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**Northern California Chapter  
Society of Architectural Historians**

**The Newsletter**

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**The North Meets the South in the Central San Joaquin Valley  
SAH Chapters Meeting and Tours, October 22nd and 23rd, Fresno, California.**

**Fresno**, a city of 500,000, is the market center for the richest agricultural county in the United States. The area has a distinct historic and cultural landscape, a vestige of the agricultural colonies, lacework of canals, and tree-lined boulevards of the late 19th century. In addition to wood frame and brick, early builders also constructed wineries, outbuildings and even monumental residences out of adobe. Later on, in the 1930s and 1940s architects such as Ernest



*Kearney Blvd. Gateway (Charles H. Franklin, 1933; Designed by Rudolph Ulrich.*

Kump Jr., Clarence Cullimore and even Cliff May used both traditional and stabilized adobe brick in the design of fashionable homes, many of these in a California Colonial or Spanish Eclectic style. In the 1960s Robert Stevens pioneered the use of adobe in numerous garden office complexes along Fresno's Shaw Avenue. Although indigenous in spirit and responsive to local climatic influences, architecture in Fresno has benefited as well from external resources; most early architects were trained at U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, M.I.T. the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, and in later years, USC. Located approximately halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles the North does indeed meet the South here in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

The City of Fresno's Historic Preservation Program, in cooperation with the Fresno City and County Historical Society, is hosting this first-ever meeting of the two California SAH Chapters. The Saturday event includes a morning session with slide talks on regional architecture and landscape design. An afternoon bus tour features numerous adobe buildings and the landscape architecture of Rudolph Ulrich and Thomas Church.

SAH members are encouraged to take the train down the night before for the kick-off buffet dinner, reception and Candlelight tour of the St. John's Neighborhood, as part of the City's 25th anniversary of its Historic Preservation Program.

## Upcoming Events & News

The 2004 **National Trust, 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](http://www.nationaltrust.org).

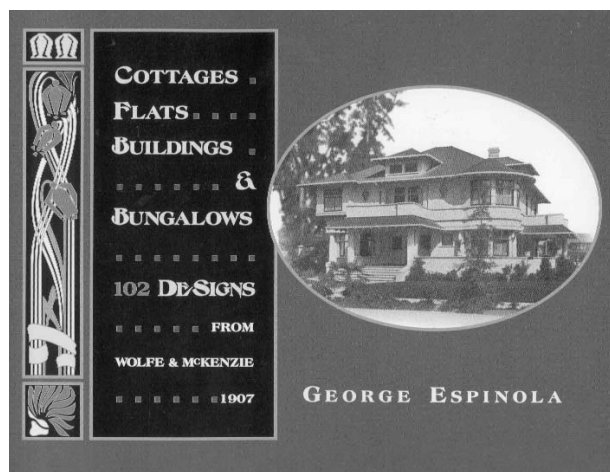
**DOCOMOMO**, will host its bi-annual conference "**Documentation and Preservation of Building Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement**", September 29 - 2, 2004, New York, New York. For more information see [www.docomomo-us](http://www.docomomo-us).

**NCCSAH Holiday Party** will be held at Ian Berke's house, the afternoon of Dec. 4, 2004. Mr. Berke has generously agreed to host the party in his beautiful 1880s Stick Eastlake house in Pacific Heights, which holds his large collection of significant 19th century furniture and decorative art. Details to follow.

The **58th Annual meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians** will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from April 6 - 10, 2005. Papers, presentations, and tours are part of the program. For more information see the SAH website at [www.sah.org](http://www.sah.org).

The **California Preservation Foundation 2004 Workshop Series**: September, San Francisco, *Historic Resources Surveys for Local Governments, Finding Preservation Funding -- How to Leverage the Maximum, and Housing in Historic Buildings -- A Good Fit: Retrofitting Historic Buildings for Housing -- Enhancing Existing Communities*. October, Sacramento, *CEQA In-Fill Standards*. For more information about this event contact CPF at 415-495-0349 or see their website at [www.californiapreservation.org](http://www.californiapreservation.org).

The **AIA 2005 Grassroots and Leadership Conference** February 9 - 12, 2005, in Washington DC at Grand Hyatt, will provide community leaders and component presidents, presidents-elect, and executives with the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills at workshops and best practices sessions. For more information see [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org).



### Book Release!

#### ***Cottages, Flats, Buildings & Bungalows: 102 Designs From Wolfe & McKenzie, 1907***

Bay & Valley Publishers is pleased to announce the release of their new book *Cottages, Flats, Buildings & Bungalows: 102 Designs From Wolfe & McKenzie, 1907* by Bay Area architect and historian George Espinola. Frank Wolfe and Charles McKenzie were two of the most prominent and prolific architects in turn-of-the-century San Jose and Espinola has spent the past 15 years researching their lives and work. During their partnership and subsequent solo careers, these important yet under appreciated architects designed hundreds of build-

ing throughout Northern California. Wolfe & McKenzie published a Book of Designs in 1907. The architects intended to sell plans from the pattern book that included floor plans, cost estimates and photographs of 96 houses that had been built over the previous twelve years. In addition to reprinting the plans and photographs of the houses, Espinola has added new material that identifies the locations of 80 of the houses, recounts the histories of their owners and residents and provides some analysis of how the designs fit within the larger context of Wolfe and McKenzie's careers. For more information about the book and to find out where it is available go to [www.bayandvalley.com](http://www.bayandvalley.com).



Top: The H.H. Brix Mansion.

Middle: Forestiere Underground Gardens.

Bottom: Fresno City Hall (Annex)

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## California SAH Chapters Meeting and Tours Fresno, California October 22nd and 23rd

Registration for October 22nd and 23rd Events:  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet Supper, October 22nd (City Hall) @ \$27 \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets for Candlelight Tour, St. John's Neighborhood @\$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration, SAH Chapters Meeting 10/23 @\$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet Lunch, SAH Chapters Meeting @ \$16.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Adobe Tour (includes bus, entry fees and reception) @\$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Fresno City and County Historical Society" (FCCHS) and mail to: Historic Preservation Program, Planning and Development Department, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3043, Fresno, California 93721-3605. (Credit card reservations only please call FCCHS at (559) 441-0862.)

For more information please call the City of Fresno's Historic Preservation Project Manager at (559) 621-8520.  
E-mail: [karana.hattersley-drayton@fresno.gov](mailto:karana.hattersley-drayton@fresno.gov).

**Accommodations:** A block of rooms has been reserved at La Quinta Inn, 2926 Tulare Street, one block east of the Fresno City Hall and the Santa Fe Depot (Amtrak) and adjacent to the St. John's Neighborhood. Rooms are available Friday, October 22nd and Saturday October 23rd at the following conference rates: 1 or 2 queen beds, \$56.00 plus tax; 1 king bed \$62 plus tax. To book rooms call 1-800-531-5900 and use block reservation number 65045969 (SAH Fresno Planning Dept. Conference). Rooms must be reserved by October 8th.

**Take Amtrak!** There are four trains a day, the Amtrak "San Joaquin," from Oakland/Emeryville to Fresno. The timetable is available at [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com). (Please check schedules from your point of origin. Passenger trains arrive several times a day at the Santa Fe Depot, which is adjacent to the Fresno City Hall.)

## Fresno, California October 22nd and 23rd

**Friday, October 22nd: Reception and Buffet Dinner, Fresno City Hall, 5-8 pm. (Supper at 5:30 pm; Program in Council Chambers at 6:30 pm).** The evening will include a program of community preservation awards, entertainment, buffet supper, and an additional opportunity to view the art exhibit. Dinner coordinated by the Fresno City and County Historical Society. **(Reception and Program, free. Tickets for catered dinner, \$27.00)**

**Friday, October 22nd: "Candlelight" Tour of St. John's Neighborhood, 7-9 pm.** The blocks adjacent to the Fresno City Hall include some of the City's finest late 19th and early 20th century homes and churches. The self-guided tour includes The R. Meux Home (1889) and numerous other early 20th century homes and churches. Johnson Architects staff will also give guided tours through the Santa Fe Depot (1896), under restoration. **(Tickets are \$10 and include a dessert buffet.)**

**Saturday, October 23rd: "The North Meets the South in the Central San Joaquin Valley," SAH Chapters meeting and tour, 9:30 am-5:00 pm, Downtown Club, 2120 Kern Street, Fresno.** The Northern and Southern California Chapters of the Society of Architectural Historians meet in Fresno. The morning session will be held at the Downtown Club, the former Fresno Morning Republican Printery (1919), a National Register property. The afternoon session will include a bus tour that focuses on the local use of pre and post stabilized adobe construction. **(Meeting registration, \$10 includes printed program and coffee hour. Buffet lunch \$16.50. Guided bus tour \$35 includes entry fees and reception at the Forestiere Underground Gardens).**

### Meeting schedule:

**9:30-10 am Registration and coffee**

**10-12:00 Slide presentations: Karana Hattersley-Drayton** (Historic Preservation Project Manager, City of Fresno) **"Building in Adobe in the Central San Joaquin Valley"**

**Marlea Graham** (California Garden and Landscape History Society) **Julie Cain** (Stanford University) **"Rudolph Ulrich, Landscape Designer of Chateau Fresno"**

**Marianne Hurley** (Architectural Historian, CA State Parks) **"Edward T. Foulkes: Architecture of Portland, San Francisco and Fresno."**

**Harold H. Tokmakian, AICP "Fresno Fulton Mall & Garrett Eckbo: A Threatened Masterpiece of Urban Design"**

**12-1pm Buffet lunch and Chapter Meetings**

**1 pm-5 pm Bus Tour: Building in Adobe**

**Kearney Boulevard (Designed by Rudolph Ulrich, 1887)** (With commentary aboard bus by Sharon Hiigel, Curator for the Fresno City and County Historical Society)

**Kearney Park (Rudolph Ulrich, 1892),**

**Kearney Mansion (adobe brick, builder unknown, 1903)**

**Ice House (adobe brick, 1897)** (Christopher Johnson A.I.A. will talk briefly about the restoration and stabilization of the ice house)

**Fresno City Hall (Annex) (Franklin and Kump and Associates, 1939)**

**Gilbert Jertberg Adobe (Charles Franklin and Ernest J. Kump, 1936)**

**Hilliard Giffen Adobe (Franklin and Kump, 1940, Thomas Church landscape design),**

**Guarantee Savings and Loan (Robert Stevens, 1957)**

**[Shaw Avenue Garden Offices, Stevens and Zellmer]**

**Forestiere Underground Gardens (hardpan reinforced with brick and concrete,**

**Baldasare Forestiere, 1906)** (Andre Forestiere will lead a tour of this

National Register property, with a reception to follow)

Tour space is limited to 45 for the bus (with a possibility of additional spaces on a van, as needed. Fifteen spaces each reserved for Southern and Northern California SAH members up to October 8th.)

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