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NCCSAH March 2001: A Day in Alameda

The NCCSAH spring meeting will be held in Alameda on Saturday, March 31, 2001. The day-long event will be co-sponsored by the Alameda Museum and the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society. The program will include several paper presentations, tours of Alameda architectural landmarks, and a late afternoon reception. For further details of our full meeting agenda see pages two and three of this newsletter. Return your registration form today!!!

Alameda Museum Spring 2001 Lecture Series

The Alameda Museum is sponsoring a spring 2001 lecture series. These dynamic speakers provide a good opportunity to hear more about Alameda and Bay Area arts and architecture. All lectures begin at 7pm and will take place at the Alameda Museum. For further information and reservations call the Alameda Museum at 510 - 748 - 0796 or check the website at www.alamedamuseum.org.

- * Thursday, March 29, 2001 - Woody Minor
Mr. Minor will discuss "Mortar Madness" the masonry heritage of the island of Alameda.
- * Thursday, April 26, 2001 - Bruce Bradbury
Of Bradbury & Bradbury fame, Mr. Bradbury will discuss late Victorian aesthetic in wallpapers, furniture, and fabrics.
- * Thursday, May 31, 2001 - Gray Brechin
Mr. Brechin will discuss powerful Bay Area families and their political and social clout.
- * Thursday, June 28, 2001 - Paul Duchscherer
Mr. Duchscherer will discuss Bay Area Victoriana.



Preservation News and Events

Victorian Alliance

The Victorian Alliance has recently established a scholarship in the name of Anne Buenger Bloomfield. Anne, an active member of the Bay Area preservation community, passed away in December 1999. For more information you may contact the Victorian Alliance at 415 - 824 - 2666.

CPF Conference

The annual California Preservation Foundation Conference will be held May 17 - 20, 2001 in San Diego. For information contact CPF at (510) - 763 - 0972 or go to the website at www.californiapreservation.org.

National SAH Conference

The annual Society of Architectural Historians Conference will be held April 18 - 22, 2001 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Fairmont / Royal York Hotel will serve as the main conference hotel. Contact National SAH in Chicago at (312) - 573 - 1365 for more information or go to the website at www.sah.org.

National AIA Conference

The annual American Institute of Architects Conference will be held May 17 - 19, 2001 in Denver. Contact the AIA for more information (202) - 626 - 7395 or the website at www.aiaconvention2001.com

Save the New Mission Theater

A Timothy Pfleuger Theater in San Francisco, similar to the Alameda theater, is threatened by the expansion of the City College campus in the Mission. For more information e-mail savenewmission@aol.com. On Thursday, March 22, 2001 at 1pm the City of San Francisco Housing, Transportation, and Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors will consider the project. Please attend the meeting to show your support for preservation of this historic resource.

NCCSAH, the Alameda Museum, and the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society Registration Form for March 31, 2001: A Day in Alameda

Name and Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Vegetarian or Meat Sandwich (please circle one) Interested in dinner with the group? yes no

Phone number and e-mail _____

Need a ride yes no coming from? _____

Program cost includes morning refreshments, a gourmet box lunch, admission to the Meyers House, and a late afternoon wine and cheese reception.

\$35 current members of NCCSAH, Alameda Museum or Alameda Architectural Pres. Society

\$50 non-members (includes discounted membership in NCCSAH)

\$20 student members

Return a copy of this form for each individual attending to:

Elizabeth McKee, NCCSAH President, at 307 Starling Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Registration Deadline - March 17, 2001 Please make your check out to NCCSAH

NCCSAH SPRING 2001 Meeting
Saturday, March 31, 2001
Alameda Museum

Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue, near Park Street in Alameda
(ground floor of 1926 Masonic Temple)

Due to space limitations of meeting space and sites, and anticipated interest by members of our Alameda co-sponsors, the deadline for registering is **Saturday, March 17, 2001**. Registrations received after that date may not be accepted, and same-day registrations at the door cannot be guaranteed. Please register as early as possible to reserve a place!

9:00 am - All-day program will begin with coffee and refreshments and an opportunity to see the Alameda Museum.

9:30 to 11:30 - Paper Presentations

Woody Minor: The Island City: An Overview of Alameda History and Architecture

Bill Kostura: Color, Texture, and Form: The Surviving Works of Percy and Hamilton

Hank Dunlop: Fernside, Alameda's Country Estate

Lunch and Business Meeting

Afternoon Tours - The group will visit the following historic buildings:

Alameda City Hall (Percy & Hamilton, 1896)

Alameda Theater (Miller & Pflueger, 1932) (tentative)

Veteran's Memorial Auditorium (Meyers, 1927)

Meyers House (architect's own house, 1897)

Connor House, a privately-owned 1913 Prairie style house with intact interior

Walking tour of Franklin Park, a Victorian residential district, led by Woody Minor.

Reception - A late afternoon reception will be held at a privately-owned 1891 Queen Anne style house.

Dinner - Optional dinner festivities, at Asena's restaurant, 2508 Santa Clara Ave. Dinner entrees range in price from \$8-15 and are not included in meeting registration fees.

Directions

From I-880 southbound freeway in Oakland, take the exit toward 23rd Ave./Alameda. Merge onto Kennedy St., follow this 1/2 mile. Turn slight right onto 23rd Ave. Turn slight right onto 29th Ave. and take the bridge west into Alameda. You are now on Park St. Continue 3/4 mile west on Park St. to Alameda Ave. Turn right onto Alameda Avenue.

Or, from I-880 northbound freeway in Oakland, take the 29th Ave./Fruitvale Ave. exit. At the end of the ramp, make a sharp right turn onto East 9th St. Drive south on East 9th St. about 1/4 mile. At the intersection with Fruitvale Ave., turn right and drive west under the freeway. Continue west across the bridge into Alameda. You are now on Tilden Way. Continue on Tilden Way about 1/2 mile to the intersection with Park St. Turn left onto Park St. and drive west about four blocks to Alameda Ave. Turn right onto Alameda Avenue. Off-street parking is available in a lot entered from Central Ave. between Park and Oak streets.

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or to renew your dues
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The mission of the NCCSAH is to further the objectives of the Society of Architectural Historians of which the Northern California Chapter is an official affiliate; promote the study and discussion of our region's architectural history and its related fields; visit significant works of architecture; and increase public awareness and appreciation of our architectural heritage. Membership is open to anyone interested in architectural history and its related fields who agrees to pay the annual dues and subscribe to the by-laws of the organization.