

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

January 2011

# New Historic District Signs Ring In The New Year!

by Jan Reed

Just when you thought 2011 could not get any better folks—our new Historic District signs are going up as we speak! New signs are popping up in Wilton Heights and in Lincoln Park just in the last week.

Replacement of all of the Historic

Pomona Heritage will collect the old signs from the city at the end of this replacement process. The intact signs will be available to purchase for those interested, and the remaining signs will also be turned into cash when they are recycled—close to 240 pounds! Pomona Heritage has footed the bill of

work for a grant application, and led us through this process. Even though Pomona Heritage was not awarded any funds from this grant, the knowledge gained will serve us well in the future! A very special thank you to my counterpart Alison McCurdy, whose effort and dedication kept us both on track on this venture over the last 9 months. I cannot thank you enough, and could not have done it without you!

The process of replacing our Historic District signs has not happened over night, and has been on our board meeting agenda since March of 2010. After securing quotes and contacting conservatory and historical groups

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Jan Reed (left) discusses new district sign construction at Zumar Industries

District signs in Lincoln Park, Hacienda Park and Wilton Heights, totaling roughly 62 signs, should be completed by early February according to Ron Chan in Public Works at the City of Pomona. Although he told me not to quote him on that!

As most of you have been aware, our existing signs were starting to peel and weather over the last year or so, turning into eyesores throughout our three Historic Districts and for our city.

almost \$4,200.00 for this project, and will continue to fund raise and solicit monies to cover this expense.

Pomona Heritage held its first Bowl-A-Rama at the Bowlium on Holt in August, bringing in \$250.00 as a kickoff fund-raiser for the district signs. We have also collected a little over \$500.00 since then through donations. Special thanks to Diana Smith who collected the needed information, painstakingly filled out the paper-

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President's Message

# 2010: The Year In Review

by Kathleen Jones

The new Pomona Heritage board started the year with an excellent talk about the history of Pomona and Pomona Heritage by Dan and Joan McIntire, Deborah and John Clifford and Mike Showalter. It was so interesting to hear, not only the history of Pomona but of Pomona Heritage. I think the new board gained good insight into the importance of Pomona Heritage not only to our neighborhoods, but also to our city.

One of the first things that came to the board's attention was the fact that the Historic District Signs were cracking and peeling and would need to be replaced. It took many months of research to realize that even though the original Sign Committee thought the signs would last forever; they didn't last as long as we were lead to believe they would. It was a big shock to everybody.

Off and running, the new board appointed Jan Reed as chair for the Restoration Workshop that took place on April 3rd. The free workshop was a big success. Each year people from all over Pomona and surrounding areas come to hear crafts people talk about restoring old homes. The silent auction raised money to try to save a very old house on Holt Ave. Sadly we were not successful with that house but will continue to work to save old buildings throughout all of Pomona.

John and Deborah Clifford represented Pomona Heritage at L.A. Heritage day on April 1st.

In May, members worked with other groups to clean up Pomona on Pomona Beautification Day. Most of our efforts were spent at the Adobe on Arrow Highway that is owned by Historical Society of the Pomona Valley. The Historical Society is very gener-

ous to us through out the year. We use their upstairs meeting room for all our Board Meetings.

The summer picnic took place at the Palomares Adobe on June 19th. The weather was great and we had a very good turn out.

Diana Smith worked with Dawn Van Allen to apply for a Grant to replace our Historic District signs with signs that were cast aluminum called monument signs. The grant request was submitted in the middle of June. Diana did a fantastic job on the Grant Application but I am sorry to say we did not receive the grant. After we realized that we would not receive help with the three historic district signs we voted to replace them with signs that have 7-year life guarantee. The signs arrived in Pomona late in December and were picked up by the city. You should begin to see them early this year.

Jan Reed arranged an afternoon of bowling in August. Families and friends had a wonderful time and want to do it again next year. All proceeds went towards the signs.

The 2010 Home Tour Committee headed by Karen Escobedo and Megan Jones began meeting with their committee early in the year. The 26th annual Pomona Heritage Home Tour took place on October 17th. Five beautiful homes were open for the tour plus the Pomona Museum of History at the Ebell Club. Vendors were open for business at the Ebell Club. Proceeds from the Home Tour fund the Grant Program and other Pomona Heritage outreach activities.

Welcome Buckets are distributed throughout the year to new home buyers by Marian Higgins and Joan McIntire.

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lished a Preservation Committee headed by Deborah Clifford to work with the city to ensure that old building can be preserved. Representatives attended Pomona's Historic Preservation Commission monthly meetings.

Jim Gallivan works with a committee from other Heritage groups to select Grant Winners. Grant winners can live any where in Pomona as long as the house was built prior to 1955. This year we gave out \$5,000 to 7 grant winners.

Just under 100 people attended our Holiday Progressive Dinner on December 4th, which was chaired by Jan Reed. Appetizers were held at Megan and Brent Jones' home. Main Course and Grant Announcements were held at the Ebell Club main dining room. Dessert was at Ron and Susan Vander Molen's home.

All-in-all a very productive year.

## New Shelving Cleans Up Storage

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, Pomona Heritage has been able to install new shelving in the basement of the Ebell Museum of Pomona History where Pomona Heritage currently stores our archives and other materials. The new storage ensures that our materials are safe from potential water damage, and allows us to organize our space for maximum efficiency.



# Membership Renewals Now Due

If you haven't renewed your Pomona Heritage membership for 2011, please do so NOW. You may join or renew at our website (<http://www.pomonaheritage.org/membership/membership.html>), or by mailing in a membership application. All memberships renewals were due on January 1st.

It is through membership dues that Pomona Heritage is able to provide such programs as the annual Restoration Workshop, Summer Picnic and Holiday Progressive Dinner (all done at no cost to members). It is also a funding source for our education and community outreach programs, including our Welcome to the Neighbor-

hood program and our Grant Program to support homeowners' restoration projects.

Remember also that as a member of Pomona Heritage, you are entitled to receive discounts from selected area merchants. Other benefits include receiving these newsletters and invitations to all Pomona Heritage events.

Since we are recognized as a 501c3 organization, your membership dues are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

We wish to thank all those members who have already renewed and hope that all 2010 members will renew for 2011.

## For Members ONLY

Pomona Heritage members receive discounts and other consideration from these fine area Merchants

**The Paint Bucket**, 1051 W. Holt Ave., Ontario, 909 983-2664, Contractor Pricing

**2002 AD**, 395 E. Commercial, Pomona, 909 629-1955, 20% off BMW Service, parts, and restoration

**Custom Roof Company**, 293 E. McKinley Ave., Pomona, 909 753-6449, 10%

**Pasadena Architectural Salvage**, 2600 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, 626 535-9655, 10%

**Sherwin-Williams**, 8955 Central Ave., Montclair, 909 624-0807, Contractor Pricing

**Pete's Upholstery**, 1617 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, 909 236-9609, 15% off Fabric

**Frantz Cleaners**, 1490 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, 909 622-2513, 10% off all services

**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

**Art & Antiques on Lake**, 60 N. Lake Ave., 91101, Pasadena, 626 356-0222, 15% off art and antiques

**Dynamic GrafX**, 1192 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, 909 397-9101, 10% off graphic services including signs, posters, artwork, typesetting, & printing

**The UPS Store-Downtown Pomona**, 101 W Mission Blvd, Ste 110, Pomona, 909 620-7131, 10% discount on all of your packing and shipping needs



## 2010 Restoration Grant Awards

## This Year Celebrated

As we do every year, Pomona Heritage announced the winners of the 2010 Home Restoration Grants at our annual Christmas Progressive Dinner on December 4th. This year we awarded grants totaling \$5,000 to 7 deserving projects.

Smith, Tom and Caroline Lau, Frank Simpson and Patti Amelotte.

We congratulate all of the grant recipients and thank them for adding to the important historic heritage that Pomona's homes so proudly reflect.

We also wish to thank thank Jim

*by Jan Reed*

Pomona Heritage celebrated the holiday season in a big way at this year's Christmas Progressive Dinner on Saturday December 4th. Just under 100 members and guests attend-



Grant applications were reviewed and our group of impartial judges made on-site inspections. The applications were judged on how well the applicant followed best practices to ensure historic accuracy in the renovation of the historic property. Our judges are not members of Pomona Heritage.

The top award of \$2,500 went to Cyndi Gurrera.

The other winners were Kathy Adkins, Toni Ochoa, Hugo Caballero, Diana D.

Gallivan for chairing the Grants program and the judges, who gave of their time to tour each of the homes and make some tough decisions.



ed, to share good food, say hello to old friends and embrace the holiday season.

The festivities began with appetizers at Brent & Megan Jones' turn of the century craftsman style home on Huntington Drive. Some of you may have had a glimpse of their restoration as the "house in progress" at our Restoration Workshop in April. Their house then went through a major restoration through the lead abatement program this summer in which Megan wrote an article about in one of our recent news-



# Year's Progressive Dinner Celebrates The Season

letters. It was nice to get to see the stunning results of all of their efforts.

From there is was on to the Ebell club. Pomona Heritage members and guests were greeted by our board at our welcome, membership and donation tables, where over the course of the evening over \$100.00 dollars was donated for our Historic District signs project and just over 60 cans of food were collected for the Pomona Food Pantry all thanks to our generous members!

Our holiday feast was served in the auditorium where a lavish spread of holiday favorites was laid out. Pomona Heritage provided turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy and our members provided a wide array of holiday favorite side dishes and salads. The Ebell auditorium was decked out in its holiday finest with tables dressed in fine white linens, carefully folded napkins and each place setting was set in china and fine silver from the Ebell along with a printed program of the evening's festivities. The soft glow of candlelight from the hurricane centerpieces circled with a wreath and

crystals adorned our 16 tables. A 5ft gold and silver centerpiece held carefully decorated curly willow was a stunning holiday centerpiece on our buffet table. The greenery for our buffet and beautiful floral arrangement at the welcome table was provided by Ferguson's Flower Gallery.

For our listening pleasure and special treat for the evening, pianist Reed Gratz, the head of the music department from the University of LaVerne, entertained us throughout the course of the evening.

Our holiday dinner also included the



announcement of the winners of this year's Pomona Heritage Preservation Grants Program. \$5,000 is awarded each year. Pomona Heritage president Kathleen Jones and Grants chair Jim Gallivan did the introductions and gave out this year's awards.

After our feast we gathered at the home of Ron & Susan Vander Molen for desserts and coffee. This lovely 1920's Spanish home nestled in Ganesha Hills boasts of floor to ceiling windows and wonderful architecture.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make this such a successful event: Patti Berge, Susanna & Jim Deakyne, David Eskridge, Ron Estrada, Greg Estel, Jim

& Mickey Gallivan, Marian Higgins, Alison McCurdy, Dan & Joan McIntire, Eurydice Turk and Frank & Pat



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Thanks also to the 2010 Progressive Dinner Committee: Jan Reed, Chair, Karen Escobedo, Jerry Ruhl, Linnaeus Simkin & Hal Voll whose insight and attention paid to detail made this year's dinner a spectacular and unforgettable event.

And special thanks to Brent & Megan Jones and Ron & Susan Vander Molen for opening their homes for our enjoyment, and to the Historical Society of the Pomona Valley and Mickey Gallivan for the use of the Ebell. If you weren't able to make it this past year, we certainly look forward to seeing you at our 2011 Christmas Progressive Dinner! Happy New Year Everybody!



## Pomona Heritage Participates In Pomona Christmas Parade

## Thank You For Your Support!

The annual Pomona Christmas Parade was held in downtown Pomona on December 19th. PH President Kathleen Jones and her husband John represented Pomona Heritage. George Munday from the Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club arranged for them to ride in a 1931 Model A touring car. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delmans from Ontario Historical Society were their drivers.

The day was bright and sunny, a perfect day for a parade. The parade route

was lined with people waving and many shouts of "Merry Christmas" were heard. It was a very enjoyable morning.

The Delmans and the Jones enjoyed getting together after the parade to talk about what else? Old houses! The Delman's home was to be part of Upland Vintage Home Tour the following weekend. The Model A Club and their guests, plus Ben and Roxanne Miller, met for lunch afterward.

Pomona Heritage wishes to thank all those who were especially generous in their membership level in 2010.

We would also like to thank the other generous donors and sponsors who also contributed to our organization this past year, it is greatly appreciated!

Donors and sponsors are individual people or businesses that donate money, goods or services to our events. For questions or ideas about sponsorship opportunities, please contact us: P.O. Box 2813, Pomona, CA 91769-2813 / (866) 833-4086 / [www.pomonaheritage.org](http://www.pomonaheritage.org)

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Greg & Laura Estel, *Greg's Refrigeration*

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- Ann Betz
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### **FRIEND LEVEL: \$50 +**

- Kent Bulza
- Michele Ritchie
- Jim & Susanna Deakyne
- Ann Dresselhaus
- Chris & Erica Silvas



clockwise from top: John and Kathleen Jones, Classic 1931 Model A Touring Car, Ben and Ro Miller with their WWII Staff Car



# 2010 Home Tour A Success!

Our 26<sup>th</sup> annual Pomona Heritage Historic Home Tour was held on Sunday, October 17, 2010. It was an overcast day, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the homeowners, tour attendees or volunteers!

The tour began at the Pomona Historical Society's historic *Ebell Club* building, and included a tour of the Museum of History as well as the Antique & Craft Fair held in the auditorium, which was organized by Jan Reed.

This year's tour featured 5 beautiful, two-story homes representing a few different architectural styles, including a 1905 Craftsman Bungalow owned by Robert and Sheri Bennett. Eric Shen, who won the 2009 Restoration Grants top award, showcased all the work he has accomplished in his 1909 Victorian Free Classic. Also on the tour was a lovely 1934 Spanish Eclectic owned by Daryl & Leslie Grigsby and Bud Robinson, a stately 1925 Spanish Colonial owned by Mark and Rebecca Martinez, and a large but very cozy 1928 Spanish Eclectic grove house owned by Donna Daniel.

All the homeowners were very happy and excited to be on the home tour this year, and the small but dedicated Home Tour committee and a great group of volunteers and docents helped make it all possible.

Proceeds from the Home Tour is a main funding source for the annual Historic Restoration Grants program, in which Pomona Heritage gives away a top award of \$2500 plus additional awards up to a total of \$5000. Eligible are Pomona residents who have applied for the grant and completed home restoration projects by

the end of October each year (see our website for all grant program info). Proceeds also benefit other Pomona Heritage outreach activities such as the Old Home Restoration Workshop held in April.

We congratulate the 2010 Home Tour Committee, its co-chairs Karen Escobedo and Megan Jones, and all of the others who contributed to the most important fundraising event of our year!

If you would like meet others like you who love these historic homes and help out with this year's Home Tour, please contact us: P.O. Box 2813, Pomona, CA 91769-2813 / (866) 833-4086 / [www.pomonaheritage.org](http://www.pomonaheritage.org)

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on the state and national levels, it was suggested by Alison McCurdy to contact Zumar Industries who manufactures signs for the City of Pomona and Caltrans and have been in business for over 50 years.

A field trip by Alison and me took us to Zumar Industries in Santa Fe Springs to get the tour and witness the sign making process. Our new signs have the same wonderful artwork, are also reflective, and have an anti-graffiti coating. State of the art 3-M products were used in the manufacturing of our historic signs which carries a 7 year guarantee!

In a world where timing is everything, Pomona Heritage is ringing in the New Year by taking down the old, putting up the new, giving our City of Pomona and our three Historic Districts a fresh new "welcome" to residents and visitors alike. Now that's really ringing in the New Year!

## Pomona Heritage Seeks New Board & Committee Members

Pomona Heritage thanks the board of directors and committees that have made 2010 another successful year for the organization. We are always looking for more of our members to get involved and to be the future leaders of Pomona Heritage. If you are interested in joining us, please call Joan McIntire at (909) 629-4279.

The Pomona Heritage bylaws allow for up to 12 "directors" on the board, and are elected at each annual meeting to hold office for a two-year term. The directors are elected in staggered classes with one-half of the members elected at each annual meeting held before the end of February. Once elected, directors choose the officers for the coming year at their first meeting. Officers include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All board members must be paid-in-full members of the organization.

In addition, the board forms various committees and their chairpersons are appointed. In past years we have had chairs/committees for: Membership, Restoration Workshop, Summer Picnic, Home Tour, Grants, Progressive Dinner and Board Nominations. Committee members are not required to be board members, but can be volunteers from the membership at large.

Please consider becoming a more active member of Pomona Heritage this year, whether as a board or committee member. Your involvement will be much appreciated! If you are interested, call Joan McIntire at (909) 629-4279.



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

POMONA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Meets every 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers  
POMONA CITY COUNCIL: Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers  
POMONA PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers

Summer Picnic

2nd Annual Bowl-A-Rama Fundraiser

DATES TO BE DETERMINED.

Tour:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16: Pomona Heritage Annual Home

Home Restoration Workshop.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2: Pomona Heritage Annual Old

Stallion, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29: Annual Meeting and Board In-

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# Pomona Heritage

## Membership Application

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- Historic \$2,500+
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