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PRECEDENT SETTING!

Jack in the Box is the *Newest* Face on the Block

By Robert Ebinger

Historic Highland Park has a new restaurant. And what a unique addition to the community! A tale of suspense, intrigue, political appeal.... Well, let's just shorten the story and say our new "Jack in the Box" at 4228 Figueroa is an excellent example of the success of the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Association.

What had been proposed to the community was the typical boxed shaped, pseudo-mansard roof fast food "Jack in the Box." After review by the HPOZ Association and the Council Office, "Jack in the Box" agreed to build a Craftsman



A wonderful example of new development within the Highland Park HPOZ. Thank you Jack in the Box for an eatery that also sets a design precedent!

style restaurant that reflected the historic quality of our neighborhood.

The basic building has been enhanced with a subtle sand color with black windows framed with wood trim painted a dark tan. The top wood frame has flared ends - a characteristic Craftsman motif. A two foot high arroyo stone facade accent (wainscot) with a brick cap winds its way around the structure. Brick capped arroyo stone columns supporting large

Bridge Wins Again: LA Conservancy Award

The rehabilitation project at the Santa Fe Arroyo Seco Railroad Bridge will receive prominent, local recognition by the Los Angeles Conservancy on May 14th. At a luncheon ceremony at the Biltmore Hotel, this project will be one of only nine presented with an award.

HPHT, the MTA and their project team (including EMC, MTC, Kiewit Pacific Contractors, Moffatt & Nichol Engineers, and Melvyn

HPHT Wins Grant!!!
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95% Member Renewal Rate; More First-time Members – Thanks to ALL

After a successful membership renewal drive, HPHT is pleased to report that this organization has a 95% member renewal rate so far for 1997. In addition, we are also growing in terms of new, first-time mem-

bers at a faster rate than 1996. I hope that every member will pass along information on our efforts to those who are interested in historic Highland Park. If you ever need a complimentary newsletter mailed out, just call 255-3408! *- Editor*

I just want to take a moment to thank all those people who took the time to provide comments or suggestions on their membership renewal notices, such as "Love the Newsletter" or "keep up the good work."

Those comments bring a smile and we know that all the hard work is appreciated. Thanks again to all of the HPHT members for their continued support and dedication. It is because of you that we are able to pursue our goals of preservation, education and advocacy!

- Anne Marie Wozniak, Membership Committee Chair

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HP Chamber Recognizes Laretta Goldsmith

A long time HPHT member was honored by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce for her consistent efforts to keep the street of Highland Park litter free.

At the February Installation dinner, Laretta Goldsmith (known to many as "Lollie"), received a plaque from the Chamber of Commerce for her daily clean-up of the streets in her neighborhood.

The Heritage Trust congratulates Laretta and extends our special "Thank You" for her hard work and tireless dedication to this historic community.

- Anne Marie Wozniak

HPHT – Grant Winner

Requesting grants is never easy but the State Office of Historic Preservation recently made HPHT very happy.

President Nicole Possert submitted a proposal to develop a bi-lingual brochure outlining the historic resources in Highland Park, including the HPOZ boundaries and our local, state and national designated cultural monuments. We are getting the full amount requested!

This grant money will allow us to print a nice brochure. More important is the distribution of this brochure to a broader community, probably to people not familiar with preservation or with the resources available in their own backyard. This brochure will also allow our community to begin showcasing destinations for heritage tourism, which could be a great economic boost!

If you are interested in helping on this project, please feel free to contact Nicole at 255-3408. The grant stipulates that it must be completed by September 30th, short turn-around but makes it a very doable project for the Trust.

We have already been offered assistance by HPHT member Doss Mabe through Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership. Thanks and I look forward to continuing the education process! *- Editor*

HPHT Annual Awards Program on September 14th To Be Cohosted with Lincoln Heights Preservation Association

Judson Stained Glass Studios to Keynote

In September of each year, the Heritage Trust hosts our Annual Awards program and this marks the 15th year! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14, 1997 from 2 - 4 p.m.

The Heritage Trust is delighted to announce that this year we will co-host this program with our Lincoln Heights counterparts to extend recognition broadly throughout Northeast Los Angeles. Second, the keynote speaker for this

event will be Walter Judson of the Judson Stained Glass Studios. 1997 marks a very special year as the Judson's celebrate their **Centennial Anniversary!** Come and listen to an exciting talk about this legacy of work and family within our community. Judson Studios are the oldest one-family owned stained glass studios in the world. Mr. Judson will share with our community the work done here that is then installed throughout the entire world. Don't miss it! - Editor

What is the purpose of this program, you ask? Annual awards are presented for outstanding actions that contribute to maintaining and improving the area's rich historic resources through preservation or maintenance that are in keeping with the original building style or flavor of the community. Efforts recognized are exterior and preferably visible from the street.

The underlying theme behind each award is a strong show of community pride and the desire to retain the cultural heritage of the greater Highland Park area.

Evidence of community pride doesn't have to be spectacular in cost just showing a positive change or commitment to maintenance. A winner need not always involve an older structure or a residence. A new home, commercial buildings, and an art mural have all received past awards. - Anne Marie Wozniak

Time for YOU to Submit an Award Nomination for Consideration!

Call to each of you to submit Award Nominations. PLEASE! Nomination forms (see below) will be accepted until Thursday, July 31, 1997. Your submissions may be mailed in or a brief message may be left on the HPHT answering machine at 256-4326 [including address, reason for nomination and owners name (if known)].

Please submit at anytime. If you have already noted a particular property that you feel would qualify, it is probably better to mail it in now so it is not forgotten. Thank you for being part of our recognition process. - Anne Marie Wozniak

1996 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Property Address: _____

Owner's Name (if known): _____

Owner-occupied Rental Commercial

Submitted by (Optional): _____

Reason for Consideration (check one, please):

Accurate Restoration Sustained Maintenance Improvement During Past Year

Restoration of a Building Element Monument Significantly Improved During Past Year

Other (Explain) _____

Please return to: HPHT - Award Nomination, P.O. Box 42894, Los Angeles, Calif. 90050-0894. Thank you!

Tour the Five Museums of the Arroyo Free on May 18th

The annual "free to visitors" day at each of the five local museums will again take place on May 18th. Prepare now to visit for the first time or re-visit these important cultural assets nestled throughout the rich and historic Arroyo Seco, three of which are in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles and two in Pasadena.

The Museums of the Arroyo is comprised of:

1. Lummis Home (or "El Alisal"), 200 East Avenue 43 in Highland Park, is the arroyo stone home of the man who nurtured the West's poets, writers and artists. Over 30 contemporary artists will be showcasing and selling their work in the Garden on May 18, continuing this area's artistic tradition;

2. Southwest Museum, 234 Museum Drive in Highland Park, is the internationally renowned museum displaying a premier collection of American Indian art and artifacts (founded by Charles Lummis);

3. Heritage Square Museum, 3800 Homer Street in Highland Park, is an outdoor park showcasing some of Los Angeles' outstanding Victorian architecture;

4. The Gamble House, 4 Westmoreland Place in Pasadena, is the best preserved example of the Arts & Crafts work of the Greene & Greene architects;

5. Pasadena Historical Museum, 470 Walnut Street in Pasadena, is one of the last mansions on the historic "Millionaires Row."

These museums preserve and exhibit the diverse artistic and cultural landscape that flourished in the arroyo during the five decades surrounding the turn of the last Century (1860-1910). Each museum will offer special events and activities for visitors on May 18th.

Museums will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. For up-to-date information about each museum's special programming, please call (213) 740-TOUR. Free shuttles will be provided to transport visitors between all of the locations, thanks to Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Hernandez and Pasadena City Councilwoman Joyce Streater.

Many visitors to the Los Angeles area travel thousands of miles to visit your backyard – check out for yourself what you're missing. Go local and visit YOUR Museums on May 18th (also National Museums Day!)

So Much to Do in May and June

Last Remaining Seats: Great Movies in Historic Theaters

Last Remaining Seats celebrates classic films and Los Angeles' historic movie palaces, each Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. from June 4 thru July 2.

This annual program, by the Los Angeles Conservancy, gives each of us the opportunity to relive the Golden Age of Hollywood.

The Broadway Historic Theater District in downtown is recognized as the first and largest historic theater district on the National Register.

A first time celebration of a Spanish-language film will occur on June 18th with the screening of "Enamorada" (1946), shown with English subtitles at the State Theatre.

This special evening will also feature live entertainment by Mexican performer Astrid Hadad y Los Tarzanes. Guest of Honor is Henry Cisneros with Salma Hayek as Mistress of Ceremonies. The Community Redevelopment Agency and Councilman Richard Alatorre are Evening Sponsors, along with Channel 52. Thank you City of Los Angeles for helping make this possible!

Don't miss any of these events – look for the LRS event brochure soon and purchase your tickets, either individually or for the entire series of movies.

"Preservation Comes Home"

Conference on May 29 - June 1st in Pasadena

The 22nd Annual California Preservation Foundation Conference is upon us. The Trust is a Participating Organization and as such encourages any and all to attend this state-wide preservation conference. If interested, please call Pasadena Heritage at (818) 441-6333 for a conference brochure.

The Friday night program, entitled "Three Minute Success Stories" will feature HPHT's presentation of the Arroyo Seco Railroad Bridge project.

On Saturday, HPHT, at the leadership of Charlie Fisher, will take part of the Mobile Workshop on Neighbor-

hoods. Participants will discover the historic districts of both the Highland Park HPOZ and Pasadena's Bungalow Heaven and Lincoln Triangle area.

For those who are interested, volunteers receive free admission to the event they are helping with or if you help with registration are entitled to attend sessions on that same day. A great way to help and learn for virtually free! I urge each of you to consider this opportunity -- call Nancy Carlton at the number listed above for



Pasadena Heritage. HPHT already has seven members volunteering, including the President.

So climb aboard and lend some time. It certainly pays, as full conference registration is \$110 (if you're a CPF member) plus special events!

"Poetry in the Windows II" Comes Again to Figueroa Street: May 17 - June 22

The Arroyo Arts Collective's (AAC) innovative and charmingly accessible public poetry project, launched in 1995, will again emblazon Highland Park's Figueroa Street storefront windows with poetry.

The "Kick off Poetry Walk" will take place on Saturday, May 17th at 3 p.m. at 125 South Avenue 57 (formerly Arroyo Books) with a free reception for the poets and the public at this location after the walk. Poetry will be displayed for one's own view-

ing until June 22nd and each will appear both in English and one other language -- Spanish, Chinese, Armenian, Hungarian, Korean, etc.

The top ten winners were: Aelda Rodriguez, Dinah Berland, Richard Garcia, Charles Webb, Jacqueline DeAngelis, Patricia Sanchez, Henri Tran, William Archila, Mike Carlin, and Ron Koertge.

Please make the time to leisurely stroll Figueroa Street, take in some culture, visit the local merchants and enjoy historic Highland Park! - Editor

Stained Glass Tour by Judson Studios

As part of their year-long Centennial Celebration, The Judson Stained Glass Studios is offering two special tours of stained glass, one focused in Los Angeles and one in Pasadena.

On May 17, Mr. Walter Judson will lead a coach bus tour of Los Angeles' most prominent stained glass installations. Tour begins at The Judson Studios from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please reserve limited seats at \$45 each.

On May 31, similar tour will focus on Pasadena. - Editor

Jack in the Box Opens at Avenue 43 & Figueroa

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dark tan wood beams frame both entrances.

The drive-up window is a porte-cochere with arroyo columns supporting wood beams. A pitched gabled roof with brown cement-like roofing tile and flared wood rafter boards reflect the Craftsman tradition. A large arroyo stone chimney vents the restaurant.

Hanging Craftsman lanterns with opalescent glass accent the entrances and similar wall sconces adorn the exterior walls. The landscaping is extensive. Boxwood is used throughout. A grass lawn backed by a perennial garden faces Avenue 43. A begonia garden lines the arroyo facade on Figueroa. The entrance off the parking area is lined with tree style Indian Hawthorne. The beige wall surrounding the parking lot is landscaped with Indian

Hawthorne and a creeping vine that should eventually cover the walls. The lighting stanchions have a square box fixture that is unobtrusive.

Signage is in the gables. A large at-grade primary sign sits at the corner of Avenue 43 and Figueroa. It is unfortunately intrusive to the overall Craftsman appeal. However, on the positive side, no pole sign is used.

The interior seems small but it is appealing. Craftsman style lanterns hang about the dining area. Pictures depicting famous architectural structures adorn the walls.

All in all a great new addition to our historic neighborhood. This project illustrates what a positive working force the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone is in our community. **See you at our new "Jack in the Box."**

Gift of Glass Insulators

On March 22nd, MTA presented to HPHT a gift of several glass electrical conductors taken off of the old Santa Fe/Western Union joint pole lines along Marmion Way. The Certificate of Recognition states that this gift signifies MTA's efforts to work with our community to maintain its historical significance.

HPHT certainly appreciates this unexpected gift. Thank You MTA! - Editor

Bridge Receives Award

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Green), and the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission all participated in this successful project.

This represents the second major award given to the Arroyo Seco Railroad Bridge project. HPHT, at the upcoming Preservation Conference, will also present this in the "3-Minute Success Story" program (see page 5 for details). We encourage those who are interested to participate by attending the luncheon or the CPF program. - Editor

Commentary on HPOZ

By Nicole Possert, President

Folks -- our HPOZ, the largest historic district in Los Angeles, is working!

This design/review mechanism, through the Los Angeles Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Ordinance, was established to protect our unique historic neighborhood. The oversight by the HPOZ Association is showing its value in our community as this community review board works hard to retain and preserve the aesthetics and continuity throughout the HPOZ, with both residential and commercial structures. Just look at the Jack in the Box as an example of how new development can be beautifully integrated!

Thanks to everyone who fought so hard and long to get the protection of the HPOZ into Highland Park.

If you are inspired by the commitment made by Jack in the Box, please make sure to thank them by being a regular patron and/or drop a short note thanking them for this design that best compliments our historic community. Address letters:

Attn: Manager
Jack in the Box
4228 Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031

It's a great improvement at this critical corner.

Nese Proposal to Save Victorian on Fig.

The Mystic Dharma Buddhist Temple on Figueroa Street was recently presented with an alternative proposal for the Victorian home at 5212 Figueroa Street by John Nese of Galco's Old World Market at a public community meeting.

The Temple had planned to demolish this historic structure for a needed parking lot, but this request was unanimously denied by the Highland Park HPOZ Association Board last year because this is one of the last remaining samples of residential Figueroa Street before commercialization in the '20s.

The Temple appealed this decision with the Council office, who backed the HPOZ Association's decision. It appeared that there was no solution until John Nese heard about the potential demolition and proposed a creative win-win solution.

He is committed to saving this grand structure by proposing to move and rehabilitate it on a parcel of

vacant land he owns nearby on Avenue 53. What a remarkable proposal and gesture from someone who wants to improve the quality of life in Highland Park. And, once again, the preservation of an historic structure will be the good solution.

The HPOZ Association Board and HPHT conceptually agree with this proposal because it is the last resort effort to save this neglected structure. There is a historic precedent to move structures.

This winning solution would turn around what was developing to be a long, community *battle* into a community *cooperative effort* by and between the Temple and John Nese with guidance and assistance by Councilman Mike Hernandez and staff and all of the vested community groups (Chamber, HPHT, etc.) to create a better Highland Park for us all.

The Temple was thankful, too, for this proposal and is now taking it under consideration and negotiation with John Nese. - Editor

SAVE THE DATE

Plans are now well underway for our 1997 Walk Tour. "Discovery Tour: Art & Architecture" is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23. This event is co-sponsored by HPHT, the Arroyo Arts Collective and the Historical Society of S. Calif.

HPHT has asked Judson Stained Glass Studios to be part of this tour and to be the location for a Saturday afternoon reception. They have agreed and are on board.

This reception will celebrate the Centennial Year of the Judson Studios and recognize it's role as the center-point of what was the "bohemian artist colony" of Garvanza at the turn of the last Century.

If you are interested in helping organize this event, call Nicole at 255-3408. We always need help and fresh ideas! Or, just mark it on your calendar and plan to enjoy Art & Architecture in November! - Editor

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City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ I am interested in volunteering.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

- 13 USC Architecture Dinner honoring Randell Makinson, 6pm (213) 740-2097 to purchase tickets.
- 14 Los Angeles Conservancy Awards, Biltmore Hotel (Arroyo Seco Bridge/ HPHT receives award -- see pg. 1)
- 17 Poetry in the Windows II - along Figueroa Street. Sponsored by Arroyo Arts Collective; runs thru June 22 (see pg. 5)
- 17 Stained Glass Tour of Los Angeles with Judson Studios; (800) 445-8376; \$45 res. req. (more details on pg. 5)
- 18 Museums of the Arroyo Day (see pg. 4)
- 29 - June 1 CPF State Preservation Conference (see pg. 5 for details)
- 31 Stained Glass Tour of Pasadena with Judson Studios, (800) 445-8376; \$45

JUNE

- 4 - July 2 "Last Remaining Seats" (LRS) each Wed. at 8 p.m. by Los Angeles Conservancy. (see pg. 4 for details)
- 9 HPHT Business Meeting from 7-9 pm at the Ebell Club
- 14 "Western Wonderlands: Touring Americas National Parks" opens at Autry Museum
- 18 "Enamorada" at State Theater during LRS
- 21 Summer Solstice Celebration at Southwest Museum, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; \$35/ticket

SEPTEMBER

- 14 HPHT Awards Ceremony

NOVEMBER

- 22-23 Discovery Tour: Art & Architecture, sponsored by HPHT, Arroyo Arts Collective and Historical Society of S. CA

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