

FULLERTON HERITAGE

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Annual Meeting

Preservationist of the Year, Golden Hammer Awards

Fullerton Heritage held its annual meeting on Sunday, June 27 at the Mural Room of the Fullerton Police Department in the former City Hall (now on the National Register of Historic Places).

Fullerton Heritage used the occasion to present the Preservationist of the Year and the Golden Hammer Awards.

The Award for Preservationist of the Year is given annually to those who have made special efforts to preserve historic Fullerton. This year's honors went to Bob Linnell. Linnell, who recently retired from the City's Development Services Department, was recognized for his many contributions to historic preservation, including his efforts on updating the historic building survey and local landmark lists.

Golden Hammer honors this year went to Sandy and Kurt Bretz for their "sweat equity" efforts in the restoration of their home at 531 Fern Drive. Sandy and Kurt shared their photo album that documented the countless weekends and nights that members of the entire family devoted to bringing another of Fullerton's residential gems back from the edge of disaster.



Fullerton Centennial

As the Centennial Year draws to a close, Fullerton Heritage stands proudly as a major contributor to the events commemorating the 100th year of incorporation as a City. Tom Dalton is serving as chairman of the Centennial Committee, and Warren Bowen has worked to get the commemorative pins to all third grade pupils

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Advocacy Issues

by Katie Dalton

Whiting/Stanford Preservation Zone

Fullerton's newest residential preservation zone was unanimously approved by the Landmarks Commission on May 26, 2004. The City Council considered the rezone on July 20, 2004 and they too unanimously approved adding this historic area (200 block of North Stanford and 1100 block of East Whiting) to our protected residential housing. This is a small, but well preserved historic area and also contains a local Historic Landmark house at 1101 E. Whiting. This effort and success represents a great example of Fullerton Heritage working directly with homeowners to achieve preservation goals in the city.

Design Review News

Two important projects have been considered and ultimately approved by the Redevelopment Design Review Committee (RDRC). The new owner of the property at 239 W. Malvern Ave. wanted to demolish the existing historic home and build two very large new units on the property which is in the Jacaranda/Malvern Preservation Zone. Fullerton Heritage immediately began advocating for preservation of the historic home and the addition of a more modest sized and compatible unit on the back of the property. The owner was very resistant and we let him know that we would fight his project with every resource that we have. Working with that information and the excellent design advice of Rick Crane, local architect and FH member, the owner "saw the preservation light" and agreed to an appropriate second unit and preservation of the well-preserved historic home.

The other project involves restoration of many exterior elements of another home in the Jacaranda/Malvern Preservation Zone at 118 W. Brookdale Place. Many of the original historic features had been removed or compromised by a previous owner and the current owners truly understand the value and beauty of their home, by restoring the original elements. RDRC enjoyed approving a project that was exemplary in terms of adhering to the preservation design guidelines.

Proposed Addition To Muckenthaler Center

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center is both a Local Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Muckenthaler Foundation operates the Center and they are proposing an addition to the property that would include an approximately 5,000 square foot building to house a permanent exhibition gallery as well as kitchen and catering facilities. The property was donated to the City by the Muckenthaler family in 1965 with the stipulation that it be preserved and used as a Cultural Center. The proposal is in the beginning stages; the Foundation has held one neighborhood informational meeting with another scheduled for Nov. 22, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. at the Main Library. The surrounding neighborhood is residential and is a potential Landmark District and the neighbors are concerned about the impact of a substantial addition to the Muckenthaler property on the character of the neighborhood. Fullerton Heritage will be advocating for historically sensitive treatment of the Muckenthaler Center and for the compatibility with the surrounding historic neighborhood. We will update you as the project moves forward.

National Register Addition

Fullerton's beautiful Hillcrest Park was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 11, 2004. This is a wonderful addition to our collection of National Register properties and especially noteworthy because not many park properties have this distinction. We are hopeful that this new protection will further our efforts to preserve the historic elements in the park, as well as open up new opportunities for funding sources to restore expensive features like the fountain. Fullerton Heritage again owes board member Debora Richey a debt of thanks for her well researched and written application. She never ceases to amaze us with her abilities and tireless efforts on behalf of FH and our City's heritage. We will properly dedicate and plaque Hillcrest Park at our annual meeting next June.

Photo Needed: Dewella Apartments

Fullerton Heritage is in need of a photograph of the Dewella Apartments (232-236 Wilshire Avenue). A photo taken in the 1930s or earlier would be appreciated. If you have such a picture, please call the Hotline at (714) 740-3051.

President's Corner

by Tom Dalton

The board of directors of Fullerton Heritage has been strengthened by the addition of two new members, Bob Linnell and Terry Galvin. As many of you know, both Bob and Terry are recently retired from the City of Fullerton and bring a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge to our board. As Preservation Planner in the Development Services Department, Bob was intimately involved with the

historic element of our city's redevelopment and worked very closely with the members of the Redevelopment Design Review Committee to ensure the protection of our valued historic resources. Terry, as Redevelopment Operations Manager, was one of our strongest allies in preserving the historic downtown we enjoy today. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the railroad stations, Williams Building, Chapman Building, Farmer's and Merchant's Bank, the Fox Theatre and many others. We will miss working with both of these men in their previous positions but are delighted to have them as members of our board of directors.

Centennial Ball Set for Nov. 20

We hope you are planning to attend the Centennial Ball on November 20th at the Imperial Ballroom. Fullerton Heritage is co-sponsoring the event and we are planning an evening that will celebrate the 100 year incorporation of our beautiful city while raising funds to help us with our preservation efforts. There will be live music, dancing, a casino, a dance exhibition, a magic show, hors d'oeuvres, no host bar and much, much more. For our fund raiser we will have a large variety of desirable gifts that have been donated by the generous merchants of Fullerton as well as many donated by Fullerton Heritage board members and their friends. This is one party you won't want to miss.

Downtown Walking Tour Steps Out on Dec. 11

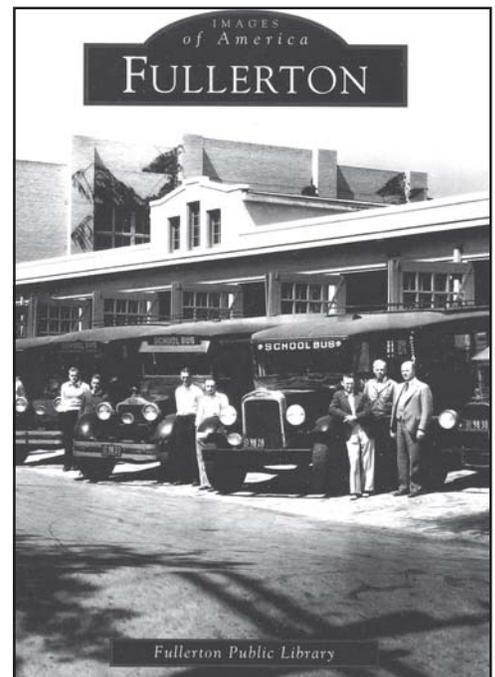
The next Downtown Fullerton Historic Walking Tour is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 11th. It will leave the Museum Center on Pomona and Wilshire at 9 a.m. and conclude about 11:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for community residents to get a personalized look at 'old Fullerton'. The walk is free to Fullerton heritage members and is open to the public at \$5.00 per family. There is limited stair climbing. Centennial pins will be given to the first 25 people to arrive at the museum.

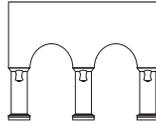
New Fullerton Pictorial History Available

Available in time for the holidays, *Images of America: Fullerton* is a pictorial history of the city from 1890 to 2004. Using photographs housed in the Launer Local History Room of the Fullerton Public Library, the book features over 200 photographs of Fullerton pioneers and celebrities, businesses, notable sites and buildings, transportation systems, major events, and much more. Many of the photographs, which chronicle the town's history, have never been seen before.

Published to celebrate the city's centennial, the book pays tribute to a once small town that now boasts a population of over 130,000 residents. This high readable visual history is

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Centennial Year

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in the City; local history is taught in all of Fullerton's third grade classes. Each pupil will receive a pin prior to the visit to the Arboretum's Heritage House which is also 100 years old this year. Members of various civic groups have also received the pins.

Congratulations are due to Cathy Thomas and Debora Richey (Fullerton Heritage board members) and Kathy Morris for the remarkable book they have done picturing the Fullerton of old. Warren Bowen has completed his history of the Fullerton Arboretum, now in its 25th year as a botanical garden and community meeting place. Both books are available for purchase.

Historical Book

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perfect for long-time residents who want to reminisce about Fullerton's colorful past and for newcomers unfamiliar with the city's rich history. The book's remarkable collection of photographs also makes it ideal for children.

Images of America: Fullerton is available for purchase at the Fullerton Public Library, bookstores (including Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 1923 West Malvern), and through Amazon.com. It sells for \$19.99 plus tax. ISBN 0738529400. All proceeds from the book go to the Fullerton Public Library.



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