

# HERITAGE HERALD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EUREKA HERITAGE SOCIETY, EST. 1973 – EUREKA, CA

Winter 2022



## 50 years of preservation

**May 1972** Members from the National Trust for Historic Preservation come to Eureka and encourage community members to conduct a survey of the city's resources.

**May 1973** Eureka Mayor, Gil Trood, establishes the Eureka Heritage Committee.

**Aug 1973** This committee becomes a non-profit organization, The Eureka Heritage Society.

**Mid 1970s** 10,000 Eureka structures are surveyed over the course of five years by Society volunteers. The survey was the most extensive of any California city at the time.

**Apr 1974** Society holds its first Heritage Fair to raise funds to continue the survey

**Nov 1974** First Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1.

**1975-1976** Sam Mitchell donates William Carson's Phaeton carriage to Society and it is restored with financial assistance from Harvey Harper.

**Apr 1976** The restored Phaeton carriage makes its first appearance at the Society's second Heritage Fair and also the Rhododendron Parade. Carriage is currently housed at the Carson Mansion's Carriage House.

**Sep 1976** First Home Tour.

**Mar 1977** Vol 1, No. 1 of the Heritage Herald is published.

**1981** Eureka Heritage Society agrees to take on ownership and maintenance of the Romano Gabriel Sculpture Garden, which was donated by Ray and Dolores Vellutini. The Society raises funds to establish an endowment fund for care of the Garden.

**Apr 1982** The Romano Gabriel Sculpture Garden moves to its new exhibit in Old Town.

**1985** The Year of the Book. Presale copies of *Eureka: An Architectural View* (the Green Book) were sold.

**Late 1986** First copies of the Green Book arrive!

**Mid-1990s** CalTrans gives oversight of preservation covenants on homes formerly within area of proposed freeway bypass to Eureka Heritage Society.

**2012** Society turned over ownership of the Romano Gabriel Gardens to the Humboldt Arts Council.

**2013** Purchased the Annie B. Ryan House & Gardens.

**Feb 2018** Purchased the cast iron fence formerly in front of the demolished Buhne Mansion at 7th & E Sts.

**Ongoing** Preservation education and advocacy.



## 2023 Annual Meeting

January 28, 1:00pm  
Morris Graves Museum of Art  
636 F Street, Eureka

Light Refreshments

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## Eureka Heritage Society Board of Directors

**President:** Ron Kuhnel  
**Vice President:** Chuck Petty  
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 Janet Warren

The board meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Annie B. Ryan House, 1000 F. St. Eureka, CA (and via Zoom)

## Committees and Chairs

**Annie B. Ryan:** Bill Peer  
**Events:** Mary Glavich & Wendy Petty  
**Fundraising:** Vacant  
**Historian and Archivist:** Bob Libershal  
**Education:** Chuck Petty  
**Membership:** Mary Ann McCulloch  
**Heritage Herald:** James Cech

## Our 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.

## Suggestions or comments may be sent to:

- (707) 445-8775
- www.eurekaheritage.com
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# 2022 annual report

For 12 months ending December 31, 2022.

## Assets & Liabilities

| Assets                             |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in Bank.....                  | 32,654.00  |
| Money Fund at Morgan Stanley ..... | 37,112.00  |
| Other Assets .....                 | 21,696.00  |
| Ryan House and Garden ....         | 189,576.00 |

**TOTAL ASSETS.....\$281,038.00**

| Liabilities & Equity     |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Mortgage Ryan House..... | 46,679.00  |
| Equity .....             | 234,359.00 |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY..... \$281,038.00**

## Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue                         |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Fundraising .....               | 20,585.00 |
| Contributions .....             | 6,799.00  |
| Grant - City of Eureka Covid... | 7,500.00  |
| Membership.....                 | 5,810.00  |
| Miscellaneous.....              | 1,528.00  |
| Non-Cash Contributions.....     | 25,191.00 |

**Total Revenue ..... \$67,413.00**

| Expenditures                       |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Fundraising Expense .....          | 5,542.00 |
| Utilities, Telephone & Maint. .... | 5,091.00 |
| Insurance .....                    | 7,215.00 |
| Interest Expense.....              | 1,758.00 |
| Newsletter Expense.....            | 2,002.00 |
| Operating Expense .....            | 2,934.00 |
| Covent Enforcement.....            | 9,240.00 |
| Miscellaneous.....                 | 1,127.00 |

**Total Expenditures..... 34,909.00**

**NET REVENUE.....\$32,504.00**

## Notes

Eureka Heritage Society has \$29,465.00 in Coast Central Credit Union checking. The balance of funds awarded in settlement of a lawsuit where Cal Trans covenants were violated is \$3,139.00, and Coast Central requires a small savings account be maintained at a minimum

of \$50.00. Umpqua Bank account was closed and the funds transferred to checking at CCCU.

A mortgage holder on the Annie B. Ryan house forgave the balance of their share of the mortgage on December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$24,894.00. This will reduce the payment on the property to \$342.74.

The Home Tour was not held in FY19/20, 20/21 or 2022 due to Covid. The Home Tour usually raises an average of \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00 each year. Several smaller fundraisers were held this year.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the Cyprus trees on the E Street side of the property EHS paid an arborist to trim the trees making them more wind resistant. The cost was \$2,730.00 and seems to have been effective.

A pest inspection report shows damage that must be repaired and recommends a moisture vapor barrier to cover approximately 80% of the subarea soil. Additional vents are also recommended. The total cost is still unknown at this time.

The Society is working toward having the retaining wall on the E Street side of the property replaced and the Buhne fence sandblasted, repainted and installed. Funds will need to be raised for this endeavor.

I would like to thank all of you for your generous support. Without the fundraisers over the past three years, EHS would be facing major financial difficulties if it were not for the generosity of our members and our community. Your gifts are an affirmation of the kindness and humanity that exists in this community.

—Doris Timm, Treasurer



**T**O HONOR 50 YEARS OF heritage preservation, the Eureka Heritage Society is planning a year of activities to highlight what it does, educate the public about Eureka's precious stock of historic buildings, and encourage participation in the Society.

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Look for updates on our website, Facebook postings, and email blasts, for the details. We hope to make it an interesting, informative, and enjoyable year.

## JANUARY

The Society's annual meeting will kick-off the year's activities with a state of the Society presentation followed by a members vote on candidates for the 2023 Board of Directors. The meeting will include an informative presentation related to historic preservation and to EHS historical highlights.

## FEBRUARY

Look for a Valentine-themed event in cooperation with other historical organizations. Plans include progressive hors d'oeuvres and beverages at each location. Reproductions of historical valentines will be available.

## MARCH

The Eureka Theater will host a screening of an historical film. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, an historical venue, and an epic film, what more is needed?

## APRIL

Watch for an EHS entry in the Rhody Parade.

## MAY

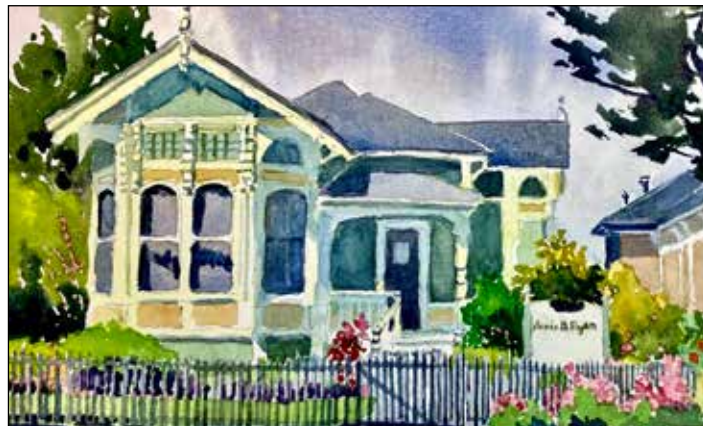
This is the month for our annual Preservation Awards. A ceremony will highlight success stories of property owners who have restored and maintained their historical Eureka structures. Join us as we celebrate their effort and creativity.

## JUNE

As we did in 2022, there will be a lovely garden tour. For 2023, we also hope to include tours of some historical homes, if possible. We will keep you posted.

## JULY

Luncheon and lawn games at the Annie B. Ryan House. Join us for old-fashioned picnic foods like cold fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, iced tea, lemonade, and sparkling wine. Participate in gentele outdoor games: Lawn bowling, badminton, croquet, horseshoes.



Watercolor painting of Annie B. Ryan House by artist Paul Rickard.

## AUGUST

Almost time to process the bounty of gardens and local farms. UCCE Master Food Preservers and Master Gardeners will be at the Annie B. to demonstrate gardening and food preservation best practices.

## SEPTEMBER

EHS is planning a vintage market fair and "how-to fix it" workshop at the Annie B. Local craftsmen will demonstrate some of the "tricks of the trade" especially useful for homeowners.

## OCTOBER

How about an outdoor movie night at the Annie B.? Fall is in the air; Halloween is around the corner. We will provide the venue. Bundle up for a cozy viewing party.

## NOVEMBER

EHS will join with Arts Alive by bringing interesting paintings into the Annie B. for display in an historical setting.

## DECEMBER

To close out the year, EHS will hold a special holiday event.



Greek Revival (1825-1860)



Queen Anne (1880-1901)



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Gothic Revival (1840-1880)



Italianate (1840-1860)



Mid-Century Modern (1946-1970)



Period Revival: N

# Eureka's got style

**A** BUILDING IS CONSIDERED historical once it reaches the 50-year mark. That's why Eureka's older neighborhoods offer remarkable glimpses of life from the mid-1850s to the early 1970s. And it's not just about the city's past; American, even world, history is right here.

As the Eureka Heritage Society begins its 50<sup>th</sup> year, we offer this sampling of the city's major architectural styles. Well-tended beauties like these inspire us, as do older homes that still need TLC.

The two earliest styles are modest versions of mid-19th century Greek Revival and Gothic Revival. Reflecting ancient

architectural influences through the ages, the king-class homes were isolated settlement.

By the late 1800s, the Victorian era was flourishing. In fact, it played a significant role in the Industrial Revolution role in fancy ornamentation buildings.

With the 20<sup>th</sup> century simplified looks: Colonial Revival, and Craftsman. The latter includes Asian because of WWI, American brought home an approach Norman, Spanish and architecture—collect Period Revivals.

By the 1920s, the sleek Moderne look emerged. The sleek trend continued



Colonial Revival (1900-1950)

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Stick-Eastlake (1860-1990)

Modern and ranch homes.

Sometimes Eureka took the lead. Some-  
times it lagged behind. Many homes here  
also blend elements of various styles. The  
result is a fascinating array of deep-rooted  
history and individual creativity.

—Kathy Dillon



Craftsman & Bungalow (1905-1930)



French Second Empire (1885-1890)



Streamline Moderne & Art Deco (1920-1940)



Norman/Tudor (1918-1945)



Period Revival: Spanish Colonial (1918-1945)



Ranch (1950-1970)

All photos Eureka Heritage Society.



# Eureka Heritage Society New & Renewal Memberships



## Buy a Brick

You can help the Eureka Heritage Society continue its work on the Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens by buying a brick for the rose garden patio. The form is on our website [eurekaheritage.com](http://eurekaheritage.com). Email [eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com) or call us at (707) 445-8775 to leave a message.



## The Green Book

In 1987, the Eureka Heritage Society published "Eureka, An Architectural View," popularly known as the Green Book. It contains photographs of 1,200 buildings and is considered one of the finest collections of details on historic homes ever published. A limited number of these books still exist and can be purchased directly from us. The cost is \$35. Email [eurekaheritage.society@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaheritage.society@gmail.com) or call us at (707) 445-8775 to leave a message.

July 1 through December 31, 2022

Kay Becker  
Jules Bell  
Sue Cook  
Claudia Cranford  
Chuck Dewitt  
Kathy Dillon  
Bob & Ginny Felter

Dana Fredsti  
Anna Hamilton  
Jan Hawkes  
Laura and John Hennings  
Jane Hill  
Bill and Colleen Hole

Randi Maveety  
Connor McGuigan  
Jack E. Moore  
Jimmy Munson  
Carrie Sams  
Isabel Semler

Sam Pennisi & Sharon Ferrett  
Sonya & Jeff Rose Paul Stokey  
Liz Swingdler  
Michael Valls  
Frank & Judith Weber

## Buhne Fence update

THE EUREKA HERITAGE Board of Directors voted to purchase the Buhne fence in October 2017. In June 2019 the fence was moved to EHS storage for eventual installation along the Annie B. Ryan Home and Gardens' E Street frontage. Prior to installation, the fence needs to be sandblasted and painted. Some donations during the past several years have been earmarked for fence restoration. Nevertheless it has taken time to determine the best path forward, and financial considerations have delayed the fence project.

Happily, in October 2022, EHS received an estimate from O&M Industries to sandblast and paint the approximately 200 feet of fence for \$6,500. At the December Board of Directors meeting, the board approved the contract.

While it is only one step, it is exciting to be finally moving forward again. There is still much to be done. Some elements of the fence will have to be recreated. Gate hardware needs to be acquired. The existing E Street wall needs to be replaced. However, one important step is about to happen.

—James Cech

## Carson Park update

AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022, CITY OF EUREKA Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting, the HPC approved the proposed renovations to the Carson Park Lodge. The renovations include installation of a new ADA ramp and galvanized handrail, which will not be attached to the building to allow for the shingles to remain and the building to be unaffected by the ramp. Deteriorating shingles and trim will be replaced with like materials and the structure will also be painted.

At their January 4, 2023 meeting, the HPC approved changes to the new restrooms to allow for a 10/12 pitch roof and a minimal overhang, both of which will complement the existing Carson Lodge. The work is being performed by College of the Redwoods Construction Technology program.

—Mary Ann McCulloch



# Proxy

## Nominated Director

(terms expire January 2024)

- Katharine Eagan

## Nominated Director

(terms expire January 2025)

- Charles Petty

## Nominated Directors

(terms expire January 2026)

- Ronald Kuhnel
- Mary Ann McCulloch
- Elizabeth Norton
- Tom Schrader
- Ray Swedenburg

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please sign, detach, and return this proxy to PO Box 1354, Eureka, CA 95502 by **Wednesday, January 25, 2023.**

I hereby appoint the Board of Directors of the Eureka Heritage Society, Inc. to vote my proxy in the election of new directors and such other matters as may come before the annual meeting scheduled on January 28, 2023, or at such subsequent adjourned meetings as may be called.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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invites you to attend the  
**2023 Annual Meeting**  
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*Light Refreshments*



## 2022 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

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

- \$25** Individual
- \$35** Family
- \$15** Student/Senior
- \$25** Senior Family
- \$50** Nonprofit Sponsor
- \$75** Private Sponsor
- \$150** Patron
- \$300** Benefactor
- \$500** Life Member

### Additional Contribution(s) to the Eureka Heritage Society

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Annie B. Ryan House Fund or Garden Fund (circle one)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Buhne Fence Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Carson Carriage Maintenance Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Preservation Fund

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

### Interested in volunteering or further information?

Call (707) 445-8775, email: eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com

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

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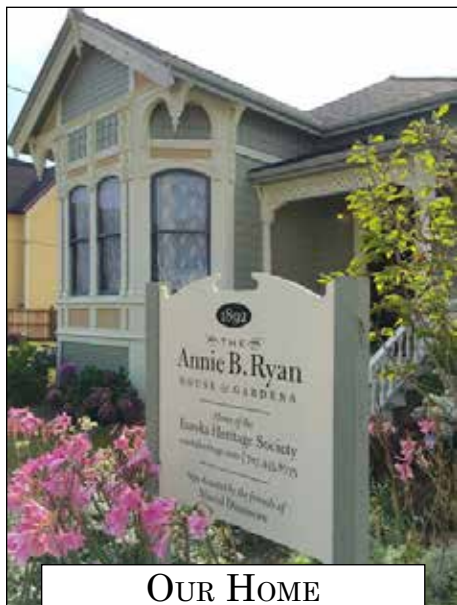




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### Heritage Action Calendar

All of the following meetings take place at Eureka City Hall, 531 K St., 2nd floor, City Council Chambers. During the pandemic meetings are held via Zoom. Check online agendas for more details.

#### City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

#### Historic Preservation Commission

1st Wednesday, 4 p.m.

#### Design Review Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.

#### Planning Commission

2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m.

**O**CTOBER 29, THE Eureka Heritage Society was pleased to partner with North Coast Repertory Theatre on its production of the classic play "Gaslight."

This year's sponsorship fee was graciously provided for us by Pierson's Building Center. The



event was almost sold out, with the Society receiving the ticket sales totaling nearly \$1,400. We had a reception after the play, with plenty of wine and food for all.

We are grateful for the partnership with NCRT and Pierson's and look forward to working with them again. We are thankful to our marvelous members for making our events so successful.

—Bill Peer



A fun time was had in the Holiday Tent and inside the Victorian Cottage.

