



Under the Porch Light with Russ Barrios

Russ and his wife Pat live in a 1906 Classical Revival (a style that falls between the Victorian and the Craftsman style) at the corner of Maple and Grand. They have lived in this house since 1975 and prior to that in a smaller house on Palmyra for several years. The Barrioses raised their two daughters in this home.

Several of the outstanding features of their home include the original woodwork, the pocket doors, the wrap-around front porch and of course, their wonderful garden. Russ says that when he wins the lottery he would love to take on improving the cellar and making it a more useable space in their home.

Russ and Pat have long been involved in the community. Russ is a native to Orange County and Pat is a transplanted Bostonian. Russ served as a school board member for over eight years and prior to his work

as a consultant for non-profits he was on the staff for several Orange County Supervisors.

Having lived in Old Towne for over thirty years, Russ has seen many changes. Early on the official maps of the area showed the neighborhood listed as "blighted." Stores were empty around the Plaza and the plans were to raze much of the housing to make room for low cost apartments. Fortunately, some people with vision prevailed. Russ was on OTPA's founding board and worked to bring preservation and historic recognition to the community.

While Russ and Pat love the neighborhood for its charm, beauty, and sense of community, he believes more could be done with just small efforts from the city. Russ is no stranger to change and knows that nothing stays the same; hopefully, it will change for the better. The role of OTPA is to educate and advocate with home

owners, the city, and business and academic interests to preserve and restore Old Towne.

So if you happen to walk by and you see Russ on the porch, make sure you say hello! If some of their home-grown persimmons are out for sale, pick a couple up and help support the Pitcher Park Community Foundation of which Pat is president. Russ might even tell you how to know when they are really ripe.



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Treats in the Streets

Each year, OTPA sells baked goods at Treats in the Streets to show it cares about our community.

Thanks so much to everyone who donated baked goods, and to event Chair Brady MacDonald. Special thanks to our booth helpers: Marcella Ketteringham, Judie Owens, Sue Vours and Nancy Hiser.

This year we made \$180 thanks to your delectable donations. The money is earmarked for OTPA's philanthropic efforts, including providing a scholarship to college students studying preservation. If you know of a good candidate for our Preservation Studies Scholarship, please call the hotline at (714) 639-6840. See you next year!



Is the young soldier protecting OTPA board member Andrea McCullough from the nearby ghoul, or the Treats in the Streets crowds?

Home Tour Success

This year's Home Tour sought to highlight some of the great homes that we have in our Southwest Quadrant. It was also an opportunity to educate the public about preservation and Orange history. We had a great turnout for a cool Saturday, and in spite of Sunday's rain, with attendance just over 1,000.

Our homeowners were showered with compliments. It was great to see familiar faces among our 120+ volunteers, and to see new faces and make new friends.

The OTPA Board of Directors extends many thanks to all of you for another successful home tour.

Membership News

OTPA extends a warm welcome to its newest members: Cheryl Del Toro, Kitty Doyle, Shirley Henn, Karen Imhoof, Gena Jessee, Brandy Keippala, Linnea Kraetz, Todd Lowe, Patrick & Dorian McMullen, Ruth Porter, Joseph Rodriguez, Jr., Russell Rudeseal, Jim & Kathryn Swindell, Jeff

Trenschel, Roy Valverde, and Steve Vivian.

New life member includes Sue Marie Vours.

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We will be more than happy to advise and help guide you through the process. We will also be glad to meet with you concerning your project.

Paul Hudson



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Your Old Towne Preservation Association Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2006 OTPA Board of Directors:

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Tom Loughrey
Nancy Loughrey
Michael Houston
Michelle Murphy
Tony Trabuco
Jan Chomyn

Russ Barrios
Janet Crenshaw
Diana Zdenek
Jeff Frankel
Dennis Caldwell

Submitted by Anne Siebert, Janet Crenshaw, and Bob Hitchcock.

Holiday Happenings

December 4
December 11

Orange Tree Lighting and Choir Processional
Holiday Decorating Judging

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