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2009 Annual Holiday House Tour

Which Stedman is it?

If you like "who-dun-its" you'll really enjoy the "who-built-it" aspect of the tour PAST is throwing for our annual holiday house tour event!

It is a Stedman, but which one?



There have actually been four such surnames whose skills have embraced the architectural and homestead field, all with examples in the Palo Alto and Stanford area! Two were bothers and two were married to each other!

Find out about the individual Stedman's and whose designs are whose. Recognize the attributes of each and their lovely contributions to our community.

Our annual holiday house tour will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Please reserve the date - more information will follow!

President's Column

I'm pleased to report that PAST has had an active and successful year. As you know, we worked long and hard with the city on the renovation plans for the College Terrace Library. The library is closing for construction as we go to press. While PAST will not be holding a covenant for this property, we are satisfied that this building's status as one of our newest Category 2 historic structures gives us adequate recourse to appeal to the Historic Resources Board or City Council if we see anything untoward happening during the renovation process. I feel personally that the many hours we sat at the table with Public Works and the architects during the planning and design process helped produce a set of construction documents that address PAST's concerns for this community landmark.

Thanks to Natalie Loukianoff, Margaret Feuer, Janet Peacock, and Carolyn George for their work on Preservation Week activities. Our researchers identified over 30 one-hundred year-old houses in Palo Alto, and 15 on the Stanford Campus. It was gratifying to see how many families attended the Preservation Month ceremony to acknowledge their home's birthday.

We have made progress in solidifying our intention to hold covenants for private property owners who don't wish to see their beloved homes demolished once they sell, and hope to have an announcement in our next newsletter.

We continue to work with the Friends of Juana Briones in their effort to preserve Juana's residence on Old Adobe Road. The owners have appealed the decision not to let them demolish this special structure, and the Friends' attorney, Susan Brandt-Hawley, has submitted her response. A decision should be rendered by the end of the year. In the meantime, we continue to request that the city enforce its own laws against letting a building go to rack and ruin while the process continues.

Scott Smithwick spearheaded our efforts to preserve the view of Palo Alto High School's Haymarket Theater from Embarcadero Road, thus leaving the most historic portions of the school visible as an important gateway into the northern part of Palo Alto.

I would also like to recognize Scott for his efforts as PAST's newsletter editor for the last three years. He is stepping down from that role, but will continue on the board as a member of our Advocacy committee. Heartfelt thanks for a job well done!!

Our Holiday House Tour in December should be a real treat. Leslie McLaren has been delving into the mysteries of the Stedman name so familiar in architectural and real estate circles in Palo Alto. How were Morgan, Marcus, and James related, if at all? What did they build, when and where? We will explain it all! This will be a "not to be missed" tour, so save the date: December 13, 1-4 PM.

- Grace Hinton, President

~ Centennial Homes Research ~

Was your house built from 1910 to 1920? If you believe that it was, please contact Janet Peacock at janet1585@gmail.com

Keep up to date by visiting our website at: www.pastheritage.org

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Palo Alto Houses

943 Addison Ave.	2230 Amherst	1160 Bryant St.
229 Bryon St.	1325 Cowper St.	1345 Cowper St
1401 Cowper	825 Channing Ave.	202 Emerson St.
1085 Emerson St.	1118 Emerson St.	321 Fulton St.
730 Hamilton Ave.	975 Hamilton Ave.	225 Lincoln Ave.
859 Lytton Ave.	555 Kellogg	677 Melville Ave.
1120 Palo Alto Ave.	2110 Park Blvd.	1020 Ramona
299 Tennyson	604 Tennyson	659 Tomi Lea St.
970 University Ave.	1321 Waverley St.	611 Webster St.



Stanford Houses

583 Alvarado	612 Alvarado	614 Alvarado
634 Alvarado	636 Alvarado	776 Dolores
583 Salvatierra	585 Salvateirra	611 Salvateirra
613 Salvateirra	625 Salvateirra	627 Salvateirra
	739 Santa Ynez	

Preservation Design Awards 2009

Residential Preservation Award 1013 Ramona

Presented to Theresa and Mark Rowland in recognition of their dedication to the preservation of their 1907 home at 1013 Ramona Street. This sensitive renovation preserves many of the home's historic features, including the narrow lapped siding, which had been hidden under stucco for many years, and contributes admirably to the character of the Professorville Historic District.



Presented to Cody Anderson Wasney Architects, Inc. for the renovation of 1013 Ramona Street, a 1907 house in the Professorville Historic District. This masterful renovation preserved the home's historic features, including the narrow lapped siding that had been hidden under stucco for many years.

Residential Preservation Remodeling Award 536 Gerona Road, Stanford



Presented to Debby and Bobby Robbins for their sensitive remodel to a significant Charles Sumner-designed home, 536 Gerona Road, on the Stanford Campus. They succeeded in preserving the integrity of the original 1929 house while adding significant space.

Presented to Bill Bocoock, AIA for his deft handling of a significant addition to a 1929 Charles Sumner home, 536 Gerona Road, on the Stanford Campus.

Residential Preservation Stewardship Award

775 Santa Ynez Street, Stanford



Presented to James Lock and Brian Kleis for their stewardship of an exceptional 1914 A.B. Clark home, 775 Santa Ynez Street, atop San Juan Hill on the Stanford Campus.

Commercial Preservation Award

236 Hamilton Avenue

Presented to Rob Fischer, Proprietor of Reposado, in recognition of his elegant contribution to historic preservation at 236 Hamilton Avenue. What was once a drive through feed and fuel warehouse of 1920 Mission Revival Style, has been transformed into a modern restaurant while preserving the historic storefront windows, timber ceiling and trusses, and original concrete walls.

Presented to CCS Architecture in recognition of the preservation and adaptive use of 236 Hamilton Avenue, now home to Reposado Restaurant. What was once a drive through feed and fuel warehouse of 1920 Mission Revival Style, has been transformed into a modern restaurant while preserving the historic storefront windows, timber ceiling and trusses, and original concrete walls.





Sunset Magazine and its Influence on California Architecture

The last lecture in the Museum of American Heritage's (MOAH) summer lecture series, sponsored by Cody Anderson Wasney Architects, is being presented by principals Monty Anderson and Chris Wasney will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 7pm at MOAH. See www.moah.org for more information.

New Board Member Spotlight

Leslie McLaren is a native Palo Alto. Educated in Colorado and New York, and with a nursing degree in hand, she returned to the bay area from North Carolina to raise her children. Retired now from the former Children's Hospital at Stanford, (Lucille Packard Children's Hospital) and a real estate career, she has pursued her interests in architecture and design. An admitted perpetual remodeler, her search for historic design has led to studies of and appreciation for various architectural styles. She is a member of the Palo Alto Women's Club and serves on the Board of the Palo Alto Garden Club. She has volunteered as a Stanford Health Library Associate and Pacific Art League Board Member. Her family has roots in Palo Alto, Aunt Shirley Cobb maintained a wonderful bookstore on University Avenue, and she feels a fond responsibility for helping to maintain as well as increase the appreciation for the history and character of the Palo Alto Stanford area.



Historic Inventory Document

PAST has recently obtained an inventory list of all buildings built in Palo Alto that is organized alphabetically by the architect or designer. Below is an excerpt of a page from that document. This document will greatly help us in our future research endeavors and is a valuable resource for historic preservation!

Architects and Designers
Listed in the Inventory
of Historic Buildings

ALLISON & ALLISON. 50 Embarcadero Road

BARRETT, C.H. 1023 Forest Avenue

BENDER, THOMAS. 1005 Bryant Street; 1017-1023 Bryant Street

BERTRAND & CHAMBERLIN. 359 Embarcadero Road

BRANNER, JOHN R. 939 University Avenue II

BRANSON, C.E. 505 Homer Avenue

BUCK, LAWRENCE. 1160 Bryant Street

CHRISTIE, J.H. 95 University Avenue II

CHURCH, THOMAS (landscape). 950 University Avenue

CLARK, A.B. 345 Lincoln Avenue; 356 Lincoln Avenue; 433 Melville Avenue; 1136 Waverley Street

CLARK, BIRGE M. 440-450 Bryant Street; 1310 Bryant Street; 232 Coleridge Avenue; 455 Coleridge Avenue; 512 Coleridge Avenue; 526 Coleridge Avenue; 544 Coleridge Avenue; 1247 Cowper Street; 1928 Cowper Street; 1950 Cowper Street; 1990 Cowper Street; 1490 Edgewood Drive; 50 Embarcadero Road; 544 Emerson Street; 758 Emerson Street; 267 Hamilton Avenue; 380 Hamilton Avenue; 1220 Hamilton Avenue; 790 High Street; 300 Homer Avenue; 420 Maple Street; 1305 Middlefield Road; 528-530 Ramona Street; 532-536 Ramona Street; 538-540 Ramona Street; 541-545 Ramona Street; 628 Ramona Street; 630 Ramona Street; 595 Tennyson Avenue; 121-131 University Avenue; 180 University Avenue; 323 University Avenue; 423 University Avenue; 436-452 University Avenue; 460 University Avenue; 488 University Avenue; 1525 Webster Street; 1651 Webster Street

CLARK, DAVID. 380 Hamilton Avenue; 790 High Street; 180 University Avenue I

CODY, GEORGE. 212 High Street

CONFERS, FREDERICK. 190 Island Drive

COXHEAD, ERNEST. 351 Homer Avenue; 567 Melville Avenue III

CRIM, WILLIAM. 200 Coleridge Avenue; 301 Coleridge Avenue

DAILEY, GARDNER A. 27 Crescent Drive; 525 East Crescent Drive; 1800 University Avenue; 1870 University Avenue III

DE LEMOS, PEDRO. 460-464 Churchill Avenue; 1550-1570 Cowper Street; 2301-2311 Hanover Street; 520-526 Ramona Street; 533-539 Ramona Street; 101 Waverley Oaks

EAMES, EDWARD. 745 Waverley Street II

EDWARDS & SCHARY. 360 Forest Avenue

FARR, ALBERT. 1600 Bryant Street

FOLLMER, RALPH. 460 Homer Avenue; 734 Ramona Street-735 Emerson Street; 1135 Waverley Street

FREEAR, GEORGE. 70 Crescent Drive

Calendar of Events

Now through November 1, 2009
"California Living the Sunset Way" at
MOAH - See www.moah.org

October 8, 2009 - MOAH's Lecture Series
"Sunset Magazine and its Influence on
Local Architecture" - lecture is by Monty
Anderson and Chris Wasney of Cody
Anderson Wasney Architects - See
www.moah.org and see page 6 for a
feature article

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