



SAN GABRIEL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEETING

SAN GABRIEL ARCÁNGEL



Program: *In the Shadow of a Spanish Mission*

Speaker: John Macias, Trustee, San Gabriel Historical Association

When: Thursday, May 18, 2009 ~ 7:30PM

Where: Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Center
324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

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Open to the Public

For transportation, call
(626) 282-0749

SGHA 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

At the May 18th General Meeting the proposed budget will be discussed and voted upon. The budget can be found at the Association's webpage. If you would like a copy mailed to you please leave a message on the Association's answering machine with your name and address. We hope to see you at the meeting.

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Thank you to all the many members of the SGHA that turned out for the April 21st meeting of the San Gabriel City Council. The proposed Mission 261 (formerly Panchitos) Project was discussed. There was a full house - standing room only! While the board of the SGHA supports development of the Mission District we want it to strictly follow the guidelines in the Mission District Specific Plan.

After hearing the many speakers the council discussed the matter and voted 5 to 0 to have the City and the Developers re-work the project plans. The new project plans are to be brought to the City Council in 90 days. The award winning Mission District Specific Plan includes matters pertaining to San Gabriel heritage and History and the SGHA strongly supports it.

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Bill Williams, SGHA Co-President

MUSEUM NEWS

Two new displays were shown in the museum. One was on the history of Whamo and the other, the Pinn Family which were dolls made of 19th century wooden clothes pins as well as other toy artifacts. Thank you, Steve Cranston for sharing your knowledge of the history of Whamo to the students. Thank you also to all of the PCC history students from Eloy Zarate's classes for volunteering their time to docent in the museum and in the House. They helped to make this event a great success. A big SPECIAL thanks to Eloy and his wife Senya Lubisich for organizing this event which included the "Turn off TV Night" San Gabriel tour of the historic sites in the Mission District, museum and Hayes House and of course, thank you also, Bill Williams, Ellie Andrews, Helen Sanchez, Bill A'Hearn and any other members not mentioned for your time and work in making this night so successful.

Camila Lopez
Docent & Museum Chairman

Does Your House Have Historic Character?

Do you think your house has historic character? If so, an informal workshop is taking place in May to educate residents about the Mills Act contracts that are available in San Gabriel. Mr. Doucette, owner of the first Mills Act property has volunteered to share his experience and Mr. Preston, Deputy City Manager will provide the technical information. If you are interested in attending, please contact Senya Lubisich: 626-287-3346.

Historical Association Happenings...

1. On April 22nd, the Historical Association again sponsored a "Family Night Out" in the Mission District in conjunction with National Turn Off TV Week. The three district museums were open from 4:30 until 7:00pm and welcomed children and their families as they turned off their TV's and enjoyed learning about the history of San Gabriel. The recurring comment from visitors was that they needed more time to explore the wonderful collections at the three museums...we hope that they will return during our regular hours. A very special thank you goes to Robert Coronado of Coronado's Restaurant on Del Mar Avenue for providing cold drinks (Agua Frescas) for the families strolling the district. A heartfelt thank you, as well, goes to Stefanie Takahashi for her work on a beautiful banner for the event.

2. On April 22nd, sixth graders from Jefferson Middle School came and visited the Museum, Hayes House and Grapevine Arbor. These students will be working on National History Day projects next year that address the topics of technology and innovation. We helped them see how those two topics could be found throughout San Gabriel's history. It was a wonderful day and we look forward to building a partnership with Jefferson Middle School students and teachers!

Senya Lubisich - SGHA Trustee

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENYA LUBISICH!!

Senya Lubisich, SGHA Trustee and Recording Secretary, was recognized by Assemblymember Mike Eng as San Gabriel's Woman of the Year. Senya was honored at a reception on Friday, March 27 at the Garvey Community Center. She was nominated and selected for her role with Friends of La Laguna (FOLL) where she has been instrumental in obtaining grants to help fund the preservation effort, working with a preservation team to develop the Historic Structures Report and Preservation Plan, and completing the nomination of this landmark to the State Historic Register. With her efforts, Vincent Lugo Park was recognized as having the Best Park Slide in Los Angeles Magazine's "Best of L.A." and FOLL will be recognized with an award from L.A. Conservancy for their preservation efforts. Senya is currently the Historical Association's Recording Secretary and a Trustee. In 2008, She inaugurated a special event for children and families called "Night Out at the Museum." This annual event coincides with National TV-Turnoff Week. The 2nd annual event recently took place on April 22nd. Participants visited San Gabriel's Mission District museums where they can learn about community history.

FRIENDS OF LA LAGUNA & CITY OF SAN GABRIEL TO BE HONORED BY LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY

Friends of La Laguna has been awarded a Los Angeles Conservancy Preservation Award for 2009. The Preservation Awards, which recognize outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation, will honor La Laguna as one of only nine project awards. Friends of La Laguna (FOLL) and the preservation team are to be commended on their hard work to create the Historic Structures Report and the Preservation Plan that have earned this award. For more information go to the Historical Association's website: WWW.SGHISTORICAL.ORG

IN MEMORIAM

Al Izmirian - On Thursday, February 12, 2009 long time member Al Izmirian passed away while under hospice care at the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. Al and his wife Pam were long time members of the Association. He was active in the community as a Little League Baseball coach, a Boy Scout Leader, and in the San Gabriel Historical Association.

Martin Eli Weil - Martin was a valued friend to the Historical Association, and worked with them on preservation issues, including the Hayes House. He was San Gabriel's City Preservation Architect for the past decade, and was a member of the negotiating team on the La Laguna de San Gabriel project. Martin helped the City of San Gabriel launch its Mills Act program; and develop the Mission District and Valley Boulevard Specific Plans. He was a founder and past President of the Los Angeles Conservancy. Martin passed away at his home in February 2009.