



# OUR CORNERSTONE

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## THE SUFFRAGETTE LEGACY IN GARVANZA GROWS

By Charles J. Fisher

**G**arvanza has always been a hotbed of new ideas and forward thinking from its inception. Originally a staunch Methodist community, the community believed in the equality of all people before God. Wilbur F. McClure, one of the original founders of the town, sold land to two nationally known Suffragettes in 1886, who then built a house on Cooper Avenue (now N. Avenue 66) that they were to use for women's activities for the next decade.

Both the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw (she was to take over the suffragette organization a year after Susan B. Anthony's death, in 1906) and Cora Scott Pond (creator of the "National Pageant" plays that highlighted the role of women in American history) lived in Boston at the time and remained there. Pond married her publicist, John T. Pope in 1891

and joined him, living in Chicago, at that time.

Census and City Directory records show that Cora Scott Pond Pope lived with her husband, three stepsons and her mother in the old Andrew Glassell Jr. Residence on Roble in Garvanza from about 1906 until around 1920.

The Glassell House was originally built in 1886 and was the home of one of the earliest post-rancho landowners of the area. Glassell retained the home and the surrounding land when he sold the surrounding land to the Garvanza Land Company that same year. A second story was added to the house in the 1890s. The estate was subdivided into the "Park Bluff" tract in 1897 and most of that was subdivided again into the "Arroyo Vista Tract" in 1905 with the Glassell House being located on Lot 2 of the 13 lot tract. The following year, Cora Scott Pond Pope bought the entire tract from several owners and the Pope Family moved into the only house on the land.

John T. Pope and one of his sons set up a real estate business while his wife continued her activism on behalf of woman's rights. She trained others in dramatic arts to help send the message out to the land. She also was involved with land development as noted in the article on "Mt. Angelus" that is also in this issue. In 1914 she wrote her autobiography for a history of Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, where she grew up, writing this about her life in Los Angeles:

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"Since 1886 I had been investing in real estate in Los Angeles, and in 1905 we permanently located in that beautiful city. I have had a European trip since coming here. The Los Angeles Examiner invited me to chaperon four of its young women contestants to Europe. We were gone two months, visited twelve cities in America and twelve in Europe, France, Belgium and Holland, boosted for the Examiner and had the best of hotels, guides, service, meals and tours in all these cities at the expense of the Examiner, one of the most remarkable publications in the country.

"I returned to Los Angeles and to real estate. If I win out in my real estate deals I hope to spend many years yet in the service that I love, urging greater justice to the mothers of our race; to help to better the development of children; to urge the moral safeguardings of young girls and boys in order to abolish vice and to raise the "one standard" of morals for men and women, in marriage and out of it; to give justice to the great army of labor that creates all our necessities and comforts of life, and to give equal laws and equal suffrage to men and women—equality for all alike before the law for every race and clime and color.

"Only by so doing, as God gives me light, shall I hope for life eternal."

The family moved away in 1920, Cora remaining for a short time as a boarder in the house while she finished her work in Los Angeles, then moving on to parts we have yet to find. For some reason, she drops off of our grid about that time. Word is that her later years were spent in the early Civil Rights movement, passionately fighting the good fight for all after woman's suffrage became the law of the land with the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In 1921 the new owner reunited all of the land as one lot under the name of "Shadow Place." We do not know if this name was Cora's name for the home or not, but it seems fitting. Garvanza history is enriched by the contributions of many and the world is a better place for the role of those such as Cora Scott Pond Pope.

## **Litigation Initiated Over Future of Southwest Museum**

In the rare instance where advocacy failed to produce a solution, HPHT and the Mt Washington Homeowners Alliance undertook legal action in July in regards to the City of Los Angeles' approval of Autry's expansion project in Griffith Park. The proposed project would unnecessarily move (relocate not expand) the museum exhibition land use of the Southwest Museum outside of Northeast Los Angeles. Represented by the firm of Joyce & Otten, the lawsuit is expected to take approximately 6-9 months.



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# Stair Street Ghosts Walking Tour Oct. 30

HPHT is delighted to sponsor the Stair Street Ghosts, a Hallowe'en walking tour of **Mt. Angelus Stair Streets, Highland Park** **Sunday, October 30, 2011**  
**3 to 6 pm**

**F**ree, Festive, Self-guided Walking Tour celebrating the unique history of Mt. Angelus and the streets and stairs named after famous Suffragettes and Abolitionists of the 19th century

- Halloween Mask making table for the kids
- Performers Interpreting Historical Moments
- We encourage all to come in costume!

Tour starting point is the corner of Mt. Angelus Drive and Livermore Terrace (From Piedmont Avenue take Sumter Street to Mt. Angelus Drive and turn right to Livermore Terrace).

*Made possible through a grant from the Artists' Bailout*

*Note that parking is **extremely limited** on Mt. Angelus; please use street parking on Piedmont Avenue in front of the Recreation Center; Accessible from the #83*

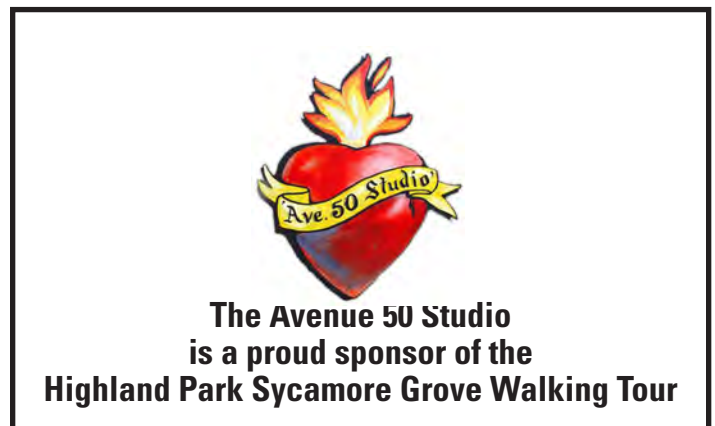


*Metro Bus and the Highland Park Gold Line Station at N. Avenue 59 and Marmion Way.*

## Call for Nominees for HPHT Board of Directors

**E**ach year at this time, in preparation for the annual elections for the HPHT Board of Directors, we ask members to become involved by suggesting candidates for the Board. At present there are 12 Board members. The articles of incorporation provide for up to 15. Ideal nominees are dues paying members in good standing and show an interest and a common dedication to the mission of the Highland Park Heritage Trust. You may

self-nominate. Please send nominations by mail to: **Highland Park Heritage Trust, Election Committee, P.O. Box 50894, Los Angeles, CA 90050-0894**, citing name, address, phone number, and, if possible, email address, along with your name as the individual who is responsible for the nomination, no later than November 1, 2011, or by email to Justine Leong, Secretary of the Board of Directors, [jleongarch@gmail.com](mailto:jleongarch@gmail.com)



## Calendar of Upcoming HPHT & Community Events

**Saturday, October 1, 2011 • 6 to 9PM • HSSC, *Money and Magic in the Old West***—for fundraiser tickets online at <http://socalhistory.org/> or call 323-460-5632

**Thursday, October 6, 2011 • 5 to 7 PM • HPHT at Franklin HS Back to School night**

**Monday, October 10, 2011 • 7 to 9PM • HPHT Annual Membership Recognition Event**—Café de Leche, 5000 York Blvd, Highland Park

**Saturday, October 22, 2011 • 10AM to 12:30PM • Bi-monthly Sycamore Grove Walking Tour**—Register online at [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org) or call (323) 908-4127

**Saturday, October 22, 2011 • 9AM -5PM • LA as Subject 6th Annual Archive Bazaar**—Doheny Memorial Library, USC, [http://www.laassubject.org/index.php/meetings\\_events/detail/521](http://www.laassubject.org/index.php/meetings_events/detail/521) HPHT, ERVHS and Occidental College will have a common area of display, free

**Saturday, October 22, 2011 • 11AM to 6PM • Franklin High School Community Festival**, on the football field off of N. Avenue 54, HPHT and Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition will have a booth

**Saturday, November 12, 2011 • Opening 7 to 10PM • *The Forest for the Trees***—Arroyo Arts Collective and others, Yarn Bombing Exhibit, Avenue 50 Studios Annex, 135 N. Avenue 50

**Monday, November 14, 2011 • 7 to 9PM • Presentation by High Speed Rail and Annual HPHT Board Elections**, Hathaway-Sycamores Youth Room, 840 N. Avenue 66, Garvanza, see call for nominations this issue

**Sunday, November 20, 2011 • 10AM to 5PM • Arroyo Arts Collective's 19th Annual Discovery Tour**—<http://www.arroyoartscollective.org/press/index.html>, tickets \$10 pre-sale online or at Galco's

**Sunday, December 4, 2011 • starts at 1PM • 67th Annual Highland Park Holiday Parade and Winterfest**—Figueroa Street, and Sycamore Grove Park

**Monday, December 12, 2011 • 7 to 10PM • HPHT Annual Christmas Party**, Location to be announced

**Saturday, December 17, 2011 • Bi-monthly Sycamore Grove Walking Tour**—see October 22 details

**Monday, January 9, 2012 • 7 to 9PM**—John Arroyo, former HPHT board member, program based on his highly-acclaimed MIT Master's thesis: *Culture in Concrete: Art and the Re-imagination of the LA River as Civic Space*, Hathaway-Sycamores Youth Room, 840 N. Avenue 66, Garvanza

**Sunday, February 19, 2012 • 2 to 5 PM • HPHT Preservation Awards**—Location TBA, see call for nominations in this issue

**Saturday, February 25, 2012 • Bi-monthly Sycamore Grove Walking Tour**—see October 22 for details

**August through November 2011**—Nomination Form for Bi-Annual Awards available online or in this newsletter

For other events check with Los Angeles Heritage Alliance <http://www.laheritage.blogspot.com/>  
and use the large member organization button to become informed

### HIGHLAND PARK HERITAGE TRUST—MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION/RENEWAL

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# HIGHLAND PARK HERITAGE TRUST COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AWARDS 2010-2011



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS !!!

**HPHT** is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that is dedicated to the historic preservation of Los Angeles' Arroyo Seco communities of Highland Park, Garvanza, Mt. Washington, Hermon, Montecito Heights and Cypress Park. Our mission is to advocate and educate the community about our historic neighborhood by hosting walking tours and programs, and sponsoring events that feature our rich cultural and architectural heritage.

We have recognized the preservation ethic of our Arroyo communities over the years in many ways -- from buildings to murals, to gardens and special neighborhood people/efforts. Our main goal is to recognize a range of actions, taken by our residents to improve the historic heritage of the communities of the Arroyo Seco, in a way that celebrates these actions, and give deserved recognition and honor to those that best match our mission.



**O**ur Awards Ceremony is a time for HPHT to recognize the actions of everyday people for their work in historic preservation.

All nominations need to be exterior -based or have the ability to be experienced by the general public in some tangible manner (as in a website or actions of an individual.) **This form is available online at [www.hpht.org](http://www.hpht.org)**

### Awards Ceremony:

**Sunday, February 19th from 2pm to 4 pm.**

**Location: To Be Determined.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit by mail to PO Box 50894, Los Angeles, CA 90050-0894  
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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WED., NOVEMBER 30, 2011**



# HIGHLAND PARK HERITAGE TRUST COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AWARDS 2010-2011

## ENTRY FORM

I would like to nominate this / these properties or places or \_\_\_\_\_ for an HPHT Community Preservation Award:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Does this nomination/property appear to be historic to you? (Y/N)  
*Our board /committee will assist in determining its status*

Type of Property/Project Being Nominated:

- Historic Home/residential
- Non historic Home/residential
- Historic Commercial Property
- Non historic Commercial property
- Non Building (garden, landscape, mural with relevant \_\_\_\_\_)
- Person(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Why Nominated (pick all that apply):

- Significant and appropriate exterior preservation improvement over last 18 months
- Appropriate addition or alteration
- Sustained and continuous maintenance and care for this property
- Preservation, improvement, maintenance of a garden or landscape
- Contribution by a person(s) toward the preservation of our cultural heritage
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Explain (2-3 sentences) why you are making this nomination? What has happened here that deserves recognition by HPHT? If the nomination is not an historic building but you feel there's some action/event that matches our mission of historic preservation, please elaborate specifics about the nomination so the judges best understand the context of the nomination.

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# SWEET SUCCESS OF SUMMER SODA TASTING

Photos by Martha Benedict

**G**alco's first-ever soda tasting netted sweet results as a fundraiser to further the efforts of the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition (HPHT is a founding member). With lines around the block, the event hosted just under 600 people for a fun evening of music, tastings, auction, and a flurry of purchases.

## Galco's Introduces White Rose Cream Soda

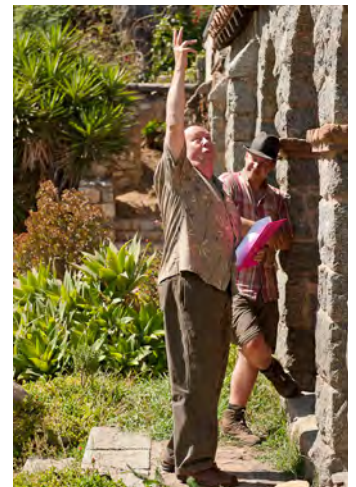
In support of "Highland Park's Own" heritage, Galco's re-introduced White Rose soda at the Summer Soda Tasting. A new line of soda celebrating



the retro style label of a soda originally bottled here in Highland Park, the exclusive 2,500 bottle limited edition cream soda is only available for a limited time. More soda flavors under the "Highland Park's Own" and "White Rose Springs" label will be created and sold. Proceeds from this new line of sodas will always be donated by Galco's to benefit the community effort and goal of re-opening the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe. Enjoy a cream soda, support the Southwest Museum and help in the revitalization of Highland Park's history.

# ABBEY SAN ENCINO TOUR HIGHLIGHTS (SUN. AUG. 21, 2011)

Photos by Martha Benedict



# MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT

## Monday, October 10, 2011 • 7 to 9PM

Café de Leche • 5000 York Blvd. (corner Avenue 50), Highland Park, CA

*Free to members . . . Same as last year*

### *Celebrate Preservation!*

- Review accomplishments and prepare for activities to come
- Recognition of very special member volunteers
- Acknowledge each other as well as our Sponsors, Benefactors, Angels, and Life Members
- Pick up books and pamphlets you have been meaning to order for holiday gifts
- Enjoy Coffee, Tea and Tasty Treats

**Free to members • Guests \$5 • While you're at it, renew for 2012**  
**Please RSVP by October 5 by phone: (323) 908-4127**



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