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Spring 2018

PAST Celebrates Preservation Month Preservation Awards & Centennial Plaques

“The Hostess House Story: Before and After Camp Fremont”

Refreshments following presentations

Sunday, May 6 — 2 to 4 p.m.

Lucie Stern Community Center Ball Room
1305 Middlefield Road

Presented in association with the Palo Alto Historical Association.



Saturday Morning Historic Walking Tours

There's a new tour – DOWNTOWN! Walking tours are among PAST's most popular events led by some of the city's most knowledgeable preservationists. Join us for a fun and friendly walk through town — We look forward to seeing you on our tours!



Sat. Homer Avenue Led by Steve Emslie
April 28 Meet at The Woman's Club, 475 Homer Avenue



Sat. College Terrace Led by Carolyn George
May 12 Meet at 1181 College (corner of College and Harvard)



Sat. Professorville Led by Kris Zavoli and Anne Gregor
May 19 Meet at 1005 Bryant (corner of Bryant and Addison)



Sat. Downtown Led by Margaret Feuer
June 2 Meet at City hall, 250 Hamilton

Rain or shine! – All tours start at 10 a.m.

President's Letter

Hello,

I want to thank you for your support of PAST during 2017. Your membership allows us to accomplish a number of important projects that focus on promoting the preservation of local historic architecture. Last year PAST celebrated its 30th anniversary, and this Spring we'll be co-hosting the **CPF California Preservation Conference, *Deep Roots in Dynamic Times***, May 17–20.

Foremost is our annual presentation of **Centennial Plaques and Preservation Awards**, an event that PAST started in 1996.. The Palo Alto and Stanford environs are our living architecture history museum. Each year plaques are presented to the owners of 100 year old structures; ; our awards program recognizes historic preservation projects. Next is the success of our spring and fall docent-led **walking tours** of Palo Alto neighborhoods. What better way to promote the value of preserving the diverse character of local buildings than to walk through our neighborhoods hearing stories about the people, events and the legacy architecture. Another significant project was our February 2017 panel discussion **"Nuts & Bolts"** exploring historic components, elements, and details. This Spring we will continue the discussion at the 2018 Cali-

fornia Preservation Conference with several PAST Heritage tours and programs (see page 3).

This year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of **Palo Alto High School's Tower Building** and **Julia Morgan's Camp Fremont Hostess House**, and next year, 2019, we will celebrate the **125th anniversary** of Palo Alto. (See back page). Our plans include creating a guide to historic sites that will help residents and visitors discover and explore our rich heritage. This year's Preservation Month plaques and awards event will be held **Sunday, May 6**, in partnership with the Palo Alto Historical Association.

Please help us continue PAST's legacy for the next 30 years by **renewing your membership** today. As a PAST member you'll be entitled to the CPF member discount when registering for the 2018 California Preservation Conference. The enclosed envelope is a convenient way to renew as well as to let us know how you can help PAST take on new projects impacting local historic preservation.

Thank You,

Lee I. Lippert, PAST President



Green Gables Eichler, built in 1950



Geenmeadow Eichler, built in 1956



Eichler Neighborhood Design Guidelines

On February 22, 2018, the City of Palo Alto Historic Resources Board approved the final draft of the Palo Alto Eichler Neighborhood Design Guidelines. Developed after more than a year of public meetings, about 200 public comments, and two Historic Resources Board public hearings, the approved guidelines will come before the Palo Alto City Council for adoption on April 2, 2018. The guidelines were created after Eichler homeowners requested the City provide design and development rules for renovations and new construction in Palo Alto's 32 Eichler tracts. Two of those tracts are listed on the National Register as Historic Districts.

Although the guidelines are voluntary, they were written to help the City of Palo Alto Planning and Community Environment staff evaluate proposed work and to help Eichler homeowners and design professionals make contextually appropriate design decisions. The guidelines include an extensive history of Eichler residential development, including information about the architects who worked with Joe Eichler, the characteristics of the many Eichler home designs, and the variety and use of materials, cladding and fenestration.

The guidelines can be found on the City of Palo Alto website at:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/64118>

David Bower

2017 Preservation Awards: Two Stanford projects, one Downtown commercial property, and three restored residential properties.



Stanford Barn/Old Winery

Owner: Stanford University
Architect: Joel Karr
Contractor: Devcon Construction
Contractor: Terra Nova Industries

for restoration of one of the oldest buildings in Palo Alto designed by noted winery architect Hamden McIntyre in 1888. Ivy was removed for cleaning of brick surfaces, the lobby and courtyard were refurbished, and improvements were made to the restaurant area.



Sapp Center / Old Chemistry Building

Owner: Stanford University
Architects: CAW Architects
EYP Architecture and Engineering
Contractor: Plant Construction

for the seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of the Old Chem Building to house teaching laboratories in chemistry and biology and a consolidated science library. A compatible addition was constructed at the rear of the building. Old Chem, constructed in 1900 and closed since 1987, is the last building on the Stanford campus to complete its seismic retrofit.



345 Forest Avenue / Laning Chateau

Owner: Stephen Reller
Architect: CAW Architects
Contractor: NorthWall Builders

The historic rehabilitation of this downtown Palo Alto icon included the removal of invasive vines in order to provide a comprehensive restoration of its character-defining ornamental concrete façade. Historic windows and railings were restored and the first floor was seismically upgraded. New storefronts and windows were added to the first floor that are compatible with the original design and provide maximum light to interior spaces.



251 Lincoln Avenue

Designer: Margaret Wimmer

Contractor: Sam Benzacar

for the expansion and renovation of the 1903 Colonial Revival/Shingle Style home designed by Charles Hodges to meet current building standards. To offer modernized living space, non-historic and non-compliant areas were removed to allow for desired expansion and mechanical needs.



345 Lincoln Avenue

Owner: Carolyn Foss

Architect: CAW Architects

Contractor: NorthWall Builders

The renovation of this Professorville landmark residence creates an inviting and compatible addition that connects the home directly to the gardens, creating seamless flow between interior and exterior. The property's water tower was relocated and integrated as a key feature of the home, housing the main staircase that connects all levels, leading up to an office overlooking Palo Alto.



601 Melville Avenue

Owner: Dan & Allsion Rose

Architect: Aino Vieira da Rosa

Contractor: NorthWall Builders

Interior Design: Jon de La Cruz

Landscape Design: Sarah Wardo

for preserving this National Register house for another 100 years by restoring and reinforcing the original single family residence and protecting seven heritage trees. Original materials, including window panes, were re-used or matched with custom made elements. Interior spaces were carefully repaired.

**2017 Centennial Plaques
Presented Last Year**



525 Alma Street
Vandervoort Family



460 Churchill Avenue
Linda Norton



773 Dolores, Stanford
Kim Bomar & Oyekunle Olukotun



419 Lagunita, Stanford
Kingscote Gardens



662 Mirada, Stanford
Russell & Anne Fernald



746 Santa Ynez, Stanford
Dorothy Anderson



115 Webster Street
James Willis

1916 Plaque



730 Waverley Street
Chung Sook Kim

Other 1917 Homes



369 Churchill Avenue



**743 Cooksey Lane
Stanford**



846 Cowper Street



676 Everett Avenue



833 Hamilton Avenue



1037 High Street



133 Middlefield Road



**649 Miranda
Stanford**



149 Webster Street



1119 Webster Street

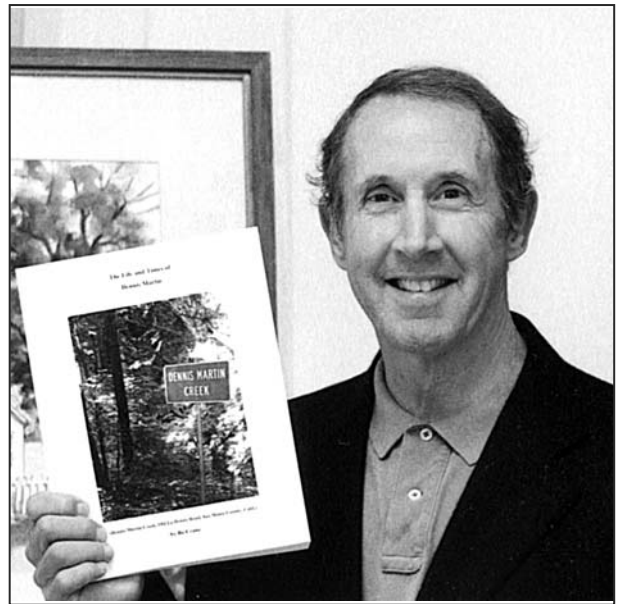
Meet Bo Crane — Our Newest Board Member

Bo Crane, new PAST Secretary, was born at the Palo Alto Hospital, now the Hoover Pavilion. His family homes were on Heather Lane, Walter Hays Drive and Webster Street, between Byron and Embarcadero. He attended Walter Hays Elementary, Jordan Junior High and Palo Alto High School before graduating from Stanford with a B. A. in English.

His career was in subdivision construction, large and small throughout the greater Bay Area, as a construction and project manager. Upon retirement in 2012, Bo became interested in local history. He wrote and published *The Life and Times of Dennis Martin*, a local pioneer, currently available through Bo personally and Amazon books. His hobby is road biking, which has taken him all over the both sides of the bay both for recreation and research. Bo has spoken regarding the story of Dennis Martin at the Palo Alto and Menlo Park Historical Association meetings as well as the San Mateo County Museum, the San Mateo Genealogical Society, St. Denis Catholic Church, the Woodside Historical Association, Grandview-Espinosa Annual Meeting and Channing House.

His current work, *The Streets of Menlo Park*, has just been released through the Menlo Park Historical Association, of which he is the current secretary. He also belongs to the Palo Alto Historical Association, the Stanford Historical Society and the San Mateo County Museum.

He has a daughter who is now a clinical social worker at Kaiser in Redwood City. His wife, Kristen Harrison, has done architectural-designer projects throughout Palo Alto, Stanford and the local area over the past twenty-five years. She was also born at the Palo Alto Hospital and grew up in Portola Valley, graduating from Woodside High School and Stanford as well.



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Don't delay!
If you haven't already...
Renew your membership
TODAY!

Calendar of Historical Happenings

April 28, May 12,
May 19, June 2 —
Walking Tours—see
front page for details.

May 17–20, *California
Preservation Conference*,
Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel

May, 6 – 2 p.m. —

PAST Celebration,

Lucie Stern Community
Center Ball Room, 1305
Middlefield.

*Museum of American
Heritage:* 351 Homer
Ave., 11 a.m.–4 p.m.,
Friday, Saturday and
Sunday. Free.

**Historic Resources
Board** — 1st & 3rd

Wed. – 8:30 a.m., City
Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

April, 2019 Palo Alto
turns 125!



PALO ALTO IS ABOUT TO TURN 125!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are one year away from
celebrating our beloved Palo Alto
and we need YOU to make it happen!

Sign Up at
www.PaloAlto125.org



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PAST Heritage is a nonprofit organization advocating the preservation of the historic architecture, neighborhoods, and character of the greater Palo Alto Stanford area through informed citizen involvement and education.

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