

West Adams Matters

South Seas House Centennial Celebration

Saturday, June 28 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the successful restoration of the historic "South Seas House"/Joseph Dupuy Residence, a unique landmark in the heart of West Adams.



After more than a decade of effort by community members to save this property, it now is embarking on a new life as a community center/Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department facility serving our entire Historic West Adams District community.

We have a great day planned to commemorate the reopening of the South Seas House, including live music, kids' games, races and arts activities, magic shows, computer lab demonstrations, docent tours of the residence, food vendors and our own local Girl Scouts' lemonade and beverage stand.

The fun starts first thing in the morning, with the Sound Union Barbershop Quartet singing beginning at 9:30 a.m. as we gather for a program and presentations, scheduled between 10 and 11 a.m. Members of original owner Joseph Dupuy's family will be participating in the program.

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Bob Bortfeld Award Nominations Sought

WAHA's highest award, the Bortfeld Award, named after WAHA co-founder Bob Bortfeld, is presented to a member who has given special service to the community in the prior year. Two decades ago, when Bortfeld purchased his home in a long-ignored neighborhood, had a vision for this community. He felt that with strong community activism and a shared love for old houses, West Adams could be one of L.A.'s best neighborhoods. West Adams Heritage Association established the Bortfeld Award to honor his vision and inspiration after he passed away in the late 1980s.

Nominations now are being sought for this annual award. The nominee must be a member in good standing who demonstrates the following qualities: 1) consistent and visible leadership in WAHA and the preservation community, 2) an obvious commitment to preservation, 3) leadership in deed, not just title, 4) notable accomplishments/contributions over a range of activities, not just in one particular activity, and 5) an ability to bring people together to address issues and resolve problems.

The award has been presented in the past to Kathleen Salisbury (Year 1988 Bortfeld Award), Harry Anderson and David Raposa (1989), Harold Greenberg (1990), Lindsay Wiggins (1991), Jodi Seigner (1992), Jon Rake (1993), Lana Soroko (1994), Norma Latimer (1995), John Kurtz (1996), Audrey Arlington (1997), Jim Meister (1998), Joe Ryan (1999), Laura Meyers (2000) and Linda Scribner (2001). As you can see by this listing, all former Honorees have had leadership roles in WAHA and have undertaken a diverse range of activities in the organization and in the community at large.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to WAHA President Jacqueline Sharps, 2229 South Gramercy Place, Los

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July 4th - A Star-Spangled Picnic

The Historic Durfee Mansion and the Brothers of St. John of God are the hosts for WAHA's annual event celebrating America's birthday. Bring the kids - your own or someone else's - and wear your summer whites or patriotic attire at WAHA's 4th of July picnic, which will be on Friday, July 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Durfee Mansion (please note: exterior only). We will eat, be merry and patriotic, and we'll enjoy the jazzy music of the VoiceOver Trio.

As always, Wa-hot dogs will be for sale, cold drinks are on the house, and the potluck theme is summertime picnic - please bring salads, main dishes, fruits or desserts to share. The Durfee Mansion's official address is 2425 S. Western Avenue, but please park and enter from the rear on St. Andrews. ●



We support preservation of the West Adams community's architectural heritage and beautification activities, and seek to educate Los Angeles' citizens and others about cultural heritage and restoration techniques.



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Bob Bortfeld Award

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Angeles 90018 , Historic West Adams, Los Angeles, CA 90018. Please briefly written describe activities your candidate has undertaken for West Adams Heritage Association and in the West Adams and explain why you believe he or she should be chosen for the Bortfeld Award. The winner will be selected by a selection committee consisting of WAHA's current President, Membership Chair John Kurtz, and a previous year's winner.

Submission deadline: July 15 (firm!) ●

**Have You Paid Your Dues?
This May Be Your Last Newsletter**

This May Be The WAHA Newsletter You (or someone you know) Will Miss!

For members who have not renewed their WAHA Membership for 2003 – 2004, the June Newsletter was the last one sent out. So if you....or your neighbor, or friend, didn't get this July newsletter, it could be because a membership wasn't renewed.

In March the Membership Committee sent out renewal notices to members who needed to renew. Memberships in WAHA go from April to April every year. New WAHA Membership Cards valid through April 2004 have been mailed out as memberships were renewed. So if you don't have a current membership card, you probably need to renew your membership. Past due notices were also sent out mid-June, as one last reminder of membership expiration.

There is a Membership Form on page 3 of the newsletter for anyone who needs one to join or renew. If you have any questions about the status of your WAHA membership you can contact John Kurtz, Membership Chair, 323-732-2990. ●

The Wright Way- A Fete at the Ennis House

The Art Deco Society of Los Angeles and the Trust for Preservation of Cultural Heritage invite you to join us on Sunday, July 13, at Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Ennis House for a cocktail reception and round table discussion featuring renowned architectural photographer, Julius Shulman, architect Eric Lloyd Wright, and David Judson of the Judson Studios, moderated by Robert Leary, past president of Friends of Hollyhock House.

Cost is \$125 per person (\$100 of which is tax deductible) and includes wine, hors d'ouvres and a tour of the Ennis House. For more information and reservations, call 310-659-3326. Tickets may also purchased online from <http://www.adsla.org>. ●

Doheny Mansion Tours

Mount St. Mary's College invites the public to explore the Doheny Mansion, Chester Place and another residence occupied by the Doheny family on Saturday, July 12, starting at 9:00, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Visitors will step back in time as they learn the history of this fascinating family, and the lifestyle of rich and famous Angelenos 100 years ago.

The cost of the tour is \$25 per person and reservations are a must. No children under 12, please. Call Heather Schraeder at (213) 477-2761 to book reservations by July 7, or for further information. Future tours are scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2003 and January 24, 2004. Proceeds will benefit the preservation of this historic residence. ●

Membership Application

**Become a member
(or renew)!
You can do it today!**

Membership through April 2004

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership classification (check one)

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- Business \$ 50.00
- Patron \$100.00
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Please make check payable to WAHA.

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Please DO NOT include my name, address or telephone number in the WAHA membership directory.

Savoring Summertime

WAHA's Annual Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 3 2 - 5 p.m.

Partake of delicious ice cream and
scrumptious sweets
at
the home of David and Jennifer Cunningham

221 South St. Andrews Place

*WAHA brings the ice cream -
Desserts are potluck (please do remember to
bring a sweet to share)
A raffle for great prizes.
This event is kid-friendly and mother-approved!*

Stepping Out...to Solvang and Santa Ynez

A smorgasbord of pleasures await WAHA "socialites" this summer. Visit a historic winery, landmarks in Santa Barbara, antique shops, and more! when WAHA steps out on a field trip to Rideau Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley on Saturday, July 12.

On the heels of a successful, fun-packed field trip to Riverside and the Mission Inn in May, WAHA's resident event planner SeElcy Caldwell is taking her act on the road again. She's arranged for a comfortable, air-conditioned (of course!) bus to take us on a day-long trip up the Coast to Santa Barbara, Solvang and the famed winery, housed in one of the area's prized historic structures, the Alamo Pintado Adobe, and now owned by African-American businesswoman Iris C. Rideau.

As it is planned now, in the morning we will visit several Santa Barbara historic sites, and then we'll stop in Solvang for shopping and no-host lunch. Then it's on to the winery, for tasting its premium Rhone varietal wines, and touring the property.

The structure dates back to 1884 and is one of the few two-story adobes in California. Over the years it served as a stage coach stop, an inn, a guest ranch and a working ranch. It is designated Santa Barbara County Historical Monument No. 12.

When Rideau purchased it in 1995, the property had been abandoned for a decade. She has restored it as the Old Adobe Tasting Room.

Cost for the day: \$25. Reservations required. Call SeElcy Caldwell at 323-292-8566. ●

Calendar ✓

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The fun begins first thing in the morning, and lasts all day!
9:30 a.m. Sound Union Barbershop Quartet
10 a.m. Program and Presentations
11 a.m. Ellis-Orpheus Men's Chorus Performance
Noon - 4 p.m. Docent Tours, Kids' Activities, Live Music, Food

Friday, the 4th of July - A Star-Spangled Party

1-4 p.m.
Hosted by WAHA and the Brothers of St. John of God on the grounds of the historic Durfee Mansion, 2425 South Western Avenue. Listen to the music of VoiceOver Trio and enjoy a potluck picnic lunch.

Saturday, July 12 - Step Out to Solvang and Santa Ynez

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Visit a landmark African-American-owned winery, antique stores and other historic places during a fun-packed field trip.

Sunday, August 3 - WAHA's Ice Cream Social

2 - 5 p.m.
Partake of delicious ice cream and scrumptious sweets in a kid-friendly event.

Details about all these events can be found inside this newsletter

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The master of ceremonies for the morning's events is Brent Jennings, an actor who resides in West Adams with his wife, Juanita, and two sons, Derek and Aaron. Jennings has had numerous television and motion picture roles, and has appeared in the Emmy- and Peabody-award-winning HBO film, "A Lesson Before Dying," starring Don Cheadle and Cicely Tyson, and "Life," starring Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence.

Immediately following the formal program we are pleased to have a performance by the Ellis-Orpheus Men's Chorus, the chorale group founded by Joseph Dupuy in 1905.

From noon until 4 p.m. we have planned many (MANY!) fun activities for "kids" of all ages, including sack races, a water balloon toss, "musical cakes" (land on the right number, win a cake), beanbag toss, a suitcase relay, magic shows by Mayseo the Magician, face painting, decoupage for young and old, and many other art activities and games. A variety of cuisines will be available from our food vendors. The music lineup includes live jazz by the Michael King Quartet, plus jazz and blues from the after hours clubs of the 1920s and '30s, by songstress Storm Taylor accompanied by "Her Ex-Husbands" (the band).

Please bring the kids and plan to spend the day!

This event is co-sponsored by the United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council and the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks department, with support from West Adams Avenues Association, West Adams Heritage Association, and the stakeholder neighborhood organizations in the area, with generous support from Council District 10 and Nate Holden. ●

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