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Buhne fence dedication & ribbon cutting

MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE gathered with the Eureka Heritage Society on Thursday, Aug. 14, to dedicate the beautifully restored Buhne fence. The Mayor of Eureka, along with Society members, the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce, and the community, attended the celebration of the installation of the 1884 fence along the E Street section of the Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens.

The sun made a timely appearance as Heritage Society President Derek Glavich welcomed the crowd. Then board member Chuck Petty provided a brief history of the cast-and wrought-iron fence, and board member Bill Peer discussed the community's role in purchasing, relocating, and installing it. The ribbon-cutting was performed by Mayor Kim Bergel, followed by refreshments. It was a wonderful celebration after several years of dedicated effort.

While the historic fence has been officially dedicated, some additional work remains: a closer look reveals several missing cast-iron pieces. Generous donations helped buy the fence, and further funds are needed to restore its original grandeur fully. This includes installing the second set of driveway gates.

Please contact the Society or visit www.eurekaheritagesociety.com to learn how you can help ensure the fence continues to enhance the Eureka landscape for at least 141 more years.

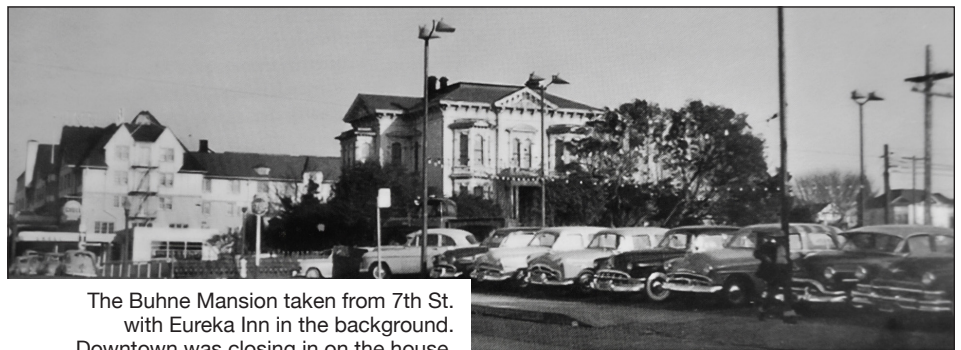
—Mary Ann McCulloch
EHS Treasurer



The Buhne Mansion taken from the corner of 7th & E Streets prior to the construction of the Eureka Inn.



The Buhne Mansion early 1950s. The iron fence is only on the E St. side.



The Buhne Mansion taken from 7th St. with Eureka Inn in the background. Downtown was closing in on the house.



All photos Eureka Heritage Society unless noted.



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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:

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- eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Caltrans covenant house success story

WE'VE HAD AN EVENT-
ful summer, culminating
in the dedication of the

historic Buhne
Fence on Aug.
14. After years
of planning,
fundraising,
and hard
work, we were
proud to dedi-
cate the fence
to the citizens
of Eureka.

Sadly, that
fence is all
that remains
of the once stately Buhne Mansion,
which was torn down in 1954.
Today, it stands as a testament to
the values of the Eureka Heritage
Society Board of Directors, where
"historic preservation and restora-
tion are valued, celebrated, practiced
and supported."

Our historic preservation journey
is always filled with ups and downs,
but this time I am excited to tell
you of a Caltrans covenant success
story about the 108-year-old Colonial
Revival/Classical Revival house at
918 J St.

For those not familiar with the
covenants, they are part of the story
of the infamous Highway 101 bypass
that almost bisected Eureka. It
would have resulted in the demo-
lition of dozens of historic homes,
including our own Annie B. Ryan
house.

Thankfully that didn't happen,
and in the wake of that, the Caltrans
covenants were created: legally
binding requirements to preserve the
historic and architectural elements
on the properties that were origi-
nally slated for demolition. There is
more information on this, including
a list of all the properties with cove-
nants, on our website: [eurekaheri-
tage.com](http://eurekaheritage.com).



The Heritage Society is responsi-
ble for overseeing the covenants, and
there is a mixed record of homeow-
ners respecting the guidelines.

Fortunately, the new owners of 918
J St., Scott and Stephanie Phelps,

recognized the impor-
tance of preserving this
historical home and rea-
ched out to the Society
for consultation on the
project.

Years of neglect and
abuse had left the house
in sad shape, but as you
can see from these before
and after pictures, it has
been lovingly restored.

Even though the house
was bought for flipping,
it has been treated with respect and
an eye for preservation. The current
owners/contractors had wanted to
buy it for years, and what they took
on was a monumental preservation
task.

This is a great example of
collaboration between the property
owners and the Eureka Heritage
Society. Preservation in action and
a true Caltrans covenants success
story!

—Derek Glavich
EHS President
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EUREKA HERITAGE
Society memberships are
for the calendar year, Jan. 1
through Dec. 31.

Members receive the Society's
newsletter, enjoy members-only
events, and support historical
preservation and education in
our beautiful city. The Society
remains a 100 percent volun-
teer-operated organization, and
your memberships help cover its
operating costs.

Thank you for your continued
support by annually renewing
your membership!

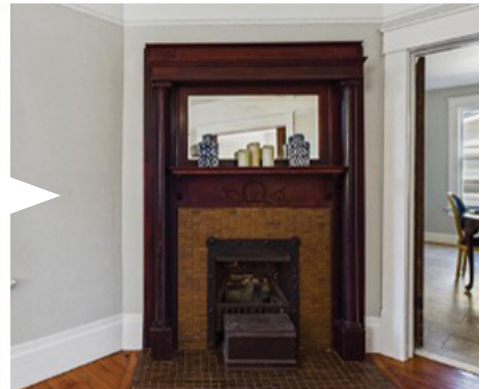
—Mary Ann McCulloch
EHS Treasurer

Caltrans covenant...

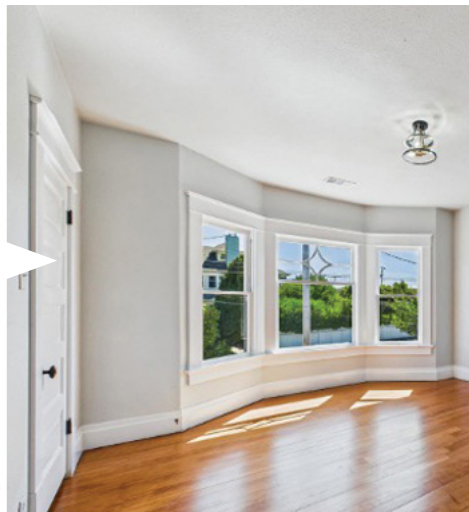
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The covenants specifically address the protection of certain interior and exterior features, such as windows, doors, moldings, fireplace hutch, and kitchen wainscoting.

The house had been largely abandoned and without utilities for over 10 years, and it needed a thorough cleanup.



The carpet was removed throughout, and the fir floors were refinished.



Additionally, the windows were in various states of disrepair and functionality, but all were preserved and restored. All the interior doors were stripped and clear coated, and the original wainscoting was preserved or replaced where it had been removed.



UNDER SUNNY SKIES, some 500 people attended the Eureka Heritage Society's annual home and garden tour on Sunday, June 22.

The homeowners reported they enjoyed sharing all their hard work with the community, and a slew of volunteers helped the day run smoothly. They included docents, musicians, and artists.

The historical houses presented a wide swath of architectural styles, beginning with two grand late 19th century Queen Anne/Eastlake houses. Also included was an elegant 1912 Mediterranean Revival home. Then, fast-forwarding decades, post-WWII architecture was on display with a charming 1948 Minimal Traditional home and a sleek 1959 Mid-Century Modern house.

The Heritage Society is striving to include these younger old houses on the tour because they are now considered historical. They represent the post-war housing boom in Eureka that started in the late 1940s and continued into the 1960s.

The annual tour is the nonprofit Heritage Society's main fundraising event, and this year it brought in more than \$20,000. Undoubtedly one of our best tours ever, its success is due in part to those who strove to make previous tours so special. Since the 1970s, a wide array of volunteers and sponsors have worked tirelessly to make the event a success and to ensure it holds a special place within the heart of the community.

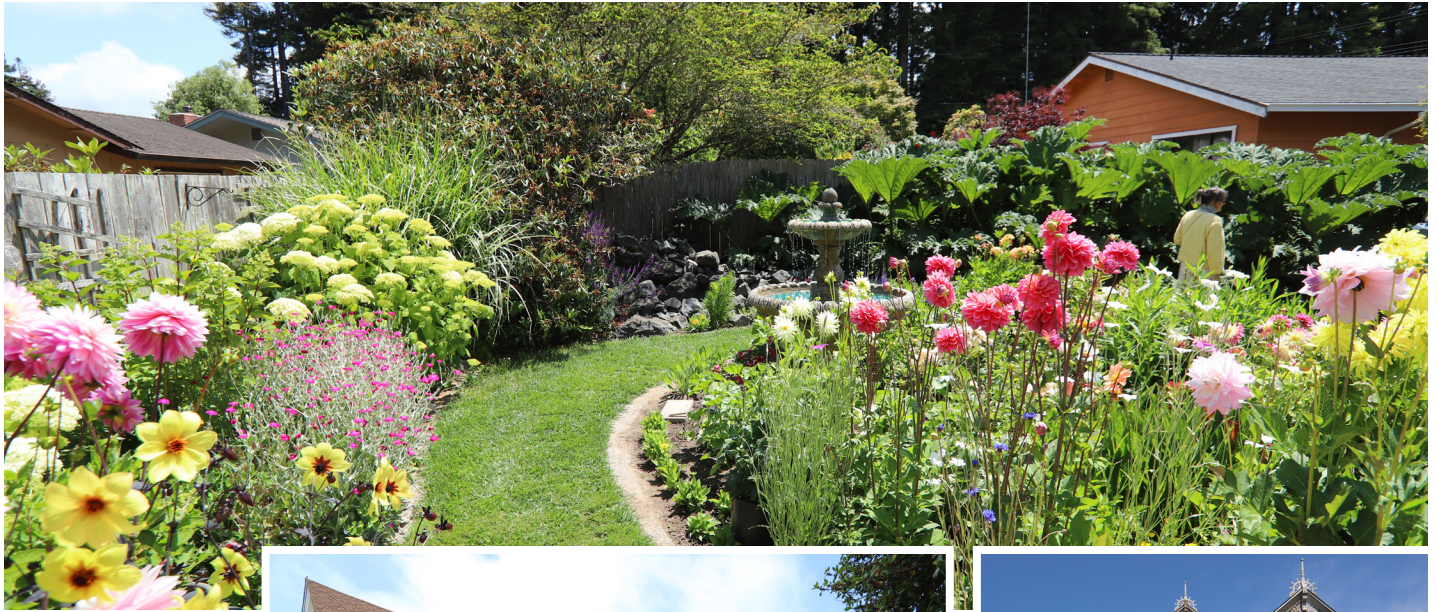
In recent years, the tours—which began including garden tours in 2022—have offered vital support to the Society to purchase



and maintain the Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens. The Society uses the 133-year-old “Annie B” for education, fundraising, and to demonstrate how to care for an older home. It has also become a beautiful urban park and garden that is enjoyed by many.

—Kathy Dillon
EHS Board Member





**Some
of the
beautiful
homes &
gardens
on the
tour.**



**Read about each
home & garden on
the 2025 tour.**



Sad farewell to our Monterey cypress

THE MAJESTIC MONTEREY Cypress trees near the E Street side of the Annie B. gardens have stood tall for a long time, providing picturesque shade to the historical setting. Their towering presence extends into the city skyline, making them quite striking – yet increasingly problematic.

Unfortunately, these trees have been dropping limbs every time we encounter a winter storm. Each time a limb or two falls, it causes damage to surrounding fences and property, resulting in additional monetary charges for debris removal.

Three years ago, the Society hired an arborist to assess the trees and find a solution. The recommendation involved trimming the length of the limbs to reduce their weight and thinning them out. However, this approach has not been entirely effective, as two large limbs have fallen since then, causing damage to a neighbor's property. The photos on this page show the scale of one of the fallen branches.

In light of these issues, the Society's board of directors has voted to remove the trees. We have obtained a permit from the city to cut them down. To carry out the task, we have hired a reputable and insured tree service company that we have used in the past. The scheduled removal date is still to be determined.

We want to assure our membership and the community that this decision was not made lightly. However, the board believes it is necessary for public safety and proper management of our financial resources.

—Bill Peer
EHS Board Member



Winter storms have sent large, heavy limbs hurtling to the ground, causing significant property damage.



Eureka Heritage Society new & renewal memberships



June 1, 2025 through Aug. 31, 2025

Emmanuel Allison
Arcata Cabinet & Design
Company
Jules Bell (*through 2026*)
Carpet Depot
Karen & Charles Davy

Delta Mattress &
Furniture
John & Sue Dimmick
(*through 2026*)
Susan A. Dodd
(*through 2026*)
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Anna Hamilton
Vicki Hatherill
Byrd Lochtie
Nor-Cal Automotive
Hannah & Jessie Ozanian
Pure Water Spas

Redwood Community
Action Agency
Sonya & Jeff Rose
Leon's Car Care Center
Elaine Sams
The Central Office
Gretchen Ziegler

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. Email eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com or call us at (707) 445-8775 to leave a message.



2025 Eureka Heritage Society Membership form

☐ New or
☐ **Renewing** Member
(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)

- ☐ **\$30** Individual
☐ **\$40** Family
☐ **\$20** Student/Senior
☐ **\$30** 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 comments/suggestions:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

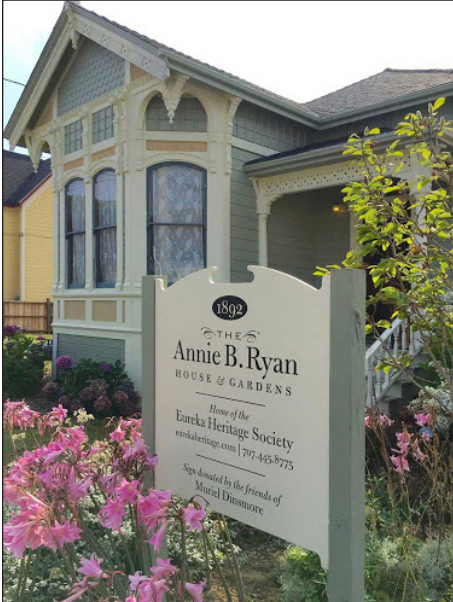
Send completed form to: Eureka Heritage Society, P.O. Box 1354, Eureka CA 95502-1354 or email to address above.



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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.

■ NCRT Play *November 15 "A Christmas Carol"*

■ Vintage holiday boutique *December 12 for members only Dec 13 & 14 open to the community*

■ Help with newsletters?

Are you a budding journalist? Do you like to take photographs? If so, the Society's quarterly newsletter could use your help!

The Eureka Heritage Society is always looking for content providers for its newsletters, whether it be an article every once in a while, or every quarter. If you're interested in more information, please contact the Society. As a reminder, it's best to email eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com for a more timely response.