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NCCSAH Spring 2004 Meeting to Coincide with CPF Conference

On Friday, April 30, 2004, NCCSAH will host a luncheon at the annual California Preservation Foundation conference. The luncheon will feature a lecture by **Lynn Orr, Curator at the San Francisco Fine Arts Museum's Palace of the Legion of Honor**. Ms. Orr was the curator of the museum's current exhibit *Art Deco, 1910-1939*.

Glamorous, sexy, vibrant, and original, the Art Deco is often a favorite style or era for many art and architectural historians. A ground breaking exhibit opened this spring at San Francisco's Palace of the Legion of Honor - more than three years in the making - this exhibit represents the grandest celebration of the style ever staged.

This is the first exhibition to explore Art Deco as a global phenomenon. Its influence reached cities as far apart as Paris, New York, San Francisco, Bombay and Shanghai. The style transformed the look of everything, from art, architecture, and auto design to fashion, Hollywood films, and travel.

Art Deco, 1910-1939 presents over 300 works in painting, sculpture, architecture, furniture, textiles, glass, metal, jewelry, graphic art, product, industrial design, fashion, film, and photography.

See page 3 of this newsletter for registration information.



Art Deco architecture is found from Paris to New York and from San Francisco to Shanghai. Even small cities in the American Midwest adopted the style. The photo above is of Bloom High School in Illinois.

Upcoming Events & News

The 57th Annual meeting of the **Society of Architectural Historians** will be held in Providence, Rhode Island from April 13 - 18, 2004. The conference will be held at the Westin Hotel Providence many interesting papers, presentations, and tours are part of the program. For more information see the SAH website at www.sah.org.

The **California Preservation Foundation** 29th Annual California Preservation Conference will be held at The Presidio of San Francisco April 28 - May 1, 2004. For more information about this event contact CPF at 415-495-0349 or see the CPF website at www.californiapreservation.org.

The **AIA 2004 National Convention** and Design Exposition, June 10 - 12, 2004, in Chicago at McCormick Place, will offer high-quality education and information, as well as the chance to learn firsthand about innovation in the building and design industry. For more information see www.aia.org.

DOCOMOMO will hold its 2004 International Conference in New York City from September 29 - October 4. New York will be a wonderful venue to explore the issues of conservation and documentation of resources associated with the Modern Movement. For more information see www.docomomo-us.org.

The 2004 **National Preservation Conference** will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from September 28 - October 3. Louisville, a city known for its diverse historic neighborhoods, beautiful landscapes, and vital commercial areas, is a perfect location to explore the theme, *Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads*. For more information see www.nationaltrust.org.

NCCSAH Fall 2004 Meeting - Save the Dates

October 22 - 24, 2004 Fresno, California

NCCSAH is teaming with the City of Fresno to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Fresno's Preservation Program. The weekend will be filled with fun and interesting events. NCCSAH members can register for all or one of these events

Friday, October 22nd there will be a reception at City Hall followed by a catered dinner at the Sante Fe Railroad Depot.

The Saturday, October 23rd events will include paper presentations and tours during the day and an evening reception at Fresno's underground gardens.

On Sunday, October 24th the group will be able to enjoy several choices of walking tours.

If you would like more information you can e-mail Karana Hattersley-Drayton at the City of Fresno: (Karana.Hattersley-Drayton@ci.fresno.ca.us).

More information will follow in September 2004 as the details of the weekend are finalized.

**NCCSAH Spring 2004 Meeting - Luncheon
Friday April 30, 2004
Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco, California**

Please Join NCCSAH for a luncheon at the Argonaut Hotel

12:30 - 1:45 pm

The luncheon will take place in the Constellation Room of the Hotel

Ms. Orr will begin speaking at 12:45 and we will have a brief business meeting at the conclusion of her presentation.

The Argonaut Hotel is located at 495 Jefferson Street at Hyde
in Fisherman's Wharf
San Francisco, CA 94109 415-563-0800

TRANSPORTATION:

There is limited street parking as well as several paid parking lots near the hotel. There are shuttle buses running from the CPF conference at the Presidio to and from the Argonaut Hotel because this is the hotel headquarters for the CPF conference.

Registration:

Name and Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Phone number and e-mail _____

Luncheon Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Registration Deadline:

Thursday April 22, 2004

Please make your checks to NCCSAH

**Return a copy of this form for each individual attending to:
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*Detail of the interior of
450 Sutter Street in
San Francisco.*

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