

THE HERITAGE HERALD

SUMMER 2009 Newsletter of the Eureka Heritage Society
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Join us for our Summer Event July 25

SAMOA - YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW



The historic Samoa Block building, in years gone by (above) and in a recent photo with one story addition (right), will be one of several destinations included in our Summer Event. Photos courtesy of Ray Hillman



2009
HOME TOUR
Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
October 4, 2009

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

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.

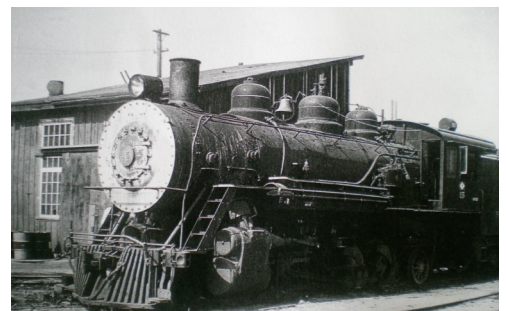
A tour of historic Samoa, the former lumber company town, on Saturday, July 25, is the focus of the Eureka Heritage Society's Summer Event. Local historian Ray Hillman will guide us through little-known interiors, many of which have not been visited by the general public in decades. We will enter the community hall with its decorative stage upstairs over the old company store; the ancient/long-vacant Hammond Lumber Company offices above the present firehouse; the last of the bunkhouses, upstairs in the Samoa Cookhouse; and the 1890s Vance Lumber Company roundhouse, which now stores the logging locomotives of the Timber Heritage Association. Since we will be climbing stairways, walking shoes are recommended.

We will meet in the Samoa Cookhouse parking lot at 10:45 a.m., then explore the old business center of Samoa. Following the "Short Lunch" in the cookhouse, we will tour the historic roundhouse and adjacent shop buildings. We invite you to join us for a step back in time, a rare visit to key structures, and a chance to learn about the current owners' plans for the future of historic Samoa. The event will be limited to just 50 persons; you should receive your invitation by mail soon.

For more information, contact Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore at 442-8937.



The Hammond and Little River Redwoods Company Ltd. roundhouse in Samoa in 1933. Two locomotives were in the house when this photograph was taken. The structure continues to serve in the railroad tradition as the current home of logging locomotives collected by the Timber Heritage Association. Photo courtesy of Ray Hillman



Hammond Company No. 15, built by Baldwin in 1916 and one of nine steam locomotives used by the company in its heyday, was previously seen in Sequoia Park. Photo courtesy of Ray Hillman

Board Members

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President	Janet Warren
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Board of Directors

Kay Bradford	Kay Kaylor
Muriel Dinsmore	Robert Libershal
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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
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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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of the Eureka Heritage Society members for answering our reminder letter and rejoining for this 2009 year. Because the Society membership is based on the calendar year, rather than the month one joins, it is difficult for you to know when you last renewed your membership. We are rectifying this by adding a line to the address label showing the year of membership, such as for 2009 members it will read "Exp. Jan 2010." Check your address label on this newsletter for the status of your membership.

Membership is so vital to the success of our organization. The Eureka Heritage Society could not exist without you. Thank you all for your support.

I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Event at Samoa on July 25.

NEWS FLASH!

With the sad loss of the monthly magazine *Restore & Preserve* in the *Times-Standard* last spring, the Eureka Heritage Society has decided to publish its own special feature, a section about the city's historical architecture starting this fall. It will be produced by Kathy Dillon, the award-winning journalist who developed and produced *Restore & Preserve* for the newspaper beginning in 2002. Our new publication will be inserted into each issue of the Society's newsletter, the *Heritage Herald*, and will also be available on our website and at outlets around

Contributions to EHS in honor of Muriel Dinsmore

The Eureka Heritage Society received many generous contributions from the following friends of founding member and Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore in honor of her recent birthday:

Marilynn Bartlett
Jerrie and Robert Bartley
Joe Bonino
Lee Mitchell-Brown and Marcus Brown
Louis Bucher
Arlene and John Burger
Neal Carnam
Anne Corder
Joyce and Darrel Ditty
Michael Eagan
Larry Fox
Nancy and Robert Gardner
Beverly Gray
Jean Guthrie
Harvey Harper [Motors]
Arlene and William Hartin
Colleen and Bill Hole
Kim and Kurt Kramer [Investment Corp.]
Melanie and Ron Kuhnel
Susan Liddle
Pauline and Dean Lindquist

Lynn Machen
Barbara Maxon and
Robert Maxon [Globe Imports]
Mary Ann and Mark McCulloch
Sharon Miller-Bonino and
Kenneth Torbett
Doris Mullen
Jane Mundt
Jeanne Nash
Joan Nilsen
Jeannette Nusbaum
Margaret and R.W. Rodrigue
Charles Roscoe
Mary and J. R. Scott
Judith Stoffer
Helen Stromberg
Elizabeth Thompson
Doris Timm
Elizabeth and Harold Webster
Mary Beth Wolford
Belinda Zander

THE FIRST SUBMITTED AND FIRST ACCEPTED INTO THE FILES

by Bob Libershal



Front elevation as viewed from the street of the original 1940s cottage with its hipped roof, "L" shaped plan, recessed entry, and corner windows.

Note the picket fence with its curved profile and no apparent sidewalk.

Photo courtesy of EHS Survey Files; submitted by owner Mary Dawn Cunningham



View from corner after the 1955 remodel to a Cape Cod style midcentury classic. The "L" shaped plan has been filled in, the entry is flush with the wall and centered, and a new steeper gable roof and dormers, as well as a chimney, have been added.

Note paired corner windows from the original home, fence, and now a sidewalk.

Photo courtesy of EHS Survey Files; submitted by owner Mary Dawn Cunningham

In February, Mary Dawn Cunningham submitted a statement and photographs, with Form A, to correct and add to the Eureka Heritage Society Survey File for her home at 804 Creighton Street.

From Mrs. Cunningham we learn that her architecturally significant house is a result of an extensive remodel, in 1955, of a 1940-era nondescript cottage. The original version is seen in her "before" photo. The Cunninghams "raised the roof," built other additions to the structure, and gave their house some style as a Cape Cod Colonial. Mary Dawn credits her husband Ernie for the work.

The Eureka Heritage Society education committee readily accepted Mrs. Cunningham's first-person account; the information was clear and easy to confirm. Her material, with the E.H.S. stamp of acceptance, is now in the files — within a distinct sleeve in the original 804 Creighton Street research folder.

Thanks to Mary Dawn Cunningham for improving the historical record. The story of her house is more involved, and more meaningful, than what the researchers assumed at the time of the survey 25 to 35 years ago.

*From the Report of Building Inspector,
Ledger 1929-1959, Eureka city records:*

PERMIT NO. 21628

ISSUED February 1, 1955

NAME OF OWNER Ernest Cunningham

NAME OF BUILDER OR CONTRACTOR Self-day work

LOCATION OF WORK 804 Creighton St.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK Rem. & add to house

COST OF WORK \$2,000

FEE \$8

Research by Bob Libershal, June 2009

The Eureka Heritage Society "opened" the Survey Files in January 2009. If you would like to add to or change the information contained in the Survey File for your historic home, you can find Forms A and B in the Humboldt Room of the Eureka Main Library or on our website.

2009 PRESERVATION AWARDS



*Buhne General Store:
Globe Properties offices
and currently
HealthSport fitness studio*



*Robert Maxon and Barbara Maxon
of Globe Properties with presenter Kay Bradford*

Preservationist of the Year *Globe Properties - Maxon Family*

Globe Properties, established by Bob and Barbara Maxon, and later joined by their son Robert, marks its 40th anniversary this year.

Bob, a visionary for his time, saw something special in Old Town and located Globe Imports at the corner of 3rd and G in 1962, before the area was recognized as a historic district or any official redevelopment began.

In 1969, Globe Properties bought the Russ Market at 3rd and G as well as the adjacent Joseph Russ Building and became preservationists and stewards.

Unfortunately, the Joseph Russ Building and Russ Market were practically destroyed by fire in 1976. Globe Imports then moved to a 1940s warehouse down on 1st Street, currently the home of Graystone Jewellers. They set up a new store while simultaneously supervising rehabilitation of the fire-damaged Russ buildings.

In 1988, they coordinated the rehabilitation of the Buhne General Store also on 1st Street and now the oldest surviving commercial building in Eureka. Its foundation was literally sinking into the bay. They repaired large areas of siding and replicated historic trims. It houses the Globe Properties offices and commercial space.

The Joseph Russ building survived another fire in 2006 which this time claimed the Russ Market. The entire roof, parapet, and drainage system had to be re-designed. The building was gone through, top to bottom, and is ready to be utilized and cherished for generations to come. Sadly, Bob Maxon passed away shortly after the 2006 fire, but his legacy lives on.



The rehabilitated Joseph Russ building on 3rd Street has survived multiple fires. The second floor was the home of the Humboldt Club from 1900 to 1944. The Maxons elected to retain the layout original to the building. Visit Vintage Home Antiques and Coco & Cuvee for a taste of yesteryear!



Commercial Preservation

Nilsen Company - Nilsen and Gundersen Families

It all started in 1896 when Norwegian immigrant Oscar Nilsen opened a general mercantile and grocery store in downtown Eureka. Grocery and household items were the staple for this "general store," and these were delivered by horse and buggy. In the early 1900s, dairy feed and animal supplies were a minor part of the business.

Today the groceries are gone, and the Nilsen Company's main business is centered around the dairy and ranching business. The horse and buggy are also gone, but delivery remains a big part of the customer service that has served Eureka for over 100 years at the corner of Broadway and 5th.

Three generations of family have operated Nilsen Company. The fourth generation is now running the business with the fifth generation coming on.



The Nilsen-Gundersen families have continuously operated this venerable agricultural supply store, located at what has become a major traffic corner in downtown.



*Gary Gundersen,
whose mother was a Nilsen,
with EHS President Janet Warren*

Residential Preservation

Buhne and E Streets - Faye and John Judy



The reconstructed porch of the Judy home at 2333 E Street with its distinctive grouping of three Ionic column capitals at each corner, decorative frieze, and expressed rafters above is a wonderful example of successful restoration.

Owned and occupied since 1963 by John and Fay Judy, this handsome two-story neoclassical stucco house was built in 1915 by Louis Halvorsen.

Over time, dry rot within the entry structure forced a decision, and the Judys accepted the challenge, choosing to repair the prominent off-center porch with its classical detailing rather than remove or replace it. The task then became both a deconstruction as well as a reconstruction project.

The restoration work was done by the Pierson Company. The most remarkable thing is that when the lengthy and extensive project was complete, everything looked the same.



*Fay Judy
with presenter Peter Santino*

Adaptive Reuse

3rd and I Streets - JoAnn and Rory Hanson



*Rory and JoAnn Hanson
with presenter Barbara Maxon*

In 1893 Sarah Chamberlain owned a large plot of land at the corner of 3rd and I Streets. In 1907 she had builder Simpson construct a \$5,000 imposing Classical Revival house. Sarah owned the property until 1921.

The building was a rooming house from the 1920s to the 1970s with small two-room apartments and a common bathroom on each floor. As a teenager, Rory Hanson did maintenance on the building. During the 1970s, the building was used as a warehouse and then sat vacant for five years in the 1990s before being acquired by its current owners.

The previous apartment layout worked out perfectly for two-room office suites and was retained. The former boarding house has been adapted to state-of-the-art office space.



The stately Classical Revival house at 804-806 3rd Street has a recessed porch with double entry, a prominent central two-story 45" bay with windows, projected pediment with arched window in the gable, and various rooflines. The owners worked with Kash Boodjeh and John Vandermolten to bring the grand dame into the twenty-first century. It has been rehabilitated to meet the current building codes for seismic activity and accessibility.

Community Preservation

6th and I Streets - Humboldt County HHS



Wonderful stylized geometric detailing surrounds the south entrance at 805 6th Street and has not been significantly altered since its construction. The building is one of the few examples in Eureka of the Style Moderne, which includes the Eureka Municipal Auditorium and the Eureka Theatre.

The Public Health Branch building was constructed with funds used from The Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in 1939 by Fred J. Maurer and Sons Contractors with Franklin T. Georgeson as the architect. It originally housed welfare offices and the Juvenile Detention Home.

The two-story stucco building combines restrained Spanish Colonial Revival detail with the massing and proportions associated with zigzag moderne, being fairly unadorned except for sloping window hoods over many windows, the south-facing faux balcony, and the 6th Street entry. We are fortunate to have this jewel in the heart of the city!



*County Supervisor Jimmy Smith
with presenter Chuck Petty (left)*

CR HPRT Program and Instructors Receive 2009 Community Advocate Preservation Award

For their continuing commitment to professionalism in the field of historic preservation and the many opportunities offered to the community through College of the Redwoods courses and outreach activities, the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology Program and instructors were recently honored on May 16 at the awards ceremony held at the Eureka Woman's Club during National Preservation Month.

Also recognized at the ceremony, held on the same day as CR's graduation, were the three 2009 graduates in the HPRT program, Robin Trabue, Tara Smith, and Ryan Barlow, shown in the photo, right. Then anyone from the audience who had taken a class in the program was called forward, and some 14 classmates joined the instructors at the dais.

Way to go, Corsairs!



Professor Bill Hole, 2009 graduate of HPRT program and EHS scholarship recipient Tara Smith, instructor Peter Santino, instructor Dane Cowan, and HPRT graduate and presenter Bob Libershal



CR Foundation Friend, founding EHS member and past EHS President Muriel Dinsmore, Professor Bill Hole, and EHS President Janet Warren

VOLUNTEER for the 2009 HOME TOUR

Mark your calendars for the first Sunday in October for our Annual Home Tour!

The Eureka Heritage Society Home Tour is traditionally scheduled for the first Sunday in October, and this year the event will be Sunday, October 4. Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore reports that this year's selection of homes will be as interesting as ever and a treat not to be missed. The Home Tour is the Society's main fund-raiser, and all members are encouraged to attend; the event is open to the public, and interested parties may join the Society on the day of the Tour for a discounted ticket as well as a 2010 full-year membership.

The Events Committee needs docents, hostesses, refreshment servers, and ticket takers on tour day. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more active in the Eureka Heritage Society and one of the best ways to meet other members. Be a part of our fall fun! If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, contact Muriel Dinsmore at 442-8937.

See you Sunday, October 4 at the Home Tour!

**“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy Fish are jumpin’,”
and even though the cotton just doesn’t grow this close to the coast, you can still
Become a Member of the Eureka Heritage Society!**

With apologies to George Gershwin, it is easy to be a part of our community’s only advocate for Eureka’s historic built environment. Just fill out the form below, and mail it to us with your annual fee. If you have not renewed your membership for this year, we encourage you to do so. The Holiday Party at the Ingomar Club has already been scheduled and is always a special treat, not to be missed, but only Society members receive an invitation.

Please note our new scholarship fund for a deserving student in the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology program at CR—your contribution to this scholarship actively promotes preservation!

Join us today!

2009 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

___ New or ___ Renewing Member (January to January)

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ \$20 Individual | ___ \$50 Nonprofit Sponsor | ___ \$150 Patron |
| ___ \$10 Student/Senior | ___ \$75 Private Sponsor | ___ \$300 Benefactor |
| ___ \$30 Family | ___ \$75 Business Sponsor | ___ \$500 Life Member |

Please accept my **contribution** of \$_____ to the Eureka Heritage Society **scholarship fund** for the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology Program at College of the Redwoods.

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

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Volunteer opportunities include

- 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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Architectural Restoration of Historic Windows with Bill Hole

Sponsored by the Eureka Heritage Society in conjunction with **WOODFAIR 2009**

Bill Hole, faculty, College of the Redwoods Construction & Historic Preservation Technology Program, and an expert in architectural restoration and sustainability, will provide hands-on instruction in the conservation of historic wood windows. Bill will take the student through the world of double-hung wood windows, including removal of the wooden sash, repairs and remedies, and pulleys and weight cords, along with glazing techniques.

The student fee for this class has been reduced through sponsorship of the Eureka Heritage Society. Students pay only \$25 for the five hours of instruction, including all materials and supplies.

Members of the Eureka Heritage Society pay only \$20.

**The workshop will meet Monday, July 13, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Annie B. Ryan House at 1000 F Street, Eureka**

To obtain a reservation form for this and other WoodFair 2009 courses, go to
www.woodworkers.name and click on Course Flyer

To enroll, call Susan Bicknell at (707) 768-1975