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OTPA Booth a Hit at Street Fair

OTPA had the pleasure to provide this year's Orange International Street Fair with the finest in Irish beer. The beer booth offered a wide assortment of legendary brews from the Emerald Isle, including Guinness, Smithwick, Bass Ale, and countless requests for the ever-popular Half &

Half or a Black and Tan, all expertly poured by more than 50 volunteers, each one Irish (or so we're told).

We also are pleased to

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Willing OTPA volunteers staff the 2006 Street Fair beer booth.

President's Message

By Tom Loughrey
OTPA PRESIDENT

The luck of the Irish was with us at the Street Fair this year: good weather, good crowds, great music from our wonderful Irish bands, and a fantastic fundraising result from our booth selling some of Ireland's most famous brews. What can I say but congratulations to the entire group of volunteers who planned the event, worked the taps, hoisted the kegs, gave of their time and talent:

a job well done! It looks like we will go over our budget for fundraising by more than 25 percent.

Volunteers really do make a big difference and, as many of us found out, it is something that can be a lot of fun as well. In fact, some people have so much fun they keep coming back year after year to help with not only the Street Fair booth but the community booth as well. Our wonderful volunteers are with us all year round, in

fact. Upcoming opportunities this fall include the Candidates Night for city council and the mayor's election, Treats in the Streets and, believe it or not, we are even now preparing for the Home Tour next year. None of this is possible without committed volunteers and you can volunteer simply by dropping a note to info@otpa.org or calling our hotline: (714) 639-6840.

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Get to Know the Mediterranean Revival

The Mediterranean Revival style of architecture is an eclectic design style that was first introduced to the United States around the turn of the 19th century, and came into prominence in the 1920s and 1930s. The style evolved from a rekindled interest in Italian Renaissance palaces and seaside villas dating from the 16th century, and can be found predominantly in California and Florida due to the popular association of these coastal regions with Mediterranean resorts.

Architects Sumner Spaulding and Paul Williams did much to popularize this style of home here in California. Their structures are typically multi-story and based on a rectangular floor plan, and feature massive symmetrical



A 1923 Mediterranean Revival home.

primary facades. Mediterranean Revival homes are generally characterized by stuccoed or plastered wall surfaces, flat or low-pitched terracotta or red tile roofs, arches, scrolled or tile-capped parapet walls and articulated door surrounds. Doors were typically carved or ornate wood doors and were darkly stained.

Windows were typically individual casements, or single-hung windows with wood frames. On some occasions, metal frames were used to replicate the ironwork on other details in the house. The exterior of these homes may also display arcades (arched, post-and

lintel), towers (square or round), decorative vents, elaborate chimney tops, and cozy niches. Homes of this style were

typically painted white with a second trim color, and sometimes a third color

design influences such as Classical, Spanish Colonial, Moorish, and even Californian Mission. Additional architecture details may include courtyards surrounded by lush gardens.

The Mediterranean Revival style was most commonly applied to hotels, apartment buildings, commercial structures and residences. This style of architecture was utilized extensively by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and



One of Orange's loveliest Mediterranean Revival homes, this one was built in 1920.



This bungalow court is a 1923 Mediterranean Revival in Old Towne Orange.

was used on the window frames.

Balconies and window grilles are common, and are generally made out of wrought iron or wood. Ornamentation can range from simple to dramatic, and may draw from a number of Mediterranean

Southern Pacific railroads when designing their depots in California. Fine examples of this style can still be seen at the Santa Fe Railway (now Amtrak and Metro link) depot in Fullerton (1930) and our very own



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Membership News

OTPA extends a warm welcome to its newest members:

Carla Aldridge
Breanna Case
Stephen Gonzalez
Candace Hubbard
Bradley Rooker
Dale & Carol Rudat
Gloria Soria
 and
Kelly Wolff.

New business member includes **Karl Bonham.**

September membership dues renewals have been

mailed out. If you joined OTPA between June 2005 and November 2005, your annual membership dues are due by the end of September. Watch your mailbox for your renewal notice!

Did you know that you may now pay your dues online? We are using PayPal on our website to accept major credit cards for dues payment. Visit us at www.otpa.org.

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OTPA's Mission Still Vital

We use email to notify our members of events and volunteer opportunities much more frequently than we can send out newsletters or mailings. If you have not received anything, it is very likely we do not have your email address. Just send a note to info@otpa.org and we can add your address to the list. Don't forget to include your

name as well so we can update the membership records. It's a great way to stay in touch with what is going on in Old Towne. Remember we never lend nor sell our email addresses, and we never include other email addresses in the mailings. So sign up and don't miss out on the fun!

Last Chance for 2006 OCHS Walking Tours

The Orange Community Historical Society offers visitors a peek into Old Towne's history with its popular walking tours, which lead through the heart of Old Towne Orange.

The last tours of the season will be

Sept. 26, 4 p.m.

Oct. 9, 10 a.m.

Oct. 24, 4 p.m.

Each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. It is recommended that walkers wear comfortable shoes. Tour starts at the Ainsworth House, 414 E. Chapman in Orange. Suggested donation of \$5 goes to support Orange Community Historical Society programs like historical programs, the local history archives, preservation of historical photographs, and other history-related projects.

Reservations are recommended at least 24 hours in advance: (714) 998-0330.

To ask questions or get information, contact tours@historicorange.org.

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OTPA is updating the information on all signage to reflect the current monthly meeting location. At this point, four of OTPA's new orange and blue signs are unaccounted for.

If you have one of these signs and have not recently been contacted about updating the address, please call John Murphy at (714) 633-3651 or the OTPA hotline at (714) 639-6840, and you will be contacted.

OTPA HOTLINE
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Get to Know One of Old Towne's Most Stunning Architectural Styles

Santa Fe Railway depot in Old Towne Orange, completed in 1938.

There still remain many wonderfully maintained Mediterranean style homes and commercial buildings here in the Historic District, only waiting to be discovered on an evening walk along East Maple, South Lemon, North Shaffer or East Chapman, to name a few.



Built in 1938, the Santa Fe Depot is a fine example of Mediterranean Revival architecture.

About to do work on your home?

If you are in doubt or have any questions about a project on your historic property, please contact the Old Towne Preservation Association at (714) 639-6840 or info@otpa.org.

We will be more than happy to advise and help guide you through the process. We will also be glad to meet with you concerning your project.

TOP 10 ***Reasons to Get Involved in Old Towne***

- #10 You like meeting other preservation-minded people.
- #9 You like to see the interiors of Old Towne homes.
- #8 You want to impact decisions affecting Old Towne.
- #7 One of your hidden skills is hawking Guinness Stout.
- #6 You like learning about the history of Orange.
- #5 You need a venue to show off your baking skills.
- #4 You prefer to be part of the solution.
- #3 You want to be in Bob Hitchcock's memoirs, soon to be made into a major motion picture.
- #2 You want to preserve the value of your home.
- #1 Reason to get involved in OTPA: You love Old Towne Orange!

Got Citrus?

The Inland Orange Conservancy is a nonprofit, volunteer-based program the public can join to help save California's orange groves. Dues are \$65 a season, and there are three seasons (lasting 14-16 weeks) each year. Members receive two 5-pound bags of citrus each week for the duration of the season; the fruit includes oranges, grapefruits, and special items such as tangelos, cara-cara, lemons and avocados.

Growers make about five times their normal wages by selling through the conservancy, while members receive

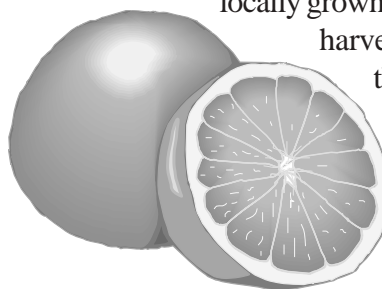
locally grown fruit just days after it is

harvested. Members can pick up the fruit on a designated day

at about 30 locations in many Inland Empire cities.

For more information, go to www.inlandorange.com

or call (909) 794-4484.





Street Fair, continued from page 1: *OTPA's Twin Booths Reached Out to Fair Attendees*

announce that our OTPA Community Booth was a big success. Volunteers answered questions and dispensed lots of information about Old Towne's Historical District and our Association's preservation efforts.

A big "Thank You" to the Street Fair Committee and to all of the volunteers that helped make this year a huge success!



Happy beer booth volunteers at work.

The 2006 OTPA Community Booth, manned by Alexander and John Murphy.



Save the Date for the Debate



The Old Towne Preservation Association is sponsoring a Candidates Debate.

Come hear what the candidates for the City of Orange Mayor and City Council have to say! The field is large and the issues are many this election year. Your informed vote is more important than ever.

We hope to see you there.

Wednesday, October 11
7:00 P.M.

American Legion Hall Post # 132
143 South Lemon Street, Orange

Save the Date for the 2007 Home Tour

The biannual Home Tour is one of the most popular events on the OTPA calendar. Don't miss out on the next one!

Nov. 4-5, 2007

Be sure to visit
www.otpa.org
for more details
as the tour dates
draw closer!





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Upcoming Events

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| October 11 | City of Orange Candidates Debate
American Legion Hall |
| October 26 | Treats In The Street
Old Towne Plaza, 4 P.M. |
| December 3 | Orange Tree Lighting and Choir Processional
Old Towne Plaza, 7 P.M. |

www.OTPA.org

Orange Community Historical Society walking tours of the Plaza area will be offered the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM and the fourth Sunday of the month at 4 PM through October. For more information, go to www.historicorange.com. To reserve a space on an upcoming tour, call (714) 998-0330.

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