



SAN GABRIEL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION

FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

When: Monday, November 16, 2009 ~ 7:30PM
Where: Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Center
324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

Open to the Public
For transportation, call
(626) 282-0749

Meeting Speaker: Dick Nichols, Former S.G. Councilmember and Mayor

Back in the 1970's the Cities of San Gabriel and Alhambra debated the lowering of the railroad tracks through their respective towns. As a San Gabriel councilmember and mayor at that time, Mr. Nichols was intimately involved in the debate that occurred within San Gabriel, leading the City to vote against lowering the tracks. With the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) currently working towards lowering the tracks through San Gabriel, he will provide us with the historical background why it took the City over 30 years to get the tracks lowered. It should be an interesting topic.

Please plan to attend.

PROPOSED 2010 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Vacant
Vice-President: Bill A'Hearn
Recording Secretary: Senya Lubisich
Corresponding Secretary: Sally Baldwin
Treasurer: Mary Cammarano
Members of the Board of Trustees—Two Year Term (2010–2011)
Bill A'Hearn - Sally Baldwin - Suzie Ling
Rafael Lua - Senya Lubisich - Eloy Zarate
One Open Seat
Additional nominations may be made from the floor.



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

This newsletter includes the membership application for 2010. We welcome current members to renew and invite other community members to join us. In the past year members of the Association have supported the appeal of the Mission 261 project and provided information about the Mills Act to owner of older homes. They have sponsored the 2nd Annual "Turn Off TV Night" tour of the local museums as well as a study day at the San Gabriel Library to assist Jefferson students with their History Day projects. Join us to make even more good things happen in our City!

Like many organizations, we need to cut our printing and postage costs and encourage your to receive your newsletter by email. Please include your email address on the Application. The newsletter will still be available in this format for those of you who prefer.

Thank you!

Ellie Andrews, Co-President

One of the primary tasks of a small town museum is to tell and display the history of the area. In this case we are telling and displaying items of history for the city of San Gabriel and the immediate surrounding area. Our museum is small and because we lack storage space just about everything we have in our museum we have out on display. Changing displays is a big part attracting visitors. One of the displays we are proud of is featuring the historical Mission Play written in the early 1900's by Steven McGroarty. Thru the generosity of the Carl Bonenberger family we recently acquired an original drawing for a "mock-up" of a poster that advertised the play. We would like to expand our display to include this drawing and any other posters or memorabilia that we can borrow for about 3 months to include in the display. Our plan is to re-do the display for the month of December and have it run thru March of 2010. If any of our members have anything from the Mission Play; programs, posters, costumes, or pictures that that the museum can borrow for the period of December 2009 thru March of 2010. It would be greatly appreciated. Also, if any of you would like to help in the making of the display, please call me at (626)282-0749. We are always on the look-out for persons to help out in the museum and Hayes House.

Bill Williams, Co-President

MISSION 261 UPDATE

At the Council Meeting on September 15th the Mission 261 developer requested more time to develop a plan that was in keeping with the "spirit" of the Mission District Specific Plan. His lawyer indicated that he hoped to meet with the community. Based on their request, Council agreed to suspend the project for 6 months. Council also continued the appeal of the project which is a good thing. Council did not provide any instructions other than re-noticing the public when the hearing resumes.

The Mission District Specific Plan was created to articulate that balance to residents and developers alike. The interest of the Historical Association has been to speak for the value of that plan and the standards it created to preserve the historic resources and character of the Mission District. Those standards directly addressed scale, density, and land use. The Board of the Historical Association will welcome development that joins the historic fabric of the district. Careful attention to the defining characteristics of the district will allow for the historic district to absorb the continued change and the march of time. Protecting the historic resources will preserve the Mission District as a living history lesson to residents and visitors alike.

Please continue to look for updated information on the Historical Association's website. And, please, continue to lend your voice to the emerging discussion about the future of our Mission District. Over the last eight months we have seen the value of residents speaking for the places that matter to them. We need you to continue to be a part of the discussion.

Museum News

We have purchased two tower room purifiers to combat dust, mold, etc. and they seem to be working. They are portable so they can be moved from room to room. They are kept running at medium speed. The speed is moved to high when the museum is occupied. We are receiving more and more calls from persons looking for family history information.

A Cub Scout group recently toured the Museum and Hayes House. Tours can be scheduled by calling Camila Lopez at 626-287-8482. If not available, please leave message on answering machine..

Camila Lopez
Museum Chairman

Don't Forget to Vote!
School Board Elections Tuesday, November 3rd.



SGHA Trustee at Autry National Center

On November 21st @ 2pm our own John Macias, who is the Autry's 2009 Jonathan Heritage Foundation Fellow, will be appearing at the Autry National Center in the Jonathan Heritage Foundation Progressive Gallery Talk. Art and artifacts take center stage in this progressive gallery talk with Autry curators and affiliated scholars as they explore how the West and California have inspired dreams and dreamers. It will be followed by a reception and conversation with John Macias. Free with museum admission; reservations are required. E-mail bnaka-sato@autrynationalcenter.org or call 323.667.2000, ext. 340.

Help Us Save Money & Trees

With renewals, we are asking if members would like to receive the newsletter (as a PDF) via email, helping the historical association save paper and postage costs.

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San Gabriel's Rose Bowl Float

SGHA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the San Gabriel Historical Association is to promote interest in the history of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Valley. We foster, preserve and protect the historical landmarks, buildings, monuments, customs and ceremonies of early California and San Gabriel. To advocate an awareness of our historical background and priceless heritage through the memory and deeds of those persons who contributed substantially to the making of the history of this area.