

Pomona Heritage, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Pomona, California's historically significant homes and buildings and to the education and awareness of our residents about the cultural richness with which we are entrusted.

Pomona Heritage

Newsletter

October 2010

26th Annual Historic Home Tour

On Sunday, October 17, 2010, Pomona Heritage will welcome historic home aficionados to its 26th Annual Historic Home

Tour. This year will feature 5 beautiful, two-story homes representing three different architectural styles.

The tour will start at the historic Ebell Club building located at 585 East Holt. Tour Programs and Tickets will be available starting at 10:00 am. Also at the Ebell you will find the *Home Tour Antique and Craft Fair* from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, featuring many wonderful goods and services. The Pomona Ebell Museum of His-

tory will also be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Homes will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunches and refreshments can be purchased at the Ebell from The Historical Society of Pomona Valley as well as local Pomona restaurants.

Ticket prices are \$20 advance purchase, \$25 on day of tour. Advance tickets for the tour are available online at pomonaheritage.org and at the following locations:

- Frantz Cleaners, 1490 N. Garey Ave
- Ferguson's Flower Gallery, 786 N. Garey Ave

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Lead Education and Awareness and Control Program

By Megan Jones

Almost a year ago, we found out that our children (ages 4 and 1) had high lead levels in their blood due to the lead in the paint which was exposed while renovating our 98 year old house. Living in an old house is wonderful in so many ways, but this was a negative we hadn't thought about. Lead poisoning is particularly dangerous to children six years and younger, and can harm the brain, nerves and kidneys. While we bought a home in obvious need of repair and repainting, we tried hard to keep it clean and child proof. What we didn't realize was that lead dust acts differently than regular dust and it is

very hard to have a lead-safe home if the lead paint is still present.

Lead dust can be exposed through remodeling or repainting, or even through everyday opening and closing of doors or windows. Swallowing lead dust is the most common way children are poisoned and this can happen in a number of ways. A child may put a toy in their mouth, eat a piece of food which fell on the floor, suck their thumb which a moment ago was touching the floor while they played or crawled around.

You can, however, help lessen the dangers in a few ways. When remodeling or repainting a space, it is important to use 6 mil polyethylene plastic

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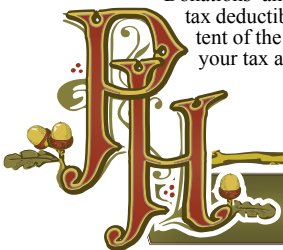
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President's Message

Fall is Falling Into Place As Year Winds Down

by Kathleen Jones,
President, Pomona Heritage

Can you believe how fast this year has flown past?

The Historic Home Tour is just around the corner, coming up on Sunday, October 17th! The Home Tour committee is in full swing, finishing up the Home Tour guidebook, which is given to each person who purchases a ticket. Tickets are now available (see home tour article, page 1, for where to buy).

Five beautiful two-story homes, a Craftsman, a Victorian Free Classic, and three Spanish style, have been chosen for you to visit this year. The committee hosted a "meet and greet" with the homeowners to tell them what to expect and to give them a chance to ask questions about the tour. Thank You to Mark & Rebecca Martinez who hosted this get-together at their lovely home, which will be on the tour this year!

Once again, on the day of the tour, we will have our annual Antique and Craft Fair from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Ebell Club, where the tour starts. I am happy to say that we are gaining a reputation for not only a great Home Tour but for being the "go to" place to buy wonderful things. The Pomona Ebell Museum of History will also be open for a stroll down memory lane and a look into Pomona's past.

The Home Tour gives people from all over Southern California a chance to see our wonderful city and visit some of our beautiful historic homes. Many people remark how they enjoy seeing the home improvement projects—both complete and incomplete—as

well as getting a chance to stroll our neighborhoods.

At this time we are looking for Home Tour Docents and people to help out at the Ebell Club. Please call or e-mail any of the board members to help out. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends, all while having a great time. And the next time you go to the Progressive Dinner or another Pomona Heritage event, you will know more people! *Please see the article on being a Docent on page 5.*

This year's Progressive Dinner is planned for December 4th. We are looking for two families to open their homes, one for appetizers and one for dessert. Please e-mail me if you will open your home for a few hours that evening.

If you are new to Pomona Heritage you may not be familiar with our Progressive Dinner. Members, friends and family come together for a Holiday Celebration. Pomona Heritage serves turkey, ham and mashed potatoes at the Ebell Club. Members bring appetizers, side dishes or desserts, depending on their last name. We start at one home for appetizers, move to the Ebell for the main course and then go to a second home for dessert.

We will end the year by participating in the Pomona Christmas Parade on December 11th, put on by the Downtown Pomona Owners Association (DPOA). Please come out and wave at us as we drive by!

*This city is what it is
because our citizens are
what they are."*
—Plato

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 sheets to cover surfaces and seal off entryways. Using the wet sanding method (special sand paper which is used wet) and a spray bottle to wet surfaces will prevent too much dust. Also change out of work clothes prior to leaving the work space and clean up daily to avoid tracking lead dust away from the work area. To keep yourself safe, it is important to remember to wear a respirator which will filter out the lead particles (a simple white mask does not do this).

Even if you are not remodeling, there are some things you can do to ensure you are living safely in a home known to contain lead paint. It is a good idea to wet mop instead of sweeping to prevent the spread of dust. When dusting, wipe all surfaces with a damp rag, especially window sills. A HEPA vacuum is also recommended, as is washing your children's hands often and before all snacks and meals.

Much of the time, a child with lead poisoning will show no symptoms, so the only way to know if your child is at risk is through a blood test. I can tell you this is no fun at all, but well worth it in the end! Our children were found to have high lead levels (they were both at 19 while the desired number is 0) following renovation work in their bedroom. While the medical professionals believed their elevated levels were due to this one time occurrence, they were obligated to report their findings to the county. County workers immediately scheduled a visit to test lead levels throughout our home. They provided information on how to maintain a safer home using the methods mentioned above and informed us that the city of Pomona has a **Lead Education Awareness and Control (LEAC) Program**. This program provides free lead testing and help to prevent lead poisoning.

Grants are available through the LEAC program to income qualifying families who live in a residence (single family home or apartment building) built before 1978 and first priority is given to families with children under six years old. With this grant, qualifying residences may have window/door repair or replacement and interior/exterior painting where testing has shown hazardous lead paint exists. While the application process was a bit time consuming, it was well worth the effort as it led to a grant which paid for our house to be painted inside and out. Due to abatement and appropriate encapsulation it is now considered lead safe. Thankfully our children's lead levels are now going down (now testing at 8 and 10) and should continue to drop over time.

If you are interested in applying for the grant, you can either pick up an application at **Pomona's City Hall at the Housing Division Counter**, or **call the Housing Division at (909) 620-3761**. We had a wonderful experience in dealing with the city. All personnel we dealt with were very concerned for the health of our children, but were also very respectful of our desire to maintain the historical integrity of our home.

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- UPS Stores at 101 W. Mission Blvd #110 & 168 W. Willow St
- Pomona Ebell Museum of History, 585 E. Holt Ave
- Riverside Grill, 5258 Riverside Drive, Chino

Proceeds from the Home Tour benefit Pomona Heritage outreach activities, the Old Home Restoration Workshop and the Historic Restoration Grants program. For further information please visit our website at www.pomonaheritage.org or call (866) 833-4086

New Life For Historic Appliances

by Eurydice Turk

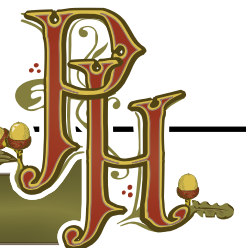
Do you own an antique stove? My husband inherited an "old pink stove" from his mother's kitchen shortly after we were married and moved into Lincoln Park. We thought it might look cool in our house one day, so we brought it home and put it in our garage. Several years later, we had it refurbished, did a minor remodel and were finally able to get it in our kitchen. Unfortunately, the fellow who refurbished it has disappeared from the planet and the timer on the stove has gone haywire and we found ourselves in need of a vintage stove repairman again.

I have to give credit to my mother here, because she did some research when her own oven door fell off and found Lloyd's Antique and Classic Appliances. I asked the repairman, Chris, to pop by my house the day he was fixing Mom's stove and give me a little information about my "old pink stove". By this time I knew it was an O'Keefe and Merritt, but I didn't realize the other cool stories behind the DeVille model and he was very knowledgeable about my particular stove.

Over the years I've known many owners of antique stoves here in our historic districts and just wanted to share information about someone pretty local that can service (and sell) these antique stoves. You can see their website at www.lloydsappliances.com

"A great city is not to be confounded with a populous one."

Aristotle



‘Christmas With A Kick’ Coming To Downtown Pomona

Pomona’s annual Christmas Parade returns to downtown once again in 2010, this time with an added kick.

The Chivas USA soccer team will serve as grand marshals for the an-

action. The parade, sponsored by the Downtown Pomona Owners Association (DPOA), returned to downtown in 2009 after a one-year absence. Nearly 100 entries, including Pomona Heritage, marched, drove and rode their way down Second Street and up Park Avenue as Pomona residents cheered them on.

2010’s parade will be even bigger and better, as high school bands, service clubs, youth groups and dignitaries take part in this local tradition. The parade will end at the Pomona Civic Center, the site of this year’s Holiday Lane celebration. See the city’s web site for more information, www.ci.pomona.ca.us

If you wish to join Pomona

Heritage in celebrating the Holidays in Pomona Style, parade entry forms are available for download at the DPOA’s website, www.metropomona.com, and can be faxed to (909) 469-1120 or e-mailed to metropomona@hotmail.com. More information: DPOA, (909) 469-1121.

nual parade, which will work its way through downtown Pomona beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11. The parade’s 2010 theme is “Christmas with a Kick.”

And, of course Pomona Heritage will be part of the

Memberships Due Jan. 1

Consider Renewing Your Membership at Home Tour

Pomona Heritage membership dues are always due and payable on January 1 of each year. It is through our membership dues that Pomona Heritage is able to pursue its primary mission of looking out for the historic fabric of the city.

We hope that you will consider renewing your membership at the home tour this year. Any memberships renewed or new, that are done at the home tour will be in effect for the full year of 2011 until January 1, 2012. This will include the right to vote in our next board elections.

In addition, Pomona Heritage membership includes discounts at many local merchants:

- The Garden, 867 N. Garey, Pomona, 91767, 909 620-0199, 15%, Nursery & Gifts
- The Paint Bucket, 1051 W. Holt, Ontario, 91762, 909 983-2664, Contractor Pricing
- 2002 AD, 395 E. Commercial, Pomona, 91767, 909 629-1955, 20%, BMW 2002 Restoration & Sales
- Custom Roof Company, 293 E. McKinley, Pomona, 91767, 909 753-6449, 10%, Roofing and Gutters
- Pasadena Architectural Salvage, 30 S. San Gabriel Bl., Pasadena, 91107, 626 535-9655, 10%, Architectural Salvage
- Sherwin-Williams, 8955 Central Avenue, Montclair, 91763, 909 624-0807, Contractor Pricing, Paint & Wall Covering

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Why I Love Being A Home Tour Docent—You Will Too!

by Kathleen Jones

Our 26th annual Pomona Heritage Historic Home Tour is coming up on Sunday, October 17, 2010. We are looking for volunteer docents to be at the 5 homes to guide the tour guests. Here are some Q&As to explain what being a docent is all about:

WHAT IS A DOCENT?

(From the Dictionary) Docent—A museum lecturer or tour guide.

(My definition) A Docent for Pomona Heritage Home Tour is someone who loves old houses and is willing to share their love with other people.

WHERE DO THE DOCENTS GET THE INFORMATION THAT THEY SHARE ON HOME TOUR DAY?

Home Tour Committee members gather facts from the homeowners, public records and newspaper articles to educate the docents.

WHEN WILL I GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOME THAT I WILL DOCENT?

A visit to the home is arranged a couple of weeks before the Home Tour to give docents a tour of the home, information about it, and a chance to ask questions.

HOW LONG WILL I WORK IF I VOLUNTEER TO BE A DOCENT?

There are two shifts, AM and PM:

Morning	11 am to 2 pm
Afternoon	2 pm to 5 pm

Bonus: you will receive a free home tour ticket so that you can see the other homes before or after your docent shift!

WHY BE A DOCENT?

For me, being a docent is great fun. I get a first hand (up close and personal) look at great old houses. The owners share the history of their home and how they have changed or restored the house. Their experiences are better than TV's Restore America because

I like being the "Greeter"—the docent who stands at the front door on the porch and talks about the history of the house, the yard and the neighborhood.

these are people just like you and me and they live in our town.

I like being the "Greeter"—the docent who stands at the front door on the porch and talks about the history of the house, the yard and the neighborhood. I meet the very nicest people who tell me stories about both their past and present homes.

I also get a lot of "remember when stories". I bet you realize that I like being a docent because I get much more than I give. Everyone who comes to see these beautiful old homes is in a good mood and eager to share stories and experience with whoever is greet-

ing them outside, until the inside docent is ready for them. They also like a chance to sit for a few minutes.

One year I had the great pleasure to work with Frank Wilhite. He is a great "Greeter" and loves to tell visitors the history of Craftsman Homes. He knows his stuff and loves sharing it. Frank inspired me to share some things I learned from him about Craftsman Homes.

Craftsman homes are opposite of Victorian homes, which had small rooms, small windows and kept plants away from the house. The Victorian family did their entertaining inside the home.

Craftsman homeowners did a lot of entertaining on the porch or in the yard. They brought the outdoors into the home. The primary inspiration for the Craftsman style was to look to nature, to use local materials, and local building traditions. When you walk into a Craftsman home, you experience the sense of space, the openness of the rooms, and the bold-square styling. Gardens were planted close to the home.

The Craftsman style was tied to the Craftsman movement of the early 20th century that started in England. Craftsman stressed comfort and utility. Exposed rafter ends, overhanging eaves, and clipped gables are common features. In addition, windows have divided panes in the upper sash and a single pane in the lower sash. The porch is wide enough to feel like an outside room.

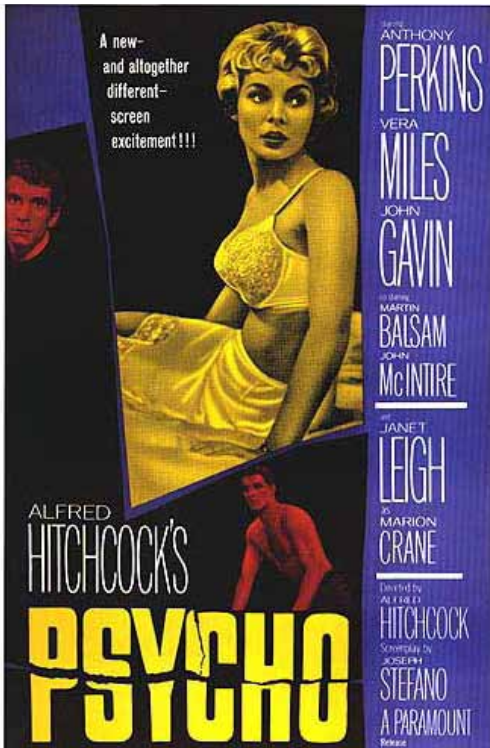
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Halloween Scares

Friends of Pomona Fox to Screen *Psycho*

On Sunday October 24, Friends of the Pomona Fox will present their Halloween treat for Pomonan's, A special screening of Alfred Hitchcock's classic scary tale, *Psycho*. The film will screen at 2:00 pm and the doors will open at 1:00 pm. Ticket prices for this screening are adults \$5.00 and children 12 and under \$3.00.



In June of 1960, 50 years ago, the master of the macabre, Alfred Hitchcock, released the film *Psycho*. It would forever change peoples attitudes toward taking showers. While the main star was Janet Leigh (nominated for an Oscar® and winner of a Golden Globe as best actress), the action actually revolved around

newcomer Anthony Perkins and his

character Norman Bates.

The film's screenplay by Joseph Stefano was adapted from a novel of the same name by author Robert Bloch. Remarkably, Bloch's 1959 novel was based on legendary real-life, Plainfield, Wisconsin psychotic serial killer Edward Gein, whose murderous character also inspired the mother-obsessed farmer in *Deranged* (1974), the Leatherface character in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (1974), and serial killer Jame Gumb ("Buffalo Bill") in *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991).

Like many of Hitchcock's films, *Psycho* is so very layered and complex that multiple viewings are necessary to capture all of its subtlety. Symbolic imagery involving stuffed birds and reflecting mirrors are ever-present. Although it's one of the most frightening films ever made, it has all the elements of very dark, black comedy. This film wasn't clearly understood by its critics when released. Hitchcock admitted that Henri-Georges Clouzot's influential thriller *Les Diaboliques* (1955, Fr.) inspired his film. But it is the powerful direction of master Alfred Hitchcock which makes this film a truly frightening look into the mind of a truly disturbed individual.

Thanks to Universal, our raffle this month will include the chance to win a copy of the 50th Anniversary Blu-Ray DVD of *Psycho*, along with our usual "surprises."

While this film was released prior to the current rating system, a release in 1984 received an MPAA rating of "R." Parents should be advised that some content may not be appropriate for children.

In Memoriam

George Stavros

by Dan McIntire

Long time Pomona Heritage member George Stavros passed away suddenly on September 22nd, and he will be greatly missed. He closely followed the activities and goals of our organization, and was a supporter of his home's inclusion in the Lincoln Park historic district. He attended our tours and events frequently for over twenty years.

He was born and raised in Philadelphia. His family owned and operated a Greek restaurant. He was valedictorian of his high school class. George was a professor of English Literature at Cal Poly Pomona for thirty years. He received accolades and awards, including a plaque listing him as "Counselor of the Year" for his help counseling students.

George was a great supporter of the arts, and loved to travel. His special fondness for abstract art was reflected in his home with a collection of several paintings and prints. He loved opera and attended local productions very frequently. He loved to walk in his neighborhood, and had many close friendships with his neighbors.

He took care of a critically ill friend of his, and later joined a bereavement support group to help deal with the loss of his friend. George was a very compassionate and kind person, and he will be remembered very fondly by his many friends and neighbors in Pomona.

"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe."

Thomas Jefferson



Bowling For Dollars

MEMBERS *continued from page 4*

- Pete's Upholstery, 1617 N. Garey, Pomona, 91767, 909 236-9609, 15% off Fabric, Upholstery
- Frantz Cleaners, 1490 N. Garey, Pomona, 91767, 909 622-2513, 10% off all services, Dry Cleaners
- Ruecker & Samuelson Associates / Century 21 Prestige Properties, 255 W. Foothill Blvd. Suite 100, Upland, 909 964-7631, Free Home Warranty Plan up to \$600 upon close of escrow, Real Estate
- Art & Antiques on Lake, 60 N. Lake Av, Pasadena, 91101, 626 356-0222, 15% off on art and antiques
- Dynamic GrafX, 1192 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, 91767, 909 397-9101, 10% off graphic services including signs, posters, artwork, typesetting, and printing, Graphic services
- The UPS Store-Downtown Pomona, 101 W Mission Blvd, Ste 110, Pomona, CA 91766, 909 620-7131 store5894@theupssstore.com. 10% discount on all shipping and packaging needs.

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philosophy of the times, many houses were built with "TB rooms" or sleeping porches that are completely surrounded by windows so that fresh, "healing" air can circulate freely.

This year we have a Craftsman, a Victorian Free Classic, and three Spanish Eclectic homes on the Tour. I am looking forward to learning more about these other types of homes.

Please call or e-mail Megan Jones to volunteer to be a docent: 562-242-4541 / brent-megan@hotmail.com

No Gutter Balls For First Annual Pomona Heritage Bowl-a-Rama Fundraiser!

by Jan Reed

Pomona Heritage held its first Bowl-a-Rama fundraiser and from all the comments will become an annual event including a contest for best bowling attire. This fun Sunday afternoon event was held on August 29 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at The Bowlium bowling lanes on Holt. The Bowlium in itself is an icon in the area dating back to the '50s & '60s when one of America's favorite pastimes was bowling.

A \$25.00 event ticket included up to 4 people per lane, free shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. It doesn't get any better than this folks as we filled 20 out of 32 lanes with 63 bowlers all on a mission to roll a strike or a spare. We were all also committed and to do everything in our power to ward off the dreaded gutter ball including listening

to tips from our spouse and settling on the advice from the 10 year old in the next lane.

Those who attended brought and cheered on their kids, their grandkids, friends, neighbors and yes even spouses! Many pulled out all the stops by wearing their favorite vintage bowling shirt and a few serious bowlers even brought their own ball. It was a great afternoon, a very fun event, which raised nearly \$300.00 which will go towards funding the monies needed to replace our deteriorating Historic District signs. A big thank you goes out to the Bowlium Bowling Lanes and to all of you who attended our 1st Annual Bowl-a-Rama Event. Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all at next year's Bowl-A-Rama!

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PLEASE NOTE: Membership renewals due January 1 annually. Please renew today.

Visit us online for full descriptions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 6:00 PM: Historical Society "Orchard Sale" at Casa Primera on McKinley.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 11:00 AM: Pomona Heritage 26th Annual Home Tour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 2:00 PM: Friends of the Pomona Fox Halloween screening of Alfred Hitchcock's classic *Psycho*. Pomona Fox Theater.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 Pomona Heritage Annual Progressive Christmas Dinner.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 10:00 AM: Pomona Christmas Parade and Holiday Lane Celebration. Parade downtown Pomona on 2nd Street, Holiday Lane immediately following in the civic center plaza.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 2:00 PM: Friends of the Pomona Fox Christmas Spectacular: Films, Music, and special surprises. Pomona Fox Theater.

Pomona Historic Preservation Commission Meeting: Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers
 Pomona City Council Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers
 Pomona Planning Commission Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers

Upcoming Events

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Membership Application

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