

EVENTS & MEETINGS

2nd Monday: 2016 Monthly HPHT Board and Program meetings (7 to 9PM) • February 8, March 7, April 11, Ebell Club, 131 S. Avenue 57, Highland Park, info@hpht.org or (323) 908-4127; Bi-monthly Program meetings

Saturday, February 27 (10AM to 12:30PM) • Bi-monthly Walking Tour • Sycamore Grove Highland Park area, register at www.hpht.org or (323) 908-4127, \$5 HPHT members, \$10 non-members • Future 2016 tour dates: Saturdays April 23, June 25, August 27, October 22 and December 17.

Saturday, March 19 (10AM to 8PM) • Fig Jam • www.figjam.la (*see information in this issue*)

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (6:00 pm) • Highland Park/Garvanza HPOZ • Arroyo Seco Library Community Room, 6145 N. Figueroa St., Highland Park

Saturday, April 16 (10AM to 3PM) • Franklin High School 100th Birthday Celebration • Parade and campus-based activities, (323) 550-2000

Saturday, April 16 (7 to 10 PM) • 11th Annual Lummis Day Benefit and Noisemaker Award • Highland Park Ebell Club, 131 S. Avenue 57, www.lummisday.org/events

Sunday, May 1 • HPHT Awards Ceremony • Location to be announced—**Save the Date**

Highland Park, Sycamore Grove Walking Tour seeking Docents in Training – We hope you have been waiting for HPHT to ask you to help with the tour. Learn while you enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of visiting with other tour participants. Contact the HPHT at (323) 908-4127 or info@hpht.org and a member of the appropriate committee will follow up with you.



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Renee Stark, Founding Member

BY RENEE STARK

Architecture had always interested me and in early 1980 I saw Diana Barnwell's notice in the local paper that volunteers were needed for a architectural resource survey of the area. I was pregnant and not working after 8 years in the apparel industry. My husband, Steve Kesler, and I wanted to be active in the community. We had bought a house on Division Street in 1976 but didn't know people in the area. This seemed like a perfect opportunity for me. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

From the survey we produced a brochure of the architecturally significant buildings in Highland Park and I produced a son, Keith Kesler. Ileana Welch, a member of the Cultural Affairs Department, started coming to our meetings and encouraged us to form a community group. I remember much discussion about the name for our new organization. We didn't want to be just an historical group or just a heritage organization. Next, it took many meetings to decide on a mission statement. In those days we met in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple and the Ebell Club. Bob Ebinger was our first president and that year I worked on obtaining Los Angeles Historic Monument status for the Northeast Police Station and the Ebell Club. I took my son with me down to the city Cultural Affairs Board meeting when the buildings' applications were considered. Of course we needed money so we held a rummage sale at the Ebell Club.

I was elected the second president and organized the first walking tour of Hayes Ave. We also started the awards program to recognize people who had preserved or improved their property. About three quarters of the way through the year I became ill and Frank Parrello took over.

During the year I was president, my husband and I bought a house in Glendale north of Glendale College. It is a mid century Japanese ranch. With moving to Glendale my activity in HPHT decreased but I have been a

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Renee and Herm Stark

This issue of Our Cornerstone is dedicated to the memory of HPHT friend and benefactor Dr. Richard C. Gilman, who passed away in January 2016

HPHT Initiatives

The HPHT Board of Directors adopted the following initiatives for 2016. The objective is to focus and prioritize the Board's concerted efforts on projects and activities throughout the year. Since our mission is to preserve the heritage of Los Angeles' Arroyo Seco communities through education, advocacy and preservation projects for the benefit of present and future generations our goal is to promote the Preservation Plan through the following initiatives:

- SurveyLA
- HPHT Archives
- NELA Newspapers Archive
- SWM/Casa de Adobe
- The Living Museum: Sycamore Grove
- Increase/Sustain Membership
- Volunteer Participation
- Promote NELA HCMs
- Cornerstone Production
- List of HCM Nominations
- Create Strategic Plan
- Update By-laws
- Create Budget
- Lummis Home and Gardens
- Walking Tours
- Quarterly Programs

In essence, these initiatives translate into standing committees. Your volunteer assistance is of importance and necessity. Please consider how your expertise and interest can ensure an exciting and fruitful year.

—ANTONIO CASTILLO

President, for the Board of Directors



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FIG JAM is a free one-day, all-ages, family-friendly, educational, and cultural event on N. Figueroa that encourages long-standing residents to mingle with new residents in the businesses, on the sidewalks, and throughout the public space of their Great Street in Northeast LA. FIG JAM aims to improve N. Figueroa by drawing attention to the street's rich past, recognizing its vibrant present, and sparking interest in its future. N. Fig Great Street is between Ave 50 & Ave 60; day's events start at N. Fig & Ave 58.

Saturday, March 19, 2016 • 10am-8pm

and will result in ideas for future improvements on N. Figueroa Street featuring programming for: arts & culture, food & business, health & fitness, civic engagement; including HPHT walking tours

THANK YOU for donations to the matching grant: HPHT, and dozens of individuals, businesses, and community groups.

For info on the project's progress, schedule, or to volunteer or donate:
www.figjam.la or call (323) 255-5030



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continuous member.

When my son went to elementary school I entered the Interior Design Program at UCLA Ext and started working. After I completed the program, I worked in manufacturing in flooring, wallpaper and printing in product development. My husband Steve passed away in January 2000 from septicemia. By this time my son was at Glendale College. A couple of years later I met my future husband at my parents. He, Herm Stark, was my brother's girlfriend's father who had also been widowed. Now my brother is married to the daughter, Stephanie, and they have two children. Herm and I live in the Japanese ranch house and we recently remodeled the kitchen.

And my son? He is a librarian who works in one of the Andrew Carnegie Libraries in East Hollywood. He lives in Eagle Rock with his wife, an architect. They are expecting a baby girl in April. I pass the HPHT newsletter onto them as soon as I've read it.

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June 3, 4 and 5, 2016

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- * Occidental College
- * The Audubon Center
- * The Southwest Museum
- * York Blvd & Avenue 50
- * Sycamore Grove Park

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11th Annual Lummis Day
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Award
and Benefit
Dinner
Honoring Ed Reyes

Saturday, April 16, 2016,
6:30 to 10 PM
at the
Historic Ebell Club
131 S. Avenue 57
Highland Park

Entertainment and
Special Guests
Dinner includes beer and wine

Silent Auction Raffle

Tickets \$45 each
Tables of 10 for \$400
Tickets at the door \$50 each

Tickets available online at
www.lummisday.org/benefit
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- Walking Tours: Docent Reception Archiving Awards Ceremony Mailing Assistance
 Oral History Email Fund Raising Marketing & Publicity Restoration Workshops
 Cornerstone Articles School & Education Programs Membership Events

Please Welcome New Board Members Eric Magallon and JJ Jackman

Eric Magallon was born and raised in Glendora and has worked at Citrus College since 1984, where he currently manages Citrus College Campus Retail Services, which include the Owl Bookshop, the Citrus Spa, campus food services and vending. He also manages the Art & Coffee Bar, which was an idea he incorporated into the design of the new Student Services Building; the Art & Coffee Bar partners with the Citrus Performing and Visual Arts departments, providing a venue for both display and sale of student artwork and art course materials. For a time, Eric also worked as an interior space planner for both commercial and residential application, with a list of clients including the American Film Institute, video editing companies and several businesses and residences. He has served on several non-profit and not-for-profit boards over the past 30 years, including the California Association of College Stores, the Citrus



Eric Magallon and JJ Jackman have lived in Garvanza since New Year's Eve 2010, when they moved into their home on Thorne Street.

"Thorne Street" was selected for a Highland Park Historic Trust Community Award in 2014, and in that same year they applied for and were accepted under the Mills Act, creating a 10-year plan for the renovation and maintenance of their historic property.



Alumni Association, Peace for Today and the Metropolitan Condominium Association.

A native of North Carolina, **JJ Jackman** relocated to Los Angeles in 1998, serving for many years as the Admissions Director for the American Film Institute, and later for the Southern California Institute of Architecture. He currently works for an association management firm located in West LA. He has worked with many small theaters in and around Los Angeles, as a stage manager, writer and actor, and is the creator of Thorne Street Parlour, a play-reading salon that recently celebrated the completion of its first season. He also wrote and directed a one-man autobiographical monologue on Antonio Corsi, which was performed as a part of a fundraising event for a documentary about Corsi held at Judson Studios in May of 2014.



Above: Sun. Dec. 6, 2015, Northeast LA Holiday Parade
Right: HPHT 2015 Holiday Party at Ave 50 Studio

