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13th Annual Preservation Awards Dinner

Once again we will be celebrating this year's recipients of the Preservation Awards at The Citrus City Grille on North Glassell. This year we are having a special opportunity to recognize the oldest residents and businesses in Orange. You can nominate homes and individuals for

the preservation awards as well as help us identify and recognize friends, neighbors and businesses as the oldest in our city by using the flyer included in this edition of *Orange Preserves*.

Festivities start at 5 PM with a no-host bar followed by a delicious three-entrée buffet. There will be the

usual superb door prizes, good cheer, familiar faces and new faces wanting to get to know you, and an Old Towne spirit of preservation that we will all be recognizing. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Vickie Laughlin at (714) 538-0105 or Patty Ricci at (714) 639-5700. Don't miss it!

President's Message

By Jan Chomyn
OTPA PRESIDENT

I am happy to report that we will be able to sponsor a number of people from the City of Orange staff to the Preservation Conference, which will be held in Riverside this year. This will be a great educational experience for everyone involved in planning and approving projects within the district. (See story on page 2.) Also being addressed currently are the Old Towne Building Guidelines as they are

affected after the South Grand rezone to R-1. These are exciting times for our preservation efforts. As more standards are fleshed out, we have a better view to what is appropriate for building in Old Towne, and fewer issues are left to conjecture.

I must compliment our Preservation Committee on its diligence and dedication. Every month for the past couple of years, an OTPA board member has signed up to attend Design Review Committee and Planning

Commission meetings with the Preservation Committee. (March and September are my months this year.) I am so impressed with this group. When most of us are sitting down to dinner, they are poring over plans and attending sometimes hours-long meetings, where it is obvious they know the design standards practically by heart! In recent years, this has resulted in a smoother interaction among the city, OTPA and homeowners/businesses. I am really proud of this group. Kudos to you!

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2005 California Preservation Conference

By Jeff Frankel
PRESERVATION CHAIR

The California Preservation Foundation's 30th Annual California Preservation Conference will be held May 12-15, hosted by the City of Riverside at the Historic Mission Inn. This year's event offers a wide variety of educational and mobile workshops, with continuing education credits available for architects and other professionals involved in preservation projects. The conference will also include tours and special events in

and around Riverside's historic neighborhoods.

In past years, OTPA has sponsored city staff members to attend this event, but we were limited to the number of sponsorships we could offer. With the close proximity of this year's conference, transportation will not be a factor. In addition, the OTPA Board of Directors felt that to promote preservation in Orange, it would be a benefit to all to expand our sponsorship.

OTPA is extending this year's sponsorship--which will cover registration fees--

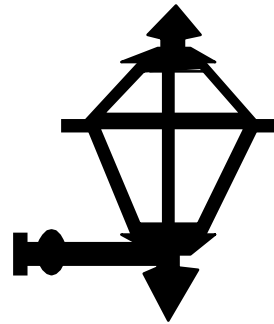
to Design Review Committee and Planning Commission members, and all staff involved with issues regarding our historic district. We cannot extend this offer to elected officials, but we strongly encourage all City Council members to attend.

As the largest historic district in our state and one of the largest in the country,

your board feels that the Old Towne Orange National Register Historic District should be well represented at preservation events by city staff and officials as well as members of the community, and of course, OTPA board and committee members.

Information:
www.californiapreservation.org.

Under the Porch Light:



Shawn Howell

embodies all of the usual Craftsman bungalow-era features: the low-pitched roof, wide eaves with exposed roof rafters, decorative braces, full front porch with triangular columns, beautiful built-in dining room cabinet, and a gabled front dormer.

"Some of the architectural features in our home also have small Asian influences, such as the framing around the front door and windows that resemble the shape of a Japanese pagoda."

Kathleen calls Shawn the "Renaissance Man" because of his enthusiasm for all that the project's remodeling entails. Shawn is currently refinishing the woodwork in the living/dining area. Eventually he plans to

Shawn is the newly elected vice president of OTPA. He and his wife Kathleen live with quite an assortment of pets: two spaniels, birds, and exotic fish (for a future koi pond) on S. Glassell. They have been in Orange five years. Previously they lived in Lakewood.

Shawn took his technical background from the US Navy when he returned from the Gulf War. For the last nine years he has been the sales manager for Americasprinter.com.

When asked about the outstanding features of their 1914 Craftsman Bungalow, Shawn says, "Our home

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restore the bookshelf dividers and columns.

One of their favorite accomplishments has been the landscaping. Shawn says it is amazing what a jackhammer and a little

sweat will do. Over 80% of the grounds were covered in concrete. Today it has been returned to a lush garden.

Shawn is volunteering on the OTPA board to help make people aware of the

need to incorporate preservation into historic home renovations. He hopes that his involvement and the work of OTPA will encourage more people to become involved in preservation work. Shawn wants people to know that while it is difficult, it is also

enormously rewarding to be living in and remodeling your historic house at the same time.

Shawn claims that his motivation for the work is his "lovely wife's creativity and encouragement (that) always keeps me inspired... After all, it's all for her."

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Presents

"Through The Garden Gate"



Saturday
May 14, 2005
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

*A day of Garden Lectures and Tours
of unique Old Towne Orange Gardens*

Location: Pitcher Park

Corner of Cambridge and Almond, Old Towne Orange

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Garden Lectures

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunchtime

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Happenings Around Towne

March 21	OTPA Board meeting
May 1	Preservation Awards at Citrus City Grille
May 14	Through The Garden Gate at Pitcher Park
June 15	Ice Cream Social at Pitcher Park
September 2-4	Orange International Street Fair
October 27	Treats in the Streets!
December 4	Orange Tree Lighting and Choir Processional
December 11	Holiday Decorating Judging

*OTPA Hotline:
(714) 639-6840*

Wednesdays in the Summer at Hart Park – Live Concerts at 7 PM

Second Saturday of the month in Hart Park – Rose Garden tending
8 -10 AM

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