

# FULLERTON HERITAGE

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## Decision on Fox Near? Council to Review Proposals

roject Fox has been foremost in the minds of the board members, as well as the public at large. It seems like we've been working on this issue forever and finally we may be getting closer to a decision one way or another. During the past few months we have been talking to

the citizens to get a sense of what they would like to see happen to the historic theatre. As in the past with the petition drive, the people we have talked with are overwhelmingly in favor of restoring the theatre to motion picture use with adaptive reuse of the retail space in the com-

plex. We have encouraged people to write letters to the City Council expressing their views and want to thank the Fullerton Heritage members who have done so. For those of you who have not acted on your desire to have the Fox saved, we know how difficult it is to actually write that letter, but try to voice your concern by sending a brief note or post card to the Council.

The historic significance of the Fox Theatre is well documented and we think indisputable. We have received support from many noted historians and preservation architects as well as the California Preservation Foundation. So the issue seems to be not whether to save the Fox, but rather how to do so.

On Tuesday, October 19 the City

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### 100 Years of Heritage: Year 2000 Millennium Calendar On Sale Now

Fullerton Heritage year 2000 millennium calendar is now available. The calendar committee has prepared a grand edition of the year 2000 calendar featuring marvelous photographs of historic sites and events by the decade from the 1900s to 1990s. Every Fullerton buff will want one of these souvenirs of the millennium. Members may order by using the order form on page 3 along with a check made out to Fullerton Heritage for \$7.00 per calendar. FH will pay the postage and mail your calendar to you. If you are ordering more than one copy, please add an additional \$1.00 for postage. Remember these calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts.

You may prefer to buy your calendar in person. They are available at the following locations during their regular business hours:

- Mustard Seed, located at the southeast corner of Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, 219 E. Commonwealth Avenue
- Fullerton Arboretum gift shop, located in the northeast corner of the Cal State Fullerton campus at Associated Road and Yorba Linda Boulevard Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Fullerton Museum Center at the northwest corner of Wilshire Avenue and Pomona Avenue
- Fullerton Public Library, Main Branch on West Amerige
- House of Hayward antiques, on Brookdale Place, just west of Harbor Boulevard

*-Warren Bowen*

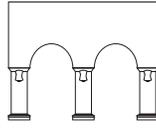
### A Call to Action!

Please urge the City Council to use all necessary public support to restore the Fox. Write, e-mail or call Mayor Jan Flory and members of the City Council.

Email: [council@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:council@ci.fullerton.ca.us)

Phone: (714) 738-6311

Write: 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.  
Fullerton CA 92832



## President's Corner

*Tom Dalton*

This is a great time to be a member of Fullerton Heritage. We are involved in so many activities around the city it is hard to keep up with them all. Last month the board of directors had its annual goals and objectives meeting and we were all amazed at not only the number of projects on which we are working, but also the variety. Each year our list gets longer and more diverse. Obviously, our number one objective is still to save the historic and beautiful Fox Fullerton Theater so for the remainder of the year we intend to continue to focus the majority of our energy on that effort. Another of our more pressing goals is to successfully market the Fullerton Heritage 2000 Calendar that just recently went on sale. It contains a beautiful series of historic Fullerton photographs and will make a great gift for all Fullerton lovers. Other articles provide details on other goals and objectives, what you can do to help us save the Fox and where to get copies of the calendar for you and your friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who make Fullerton Heritage such a positive influence in our city. Just last week Fullerton Heritage members Warren Bowen, Rick Crane, Katie Dalton, Bliss Ehrlich, Judith Kaluzny, Bob Linnell, Molly McClanahan, and Debora Richey pitched in as volunteer docents to help the YWCA with its annual Home and Garden Tour. I believe it is this kind of teamwork and resource sharing that has helped earn us the reputation of being a group of doers who are willing to spend our discretionary time promoting the good things in our city. I would also like to recognize Dennis Ritchey, Richard Odle, Bliss Ehrlich, Bob Linnell, Mike Strauss and Molly McClanahan; members at large who have worked so many hours on Fullerton Heritage committees to advance issues important to the organization. Additionally, I am deeply indebted to the board members of Fullerton Heritage for their continued support and hard work. Our organization has come a long way in its short history and credit needs to be given to this group of dedicated, talented and caring people.

## Fullerton Heritage Board Sets Goals for 1999-2000

At its annual planning meeting in September, Fullerton Heritage Board members discussed priorities for the coming year. The board will work on the following issues:

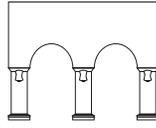
- 1\* Continue the effort to save the Fox.
  - 2\* Develop marketing strategy for 2000 calendar.
  3. Put National Register plaques on two Fullerton Buildings.
  4. Compile and distribute a resources directory.
  5. Establish plan for Fullerton Heritage sponsored guided walking tours.
  6. Establish guidelines for education for outreach to realtors and front-line city staff.
  7. Develop interest in register status for landmark properties. Target properties: Williams Bldg., Il Ghiotto (Red-Car Station), Self Realization Church.
  8. Develop Anti-Stucco Campaign.
  9. Perform survey of post 1950 structures for Potential National Register Status
- \* Top Priority for remainder of 1999

## Launer Room Closed During Construction; Access to Be Limited

The Launer Local History Room will be closed and most of the materials unavailable during the library's construction project. This decision was made because the construction will endanger the historical collection. The following Launer room collections will be available during the construction: the classified picture file, but not the negatives, the Haines Criss/Cross directories for north and south Orange County from 1971 to the present, and the Fullerton News Tribune microfilm and index back to the 1890s. We appreciate the community's support during this remodeling and look forward to providing enhanced service and facilities upon the completion of the project.

*Cathy Thomas*

Launer Room archivist



## New Members Welcomed

The Board of Directors of Fullerton Heritage wishes to thank and acknowledge new members who joined since our last newsletter in May 1999.

### JUNE 1999

Joe Anne Strain Allen Family  
James R. Antonow  
Kathryn Baptista  
Jon Clark  
Bob & Rosie Jones  
Pamela Nevius  
Leo Nollette  
Herb Stockinger

### JULY 1999

Maureen Burton & Al Gagnon  
Jan Flory  
Patrick Kennelly  
Jerrold M. Wolf

### AUGUST 1999

Dallas & Debbie Stout

### SEPTEMBER 1999

Pearl Gondrella Mann  
Erin Nelson  
Mrs. Charles (Nea) Wickett  
Leland Wilson

## Old Towne Orange Home Tour

Take a stroll through eight vintage homes, a quilt display and a Victorian bridal museum in Old Towne Orange. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 16 & 17. Advance tickets are \$16. Tickets at the door are \$18. For more information, call OTHA hotline at (714) 639-6840.

## OC History Conference Planned

The Orange County Historical Commission and the History Department at California State University, Fullerton are sponsoring a history conference to be held on the CSUF campus October 22, 23, and 24, 1999. Titled "Building Bridges to Orange County History," the purpose of the conference is to build bridges of understanding between different groups now living in Orange County, such as bridges between the academic community and historical societies, between generations, between teachers and students, and between the past and the millennium.

The conference will include workshops on oral history, historic preservation, genealogy, and historical society management, as well as bus and walking tours of historic spots in Anaheim, Laguna Woods, Placentia, Santa Ana, and Yorba Linda. Warren Bowen, a member of the Board of Directors for Fullerton Heritage, will be conducting a tour of historic downtown Fullerton on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The tour will begin at the Fullerton Museum Center. For further information on the walking tour, please call the Fullerton Heritage hotline at 740-3051. Questions about the conference can be referred to Traci Smith at (714) 278-5808.

*Deborah Richey*

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF HERITAGE—FH YEAR 2000 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Yes, I want to greet the millennium with a special year 2000 Fullerton Heritage calendar.

Send my calendar(s) to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

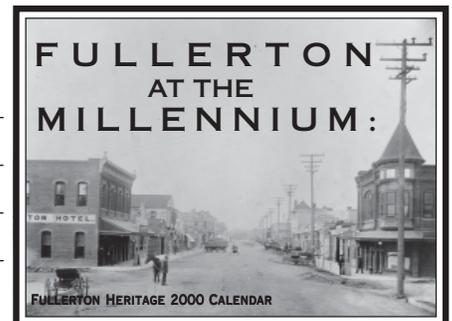
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

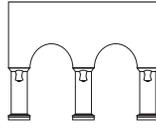
Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) calendars at \$7.00 each (For more than one calendar, add an additional \$1.00 postage.

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail this form to:

Fullerton Heritage / P.O. Box 3356 Fullerton, California 92834-3356





# Fox

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Council acting as the Redevelopment Agency will consider the efficacy of the responses to the Request for Proposals that was sent out this summer. Several proposals were submitted and all involve restoration of the theatre property in some form. While some proposals are better than others, all involve substantial financial commitment on the part of the developer, but request money from the Redevelopment Agency in order to successfully restore the

theatre. Because our efforts have shown that the citizens of Fullerton overwhelmingly support restoration including the use of public money if necessary, we will request that the Council contribute whatever is possible. If maximum Redevelopment Agency participation is needed for a successful Fox project, then it will be money well spent to insure future financial benefits to the city, supply the need for a downtown entertainment anchor and give the other downtown businesses the added boost that they deserve.

We urge all Fullerton Heritage members, and indeed anyone else who supports restoration of the Fox Theatre to join us at the **City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 4 p.m. session, with the item likely to be heard at approximately 5:00 p.m.** Please come prepared to say a few words in support of the Fox restoration or to just lend your support by your presence that evening. We hope

to encourage the City Council to do the right and necessary thing to save the Fox for the citizens of Fullerton and for the benefit of generations to come. There may never be another opportunity to save

a piece of our cultural and architectural heritage that is so important to so many. If you have never been to a Fullerton City Council meeting, this is the one to attend.

-Katie Dalton

## Join Fullerton Heritage

**Yes,** I want to support Fullerton Heritage in preserving Fullerton's historic cultural and architectural resources.

Please check one:

- \$10 Student
- \$15 Senior (65 & over)
- \$20 Individual
- \$25 Non-profit
- \$30 Family
- \$50 Small Business
- \$100 Friend
- \$250 Corporate
- \$500 Patron
- \$1000 Benefactor
- \$\_\_\_\_\_Additional Contribution

I would like to be active in Fullerton Heritage, and am interested in the following activities:

- Advocacy/Issues
- Programs/Education
- Newsletter
- Publications
- Landmark Nominations
- Fundraising
- Restoration Resources
- Historic home tours
- Downtown walking tours
- Historic Survey Update
- Other interests (please list):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_

(W): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL/FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Renewal
- New Member
- Gift Membership

Send your check along with this form to:  
Fullerton Heritage / P.O. Box 3356 / Fullerton,  
California 92834-3356



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