

Welcome New HPHT Board Member

Earlier this year, Antonio (Tony) Castillo, HPHT president, put out a call for new Board of Directors candidates to fill the two seats available. Answering that call, Marcia Gurrola became the newest member of the HPHT board. She is a native of Southern California, growing up in Alhambra and Bakersfield and returning to Los Angeles to earn a degree at Cal State LA, where she also met her husband. They raised their three sons in Whittier. Now retired and a grandmother 5 times over, Marcia particularly enjoys summers when her grandchildren come to “Camp Grandma” to visit, since all the families have moved out of the area.

Before retiring in 2011, Marcia worked for Kaiser Permanente in the Information Services Department for 22 years. Living in Highland Park for the past 22 years, she enjoys the charm of this old city with all its unique homes and proximity to downtown LA, Pasadena and Glendale. Marcia has many hobbies, including walking, hiking, reading, quilting, sewing, “lunching,” going to plays, traveling, gardening, and shopping—though perhaps not in that order.

Marcia loves getting to know her neighbors and learning more about this community. Involved in HPHT for several years, she has volunteered as a docent for the Abbey San Encino tours, with Temple Beth Israel members on the refreshments for the 2014 Community Preservation Awards, and bringing refreshments to various events. She has already begun working on the HPHT archives project, helping to inventory and catalog some of the many boxes of ephemera that need review. She is looking forward to participating in the development of HPHT’s strategic plan.

The HPHT continues to have one vacant board member seat—taking direction from Marcia’s progress from volunteering for activities and events, we look forward to hearing from other members who are in a position to be more involved.



Charlie Fisher, Marcia Gurrola and a volunteer at the 5th Annual Soda Pop Tasting Event, July 17th.



FIG JAM is a free one-day, all-ages, family-friendly, educational, and cultural event on North 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 North Figueroa by drawing attention to the street's rich past, recognizing its vibrant present, and sparking interest in its promising future.

This one-day event will take place on:

Saturday, February 13, 2016 • 10am into the evening
 (it's a Second Saturday Gallery Night, with galleries open until 10pm)
 and will result in ideas for future improvements on No. Figueroa Street

Organized by: North Figueroa Association
 with a grant from Mayor Garcetti's Great Streets Studio

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

Committees are working on ideas and events for the day:
 art & performance, music, food & business, health & fitness, civic engagement

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

visit the FIG JAM table at Old L.A. Farmers Market on Tuesdays 3 to 7 pm.

Do you have a historic home or preservation story you want to publicize? Please contribute articles, photos and anecdotes to our blog. Email to info@hpht.org.

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Founding Board Member Frank Parrello

Little did Frank know that the day he started walking the streets of Highland Park to record historic resources, that he would be where he is today.

Frank graduated from the University of Michigan, School of Architecture, where his instructors were mostly post-war architects who taught, with few exceptions, about ancient monuments, and perhaps the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. Old buildings that did not follow the modernist teaching “form follows function” should be bulldozed to make way for the “Future.”

In 1979, he was asked by LA City Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson’s Deputy, Sal Altamirano, to be part of a group of community residents that were working with the East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU) (<http://telacu.com/telacu-story/our-history/>) to survey historic buildings in Highland Park.

While his attitude toward “old buildings” had already started to diverge from his earlier instruction, Frank discovered a group of community advocates that taught him the importance of local landmarks. Thanks to his involvement with these community members and professionals, he learned to fully appreciate all forms of architecture and what these buildings said about the times in which they were created, and the people who created them. Not only had his outlook changed as to what was significant architecture, he joined together with these now-likeminded people working to preserve



Frank with Eric Warren, ERVHS President and HPHT member, and CD14 Field Representative Lucy Aparicio.

these buildings with the formation of Highland Park Heritage Trust in 1982.

Changes in his life did not stop there. It was at an HPHT meeting that Frank met Heather Hoggan, who would become his wife. He would also make a major career change when in 1999, after working for the City of Los Angeles Planning Department for 25 years, he was asked to join the prestigious architectural preservation firm, Historic Resources Group as

their Director of Planning.

Frank and Heather now live in Eagle Rock, and Frank has continued his community preservation work with the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society and was instrumental in the restoration of the entry doors at the Lummis Home. He also was an invaluable consultant to the Relighting the Historic Signs of Figueroa Street project, which restored the Highland Theatre sign and the Mannings Coffee Store sign.

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Community Activist and HPHT Member Yvonne Sarceda, Board Member Carmela Gomes and Doug Jacobs, LDCF Board Member

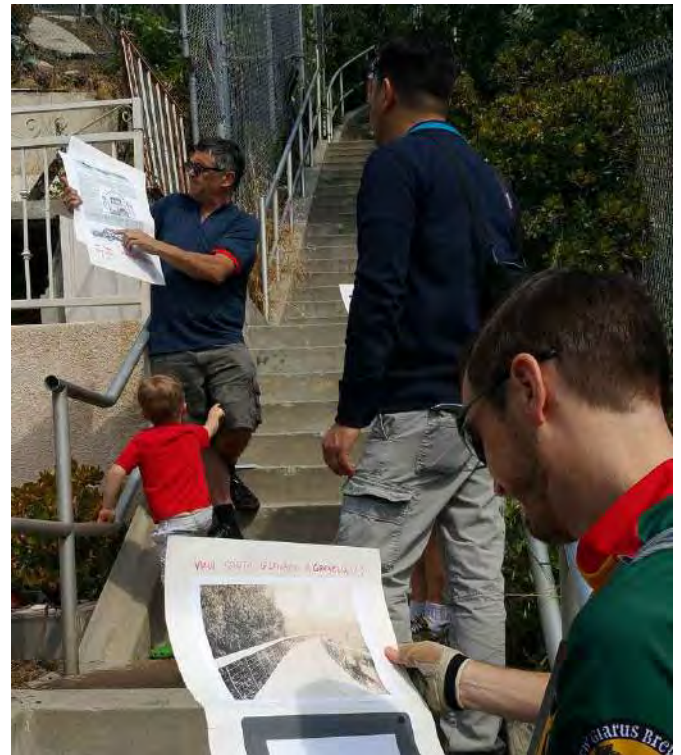


Carol Van Beek at the HPHT outreach table

MOTA Day May 17, 2015



Kathy Gallegos of Avenue 50 Studios gallery, talks to MOTA Day visitors about murals in the Arroyo communities.
Below: Museum bike riders enjoy a talk by Dan Koeppel at the historic Dobbins Cycleway.



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HCM Designations Team is recruiting. Jonathan Silberman, Ron Rocha and Charlie Fisher seeking members who want to learn and help.

HPHT Board President, Antonio Castillo and member Rebecca Schiffman are seeking likeminded individuals who are ready to tackle the HPHT archives with the help of Anne Mar, archivist librarian at Occidental.

Contact the HPHT at (323) 908-4127 or info@hpht.org and a member of the appropriate committee will follow up with you.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

2nd Monday: 2015 Monthly HPHT Board and Program meetings (7 to 9PM), September 14, October 12, November 9, **Annual Membership Meeting and Board Elections**, Ebell Club, 131 S. Avenue 57, Highland Park, www.hpht.org or (323) 908-4127

Bi-monthly Walking Tour (10am to 12:30pm), Sycamore Grove Highland Park area, **Saturdays** August 22, October 24, December 19, register at www.hpht.org or (323) 908-4127, \$5 HPHT/LAC members, \$10 non-members

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

Saturday, October 17 (9AM to 5PM): 10th Annual Archives Bazaar, Doheny Memorial Library, USC, Free to registrants, cost for parking, register to attend http://www.laassubject.org/index.php/archives_bazaar or volunteer to help with the HPHT/ERVHS/Occidental College booth, info@hpht.org or (323) 908-4127

October 8–11: 2nd Annual Highland Park Independent Film Festival at the Highland Theatre, information

Friday, November 13–Sunday, November 15: Pasadena Heritage Presents: Craftsman Weekend House Tours, Bus & Walking Tours, including locations in the Arroyo Seco of Los Angeles, Information: Pasadena Heritage, Patty Judy 626-441-6333, pjudy@pasadenaheritage.org www.pasadenaheritage.org

Sunday, November 22 (10AM to 5PM): Arroyo Arts Collective 23rd Discovery Tour, information www.arroyartscollective.org

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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Highland Park Heritage Trust Bi-Annual Community Preservation Awards for 2015-16

Highland Park Heritage Trust has a reputation for recognizing a wide range of buildings, murals, gardens, special neighborhood people and efforts that are indicative of the preservation ethic of our Arroyo communities.

By celebrating the actions taken by our residents to improve the historic heritage of the communities of the Arroyo Seco, we give deserved recognition and honor to those that best match our mission.

All nominations need to be exterior based as the restoration of the façade, or have the ability to be experienced by the general public in some tangible manner such as in a website or event or actions of an individual.

Each year a community minded group of member volunteers form an **Awards Committee** that will be reviewing the nominations and then visiting locations to determine award recipients. By sending in your nominations as soon as possible you will aid this much valued group of dedicated individuals to complete this activity.

*The Bi-annual Awards Ceremony will take place in the spring of 2016,
on a date and at a location and time to be announced by the committee in October 2015.*

Deadline for Nominations, Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Suggested Criteria – Please use these specific criteria in reference to your nominations

1. There is evidence of significant exterior improvement and preservation of this property in the last year (home, residence, commercial property, historic, non-historic).
2. There is evidence of continued/sustained maintenance and care of this property.
3. There has been preservation, improvement or maintenance of the garden or landscape.
4. There has been a significant contribution by an individual or organization toward the preservation of our cultural heritage.
5. There has been a significant contribution by virtue of the impact on the preservation community because of this activity or event.

HPHT is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501c3 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.

