

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

Summer/Fall 2014 Newsletter of the Eureka Heritage Society  
Est. 1973 Eureka, California

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## Home Tour 2014

1329 Bay Street  
2706 B Street  
1646 G Street  
1604 G Street  
926 15th Street

**The Carter Inn** 1033 3rd Street  
**Bell Cottage** 1023 3rd Street  
711 3rd Street  
**and The Pink Lady** 202 M Street

## Bonus Houses

**Daly Inn** 1125 H Street  
**Iris Inn** 1134 H Street  
**Annie B Ryan House** 1000 F Street

## What a great line-up!

## Heritage Action Calendar

**All meetings – City Hall –  
531 K St Eureka, CA  
Second Floor City Council  
Chambers**

City Council  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

## Eureka Heritage Society's Annual Home Tour



# 2014 ESSENTIAL → Sunday, Oct. 5, 12 to 5 p.m. EUREKA

Nine main locations plus three  
bonus houses • Live music  
Refreshments • Prizes  
Artists at work • Vintage cars

## Presale tickets are a bargain!

\$20 general admission  
(or \$25 on day of tour)

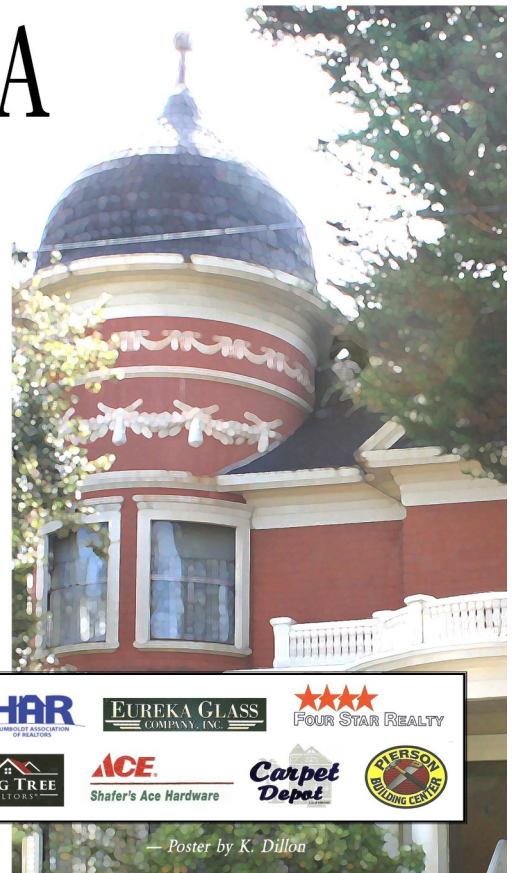
\$10 students & kids  
6 and older  
(or \$12 on day of tour)

Full-price tickets available  
on tour day at  
1604 G St., Eureka

Tickets and more details at  
[www.eurekaheritage.org](http://www.eurekaheritage.org)

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**Annex 39**

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— Poster by K. Dillon

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1000 F Street, Eureka

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### 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

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## Summer 2014

A Message from Our President, Chuck Petty

We had a great time touring Humboldt Bay on board the historic Madaket on August 9th with Leroy Zerlang narrating a tour of the bay highlighting the locations of historic shipbuilding yards. The Madaket docked at the U.S. Coast Guard station and we had a delightful tour of the station lead by Maggie Herbelin who is leading up the restoration of U.S. Coast Guard motor lifeboat 36515. Then we ate our box lunches on the picnic grounds at the Coast Guard station and returned to Eureka on the Madaket.

Our next event of course is our annual historic home tour on Sunday October 5th from noon to five. Janet Warren and Xandy Manns have outdone themselves organizing this tour featuring nine of Eureka's architectural beauties on the main tour and three bonus houses just for fun. Lonni Magellan is arranging for local musicians to play at all of the houses and we will have historic cars in front of most of the houses to help take you back in time.

Our holiday event on December 21st will be held at the Carson Mansion once again with entertainment provided by the McKinleyville Choir. Please make your reservations for the holiday event with Mary Glavich at 445-0962.

### Home tour is fast approaching!

By Janet Warren

Home Tour Sunday October 5, 2014

EHS has an exciting Home Tour planned for this year and will include a sampling of Eureka's finest historic architecture large and small. The Heritage Society will include both homes and former homes adapted to be used as inns and offices. The tour will also include a map with a short walking tour of the Bay street neighborhood on the East Side of Eureka. There will be 11 houses including three bonus houses on the tour, from B Street on the Westside to Bay Street on the Eastside and from downtown 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South to Wabash. Tickets will be available at seven of the sites on the day of the tour for \$25.00. Presale tickets are on sale now at \$20.00 per ticket.

The Heritage Society would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for this year's Home Tour. Patronize them and say thank you for their support: Shafers, Schmidbauer Building Supply, McKenny Building Supply, Carpet Depot, Pierson Building Center, Delta Mattress, Eureka Glass, K&M Glass, Humboldt Association of Realtors, Ming Tree, Four Star Realty, Carpet One Eureka Floor, Lost Foods Native Nursery, Lost Coast Brewery and Almquist Lumber.

Live music, artists at work and antique cars will be featured at each site on the Home Tour. Refreshments will be served in Ron and Melanie Kuhnel's beautiful garden at 1604 G Street.

**Now is the time to volunteer to make this year's Home Tour a success!**

**The Eureka Heritage Society needs your help!** Please volunteer: to bake cookies for refreshments, to work as a docent/hostess at one of the homes, to serve refreshments, or work on a committee organizing the Home Tour. Call Janet Warren at 444-3314 to volunteer.

# Summer Event on the Madaket

August 9, 2014 10:00 - 12:30

Historic Shipbuilding Yards on Humboldt Bay with a tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Station  
Narrated by Leroy Zerlang and Maggie Herbelin



## Lost Eureka

### The W.M. Huntoon House

By Chuck Petty & Bob Libershal



The W. M. Huntoon House

Circa 1884—1954

Photo Circa 1907

(Chuck Petty collection)

825 E Street, Eureka

Harry P. and Evelyn C. Vance House in later years  
Demolished circa 1954 for a new Safeway store that  
was never built on this site.

Now the location of the derelict Downtowner Motel.

# Lost Eureka

## The Huntoon House



Parlor during the Evelyn and Harry Vance years.  
(Peter Palmquist collection HSU)



Demolition circa 1954. Notice the Eureka Theater and Carnegie Library in the background.  
(Janie Walsh collection EHS)

# Old House Living

by Steve Lazar  
(Part 3 of 3)



In the first two parts of this effort, I introduced and ran through the central theme surrounding my experience during my young career as a first-time homeowner. Namely, the tough nut to crack that is, 'how does one assimilate with and develop an affinity/kinship to a historical residence when classic methods of cementing one's legacy (physical alteration of some kind: remodel, additions, renovation) are unavailable/inappropriate due to conflict with a personal preservation ethic?'. In the last part, I discussed the lead up to participation in the 2013 EHS Home Tour and introduced and discussed my neighbor Daniel, and the bizarre and tragic 20+ year conflict he endured under the occupancy of my home by the former owner.

As mentioned previously, the decision to participate in the home tour was not taken lightly, and immediately rewarded me with an anxiety that I would not shake until game time. Over the years, I've grown to discover various techniques in self-motivation. Perhaps the crudest of which is the classic strategy of 'throw a party/invite over company, to force yourself to clean up your spread'. While I like to imagine there are beings or platonic forms in the universe that possess a degree of vigilance/"on-top-of-things"-ness that is immutable and constant, I am not of a member of their club. Like the potential energy released upon the splitting of an atom, the fear of not being ready for the cocktail of community members, friends, and family that would be brought to my doorstep was a powerful force that, when wielded adeptly, can fuel motivation of godly proportions (literally months of work and toil). And it did.

When the day of Home Tour came, I was running on fumes, frantically working to complete all of the items I had "reserved" for last. In the wee hours of the morning, one roommate came home from the bar and while filling a glass of water at the kitchen sink, found me looking back at him from the outside of the window, standing on a step ladder, outfitted with a headlamp and engaged in exterior window cleaning detail. Headed to the toilet in the middle of the night, the other roommate would discover me inside the kitchen, on hands and knees, scrubbing/mopping the untamable floor. Though perhaps not my finest hour, the image of my parents and I volleying cardboard boxes of clutter into the attic mere minutes before the start of the tour, remains both vivid and surreal. In these final moments I suddenly realized that the stories I had heard (and dismissed) of audacious and herculean feats performed by past home tour participants (paint still drying on the day of tour, fresh cut lumber, etc.) were quite likely true. Perhaps so is Bigfoot? But I digress. The tour started, and as folks began visiting my home, I experienced an enlightenment and inner peace that no amount of hours in the lotus position could duplicate. Words really cannot describe the magnitude of relief that accompanied the powerful realization that "there was simply nothing more that could be done" and that "be here now" was the only task left to do...

During the tour, some visitors would remark that they had walked or drove by my corner for years and always wondered what the inside of the home and yard looked like. Others would simply marvel at how intact and original everything was. Seeing the appreciation and enjoyment that the home provided to the 2013 home tourers, I felt a deep sense of pride and affirmation in the choices I had made in association with my management of the property. That evening as the tour came to rest, I would find myself in the yard barbequing with my loved ones, close friends, and neighbors (including Daniel). And it was then, eating hamburgers, potato salad, and corn on the cob, that I suddenly realized something felt different. Somewhere during that trajectory from commitment to completion came an unexpected windfall, namely, I had finally become the home's owner. The ceremony of my wedding to the structure did not come through physical alteration but through transformation, of the home's relationship to the community and neighborhood.

I have been awed by the home tour event ever since my first encounter, and am confident that my experience is not unique. The benefits to the community and participants are widespread and profound, serving not only to promote and celebrate our impressive cultural landscape, but to motivate folks like myself each year to heed the call for action. Each year, a few more homes and structures find themselves in the crosshairs of this inspiring and remarkable experience, and their owners, occupants, and the community are forever the better for it.

# 2014 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  |                            |                       |

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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarship Fund**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Carson Carriage Maintenance Fund**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Preservation Fund**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ***The Eureka Heritage Society needs volunteers.***

*If you are interested in volunteering, or need further information, contact our  
Volunteer Coordinator Lonni Magellan at 442-7819 or email her at [heylonni@yahoo.com](mailto:heylonni@yahoo.com)*

- Events, including annual Home Tour: docents, host/hostess, serving refreshments
- Education
- Publications, including mailing and distribution
- Archival Project and Research
- Serving on the Board

Additional comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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