



West Adams Matters

Living History at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery *by Don Lynch*



As we all know, being a WAHA member means one fun event after another. Before we know it Autumn rolls around, and it's time once again for the annual Angelus Rosedale Living History Tour. Our many new members will be excited to learn that each year the West Adams Heritage Association, in conjunction with Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, puts on a tour of the cemetery, during which groups of interested tour-goers are led to five different graves where actors portray a renowned person from Los Angeles' past.

But Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, located at the corner of Washington and Normandie, isn't all fun and tours. As one of the nation's first lawn cemeteries, it's also a wonderful place to take a peaceful stroll. Many people do not give it much thought, but a memorial park such as this is a wealth of architectural styles. Modern cemeteries often do not allow upright headstones, but Angelus Rosedale is old enough that there is a wide variety of monuments to study. You find examples of Egyptian, Art Deco, Greek, Celtic and even the only example of an Arts and Crafts style headstone I have ever seen.

Many monuments are adorned with various symbols. These aren't always decorative, but often meaningful. A draped fabric carved onto a headstone

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WAHA Evening Strolls *by Jefferson Davis*

In the late summer months of August and September, WAHA will sponsor EVENING STROLLS to bring our members and the community-at-large out into the streets of West Adams' neighborhoods. We'll be bringing in an Espresso cart (finally a coffee shop in West Adams!) strategically placed for stopping by on your way to discovering our many historic treasures.

What a great way to say hello to neighbors and meet new ones, to digest your dinner, and to get a close-up view of neighborhoods you have not had a chance to visit or revisit. Plus, we all could use a little exercise in our lives. So grab a friend or a co-worker you've been promising a community tour, and your walking shoes, for an evening of fun and camaraderie. These events are free (and free coffee, too, to the first 50 people at the coffee cart) and we will provide a highlighted map of the area. And most important, don't wait for these events to get outside and enjoy one of life's simple pleasures...an evening stroll.

Walks are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Homes can only be viewed from the street. No open houses.

Tentative schedule (watch the WAHA E-News and WAHA Matters newsletter for updates):

August 18

Western Heights, Angelus Vista and Kinney Heights (Venice to Adams, from Arlington to Western)

Cart will be placed on Gramercy and 21st

(See the many restorations that are in process)

September 1

West Adams-Normandie

Cart will be placed on 25th close to Raymond

(Don't miss the El Paseo Walk)

September 15

Jefferson Park

Cart will be placed on 31st Street at Prescott Court

(A remarkable collection of Craftsman style bungalow.)

September 29

Harvard Heights

Cart will be placed on Hobart, between Venice and Washington ●



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Living History Tour at Angelus Rosedale

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refers to a shroud, a traditional symbol of mourning. A lamb is frequently seen on a child's marker, a lamb being a young sheep of course, but also referring to "Lamb of God" or Jesus. Carved urns not only refer to a repository for ashes, but also a dead body, which is an empty vessel which once held a soul. When we see a harp, we think of an angel spending eternity plucking the instrument, which is all well and good, but the reason we associate angels with harps is that this instrument is symbolic of the joy that is to be found in Heaven.

One of the best ways to enjoy Angelus Rosedale Cemetery is with your friends and neighbors, and what better day than October 9th, the day of this year's tour. Registration information will be forthcoming to our members, but it's never too early to volunteer to help on the day of the event. We are fortunate in that all of our characters have been cast, but there's still plenty of ways for others to assist. This is actually one of our most popular events for volunteers. So if you'd like to participate, and I know many of you will, please call our volunteer coordinator, Laurie McGee, at 323-732 3335.

If you decide that the best way to see the cemetery is to take the tour, here are the characters, and we often mean characters, you can expect to meet:

Horace Sackett

Resident of the village of Hollywood and witness to the birth of the film industry there.

Henry Jensen

West Adams resident and builder of movie palaces.

Lucy Banning

Socialite daughter of Phineas Banning.

Damien Marchessault

Mayor of Los Angeles during the Civil War.

Arthur Wilson

Movie star and film-maker best known for portraying Sam in the classic film "Casablanca."

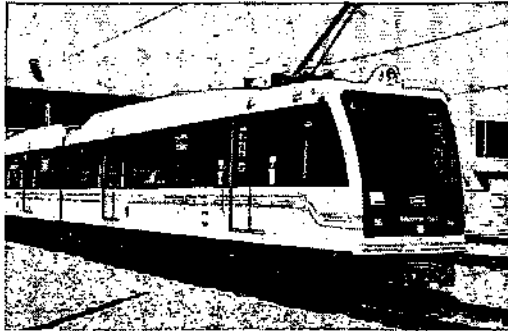
One way or another, we look forward to seeing you at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery on Saturday, October 9th. ●

Exposition Rail Line Update

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is reviewing the MTA's draft Final EIS for Expo Line phase 1 to Culver City. After responding to FTA's comments, the MTA will release the FEIS for public review in September or so, and certify it around the end of 2004. It will show the details of the "Transit Parkway" design.

Two routes are considered for downtown:

1. The 2001 Draft EIS route on Hill Street, but going from the existing Flower Street Blue Line under the elevated I-10 freeway to Hill, then crossing Washington, because there's not room for more trains on the Washington Blue Line tracks.
2. Continuing down Flower Street, with an underpass below the intersection of Figueroa and Exposition. This would travel faster, and better serve the north USC area.



In May the MTA Board approved funding to complete preliminary engineering by June 2005. The project will then be ready to begin final design and construction under a design-build contract.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for the national Rail-Volution conference, to be held in Hollywood from September 18 - 22. This is the first time that the Rail-Volution conference will come to Los Angeles. It will be held at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel. With the continuing theme of "Building Livable Communities with Transit," it will include nationally-recognized speakers, tours of L.A. transit and transit-oriented development, and many panel discussions. Friends 4 Expo Transit is a co-sponsor of the Monday evening Non-Profit Unity Event.

This conference is a great introduction for community activists, and a good opportunity to learn about what's happening in other cities. Regular

registration is due by August 16. See www.railvolution.com for conference details.

To learn more about the Expo Line, visit www.friends4expo.org. If you'd like to be added to the Friends 4 Expo email list, please email: mail@friends4expo.org. ●

FONDLY REMEMBERING JOHN HEROD

by Lauren Schlau

WAHA and the general community lost a dear friend and historic preservationist on June 1 when John Herod passed away. John is survived by his dear wife and life partner Darling, as well as loving son Scott, daughters Lynne and Yvette, and five adoring grandchildren.

A long time WAHA member and very long term resident of Lafayette Square, John passionately supported WAHA and preservation, sometimes in opposition to some neighbors. But over time, John's enthusiasm, caring and diplomacy won over many to the cause. John and Darling could be seen each and every Holiday Tour shepherding tour goers, with John nattily attired in his red bow ties and festive holiday plaid attire. Some years John was also a featured Holiday Tour guest artist, as he was an accomplished pianist and organist.

John was born in Los Angeles in 1930 into a family eventually numbering nine siblings. All his education was in Los Angeles. After graduating from Polytechnic High School, he earned a Bachelor and Master of Music degree from USC, and to give equal time, completed course work for a doctor of education degree at UCLA. As a youngster, he was proficient at the violin and piano, then mastering the pipe organ in high school, to become the school organist at all ceremonies and graduations. He was the organist and choir director at the Church of the Advent Episcopal for nearly 40 years.

He also served as a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army, and upon his honorable discharge soon met and married Darling in 1954. John spent the majority of his career - 37 years - as a teacher and administrator for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

His other community activities included serving as president of the Lafayette Square Homeowners Association for ten years, as member of the CRA Project Area Committee and an Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member.

John's funeral was held at St. James Episcopal Church on June 26, with over 500 people in attendance. John had been recovering from a sprained ankle when he fell ill and did not recover, dying peacefully.

All of us who knew John were touched by his wit, intelligence, gentleness and especially his charm. He always had a sincere compliment and a kiss. He gave of himself generously to the community and was willing to fight for what was right, in a quiet, effective way.

Family, neighbors, friends and all others who he touched throughout his life will always fondly remember this fine and wonderful man. To remember and honor John, you can make a contribution to two music scholarship funds that John had chaired and cared about: the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM) or the BEEM Foundation for the Advancement of Music. Checks may be made out to NANM or BEEM and mailed to John's daughter, Lynne Herod-DeVerges, 1815 Buckingham Road, Los Angeles, CA 90019. ●



Around the House

Resources *by Suzie Henderson*

Happy Summer to all my West Adams neighbors. I will imagine that you are relaxing and sipping cool beverages, instead of working hard on restoration projects.

Some like it hot, but if you are looking to cool off, Corinne Pleger recommends Baron's Heating and Air. She says Steve Watson is very sensitive to old houses and old plaster. His secret is to use fast saws and new blades to preserve the plaster. He is a great problem solver. In addition, he was much cheaper than other bids. Discounts are available in the off season. She got this recommendation from Woody, who has been using him for years.

Speaking of Woody, he is a great electrician and understands old houses. He has been living and working in West Adams for over 10 years. I like using Woody, because he will do the whole job. If you are installing an appliance, for example, he will modify the cabinet, run the water and do the electrical work. He is not a licensed electrician, but his work definitely passes inspection by the city, if you have pulled an owner/builder permit.

For those of you still not finished with that spring cleaning, Corinne and Cat have high praise for Arax Carpet and Oriental Rug Cleaning. They have been in business since 1923 and Aram really knows rugs. He is very nice and loves the neighborhood. Great service and they do vintage restoration. There is a 20% discount if you bring it in yourself, but they will pickup and deliver.

Thanks this month to Nancy Deaven for passing along these great resources that she has found not only to be helpful, but also reliable, efficient and reasonably priced.

The first is a "drain specialist," Deb Rooter Service. "He helped me with a major problem that I was having with my main sewage line from my house for a cost that was about 1/3 the cost of other sub-contractors. He also does roto-rooter type services for a cost below anyone else that I've found. He is pleasant, responsive and does very good work."

The second is Omni Building Services, that does everything from nuts and bolts/handyman type of work to restoring entire properties. They plaster/paint, do woodworking, light plumbing, exterior paint, etc. They are very reliable, efficient, and reasonably priced.

Laura Harris says that 1 800-LA-4LEAD has been a good resource for all of her lead questions. With a new baby arriving probably before you read this, I imagine she has had plenty of questions. Thanks and congratulations to Laura.

Remember that every member of WAHA is a member of our resources committee. There are no meetings to attend, just e-mail me on WestAdamsGoddess@aol.com with your recommendations or warnings. Thanks for your help and may all of your projects be on time, on budget, and beautiful.

Arax Carpet & Oriental Rug Cleaning
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800-606-2471

Omni Building Services
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Enjoy Jazz Under the Stars in West Adams Avenues

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend), when you are invited to "The Avenues" (7th Avenue at 25th Street) for live jazz under the stars. Traditional, "old school" music... FREE!! Bring box lunches, table, blankets etc and cozy up from 6 to 9 p.m.

CRAFTSMAN WEEKEND 2004

Pasadena Heritage's 13th annual Craftsman Weekend, scheduled for October 15 - 17, will offer house tours, bus and walking tours, lectures devoted to the Arts & Crafts Movement, antique dealers and contemporary Craftsman-style works, and exclusive evening events in historic settings. The event is the largest and most comprehensive celebration of the Arts & Crafts Movement in the Western U.S.

The Craftsman Movement emerged in the early 20th Century in the U.S. as an outgrowth of the English Arts & Crafts Movement. Its hallmark is a philosophy of honest, simple design expressed in hand-made creations by skilled craftsmen. The movement flowered throughout the U.S., and Pasadena became a particularly strong center for Craftsman style architecture, art, and ceramics. International recognition has been accorded to the work of architects Charles and Henry Greene, tilemaker Ernest Batchelder, artists Elmer and Marion Wachtel, and writer/photographer Helen Lukens Gaut, among other Pasadenans.

Among the prominent Craftsman-era authorities slated for lectures are Dr. Robert Winter, Professor Emeritus of History at Occidental College and renowned architectural historian; Jean R. France, Architectural Historian from the University of Rochester; Edward Bosley, Director of the Gamble House; and John Griswold, well-known objects and architectural materials conservator. Dr. Winter will be available to sign his latest book, *Craftsman Style*.

A variety of bus and walking tours will be offered throughout the Weekend, offering in-depth explorations of Pasadena's historic neighborhoods. Tours include a Studio Tour to visit modern-day masters working in the Arts and Crafts traditions; a tour of Pasadena's historic Bungalow Courts; and a tour of the work of Alfred and Arthur Heineman, brothers with no formal architectural training who made a significant impact on the landscape in Pasadena and Southern California during the Craftsman era.

An Opening Reception on Friday, October 15, will be held on the rooftop terrace of the Pasadena Museum of California Art. The evening will feature an exclusive preview of the exhibition *Picturing Pasadena: Historic Paintings from the Irvine Museum*. The exhibition includes views of Pasadena by some of California's greatest plein air painters. The reception will include elegant hors d'oeuvres and wine, at \$40.

Pasadena Heritage is a nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation in and around Pasadena, California. The 26-year old organization advocates on behalf of historic resources, educates the public about local history and the benefits of preservation, and demonstrates quality restoration through its own preservation projects. Its 3,000-plus members are drawn from Pasadena and neighboring communities, and throughout Southern California.

The Craftsman Weekend began in 1992 to provide a West Coast focus for interest in the Craftsman Movement and to highlight the unique and unparalleled Craftsman architecture and other resources available in Pasadena. Since its inception, it has grown to become one of two nationally prominent gatherings for those devoted to the Arts & Crafts Movement in the U.S., together with the Arts & Crafts conference held each February at the historic Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina.

Tickets go on sale August 9. For further information, schedules, ticket prices, and to purchase tickets, contact Pasadena Heritage, 651 South St. John Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105, call 626.441.6333, or visit us online at www.pasadenaheritage.org ●



Annual Report

West Adams Heritage Association Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2004

For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2004 WAHA is reporting an overall cash position of \$73,043, of which \$2,133 is restricted for the preservation of the South Seas House. Accordingly, WAHA has cash available to fund various projects for the 2004-2005 fiscal year of \$70,910. During the past year WAHA successfully produced 4 tours; Cemetery, Holiday, Garden and Bungalow as well as holding special events such as Halloween, Holiday, 4th of July and Garden/Paint. All tours were profitable with the Holiday tour being the primary fund raising event of the year. The profit from the December 2003 Holiday tour was \$17,975. All cash is held in insured accounts and investments are in cash mutual funds, thereby being protected from market fluctuations and losses.

Cash Position at 5-1-2003	\$59,264.41
Income	
from Tours	\$48,362.70
from Advertising	\$1,010.00
Membership Dues	\$10,098.50
Other Income	\$652.54
Total Income	\$60,123.74
Expenses	
Administration	\$2,882.57
Community Relations	\$950.00
Historic Preservation	\$2,470.01
Membership	\$1,086.81
Publications	\$7,438.52
Meetings and Events	\$4,552.45
Tours	\$22,157.21
Total Expenses	\$41,537.57
2003-2004 Net Profit	\$18,586.17
South Seas Funding	\$4,806.92
Cash Position at 4-30-2004	\$73,043.66

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- all new landscaping with original fruit trees (loquat, avocado)
- meticulous designer detail throughout



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Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Tour Organizing Committee

The WAHA and Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Tour Organizing Committee is in charge of the annual tour given in the fall each year. This is a "Living History" tour in which costumed volunteer actors portray five persons, graveside, in one of the City's oldest, most historically significant cemeteries. The committee gets together in May each year to start the process for this one-day event. Last year's tour generated \$6,132 in revenue and, with many thanks to Angelus Rosedale and other donators who picked up much of the cost, our profits were \$4,514.71. The committee this year consists of Lyn Gillson, Corinne Pleger and Don Lynch. To volunteer for this year's tour on October 9, call Laurie McGee 323-732-3335. We would love to see both new and experienced people join our efforts. ●

Exploring The Heights Tour

WAHA also sponsored a tour of historic homes and architecture in Arlington Heights, Angelus Vista and West End Heights on Saturday, June 5. It was a success by several measures. We raised approximately \$4,800 (after expenses) that will be devoted to a historic resources survey in those neighborhoods (composed of about 1,500 residential structures between Western and Crenshaw, north from the 10 freeway to Pico -- with Western Heights already having been surveyed as an HPOZ).

Equally important, a good time was had by all, as you can see by these photos of 10th District Councilmember Martin Ludlow, as he visited with us.

We also were able to contact descendents of several original owners of homes on the tour. Watch for next month's *WAHA Matters* newsletter, where we will report on a family reunion that resulted from WAHA's Exploring the Heights Tour. ●



Councilmember Martin Ludlow toured WAHA members Corinne and Dave Pleger's historic home during the Exploring the Heights Tour. L-R: Corinne Pleger, Frank Cooper, Councilmember Ludlow.

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IN ESCROW:

North University Park Victorian - David Raposa (Seller)

SOLD:

Harvard Heights HPOZ Craftsman - 1800 Hobart - David Raposa (Seller and Buyer). Welcome, Ruth De Sosa!

University Park lot - 2123 Bonsallo - David Raposa (Buyer)

Jefferson Park Bungalow - 3424 2nd Avenue - Adam Janeiro (Buyer). Welcome, Raymond Wright Rix and William Steele!

West Adams Avenues Craftsman - 2331 5th Avenue - David Raposa (Seller and Buyer). Welcome, Bill Seki and Christy Fujita Seki!

Out of Area Residence - Carlton Joseph (Seller and Buyer).

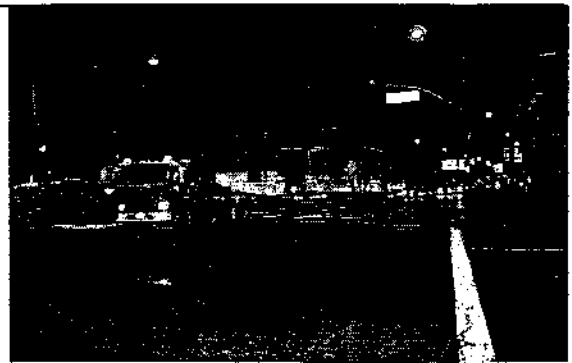
Wonderful Craftsman - 5301 Brynhurst - David Raposa (Buyer)

West Adams Avenues Spanish - 2535 4th Avenue - David Raposa (Seller). Welcome, Almon and Rhonda de Campo.

Our Offices are in the Victorian Village, at 2316 1/2 S. Union Avenue, Suite 2, 213-747-1337.

Annual Report

Meet WAHA's Committees



WAHA's Zoning and Planning Committee successfully saved this house.

Along with Historic Preservation, WAHA also has numerous other standing committees, including:

The **Zoning and Planning Committee** is chaired by Eric Bronson. Zoning and Planning is scheduled for the third Monday of the month, and deals with projected zoning changes, current zoning violations, RLUIPA, EIRs, CEQA and related matters. One of its current topics is an analysis of the proposed Citywide Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, would require developers/builders of five or more residential units to include affordable units in the mix. As currently proposed, the ordinance would supercede Specific Plans and HPOZ Districts. Eric's committee also responds to LAUSD proposals for potential new school sites, and was instrumental last year in saving at least one historic house at the new high school site at Washington and Vermont. (There remains one house in imminent danger). If you'd like to be involved with this committee, contact Eric at 323-737-1163.

WAHA's **Publications Committee** is an "ad-hoc" committee. Translation: You will not be obligated to monthly meetings. Instead, you will volunteer to lend your expertise in graphic design and/or electronic publishing on an as needed basis. In the past year we have tried to establish a branded identity for WAHA, with the design of a new logo and a consistent "look" across all WAHA publications. Our current need specifically is for a "Project Manager" for a new edition of the WAHA Resource Guide, as well as other volunteers to handle fact-checking and inputting of recent resources recommendations into our database. If you're interested in helping on this project, managing it, or being involved in other ways with the Publications Committee, please contact Chair Jean Frost at 213-748-1656 or WAHA's editor, Laura Meyers, at 323-737-6146.

The **WAHA Newsletter Committee** is chaired by Laura Meyers, editor of WAHA Matters as well as the WAHA E-News. The Newsletter Committee needs fresh new and enthusiastic volunteers, both to help plan out each issue and/or to write articles. Specifically, we need a coordinator to gather the information from "Around the Blocks" (block club and neighborhood association news) and to make sure this column gets into the newsletter each month. We also want writers/reporters to profile some of our most interesting WAHA members and neighbors. You don't need to be a pro to help out — we always need help on the committee itself with making phone calls, coming up with story ideas and issue themes, and research. Please call Laura at 323-737-6146.

Programs and Events is still being coordinated by SeElcy Caldwell. Every WAHA member is requested to volunteer to cheerfully fulfill one (or more!) of the following needs this year: volunteer your house as the site of a WAHA event; suggest a program topic and help make that program happen; volunteer to assist in setting up one of the monthly events; or wade in and help with the clean-up at the end of an event. In addition, when an event is potluck, everyone is urged to bring two things to that event: your appetite and a "covered dish" to share with fellow attendees. To share your time please call SeElcy at 323-291-7484.

The **Membership Committee**, chaired by John Kurtz, meets on the Wednesday before regularly scheduled Board meetings unless a special project is underway when meetings are called on an as needed basis. The committee is responsible for soliciting new members, maintaining all membership records, maintaining the membership database, sending out renewal notices, adding new members and publishing a yearly WAHA Directory. The committee also helps in several other areas. The distribution of the newsletters, specifically the sorting and printing of mailing labels, are done from the membership database. Mailings such as announcements for the cemetery and holiday tour are done from the membership database and a mailing database for these events. Call John if you can help on this committee, at 323-732-2990.

WAHA now has several **Tour Committees**. ALL OF THEM need a lot of volunteer support! The Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Tour is right around the corner. To volunteer to assist, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Laurie McGee at 323-732-3335. The annual WAHA Holiday Historic Homes Tour and Progressive Dinner gets serious very soon — and starts meeting every few weeks. Contact Jacqueline Sharps 323-766-8842 or Lindsay Wiggins 323-733-1246 to join the committee.

Jennifer Charnofsky, 323-734-7391, chairs the **Community Relations Committee**. In the past, this committee has adopted schools, help to fund a park beautification project, and has handed out grants to worthwhile local community projects. WAHA works with local block clubs, schools, businesses, churches, and other community groups to collaborate on vital local issues. We introduce local youth to historic preservation, and provide a yearly scholarship for higher education to worthy resident students. We introduce and promote West Adams and WAHA to the wider community. And we increase WAHA's communication with other historic preservation organizations in Southern California.

Jefferson Davis (323-732-3193), Sean O'Brien (323-732-1503) and Todd Moyer (323-731-7111) are coordinating an ad-hoc **Marketing and Outreach Committee**. They are the force behind WAHA's Evening Strolls (see page 1). They are looking for other ideas for marketing WAHA and the Historic West Adams District -- and more volunteers to help implement the ideas. ●

Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Tour

West Adams Heritage Association proudly presents its **annual tour of the beautiful Angelus Rosedale Cemetery on Saturday, October 9**. This is a "Living History" tour in which costumed volunteer actors portray five persons, graveside, in one of the City's oldest, most historically important cemeteries. This is your opportunity, WAHA members, to obtain tickets in advance of the postcard distribution for this always-sold-out tour.

The deceased to be featured include:

- An early founder of the village of Hollywood
- Real estate mogul who built movie palaces
- A thrice married socialite
- Mayor of Los Angeles during the civil war
- An actor who played "Sam", in a beloved classic movie

There will be light refreshments included in the ticket price. Tickets are by advance reservation only (no walk-ins) and will be held for your pick-up at the beginning of the tour. Those desiring a confirmation must send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their reservation. Angelus Rosedale Cemetery is located north of the Santa Monica Freeway (Normandie offramp) at 1831 W. Washington Blvd. Enter from Washington, east of Normandie.

To volunteer for the tour, please contact Laurie McGee (323-732-3335), Don Lynch (323-730-8042), Lyn Gillson (323-735-9371) or Corinne Pleger (323-733-3515).

Write your tour time here: _____ Remember to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your tour to park, get to the chapel, and pick up tickets.

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Mail with a check payable to WAHA to: West Adams Heritage Association 1620 Virginia Road, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 No. tickets: _____ CITY/STATE _____
 Total: \$ _____ Zipcode _____ PHONE required: (_____)

Indicate with a **1, 2** or **3** your first, second and third choices for tour time. You will be called if your first choice is not available.

___ 9:00 a.m.	___ 11:30 a.m.	Tickets:	\$20.00 general admission
___ 9:30 a.m.	___ 1:00 p.m.		\$17.00 WAHA members
___ 10:00 a.m.	___ 1:30 p.m.		(children under 10 free)
___ 10:30 a.m.	___ 2:00 p.m.		
___ 11:00 a.m.			

Annual Report

Historic Preservation Committee

The West Adams Heritage Association mission includes the preservation of our historic resources in the West Adams District's many neighborhoods. To that end, the WAHA Historic Preservation Committee, chaired by Jean Frost, provides matching funds to community groups and others to identify, survey and nominate both individual historic sites and structures, as well as historic districts. Designation includes local Historic Cultural Monuments and HPOZ Districts, and National Register buildings and districts.

This past year, WAHA provided matching funds to move forward and designate the North University Park Historic District that had begun more than a decade before. It was finalized in February of 2004 with registration by the Keeper of the Register. WAHA has provided matching funds for the individual federal listing of Casa de Rosas, the Sumner Hunt-designed building at Adams and Hoover, which was approved by the State Historic Resources Commission in June. In addition, the Committee has participated with other organizations in supporting adaptive reuse of the Ambassador Hotel and the renovation of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The Committee routinely supports preservation and designation efforts and opposes illegal non-permitted demolition. The Committee sponsors education sessions, and this May hosted the City's Preservation Officer, Jay Oren, for a WAHA meeting and discussion on designating Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monuments.

The Committee also works closely with other WAHA committees, especially Planning and Zoning, and this year looks forward to providing matching funds for continued historic surveying, identifying and designating buildings, sites and districts.

To get involved, contact Jean at 213-748-1656. ●



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MID-CITY PAC ANNUAL REPORT

by Corinne Pleger

As WAHA's representative on the Mid-City PAC (a Community Redevelopment Agency, or "CRA," Project Area Committee), I monitor the commercial development in a portion of WAHA's boundaries. As of June 2004, Georgia Toliver has taken over as WAHA's representative for the remainder of the two-year term (ending June 2005).

The latest update is that the Pico-Plaza development (corner of San Vicente and Venice and Pico - Old Sears and Metro turnaround site) has been slated to have a Home Depot and another large tenant as well as a sit-down family style restaurant and has all permits and officials signed off so they can proceed with demolition.

The CRA is completing the Washington Boulevard Project (including streetscape, storefront improvements, and the Performing Arts Center). The CRA is looking for developers for the corner of Adams and La Brea. The Committee hears of proposed developments and brings items of concern or interest to the community and the CRA. It is a means of communicating development activity in our area.

The PAC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm-7:30pm at Pio Pico School on Arlington, between Venice and Pico. All community members are welcome to attend the meetings and voice their concerns or ideas.

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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Old House Dot-Com *by Elizabeth Fuller*

I don't live in West Adams but I do own and am constantly working on a 1926 duplex near Wilshire and La Brea. For years now, I've tried to find a local online group/community where people can discuss old houses, house projects, contractor searches, craftsperson searches and vendors/outlets for certain kinds of fixtures or supplies, but I've never been able to find one.

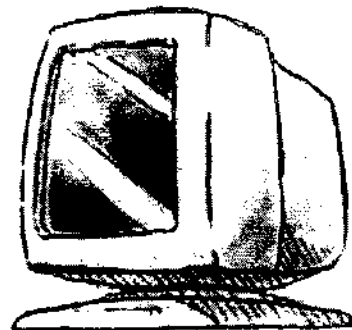
I do belong to one very active old house discussion group, but it's national and doesn't help much when I want to talk about L.A. neighborhoods, services or suppliers. So...I decided to create a Los Angeles old house discussion group - the Los Angeles House Network (a.k.a. LAHouseNet) - on the YahooGroups service. It's for anyone interested in:

- Old house neighborhoods in L.A.
- Restoration of old houses
- Renovation and remodeling projects, big or small (post your pix!)
- Where to find local contractors, handypersons and skilled craftspeople
- DIY/how-to help and advice
- Local retail sources for fixtures, supplies, etc.
- Upcoming neighborhood and house tours
- HPOZ, preservation and historic designation issues
- Buying and selling old houses

...and anything else relating to repairing, remodeling, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, buying, selling, living in and loving residential architecture in Los Angeles. The focus is on "old" houses (probably pre-1950), but people don't have to have an old house to join or to join in the discussions.

Please feel free to check us out at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/lahousenet> ...and to recommend the group to any "house people" you might know who might be interested.

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The Board of Public Works, Operation Clean Sweep will begin a new cycle of funding for the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) program. NMF is a competitive matching grant program that awards community-based organizations up to \$10,000 for beautification projects. The Neighborhood Matching Fund provides cash grants to neighborhood organizations (i.e., Homeowners Associations, Neighborhood Councils, Block Clubs, Neighborhood Watch Groups, etc). The organization does not need to be a 501(c) – it can be a group created for the sole purpose of completing the proposed project. Eligible projects include such things as: public art and murals, neighborhood identification markers, banners, tree plantings, community gardens, trash receptacles, benches, fountains, planters, playground equipment, playing fields, etc.

This program is a great way for your community to receive resources for implementing projects that reflect a local vision of your neighborhood.

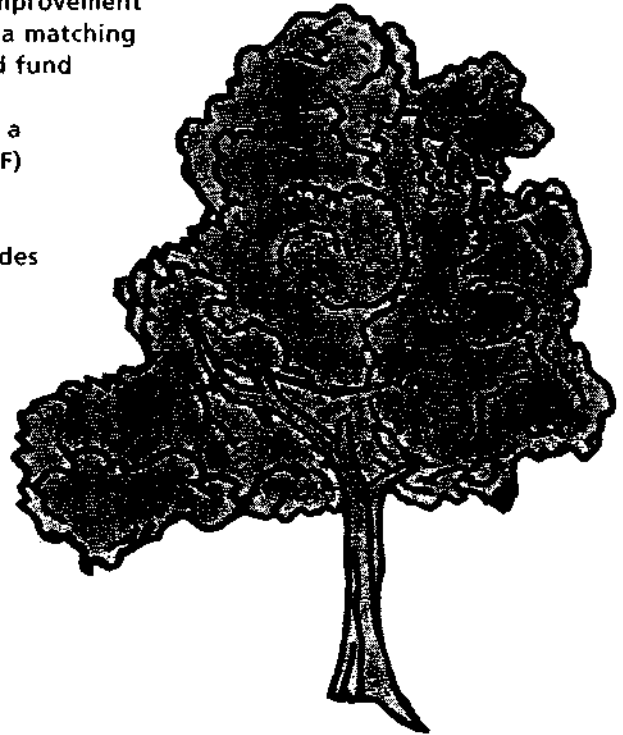
The Guidelines and Application can be found at www.lanmf.org. Also note, workshops will be held to explain the application process, give examples of projects that have been funded, and give hints to make your proposal competitive. The next workshop near West Adams will be held Thursday, August 19 at the Council District 8 Crenshaw District Office, 3847 South Crenshaw Boulevard, from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

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