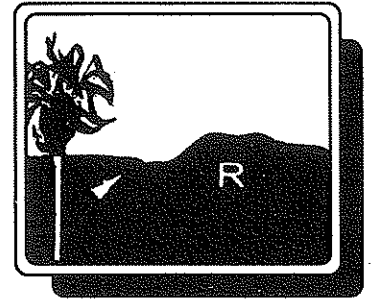


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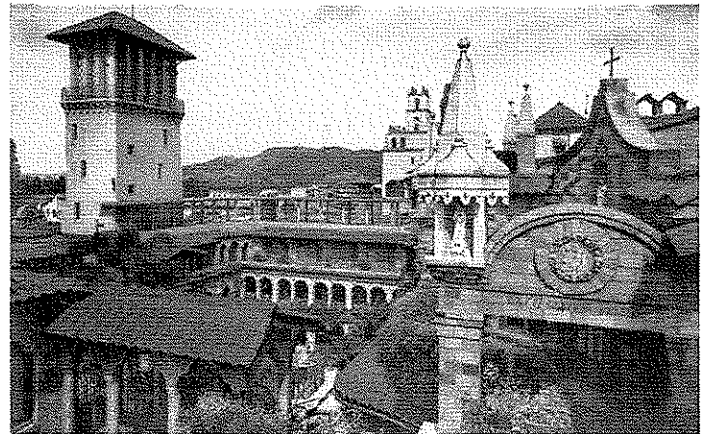
## Connections of Mission Inn

Steve Spiller, Mission Inn Museum

January 23, 7pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

The Mission Inn is the City of Riverside's Cultural Landmark Number 1, a State Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and one of only four hotels in California designated as a National Historic Landmark. Master of the Inn Frank Miller's romantic version of California's 18th and 19th century bundled into this square block site has fascinated decades of visitors. Despite the 'glass wall' that has separated Riverside County from San Bernardino and Redlands from Riverside, the Mission Inn has seemingly escaped this historic partition. Since 1902 the Mission Inn has served and continues to serve our region as an important site of events - weddings,



*Rooftop view of Frank Miller's Glenwood Mission Inn*

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## Old House Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 PM

1239 Mira Monte Drive

The January, 2006 OLD HOUSE GROUP Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Stan and Jan Korfmacher will be hosting the meeting in their outstanding 50-year-old home located at 1239 Mira Monte Drive in Redlands.

Jan and Stan's home is a striking example of the Mid-Century-Modern design concept developed under the influence of Richard Neutra (who studied with Frank Lloyd Wright). This home was designed by noted Redlands architect Claire Henry Day and was built in 1955 for Dr. Porter.

The Korfmachers acquired their classic home in 1964. With its flat roofs, open floor plan, large fireplace, corner glass windows, vast glass walls (but not on the west side) and expanses of overhangs, their home was designed to be open at night and closed during the day - to efficiently use the weather patterns here in Redlands.

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## A Letter from your President...

A very happy New Year to all of you and those you love! This is such a beautiful time of year, when we can take a deep breath and sense the chill in the air. The earth seems so calm and peaceful. After a wonderful Christmas season (Yes, I still call this time of year "Christmas"! Call me "Old Fashioned", go ahead I do not mind a bit!), when my children are both happy and busy playing it is a marvelous time to count our blessings. Counting one's blessings will give you a feeling of peace. Now if each of us could just give a little of that peace away, the world would be a better place.

Speaking of the world, your Board of Directors is expanding its voice. Be prepared to hear the term: PRESERVATION coming from our lips. That is right! We think the time has come to not only think of our mission but to live our mission. Please feel free to openly let your opinion be known to any or all of us. We are very interested in your views and how you would like us to present this important issue to our community. We have begun to discuss how RAHS can become a more significant voice here in Redlands.

Once again I would like to thank each and every one of you who graciously contributed your time and talent as a docent for the Y Alliance 2005 Holiday Home Tour. It was a huge success and this would never be possible without willing volunteers like all of you. Thank you for making my day so pleasant and smooth.

In November of 2005, it gave me great pride to distribute our contributions to deserving groups in our town. The Redlands Area Historical Society donated \$2,000 to the A.K. Smiley Public Library Heritage Room, \$2,000 to the Redlands Historical Museum Association, \$1,000 to the Kimberly-Shirk Association for the preservation of their carriage house, and \$500 to Heritage Auxiliary for conducting fourth grade history tours. Of course we have also been distributing matching grants to private home owners, throughout the year, as they have fulfilled their obligation to finish individual projects. It is only through the hard work of all our members that it is possible to give back to our community. Thank you to all of you helpers out there, we could not have done it without you! To me this is one of the joys of this job, to represent the membership, and give away our hard earned money!

The very best for all of you in 2006 and remember: do not be afraid to think preservation, discuss preservation, or live preservation. Each time you pick-up a hammer, or a paint brush, or pruning shears you are already participating in preservation, so you might as well start discussing preservation. Only through a combined effort will we succeed in making our voice heard! So let your voice ring out!

Judith Hunt, President

### *Old House Group, continued*

The house is about 100 feet in length and almost 80% of the north side of the home is glass. Three expansive patios add to the indoor/outdoor feeling of this contemporary home.

Jan and Stan have maintained the original style of their home for almost 42 years. They have the original floors and, although they found their home to be very energy efficient, they did incorporate central air conditioning. Also they gradually replaced some of the louvered windows and they added a carport and a covered spa - both in the Mid-Century-Modern style.

At one time, the Korfmachers traded in antiques and their home is now a treasure trove of outstanding vintage and family collections. More than 22 unique collections of clocks, glassware, vases, crystals and more are showcased in their home - and they generously share their collections with the

Public in displays at both the Redlands Historic Glass Museum and at the Edward Dean Museum.

Jan and Stan feel this classic home is now truly 'THEIR' home. They found their home even had an influence on their children. Their youngest son is a "Historic Preservation" architect in Texas where architect Leon Armantrout says "He is doing good work". Jan and Stan look forward to sharing their unique home and collections with the Old House Group.

SEE YOU THERE !

### *Newsletter Deadline*

All members of the Redlands Area Historical Society are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at [ingonzales@akspl.org](mailto:ingonzales@akspl.org) by the 1st of each month. Thank you and happy writing!

*Mission Inn, continued*

proms, dinner theatre, Sunday afternoon song services, peace conferences, opera, Christmas celebrations, and a drawing card for politicians and celebrities among hundreds of other occasions and events etched into our individual and collective memories.

The communities surrounding the Mission Inn have important connections to this historic and cultural landmark. Redlands is no exception. While some of these connections are quite apparent, others are hidden amongst the myth and complexities of the hotel's history. Mission Inn Museum and Collections Manager Steve Spiller will delve into these connections as well as share stories related to the diverse and eclectic collections of the Mission Inn.



**New and Renewing Members in  
October & November 2005**

*Individual/ Family*

Allsopp, Arlene  
Boone, John & JoAnn  
Bowles, Dorothy  
Clifton, Neil, Kim & Logan  
Cline, Denise  
Coleman, Cheryl & Ron Evans  
Critchlow, Barbara  
Dean, Chris, Joyce & David  
Doolittle, Phillip L.  
Flippen, Karen J.  
Gomes, John & Vicki  
Hanson, Joyce (CSUSB History)  
Hardy, Joyce N.  
Hastain, Harold & Barbara  
Hawkins, Jayne  
Hurlburt, Howard & Sue  
Lynch, Jim & Anna Allissi  
Marriott, Scott & Terri  
Metsker, Laura  
Moore, Malcolm "Mac" F.  
Morris, Pam & Paul  
Munz, Larry & Cindy  
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