

# HERITAGE HERALD

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## Annual awards: Celebrating the best of the best in preservation

**M**AY IS NATIONAL Preservation Month, and that's when the Eureka Heritage Society will honor deserving recipients during its annual Preservation Awards program. It will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate, 333 First St.

The awards are central to the Heritage Society's mission and recognize the efforts of those who work to maintain the historic fabric of our unique city.

This year's four award recipients include a very familiar former bank; a restored Victorian duplex that shines in its neighborhood; a business that has provided restoration materials to the community for decades; and a building whose new owners have incorporated historical elements with harmonizing new materials to create a welcoming space for their sweet business.

The winners are: the Clarke Historical Museum, whose home is the former Bank of Eureka building; Shawn Elsworth and Alpha

Torres Leon for the duplex at 1811-19 California St.; Tim Thornton, Daniel Jones, and Shawnee Alexandri, the former and current owners of Mad River Woodworks; and Adam Dick and Dustin Taylor for the new home of Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate.

How does the Heritage Society determine who will receive awards? We base it on more than just fresh paint and a new roof, although these are vital to maintaining any building. Often honored structures are prominent in Eureka – but not always. There may be an individual who has quietly restored the interior of their home or someone who has furthered the cause of historic preservation in the city.

Throughout the year we welcome all suggestions from the community for potential award-winners. You may call the Heritage Society at (707) 445-8775 or email us at [eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com) with any recommendations.

—Mary Ann McCulloch  
*EHS Treasurer*



**2024 Preservation Awards**  
Saturday, May 11 • 10 a.m.

Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate  
333 First St., Eureka

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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)

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## Our Mission

The Eureka Heritage Society will provide leadership, education and advocacy that preserves and enhances Eureka's irreplaceable historical structures and neighborhoods so as to ensure a legacy for future generations.

## Suggestions or comments may be sent to:

- (707) 445-8775
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# Fifty years of preservation success

I RECENTLY reread a 50-year-old publication that was put out by the now-defunct Eureka Redevelopment



Agency, which was part of the Department of Community Development. It was titled "Architectural Heritage: An initial visual survey of significant buildings in the core area. Eureka, California 1974."

This survey was part of the vital early work that built a foundation for preservation success within the city. It was an outgrowth of an earlier survey performed for Eureka beginning in August 1973. (Which was also the birth year of the Eureka Heritage Society). Known as the "Relocatable Significant Buildings Survey," it was concerned with structures of architectural significance that lay within the right-of-way of Caltrans' proposed freeway bypass.

The 1974 publication covered the rest of the Redevelopment Area not threatened by the bypass. The criteria of the '74 survey focused on which structures were irreplaceable. To determine this, a list of criteria and useful definitions was created.

The work focused on the existence of relatively unbroken groups of neighborhoods, those that are particular to Eureka and contain handsomely stylistic specimens. In this survey, preservation was stated to be an "ongoing engagement with a richly diverse architectural heritage."

At the time, almost all the 57 buildings in the survey were in use,

often as originally intended. What strikes me now is that all but three still exist, and none of them were demolished for new construction; they were lost to accidental fire. The remaining 54 are still in use, most as originally intended.

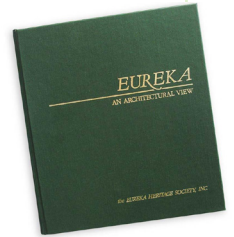
Thankfully, the freeway bypass was abandoned in the 1990s. This not only saved buildings in its path but many other fine historic structures in adjacent areas. That near-miss offered more inspiration on Eureka's preservation path.

Over the decades, I believe the City of Eureka has experienced a great deal of preservation success thanks to a mindset that was developed 50 years ago.

—Chuck Petty  
*EHS President*

## The Green Book

In 1987, the Eureka Heritage Society published "Eureka, An Architectural View," known as the Green Book.



It contains more than 225 images of structures 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 [eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com) or call us at (707) 445-8775 to leave a message.

## 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.



# Architectural tours are on the way

**F**OR YEARS THE EUREKA HERITAGE SOCIETY has planned to develop architecture tours highlighting our city's wonderful historical neighborhoods. There is even a placeholder for them on the old website.

Now, thanks to some new volunteers – and assistance from a longtime supporter and architectural historian – the development of these tours has finally begun. The board was approached with the idea and, of course, they wholeheartedly approved.

The first tour will delve into Hillside Street, which has been called the most important historical streetscape in Eureka. After the kinks are worked out, information

regarding this tour will be placed on the Society's website. Other tours will follow.

As of now we cannot say when the tours will begin, but we will give updates. We do know they will require research on each building that is similar to what has been done for previous home tours. At a minimum, library, City of Eureka and Eureka Heritage Society records will be reviewed. If anyone is interested in helping in this effort, please contact the Society.

—Mary Ann McCulloch  
*EHS Treasurer*





# Remembering some of Eureka's earliest homes

**T**HESE PHOTOGRAPHS CAPTURE A moment in time when some of the earliest homes built in Eureka were still standing. They come from a photograph album compiled in the late 1930s by Carol Lee Nelson (1924-2013), and it was donated to the Eureka Heritage Society by her daughter. The album may have been a project for school

or Camp Fire Girls.

All the houses were built in the 1850s or early 1860s. They all are greatly simplified versions of Greek Revival and Gothic Revival architecture, which was fashionable during the mid-19th century.

—Chuck Petty  
*EHS President*



**THE BULLOCK HOME** was located on the west side of H Street near Third Street. Mr. Bullock was the town's postmaster toward the end of his life. His daughter, Edna Freitas, still lived in the house when this photo was taken. Notice the dome of the old Eureka City Hall that is just visible in the background on the left.



**THE GEORGE MACFARLANE HOME**, built around 1853, was located on First Street near the current Humboldt County Library. The MacFarlanes were pioneers in the logging business. Their daughter, a Mrs. McCann, still lived in the house when this photo was taken. The house burned down in 1982. A reproduction of it was built on the same site, 410 Second St., but none of the original materials survived.



**THE COUSINS HOME**, located at Third and M streets, was built by a man who was the captain of the steamer Humboldt. This is the only house that is still standing, but it has been heavily modified as is unrecognizable from this original version.



**THE HANNA HOME** was located on Second Street between K and L streets. It was built by Judge Hanna, who was said to have been married to one of the daughters of Betsy Ross.



**THE GRAHAM HOME** was located at Second and J streets. It was built circa 1853 by the father of Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Mercy Mullin.

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# Remembering some of Eureka's earliest homes

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Located on Second Street near J Street, this house was built by a man named **CAMPBELL**, who was connected to the lumber industry.



Built for a man named **JUDGE BROCK**, this house was located on D Street near Fourth Street.



**THE WILSON HOME** was located on Second Street between L and M streets. It was built by Sandy Wilson, who was the brother of Sarah Carson, the wife of lumber baron William Carson.

# Eureka Heritage Society

## new & renewal memberships



January 1 through March 21

Greg & D.J. Anderson  
 Terry Baker  
 Kay Becker  
 Jules Bell  
 Pat Bitton  
 Lila Bollmann  
 Caryle (Kay) Bradford  
 Barbara Brenner &  
 Christopher Grimes  
 Bonnie Burgess  
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 Susan A. Dodd  
 Kay Escarda

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 Marilyn Field  
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 Fredrickson  
 Jeanne Gale  
 Jeffrey & Mary Glavich  
 Carol Green  
 William Greenwood &  
 Marty Carlson  
 Roy Grieshaber  
 Jean Guthrie  
 Elizabeth Harper-Lawson  
 Vicki Hatherill  
 Sean Hickey  
 Jane Hill  
 Wes & Dixie Johnson  
 Patrick Kelly

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 Marc & Amanda Kunze  
 Michelle Lee  
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 Byrd Lochtie  
 Lonni Magellan Hodge &  
 Del Hodge  
 Theresa Malloy  
 Jon & Suzanne McBride  
 Mark & Mary Ann  
 McCulloch  
 Lynn McKenna  
 Alverna Moore  
 Jack E. Moore  
 Joel Morrison  
 Jack & Wynona Nash  
 Melissa Nicholson

Carolyn Otis  
 Mark & Andrea Pedley  
 Bill Peer & Steve Tate  
 Chuck & Wendy Petty  
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 Ramon & Renarose Ranoco  
 Peter & Shirley Santino  
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 Reagan  
 Lynette Sheldrake  
 Janet C. Warren  
 Linda West  
 Belinda Zander

### 2024 Eureka Heritage Society Membership Form

New or  
 **Renewing** Member  
 (January 1 to December 31)

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

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

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Annie B. Ryan House & Garden Fund
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Buhne Fence Fund
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Carson Carriage Maintenance Fund
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Contribution

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 Tour docents, host/hostess, serving refreshments
- Education
- Publications, including mailing and distribution
- Muriel Dinsmore Library Archival and Research
- Serving on the Board
- Additional commets/suggestions:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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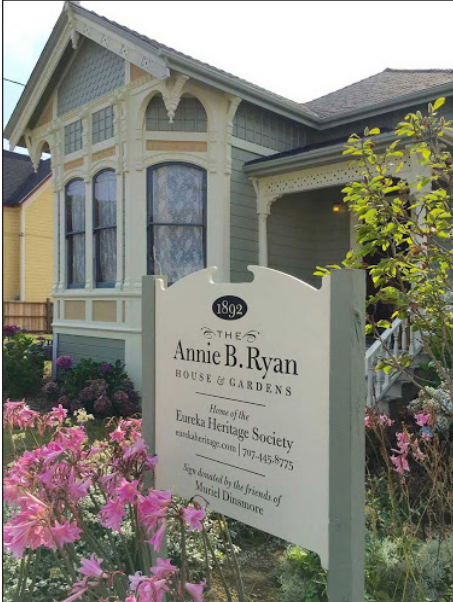
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## OUR HOME

Annie B. Ryan House & Gardens  
1000 F St., Eureka, CA

### 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 a.m.

#### Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.



**T**HE EUREKA HERITAGE Society is pleased to present our annual Home and Garden Tour on June 23 from noon to 5 p.m.. The tour will start at the Annie B Ryan House and Gardens at 1000 F St. There will be tables of garden folks to share garden advice, a silent auction tent, and the popular food and drink tent with music and artists for even more entertainment. Tickets go on sale a month before the tour.

We are still looking for

a home or garden or two to round out the tour list. If you want to share your home or garden, or know someone we can ask, please let us know at [eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com) or call (707) 445-8775.

The need for volunteers to assist with the home and garden hosts as docents is an opportunity to be part of this special event. Use the email address or phone number to let us know if you would be available for a first or second shift. Being a docent helps the home or garden owner with the visitors. A docent also receives a tour ticket for helping as a volunteer.

Please mark your calendar and plan on being part of this annual event.

—Bill Peer  
*EHS Board Member*