

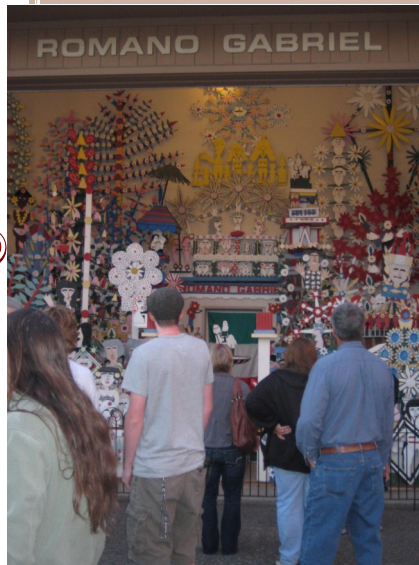
THE HERITAGE HERALD

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ROMANO GABRIEL SCULPTURE GARDEN OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER ARTS ALIVE!



A steady stream of visitors stopped to admire the sculpture garden on a perfect September evening, many seeing the unique collection of wooden objects for the first time without its protective glass enclosure.



The glass doors covering the Romano Gabriel Garden were opened for viewing for the September Arts Alive. The sculpture garden sparkled. The depth of pieces within the sculpture was much more defined seen without the glass barriers. People were waiting when EHS arrived to open up, and crowds of Arts Alivers came all evening to view it and reminisce about its former location and the artist. The late Romano Gabriel had created and assembled the sculpture garden in the front yard of his Pine Street home. The California Arts Council designated the Sculpture Garden as an important piece of folk art in 1977. Through the efforts of various individuals and foundations, the sculpture garden was installed in its custom-built "storefront structure" at 314 Second Street. The opening dedication was April 3, 1982. The Heritage Society plans to open the glass barriers again at Arts Alive in May. Also, a selected piece from the Garden will be traveling to the Oakland Museum for an extended stay in an exhibit of folk art.

2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday
11:30 a.m.
December 19, 2009
Ingomar Club

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday
January 23, 2010
Location TBA

Heritage Action Calendar

All meetings – City Hall – 5th & K

City Council
1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission
1st Wednesday – 4:00 p.m.

Design Review Committee
2nd & 4th Wednesdays – 3:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
2nd Monday – 5:30 p.m.

HISTORIC PLAQUE PROGRAM CONTINUES

The **2010 Annual Meeting** will be held Saturday, January 23. The descriptive bronze plaques will be presented to the Ritz Building at the corner of Third and F Streets owned by Daniel and Jayne Ollivier and to the Joseph Russ Building on Third Street owned by Globe Properties. The plaque for the Russ Building will commemorate the Humboldt Club, the Redwood Land and Investment Company and Belcher-Crane Abstract Title Company. The committee is also working on a plaque that will commemorate the historic Victorian City Hall, now demolished. Frances Rapin will reminisce at the Annual Meeting about her experiences as an employee of Belcher Abstract, and the membership will vote on the 2010 slate of officers. Mark your calendars for this important meeting and plan to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EHS BOARD! Call Janet, 444-3314.

Board Members

Executive Committee

President	Janet Warren
Vice President	Charles Petty
Secretary	Ron Kuhnel
Treasurer	Mary Ann McCulloch

Board of Directors

Kay Bradford	Kay Kaylor
Muriel Dinsmore	Robert Libershal
Jean Gladstone	Xandra Manns
Mary Glavich	Barbara Maxon
Helen Hui	Paul McNally
Peter Santino	

The Board meets the third Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Eureka Woman's Club
1531 J Street

Committees and Chairs

Membership	Jean Gladstone
Preservation	Mary Ann McCulloch
Events	Muriel Dinsmore
Webmaster	Peter Santino
Education	Xandra Manns
Romano Gabriel	Mary Glavich
Historic Plaques	K. Kaylor-B. Maxon
Preservation Awards	Charles Petty
Green Book	Jean Gladstone

Mission

The Eureka Heritage Society will provide leadership, education and advocacy that preserves and enhances Eureka's irreplaceable historic structures and neighborhoods so as to ensure a legacy for future generations.

Heritage Herald Staff

Kay Bradford
Kay Kaylor
Janet Warren
444-3314

Contact us with your suggestions and comments!

Eureka Heritage Society website:
www.eurekaheritage.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Janet Warren

FIRST ISSUE OF *ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY*

The Eureka Heritage Society is delighted to publish the first of four articles by Kathy Dillon, the award-winning journalist who developed and produced *Restore and Preserve* for so many years for the *Times Standard*. Kathy has agreed to write four articles for EHS during 2009–10. Each will be included in the *Heritage Herald* under the title *Architectural Legacy* and will also be available on our website and at outlets around town. Spread the preservation spirit!

As President, I wanted to thank again everyone who gave their time and talents to make the Home Tour both a success and an enjoyable, educational afternoon looking at Eureka's architectural heritage. It would not be possible to put on the Home Tour without everyone's help. Thank you.

Remember to check your address labels for the expiration date of your membership. Everyone who joined after October 4, 2009, has joined for the 2010 year. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Holiday Party at the Ingomar Club on December 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations, Ashley Hudson!

Ashley Hudson has been selected by College of the Redwoods as the recipient of the EHS 2010 scholarship for an advanced student in the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology program. Ashley, a native of the Chicago area, is in her last year in the program. She spearheaded the formation of the new Historic Preservation Club on campus and currently serves as its president.

Missing Log Home – Can You Help Locate It?

Terri Richardson Kellner is trying to locate her grandparents' home that was moved from Douglas City, Trinity County, California, to Eureka about 20 years ago. Her grandparents are Lawrence and Carrie Jordan. It was a large log home, built in the early 1900s. The purchaser "was to have taken it apart and put it back together." Terri's family would love to locate this home if possible or just to know where it is. If you have any information about a log home that might be this one, please contact Jean Gladstone at 444-2720.

New Historic Preservation Club at CR

The new Historic Preservation Club was formed at CR in September by students in the HPRT program. The club held an Open House at the Annie B. Ryan Field School on the day of the Home Tour. Club members rallied and had a successful yard sale on October 24, its first fund-raiser. They want to fund travel to New Orleans, Louisiana to participate in annual spring break workshops that gather students from around the country to work on restoring and greening the Holy Cross and Lower 9th Districts in New Orleans. Historic Green and the Preservation Trades Network both support and participate in the program.

The club has a blog with photos of their projects on the Internet. Visit them at:
www.preserveandrestore.blogspot.com

CALTRANS PRESERVATION COVENANTS

By Chuck Petty

The Eureka Heritage Society hosted an open house on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Eureka Women's Club for the current owners of properties formerly owned by Caltrans on the route of the now abandoned highway bypass of Eureka. When Caltrans sold these properties in a series of three auctions held in the early 1990s, 48 of the properties were sold with preservation covenants because they were deemed eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. As part of the historic compliance process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Caltrans agreed to mitigate any potential effects to these properties by placing covenants on the properties covering significant historic features of these buildings. Although Caltrans agreed to sell the properties with covenants, they did not want the responsibility of administering the covenants after the sale. At the time of the auctions, an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the City of Eureka, the County of Humboldt and other interested parties chose the Eureka Heritage Society to administer the covenants. The board of directors of the Heritage Society agreed to accept this responsibility at the time and continues to educate the property owners on the purpose of the covenants and what they mean to these owners as time passes.

Caltrans began purchasing properties along the route of the proposed highway through the city in the early 1970s. Caltrans became landlords for the 20 years until the bypass plans were abandoned in the early 1990s. This highway bypass would have been a sweeping sunken freeway starting at the north end of Eureka at Myrtle Avenue extending down through the blocks between 6th Street and 7th Street and gradually turning in a broad sweep through the Simpson-Vance house at 9th & G Streets, continuing on to the Washington and A Street corridor and connecting to Broadway and eventually through the Bayshore Mall site. Caltrans purchased a significant portion of the properties along this route but never completed the purchase of all properties needed for the bypass, including the Bayshore Mall property. When the mall was built and state money starting drying up, it became clear that the bypass would never be feasible along this route.

The original list of 48 properties to be sold with covenants eventually was pared down to 40 parcels that the Eureka Heritage Society now has jurisdiction over. The covenant's restrictions vary with each property; some include only exterior features, while others also include significant interior features of the buildings. One example of a covenant covering exterior features includes bay windows with all surrounding trim, pilasters, spandrel panels, entablature trim and sill brackets. An example of interior features that might be protected include baseboards, plaster brackets at bay windows, stairs including banisters, balusters and newel posts. The state historian researched and determined what features contributed to the significance of each structure.

The Caltrans preservation covenants are administered separately from the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance adopted in 1996. Any owner of a property included on the City's Local Register of Historic Places must apply to the Historic Preservation Commission for approval of any alteration to the exterior of their property. There is a fee involved payable to the City of Eureka. In contrast, the owners of properties with Caltrans covenants administered by the Eureka Heritage Society must apply to the Heritage Society if they intend to alter any of the protected features, but there is no fee involved. The hope of the Heritage Society is that the property owners will voluntarily honor the covenants. EHS periodically reminds the current property owners of the covenants and educates them on the significance of their properties and why it is important to preserve the significant features of their homes.

A number of owners attended the open house and were very receptive to the need for respecting the preservation covenants. The presentation by Chuck Petty and Mary Ann McCulloch included a history of the highway bypass, discussion of specific covenants, a slide show of all properties with covenants and a question and answer session. Refreshments were served; a map of the proposed highway bypass was on display, as well as numerous informative publications to help the owners with the sensitive preservation of their homes.



2009 HOME TOUR

Sunday, October 4, proved to be an afternoon to remember, with a tour of structures spanning 70 years and styles that ranged from Queen Anne to all the drama of Hollywood. Refreshments were served in the lobby of the 1939 Eureka Theatre, complete with the alluring aroma of hot popcorn and the treat of short films.

Winners of the Drawing

Lunch at the Ingomar Club
Florence Allen



Chocolate Soufflé and Bottle of Wine from the Avalon
Paul Wright

612 F Street

The striking 1939 Streamline Moderne theatre operated commercially until 1995.



Curved detailing surrounds guests



Lobby with curved stairway and distinctive carpet



Volunteer Brian Gonzalez at the snack bar

The Eureka Heritage Society would like to thank all of the wonderful owners and volunteers who so generously gave their time and talents to make our annual fund-raiser so successful, with special acknowledgement to the Eureka Concert and Film Center staff who volunteered for the day.



Mid-century sophistication in the heart of the city

2205 O Street



Owner Rahi Miraie with Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore



Spectacular circular kitchen built in the age of Sputnik

The homeowner/artist's distinctive ceramics and custom furniture were on display as an integral part of the interior.



Queen Anne cottage with tea roses



Terrace



Perfectly lovely Victorian parlor

235 14th Street



A warm welcome from owner Toni Farrar on her front porch

Located on the edge of the historic Clark District and winner of the Keep Eureka Beautiful Award of Merit, this restored home is a pleasure to see as one drives down 14th Street toward Broadway.

Carl Zander and daughter Belinda



Cozy study fireplace



Rustic exterior with several sets of triple casement windows

2310 N Street

South-facing terrace



Tucked away off of Buhne, this home in the Storybook style of the 1920s was a delightful surprise to Home Tour guests to find such a charming sanctuary in the middle of town.

417 M Street



Downtown getaway

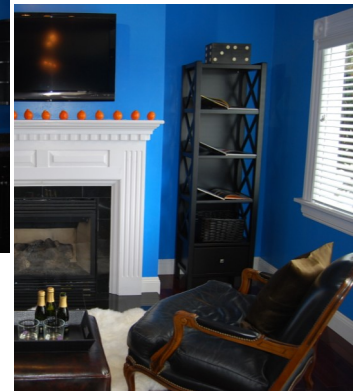


Musicians as vibrant as the interiors



Kitchen

This renovated cottage, built in 1879, after being used for offices and commercial space for over 60 years, was returned to its original residential use and is a testament to what wonderful living space can be created in 600 square feet.



Living room

2009 HOME TOUR

Longtime member and supporter of preservation, artist Janie Walsh had been looking forward to including her home on the Home Tour this year. Sadly, Janie passed away two weeks before the Tour. Her daughters decided to honor their mother and graciously opened the family home and studio to visitors. The integration of the home and gardens is as serene today as it was when designed in the 1950s.

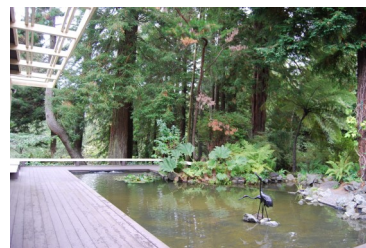


Barbara Maxon in dining room



Living room and view of pond

1515 Buhne Street



Three generations enjoy the entry

804 3rd Street



Original restored fireplace and mantle



Newly handcrafted oak staircase



This 1907 boarding house was rehabilitated to office space and received the 2009 Preservation Award, truly adaptive reuse at its best.

SUMMER EVENT IN SAMOA



Samoa Block Building on day of event with tour group

Summer Event Organizers
(from left)
Mary Ann McCulloch,
Muriel Dinsmore
and Janet Warren
at the Samoa Cookhouse



Roundhouse, locomotives and friends

Some 65 people attended the Summer Event. Historian Ray Hillman aided by Jean Gladstone led tours through the Samoa Block building and the Hammond home. The Timber Heritage Association opened their roundhouse and provided historical information and tours.

NEW FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Architectural Legacy, the new Eureka Heritage Society publication, will be available quarterly and mailed with the EHS newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving this original preservation journal, consider joining the Eureka Heritage Society. The next issue will be published in February 2010.

Renew your membership in the Eureka Heritage Society, our community's only advocate for Eureka's historic built environment. New for 2010 is the "Senior Family" membership, quite a bargain at \$15.00.

Just fill out the form below, and mail it to us with your annual fee.

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2010 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

___ New or ___ Renewing Member (January to January)

___ \$20 Individual

___ \$50 Nonprofit Sponsor

___ \$150 Patron

___ \$30 Family

___ \$75 Private Sponsor

___ \$300 Benefactor

___ \$10 Student/Senior

___ \$75 Business Sponsor

___ \$500 Life Member

___ \$15 Senior Family

Additional Contribution of \$_____ to the Eureka Heritage Society's **Scholarship Fund** for an advanced student in the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology Program at College of the Redwoods.

Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$_____ payable to Eureka Heritage Society.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

The Eureka Heritage Society needs volunteers. Sign up for any of the following:

- Events, including annual Home Tour: docents, host/hostess, serving refreshments
- Membership
- Education
- Publications
- Research
- Serving on the Board
- Romano Gabriel Sculpture Garden landscape care
- Articles for *The Heritage Herald*

Additional comments/suggestions: _____

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Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology**

CT 2 – Material Sciences: Wood	TTH 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	January 19–March 11
CT 3 – Material Sciences: Masonry & Plaster	Sat 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.	March 23–May 13
CT 8 – Material Sciences: Cast & Mold Making	TTH 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	March 23–May 13
CT 13 – Historic Building Analysis	Mon 6:00 p.m.– 9:10 p.m.	January 16–May 14
CT 15 – Field Techniques in Historic Preservation	TTH 1:00 p.m.– 5:20 p.m.	January 16–May 14
CT 16 – Architectural Millwork	TTH 6:00 p.m.– 9:45 p.m.	January 16–May 14

Complete CR class schedule online: www.redwoods.edu/webadvisor/catalog.asp

For more info, contact Bill Hole by calling 476-4353 or via email: bill-hole@redwoods.edu



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Saturday, December 19*



*Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2010*