

THE HERITAGE HERALD

Late Summer/Fall 2017 Newsletter of the Eureka Heritage Society
Est. 1973 Eureka, California



Enjoy seven homes
Live music & Prizes
Refreshments
Vintage Cars
Artists at work

**Eureka
Heritage
Society
Home Tour**

ROSS PARK +

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 — 12 to 5 p.m.

Presale tickets: \$25 adults (\$30 on tour day)
\$10 students and kids 7 and older (\$15 on tour day)

Tickets at: Annex 39, Eureka — Eureka Books, Old Town
Shady Lady, Eureka — Wildberries, Arcata
Rings Pharmacy, Ferndale — Greens Pharmacy, Fortuna
and online at www.eurekaheritage.org

For more information call 445-8775



Board Members

Executive Committee

President	Mary Ann McCulloch
Vice President	Chuck Petty
Secretary	Peter Santino
Treasurer	Doris Timm

Board of Directors

Mary Glavich	Melanie Kuhnel
Robert Libershal	Lonni Magellan
Bill Peer	Ray Swedenburg
Amy Sullivan	Janet Warren
Steve Werner	
Founding Director	Muriel Dinsmore

The Board meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Annie B. Ryan House
1000 F Street, Eureka

Committees and Chairs

Membership	Mary Ann McCulloch
Annie B Ryan	Bill Peer
Events	Mary Glavich
Webmaster	Peter Santino
Education	Janet Warren
Plaque Program	Steve Werner
Fundraising	Ron Kuhnel
Archival Project	Bob Libershal
Preservation	Chuck Petty
Volunteers	Lonni Magellan

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

Janet Warren
Kay Bradford
Bob Libershal
Kathy Dillon

Mary Ann McCulloch

Contact us with your suggestions and comments
707-444-3314

Eureka Heritage Society website:
www.eurekaheritage.org

The Heritage Herald is published quarterly by
The Eureka Heritage Society
Post Office Box 1354
Eureka, CA 95502-1354
707-445-8775

President's Corner

Summer 2017

Mary Ann McCulloch

Where has 2017 gone? It seems like the 2016 Home Tour was just yesterday, yet here we are, just a couple of weeks away from the 2017 Tour! The Home Tour is the Society's main fund raiser for the year, helping us to cover our operating costs and the Annie B. Ryan House and Garden mortgage. We sincerely hope you attend and enjoy this year's focus on the Ross Park neighborhood, including a few homes outside of that immediate area.

I hope you had a chance to attend our Summer Event celebrating Sequoia Park and the Dahlia Garden. The morning was spent listening to various speakers discussing the park's past, present, and future. Bruce Palmer shared the history of the Rhododendron Garden, behind the Duck Pond, Bill Hole the history and stories of the various structures in the Park and Pam Service the history of the Zoo. Julie Benbow shared future plans for the Zoo. Steve Lazar distributed relevant historic postcards of the park and zoo during the presentations. The talks were followed by a box lunch and guided tour of the park led by Steve Lazar. The weather certainly cooperated, if not a bit too hot! My thanks to all of the volunteers and speakers who worked to make that event enjoyable for all!

Historic preservation in Eureka was recently in the NY Times! If you didn't already see the article, it can be viewed online at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/01/us/california-today-firefighters-at-less-than-2-an-hour>. Scroll down to view the article about Eureka.. On a distressing note, at a July 2017 meeting, the Eureka City School District voted to demolish the Jay Willard Gymnasium and build a new gym facility. The Society advocated for the preservation of the current gym and ECS did go through the CEQA EIR process; however, the outcome - rather than preservation and restoration/renovation - will be a gym approximately half the size, as well as the loss of an important part of Eureka High's fabric and history.

With the passing of summer, the City of Eureka will again hold their work sessions on the General Plan Update. I encourage everyone to get involved, as these changes, including those to zoning, will shape Eureka for years to come and will affect many aspects, not just those concerning historic preservation.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all of you for being members and supporters of the Eureka Heritage Society. We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteer Recognition

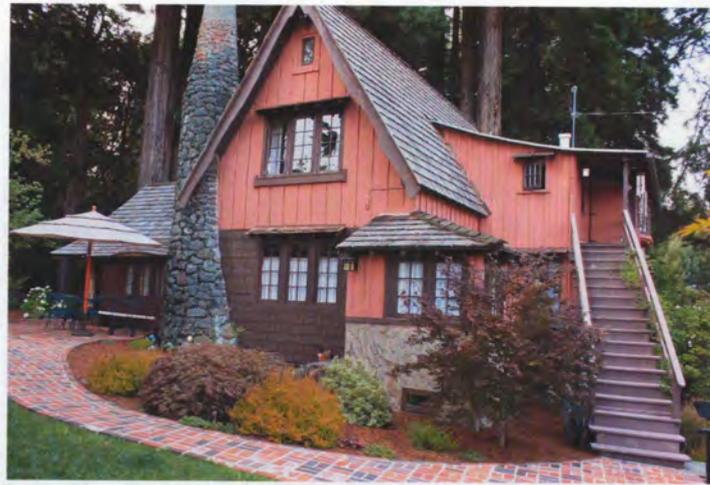
The Heritage Society is pleased to recognize our volunteer of the quarter, **Ericka Apple**. Ericka has been an important part of the Annie B Gardens. She always shows up on our regular Wednesday morning workday to assist Claire. Volunteers like Ericka help make the Gardens a special place to visit and enjoy. Thank you for being such a dependable and responsible volunteer.

Thank you Ericka!





904 M Street



2310N Street

Earliest to Most Recent

Bob Liebershal

The earliest built house, and the most recent, on this year's Home Tour were each featured on previous tours. But much has changed with them and they showcase impressive preservation success stories.

The earliest, the Queen Anne style house at 904 M street, was built in 1895 for Thomas Petch. When then-owner Greg DeBacker had the house on the 2011 Home Tour it was presented as a preservation work-in-progress. If you recall, only the first floor was open for the Tour and the two parlors showed unfinished work. Greg had completed his meticulous restoration prior to selling the house almost two years ago. The present owner Lee Smith is pleased to show both the upstairs and downstairs on this year's Tour.

The unique Storybook style cottage at 2310 N street, built for Miss Lena-Guidery in 1934, posed an engineering dilemma for the current owner Evy Ley-Coleman in 2009 when it was featured on that year's Home Tour. The weight of the hearths and chimney threatened to eventually bring down the house. Since then, massive efforts were successfully undertaken to right the structure and stabilize the foundation, thus saving the cottage. Other recent projects inside and out include the repair and restoration of the many original, wood-sash casement windows.



1603 H Street

The other five houses on this year's Home Tour, built between 1904 and 1913, typify various architectural styles popular during the transitional era at the beginning of the 20th century. Those houses are:

- the cross-gabled Colonial Revival at 1603 H Street, built in 1904;
- the late Queen Anne at 818 M Street, built in 1907;
- the Neoclassical bungalow at 1301 M Street, built in 1910. (It was on a Home Tour 25 or 30 years ago);

- the shingled classic box Colonial Revival at 1337 I Street, built in 1910. (It was on the 2008 Home Tour) ;
- The Craftsman at 1205 13th Street, built about 1912.

These seven houses comprise the Eureka Heritage Society's 2017 Home Tour. Four of this year's houses are located in the Ross Park neighborhood; plus three others, gives the tour a title of

“ROSS PARK + “



1205 13th Street

photographs by Kathy Dillon

Ross Park

Bob Liebershal

The city block between 11th & 12th Streets and M & N Streets in Eureka is the site of present day Ross Park. The historical description of this block is Block 143 of Weck's Addition to Eureka. Frank A. Weck's 1886 subdivision of his many acres in the area included surveyed lots, blocks and streets in the general vicinity of L to O streets from 10th to 14th streets.

A century ago, Lafayette School occupied the north half of Block 143 and the building fronted on M street at the southeast corner of 11th Street. In 1902



Lafayette School 1902 Humboldt County Historical Society

contractor Theodore H. Dean built the wood-frame, two-story over basement, six-classrooms school house. San Francisco architect Louis S. Stone had designed Lafayette School, with classical features of the Renaissance Revival style, as a modern grammar school building according to early 1900s standards. Neighborhood children attended classes there from 1903 thru 1941. Lafayette, along with five other similar Eureka city schools of that early 1900s era, was determined in the 1930s to be inadequate. All six of those grammar school buildings were condemned as unsafe in 1940.

After the 1946 demolition of Lafayette school, park development on the city-owned block began as a community project of the Eureka Kiwanis Club. The park was then called Ross Memorial Playground. It was named in honor of U. S. Navy officer Ed Ross, Jr., a former Eureka Kiwanian who went down with his ship in World War II during the 1943 allied invasion of Italy.

A "ROSS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND" sign still stands along the N Street side of the park.

Clark District Update

The Clark District is going to a vote! At their July 18, 2017 meeting, the Eureka City Council voted to put the decision in the hands of the proposed historic district property owners. After 17 years of perseverance by some area property owners, the vote as to whether or not the area should become an official historic district will occur in October. A ballot will be mailed from the City of Eureka to the property owners. Each property will have one vote. If 60% of the votes cast are favorable, the historic district will be formed. The Clark District will then be the second historic district in the city, after the Old Town District. This distinction is significant for the area and will serve to protect its wonderful inventory of historic buildings and will give the property owners more say in the future of their neighborhood. While property owners who opted out of the City of Eureka Local Register are also allowed to opt out of the Clark District design guidelines, those properties will still benefit from the overall preservation of the neighborhood. Also, properties may opt in to the Local Register at any time, thus protecting their homes and values.

The Eureka Heritage Society is the official applicant for the historic district; however, this is a decision that is solely a choice of the neighborhood property owners. While the Society heartily supports the formation of the district, and hopes that the vote outcome is favorable, it is the property owners who will ultimately benefit from the historic district by preserving the aesthetic, historic, and economic value of their wonderful area.

Mary Ann McCulloch



A STROLL THROUGH TIME

Ross Park

No mansions but plenty of high-class style blossomed in this neighborhood during the late 19th and early 20th centuries

Story and photography
by Kathy Dillon

Now and again, Helen Connick Person drives through the neighborhood her family moved to in the 1920s. Much has changed: the old Lafayette Grammar School at 11th and M streets, for example, is long gone – replaced by Ross Park.

Still, the Connick home just half a block away looks much the same. There were more open spaces between the houses back then. They're all filled in now with newer homes and apartments. But the gracious old houses remain and stir memories.

"It was a nice, quiet neighborhood," Helen recalled. "I remember the teachers all walked to the school – by our house, so

we had to be good." This residential section of Eureka – roughly from L to O and 8th to 12th streets – may not be in the preservation limelight, but it nevertheless remains a showplace for some of the

city's prime and much admired historical architecture.

There are no grand estates here, but rather the middle- and working-class houses that reflect Eureka's two main growth spurts in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was a time when high-style Victorians burst onto the scene, giving way in the early 1900s to the more simple, natural graces of Colonial Revivals and Craftsman bungalows. All are enduring works of art.



Residents walk dogs and play with their kids in Ross Park. The first Lafayette school was built here.

Ross Park and the old homes around it were featured in the Autumn 2010 issue of Architectural Legacy.

Summer Event at Sequoia Park



IT'S YOUR ESTATE

As you evaluate your estate, the Board of Directors requests that you consider including a bequest or planned gift to the Eureka Heritage Society in your estate plan. Gifts can be accepted in all sizes and many different forms. Please consult with your tax advisor or an attorney for details. If you are aged 70 ½ or older, you can give directly from a traditional or Roth IRA completely free of federal income tax. Giving directly from your IRA won't increase your adjusted gross income. By doing this you are helping to insure the old homes and business structures will be preserved for the next generation. They will only inherit what we choose to save. We appreciate you thinking about supporting the Eureka Heritage Society in the long-term.

Home Tour Information

Presale and Complimentary Tickets will be exchanged at **Ross Park** beginning at 11:45 on the day of the Tour, Sunday October 1, 2017 **Tour Day ticket sales** will be at 926 15th Street beginning at 11:45. The garden at this home is the site for refreshments, but the home is not on the Tour.

Exciting new benefit for
Members of the Society!

The Annie B. Ryan sign has been installed



Eureka Heritage Society Members will now receive a 10% discount off all plant purchases at Lost Foods Nursery. The Nursery is located at Redwood Acres. Just follow the signs. Tell Monty you are a member of the Eureka Heritage Society to receive your discount.

Thank you Lost Foods Nursery!



Come on over to the house and check it out. We are grateful to the Friends of Muriel Dinsmore for the financing of the sign and to Joel and Lynn from **Carson Park Design** for creating the sign.

Thank you!

2017 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

New or **Renewing Member** (January to January)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Nonprofit Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Private Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Benefactor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student/Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Senior Family | | |

Additional Contribution (s) to the Eureka Heritage Society for:

- \$ _____ **Annie B. Ryan House Fund**
- \$ _____ **Annie B. Ryan Garden Fund**
- \$ _____ **Carson Carriage Maintenance Fund**
- \$ _____ **Emergency Preservation Fund**

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 us at 707-445-8775

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mail to: Eureka Heritage Society P.O. Box 1354 Eureka, CA 95502-1354

Thank you Home Tour Sponsors !

- Eureka Trading Co.
- Carpet Depot
- Hensell Materials
- Pierson Building Center
- 101 Things to Do
- Redwood Capital Bank
- Coast Central Credit Union
- Scrappers Edge
- Delta Mattress
- Miller Farms Nursery
- Vern's Furniture
- Cloney's Pharmacy
- Pure Water Spas
- Mary Wallaker State Farm Insurance
- Humboldt Association of Realtors
- Shady Lady
- Humboldt Mortgage Co.
- Morgan Stanley
- Times Standard
- Insider Magazine

Thank you to Our Recent New and Renewing Members for 2017 Please let us know if we have missed you.

- Elisa Abelleira
- Janet & Robert Anderson
- Sally Arnot
- Julia Bednar
- Dorothy Brand
- Kay Bradford
- Ellie & David Carr
- Norm & Sally Christensen
- Katherine J. Clague
- Jeanne Sapunor & Ralph Davis
- Virginia Del Grande
- Chuck Dewitt

- Kathy Dillon
- David & Sylvia Noel Douglas
- Karole Ely
- Becky Enberg
- William Greenwood/Marty Carlson
- Betty Ruth Harper
- JoAnn Howell & Larry Holsen
- Rebecca Kalal
- Candee Kimbrell
- Marianne Lancaster
- Joanna Larsen
- Lynn Machen

- Theresa Malloy
- Peter Gonsalves & Mark Millikan
- Jack & Wynona Nash
- Carolyn Otis
- Patricia Ponnay
- Rod & Beverly Sandretto
- Kathleen Stanton
- Alexandra Stillman
- Jim Sullivan
- Patricia W Toy
- Wayne & Mary Wilson
- Norma Woods



P.O. Box 1354
 Eureka, CA 95502-1354
 Phone: 707-445-8775
 Email: info@eurekaheritage.org

Non-Profit
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 Permit No. 80
 Eureka, CA 95501

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Annie B. Ryan
 House and Gardens
 New Home of the
 Eureka Heritage Society

9550385615 0019



**Amazon
 Smile**
 If you use
 Amazon for
 purchases, smile
 and choose us as
 your non-profit.
 We will get a
 percentage of the
 sales

Calendar of Coming Events

October 1 Home Tour
December 9 Holiday Luncheon at the Ingomar Club
January Annual Meeting TBA

In this issue . . .

Home Tour.....	1
President's Message.....	2
Volunteer Recognition.....	2
Home Tour Earliest to Most Recent.....	3
Ross Park and Lafayette School.....	4
Ross Park from 2010.....	5
Summer Event pictures.....	6
New Annie B. Ryan Sign.....	6
Estate Plans.....	6
Lost Foods.....	6
Membership Form.....	7
New and Renewing Members.....	7
Sponsors of Home Tour.....	7

Heritage Action Calendar

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

- City Council
1st & 3rd Tues. – 6:00 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission
1st Wed. – 4:00 p.m.
- Design Review Committee
2nd & 4th Wed. – 3:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission
2nd Mon. – 5:30 p.m.