

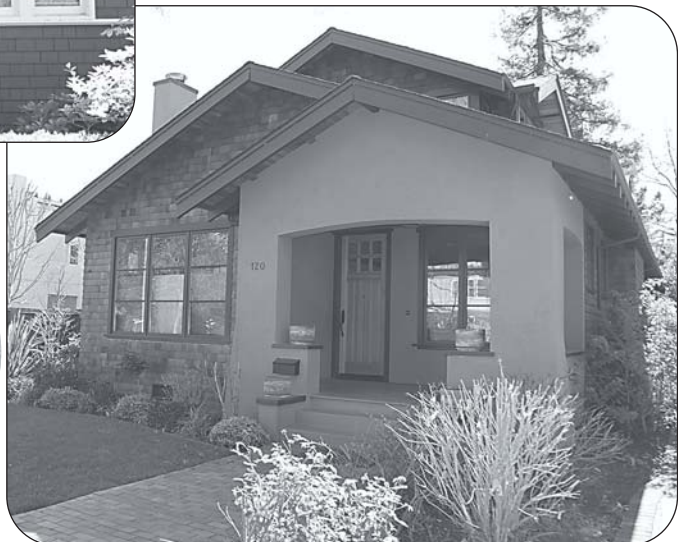
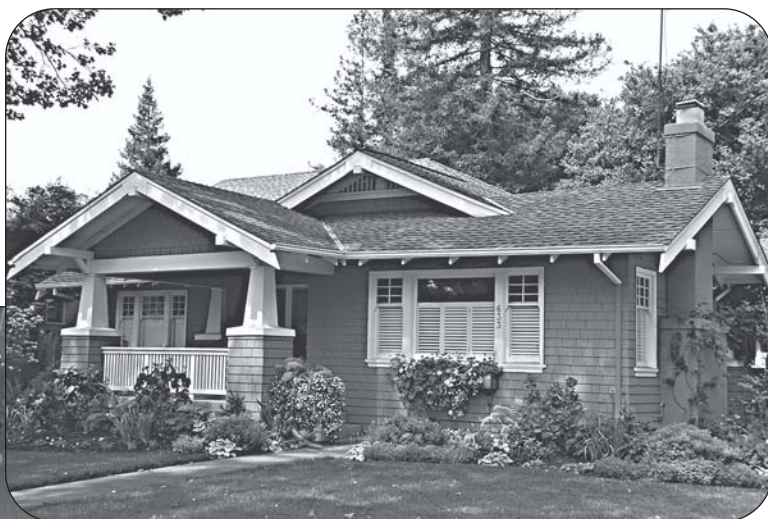
## Happy Birthday!

Please join with us on **Sunday May 4** for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of centennial plaques to Palo Alto and Stanford homes. The presentation will follow the monthly meeting of the Palo Alto Historical Association at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Thirteen 1914 homes will be honored as well as four earlier ones. See all the homes and learn about their history!

2:00 p.m. PAHA meeting **Jungianism in Palo Alto**

3:00 p.m. Coffee and birthday cake

3:30 p.m. Presentation of plaques



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of PAST, PAST needs your help. As previously announced, **Margaret Feuer** retired from her post as President of PAST in the fall of 2013. Additionally, **Judith Mattingly**, our Secretary, also left the Board to focus more on her work in San Francisco and **Janet Peacock** served out her final term and retired from the Board after 6 years of service researching centennial homes and representing PAST at meetings of the Historic Resources Board. These women have made significant contributions to our organization, and we want to offer them our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.

In light of their departure and other attrition, the PAST Board has been reduced below a sustainable size. In order for PAST to continue as an organization we need to rebuild our board and PAST needs a person willing to lead the board as its president.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join (or rejoin) the PAST Board. If you, or a friend, are interested please contact me at [president@pastheritage.org](mailto:president@pastheritage.org).

We look forward to welcoming new members to the Board and continuing our mission for many years to come.

Best regards,

Tom Johnston  
Acting President, PAST Board



Preserved wall from the rear.



Jeanne MacDonald (left center row) with members of the Briones family at the opening of the Juana Briones exhibit.

## JUANA BRIONES UPDATE

Rescued from the wrecking ball, the preserved section of wall from the Juana Briones house which was purchased by **The Friends of Juana Briones** and **PAST** is currently the focal point of an exhibition of **The Story of Juana Briones**, an exhibition at **The California Historical Society (CHS)** in San Francisco. The exhibition is open through June 8, 2014.

The exhibit includes 170 artifacts, letters and documents. The centerpiece is a **wall section** of red-wood and rammed earth that stands 9 feet tall and 8 feet long, and weighs 2,600 pounds. Built in the 1840s, the wall formed the front of Juana Briones' home at **Rancho La Purisima Concepcion**, on what is now Old Adobe Road, off Arastradero Road. In 2010, the National Trust listed the rancho among the 11 most endangered historic structures in the nation, but that didn't save it from an owner who decided to scrape the lot and start over. In 2011, a portion of the exterior wall of the historic structure was purchased by The Friends of Juana Briones and PAST and hauled away to Foothill Park for storage.

To give the wall a more dignified display, Stanford historian **Al Camarillo** persuaded the university to be the lead sponsor of the CHS exhibition. Conservation of the wall alone cost \$40,000. When the wall was moved last September, rats had eaten through the packing foam, and weeds were growing through it. Fine Art Services mover **Scott Atthowe** was summoned to delicately remove the wall and mount it for exhibition. Once the wall was installed at the CHS, **Gil Sanchez**, an architect specializing in adobe restoration, partially re-plastered it using soil gathered at the site during demolition.

PAST is currently working with the **City of Palo Alto**, The Friends of Juana Briones , and other interested parties to secure storage space for the wall and an eventual permanent location for display.

The wall can be viewed at: **Juana Briones y Su California: Pionera, Fundadora, Curandera**

Admission is \$5. Noon–5 p.m. Tuesdays–Sundays through Sunday, June 8. 2014.

California Historical Society, 678 Mission St., S.F. 415 357-1848.

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Please consider showing your support for PAST's preservation work with a contribution of your time and/or money.

Here are some ways to help:

Serving on the Board

Speaking up when a voice is needed

Leading a walking tour

Photographing houses in your neighborhood

Helping with a future Holiday House Tour

Sending a check

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Please make check payable to PAST Heritage and mail to us at P.O. Box 308, Palo Alto, California 94302

Because PAST Heritage is a tax-exempt charitable organization, contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.



## CPF Workshops at Stanford



PAST is partnering with the California Preservation Foundation in May on two, day-long (9–4) workshops at Stanford. Topics are the **California Environmental Quality Act & Historic Preservation**, May 28, and the **Secretary of Interior Standards from Interpretation to Treatment**, May 29.

As a partner, our logo will be on the program! If you volunteer to help for one or both days, registration is free. Please contact Jon Haeber, Field Services Director of the California Preservation Foundation: [jhaeber@californiapreservation.org](mailto:jhaeber@californiapreservation.org) or call 415–495–0349 x201. For more information see [www.californiapreservation.org](http://www.californiapreservation.org).

## On the Web

New additions to our website include many more photos from past Holiday House Tours and Centennial Celebrations. One of PAST's projects is to photograph and identify buildings throughout town. Recent additions are pictures of every house on Mariposa Avenue in Southgate, plus many from the 300 block of Coleridge. How can you help? Email a photo of your house to [webmaster@pastheritage.org](mailto:webmaster@pastheritage.org) – it's especially nice if you can send both recent and historic photos! And if you see an error, please contact me immediately! (Most pages have a [mailto](mailto:) at the bottom.)

Thanks, Carolyn George, Webmaster



### PAST News

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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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