

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

FALL 2008 Newsletter of the Eureka Heritage Society  
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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO TARA SMITH

The first Eureka Heritage Society Scholarship for Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology, department of Construction Technology at College of the Redwoods in the amount of \$500 was awarded for the spring semester 2009 to Tara Smith. Tara expects to graduate with an Associate of Science degree in spring 2009; she received the Certificate of Completion in the HPRT program in spring 2008. Tara already has a B.A. degree in European History from Ohio University. The Heritage Society is delighted to have a scholarship winner who is so passionate about pursuing historic preservation as a future career choice.

## CLARK HISTORIC DISTRICT UPDATE by Melanie Kuhnel

After much work by volunteers over the last few years, approximately 200 buildings in an area bounded by C Street, Cedar Street, Washington Street and Pine Street, with some exceptions, have been surveyed and incorporated into a Historic District Nomination Application.

A draft of the document went to the Historic Preservation Commission this summer whose commissioners asked for some minor changes that required a software change. This has been difficult to implement. It is hoped that these changes will be completed soon and that the application will be resubmitted by the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting on December 3, 2008.

The process to complete the district will include reviews by city staff and public hearings with the Historic Preservation Commission and City Council and a vote by the residents of the area. Meetings will be held to provide information on Historic Districts for those who are interested in the District.

The Eureka Heritage Society is funding the \$1000.00 application fee and we have requested that volunteers be used to keep expenses to a minimum.

**2008 Holiday Party**  
**Ingomar Club**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday**  
**December 20, 2008**

**Annual Meeting**  
**Oberon Grill**  
**Saturday**  
**January 24, 2009**

## Heritage Action Calendar

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.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT ROMANO GABRIEL SCULPTURE GARDEN

The Romano Gabriel Sculpture Garden was the site of Sam Murray's Eagle Scout Project completed this fall. After canvassing local businesses for donations and with the help of his fellow scouts of Troop 54, Sam repainted the fence and worked on the landscaping of the area around the Sculpture Garden. The Heritage Society gives a huge thank you to Sam Murray and Boy Scout Troop 54 for the excellent job that they did. Take time to go down to 314 Second Street to see this spruced up Eureka treasure.

## Short History of the Romano Gabriel Sculpture Garden

At the death of Romano Gabriel, the sculpture garden that he had created and assembled in the front garden of his Pine Street home sat as a curiosity with its fate uncertain. The California Arts Council designated the Sculpture Garden an important piece of folk art in 1977. Realizing its merit, the Vellutini family of Eureka purchased the entire wooden sculpture garden and presented it as a gift to the City of Eureka and entrusted its care in perpetuity to the Eureka Heritage Society. Through efforts of various individuals and foundations, the sculpture garden was installed in its custom-built "storefront structure" at 314 Second Street in Old Town. The opening dedication was April 3, 1982.

## Board Members

### Executive Committee

President	Janet Warren
Vice President	Charles Petty
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### Board of Directors

Muriel Dinsmore	Xandra Manns
Jean Gladstone	Barbara Maxon
Mary Glavich	Paul McNally
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Joshua Kuhnel	Peter Santino

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

### Committees and Chairs

Membership	Josh Kuhnel
Preservation	Mary Ann McCulloch
Events	Muriel Dinsmore
Webmaster	Peter Santino
Education	Xandra Manns
Romano Gabriel	Mary Glavich
Historic Plaques	Barbara Maxon
Preservation Awards	Mary Glavich
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 Goddard  
Kay Kaylor  
Janet Warren  
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Contact us with your suggestions and comments!

Eureka Heritage Society Web page:  
[www.eurekaheritage.org](http://www.eurekaheritage.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Janet Warren

Thank you all!

The summer and fall have been a busy time for the Eureka Heritage Society. The Summer Event at Falk was well attended and very successful: a sunny day but not too hot, a great anecdotal talk by Jon Humboldt Gates, a tasty box lunch by Hole in the Wall, a chance to see the railroad barn, a talk by Bill Hole on the barn's recent relocation and renovation, and finally a walk to the site of Falk and back to the trailhead guided by BLM Headwaters Park Ranger Julie Clark. A special thanks to all who organized the event and especially to The Bureau of Land Management managers and Park Ranger; we couldn't have done it without their enthusiastic support and help.

This year's Home Tour, the Society's main fundraiser, was also very successful. The homes were beautiful and we thank the owners of the seven sites for their gracious generosity of time and effort. Special thanks to the antique car owners who contributed their cars for the day. A big thank you to all those who volunteered - - you made the Home Tour happen!

The Society's last sponsored event in October was the Wood Window Workshop presented by Bill Hole, Professor at College of the Redwoods in the Historic Preservation and Restoration Technology program. The workshop was six hours long, free and open to anyone interested. There were 15 participants. Bill ran the workshop at the Annie B. Ryan CR project house on F Street and covered all facets of wood double-hung windows. Bill is truly amazing. The Heritage Society is planning to sponsor more workshops in the winter and spring on subjects important to old house preservation and restoration. We invite you to participate in these activities in the future.

## Eureka Heritage Society Survey Files

The Eureka Heritage Society Survey Files contain the histories of more than 1,500 historical properties in the city. Most of the information was compiled by dedicated volunteers in the 1970s and '80s and then reviewed by professional historians/architects. The final results were published in the invaluable resource *Eureka: An Architectural View*, also known as "The Green Book."

Although every effort was made to accurately include all available historical information about these properties, omissions and mistakes do happen.

The Eureka Heritage Society is interested in updating and making corrections to these Survey Files. Forms A and B will be available on the EHS web site and in the Humboldt Room of the Main Branch of the County Library in Eureka after January 1, 2009.

### Adding information, making corrections, adding files

If you have information to add to a file, or if you wish to correct information in a file, please fill out **FORM A**. This information will be reviewed by the Heritage Society education committee for verification and then added to and/or corrected in the original survey file. Please do not write in additions or corrections into the original survey file yourself.

If your historical property (at least 50 years old) was not included in the survey files, and you would like to submit the necessary information to have it included in a possible future addendum file, please fill out **FORM B**.

The completed forms will need to be returned to the Eureka Heritage Society by mail to P. O. Box 1354, Eureka, CA 95502-1354.

## *Wood Windows Workshop The Anatomy of a Window*

Saturday, October 18, fifteen participants met at the Annie B. Ryan house, 1000 F Street for the **Workshop on Double-hung Windows** sponsored by the Eureka Heritage Society and presented by Bill Hole, professor at College of the Redwoods in the Historic Preservation and Restoration Technology program. Attendees met in the former dining room of the Victorian cottage where Bill introduced the mechanics of double-hung wood windows. During the course of the day, Bill and members of the CR Field Techniques class demonstrated cleaning techniques for antique hardware, repair of mortise and tenon sash frames, replication and reconstruction of a sill, replacement of sash cords and tips on finding old weights, selection and care of tools, especially Japanese saws, and replacement glazing including glass cut on a curve. The installation of a restored window with the avid group watching and following every step in the process was the culmination of the day's activities.



*Mortise & tenon joint repair with Japanese saw*

If you are interested in learning more about restoration techniques, consider signing up for one of the classes offered at CR this spring in the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology program; information is listed on the back cover of this issue. Enrollment fees are very reasonable at \$20 per semester hour. You will be helping restore and preserve a community project—the Annie B. Ryan House, a future house museum for all to enjoy, while learning valuable hands-on techniques.



*Glass cutting concepts—arc de triumph!*



*Custom scraping tool  
fabricated by Bill Hole  
to match  
historic casing molding  
for ease in paint removal*



*Bill Hole installs the repaired bottom sash.*



*Annie B. Ryan House - 1000 F Street*

### **CR HPRT Scholarship**

The first Eureka Heritage Society Scholarship for Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology in the department of Construction Technology at College of the Redwoods was recently awarded (see page one).

The Society would like to make this award available to a promising student in the Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology program every year. Please consider contributing to this Scholarship as we try to help build a base of knowledgeable, skillful craftspeople and historic preservationists. There is a place on the membership form to indicate a contribution to the scholarship fund. Any amount will be appreciated.

**2008 Home Tour  
October 5, 2008**



*Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore*



*Marc Matteoli and Jeanette Cruz  
in their E Street home*



*1906 Queen Ann + Colonial Revival details  
on E Street  
1932 Packard 904—7-passenger sedan  
Courtesy of Ralph Roberts*



*Shirley Box  
in her I Street home*



*Teresa von Braun  
in her F Street home*



*1910 Colonial Revival  
on I Street  
1935 Ford Fordor touring sedan  
Courtesy David & Jamie Sams*



*Circa 1870 settlement Victorian  
on F Street  
1914 Buick touring car  
Courtesy Ralph Roberts*





*Making Headway Center for Brain Injury Recovery  
1907-08 Classical Revival  
305 O Street  
1956 Lincoln Mark II  
Courtesy of Ralph Roberts*

*Current Owners Niki Delson and Ron Kokish  
Original Owners Peter and Florence Rutledge*



*Merijeann Glavich & Gina Bartlett  
Grand-daughters of original owners  
in the O Street home*



*2007 Contemporary Traditional  
1 F Street Bayfront One*



*Lynda Pozel and Jack Hopkins  
in their D Street home*

**Sharon Melohn**  
won the drawing  
for  
*An Overnight Stay  
for Two*  
at the  
**Bayfront Properties!**



*Barbara Maxon  
at Bayfront One*



*1923 Mediterranean Revival  
on D Street  
1940 Ford Deluxe convertible coupe  
Courtesy of Allan Parris*



*Christ Church Episcopal  
1938 Gothic influence  
15th & H Streets  
1940 Buick Super sedan  
Courtesy of Chuck & Wendy Petty*

## Summer Event at Falk Enjoyed by All



Musicians pickin' and fiddlin' set the mood!



Guest Speaker Jon Humboldt Gates with Events Chair Muriel Dinsmore



Over 60 people attended the event.

On a perfect Humboldt County day, members and guests gathered at the trail head of the Headwaters Forest for a memorable event in the woods. Over sixty attendees mingled with coffee and pastries in hand, perusing photos of Falk area history and news clippings of days gone by via a display prepared by the local BLM, while sounds of old American favorites filled the air. One of the highlights of the event was meeting guest speaker Jon Humboldt Gates, author of *Falk's Claim*, and listening to him relate his journey of writing the book and the interesting townspeople he met in the process. This unique history of the abandoned mill town was available for purchase and many were delighted to have Mr. Gates sign their copy. A scrumptious box lunch was served before the attendees set off on a hike up the trail to the old railroad barn, where Bill Hole gave a talk about its history and heritage. BLM Headwaters Park Ranger Julie Clark pointed out remnants and former locations of long lost buildings now being reclaimed by the forest understory. After such an exhilarating time, many were reluctant to leave the quiet beauty of the forest.



Hikers with Julie Clark on the trail to Falk



The old railroad barn on the way to Falk



Hikers inside railroad barn.



### H. H. Buhne Warehouse, Eureka Historic Waterfront Landmark 1902 - 2008

Built at the turn of the twentieth century, this plain industrial building was the last remaining Eureka warehouse that had served the fishing and timber operations on Humboldt Bay. Recently dismantled, we hope when the building is reassembled as the home of Old Town Carriage Company, its unique features can be maintained.

To view a poignant artwork that celebrates this venerable old building, visit the Learning Resource Center (library) at CR to see Julia Montgomery's photomontage print that pays homage to this now vanished structure.

## ***Eureka Heritage Society membership — What a Bargain!***

Membership in the Society is by calendar year. Members are encouraged to renew their membership each year and many choose to do so at the Annual Meeting held in January. When a guest at the Home Tour joins the Eureka Heritage Society on the day of the tour, thereby receiving the member discount for their ticket that day, they enjoy the benefits of membership through the next calendar year. New members who joined on October 5, 2008 have paid their dues through December 2009. Join us today or renew your membership using the form below. Please indicate your area(s) of interest to join other members in committee and volunteer work.

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!

If you are ***already a member*** and are interested in becoming more active in the organization or want to update your information, please use the form below to indicate your volunteer preferences. We welcome your involvement!

### **2009 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form**

\_\_\_ New or \_\_\_ Renewing Member (January to January)

___ \$20 Individual	___ \$50 Non-Profit 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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## Special Events and Items of Interest

### **Eureka Heritage Society 2008 Holiday Party — 11:30 a.m., Saturday, December 20**

Annual holiday gala at the Ingomar Club for Society members and their guests only. An opportunity to enjoy a lovely lunch, seasonal entertainment by Chamber Readers and a guided tour of the Carson mansion, Eureka's most famous landmark. Watch for your invitation in the mail!

### **Eureka Heritage Society 2009 Annual Meeting — Saturday, January 24**

Annual meeting of the Society at the Oberon Grill, the recently opened restaurant in Old Town at 516 Second Street (formerly Pacific Flavors). Program includes election of slate of officers and board members. Historic plaques awarded to building owners. Refreshments served.

### **Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology — CR — Spring 2009 semester**

CT 2—Material Sciences: Wood	TTH 8:30am—12:30pm Jan 20-Mar 12
CT 8—Material Sciences: Cast & Mold Making	TTH 8:30am—12:30 pm Mar 24-May 14
CT 12—Historic Research & Documentation	M 6:00pm— 9:10 pm
CT 14—Advanced Field School Techniques	S 8:30am— 5:20 pm
CT 15—Field Techniques in Historic Preservation	S 8:30am— 5:20 pm

For more info, call or drop by the Eureka Downtown Instructional Site, 269-4000, 605 K Street  
check out the class schedule at CR online: [www.redwoods.edu](http://www.redwoods.edu)  
or contact Bill Hole at 476-4353 or email: [bill-hole@redwoods.edu](mailto:bill-hole@redwoods.edu)

Registration ongoing now through January 19, 2009 Classes start January 20, 2009