

A Message From Our President Christine Gary

Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year 2011 to you all. We wrapped up 2010 with another very memorable Holiday Party (and Quarterly/Annual Membership Meeting) at the historic Woman’s Improvement Club clubhouse. Thanks so much to all of you good cooks who brought a dish to share with everyone. The Corona High Madrigals lifted all our spirits with their beautiful singing. What a fabulously talented group they are!

A quick review of our 2010 activities show that we were very busy all year long. Editor Mary Winn has kept the CHPS Newsletter a top notch publication. The Winns work together to manage our informative CHPS Web site, which will receive additional updates in 2011.

During 2010, we repaired added to, and visited all fourteen of our Historic Marker sites. We reviewed numerous development proposals being considered by the City for their real or potential effects or impacts on the city’s historic core. We also reviewed nomination packets from homeowners seeking to place their homes on the City’s listing of historic resources and made recommendations to the City Planning Commission.

The Preservation Grant Program is still getting off the ground as we strive to spread the word among those who might benefit from it. We have been working hard to make contact with owners of historic homes and have offered them assistance with their restoration efforts.

In 2010, we hired a professional to help us with the nomination of the Grand Boulevard Circle to the National Register of Historic Places. We are pleased to



Chris Gary and Mary Winn at the 2010 Holiday Party held December 2nd at the Corona Woman’s Improvement Club

report that we are very close to achieving our goal and this nomination will be placed before the California Historic Commission at its May 2011 meeting.

I would like to recognize the valuable service to the Society, the city and to preservation efforts in our community rendered by Directors Lauralynn Hake, and Judy and Wayne Hrabak who have left the Board of Directors to pursue other personal goals. I would also like to welcome new Directors Paula Muñoz and Don Williamson, who will replace them. We expect great

things from their willingness to give of their personal time to serve our Society.

During the next two years, we will be preparing for the centennial celebration of the first Corona Road Race held September 9, 1913. One of our newly elected

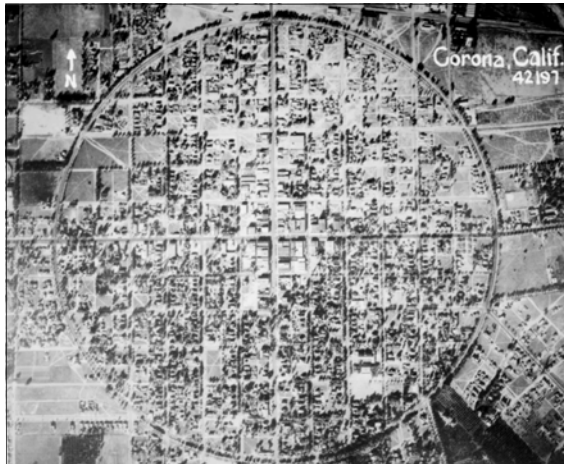
CHPS Board Members, and lifetime Corona resident, Don Williamson, has agreed to serve as chairman of our centennial activities. We continually receive inquiries about our Vintage Home Tours and we are pleased to report that plans are in the works for a very exciting 2011 event. Save the Date of May 7th on your calendar now so you don’t miss out. More details will follow in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that 2011 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of South Riverside, the first name given to the community now known as

Corona, in 1886. We’ll be reminding you of this milestone throughout the year.

Warm wishes to all,

Chris Gary



This 1940s aerial view of Grand Boulevard reflects the unique circular roadway which gave rise to the town’s nicknames: “The Circle City” and “Corona”, which means “crown” in Spanish.

Another Festive Holiday Party By Richard Winn

We had perfect weather for this year's Quarterly / Annual Membership Meeting of the CHPS on Tuesday, December 2nd at the historic Womans' Improvement Club. The spirits of the more than fifty members and their guests who attended were lifted with the good company, great food and superb entertainment. The occasion was the Annual Holiday Party and the Election of Directors. Under the skilled hand of coordinator Doris Osko, the hall and tables were festively decorated heighten the spirit of the season. Some of her helpers included Judy Hrabak, Lee Hansen, Jackie Bland, Christine Gary and Richard Winn.

Some 26 members of the Corona High School Madrigal Choir, known to be the acapella ambassadors of Corona High School for more than 25 years, inspired the guests with a variety of selections that included seasonal songs and songs from a number of different cultures, per-



The Corona High Madrigal Choir performing



A view of the buffet line

formed under the inspiring leadership of Choral Director, Amy Basilan.

Guests praised the delicious potluck dishes made by those attending. The gastronomic fare included turkey, ham, rolls, potatoes, fruit and vegetable salads, and lots of yummy homemade desserts.

We were especially pleased to welcome numerous dignitaries who were in attendance: State Assemblyman Jeff Miller, Corona Mayor Stan Skipworth, City Council members Eugene Montanez and Jason Scott and Planning Commissioner Aaron Hake. Many photographs of the annual celebratory event can be seen here as well as on the following page.

Our President, Christine Gary conducted the General Meeting using the sound system furnished by Director Wayne Hrabak, courtesy of the Yamaha Music Company. A photograph of this is included as a part of the President's message on page one. Vice-President Mary Winn, Chair of the Nominations

Committee, conducted the annual election of Directors of CHPS. The committee's proposed slate, consisting of Jackie Bland, Christine Gary, Paula Muñoz, Don Williamson and Mary Winn, was elected by acclamation for a two-year term. Marla Benson, Janette Neumann, and Ted Taylor were re-elected for one year terms as Emeritus Directors.

A special thanks is accorded to Woman's Improvement Club for allowing the use of the clubhouse at no charge because of shared goals as they relate to a dedication to the appreciation of the culture and history of the city of Corona.

Many thanks are extended once again to CHPS photographer Akio Yoshikawa who provides photo documentation of many of our events. He did a great job covering this party and clearly understands the photojournalist's motto, "Where there is beauty we take it, when there is not, we make it!"



Madrigal Choir members enjoying the "fruits of their labors" after their very entertaining performance

Editor's Note*: We also appreciate the generous donation of historic calendars provided each year by Eugene and Paula Montanez of ZAP Printing & Graphics. They were distributed to all party attendees.

*If you'd like a 2011 calendar, feel free to call ZAP at 734-8181, e-mail Paula at paula@zapcolor.com or simply stop by the business to pick one up. ZAP is located at 127 Radio Road in Corona, just off Sixth Street.

Celebratory Smiles and Scenes From Our Holiday Soiree



Our Preservation Grant Program by Bubba Bland

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society has amended the Grant Program to assist applicants in a more timely manner.

We realized the need for people to get started on projects without having to wait a whole year to get reimbursed for cost that would normally be covered by a CHPS Grant. We will process any application within 60 days after submittal, starting on April 1 of any year. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and on-site final approval.

Take this opportunity to do some fixing up and have part of the material cost covered by CHPS. Remember we are interested in helping people beautify their

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homes for others to see, so applications are primarily for curb appeal projects.

If you have a place that you feel needs help, either your own or a neighbor's, please feel free to contact Bubba Bland at oobubba@ca.rr.com or by phone (951) 734-3166 or cell (951) 833-1756. I will help in any way possible to provide the information

you need.

Grant applications are available at the Community Development Department at City Hall, 400 South Vicentia and the Heritage Room off the Corona Public Library.

More information and grant applications can be downloaded from our Web site:

[<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>](http://corona-history.org/grants.html)

Please share this information with others!

Approved CHPS Budget for 2011

The Budget approved for 2011 represents the Board of Directors best guess of anticipated expenses. Our 2010 expenses were \$4,681.38 on a budget of 7,000. (unexpensed items not included). The 2011 budget increase is largely due to roughly \$8,400 in unexpensed budgeted items carried over from 2010 to 2011, increased costs for historic marker plaques and professional fees for the nomination of the Grand Boulevard circular roadway to the National Register of Historic Places.

ITEM	BUDGETED AMOUNT
Telephone Charges	370.00
P. O. Box Rental	65.00
Corona Chamber of Commerce M'ship	225.00
Secretary of State filing (bi-ann)	50.00
Board of Equalization (sales tax filing)	50.00
Franchise Tax Board	50.00
Riverside County Tax Collector	200.00
History Day Awards	100.00
Newsletter Printing	500.00
Postage	300.00
Printing, Other	500.00
Stucco Flyer	0
Membership Flyer	0
Stationery	0
Home Tour Banner	75.00
Walking Tour Brochure reprint	155.00

Vintage Home Tour tickets & Booklet	700.00
Web site maintenance and development	700.00
Grand Blvd. nomination to National Register	3,500.00
Office maintenance Fee (City of Corona)	475.00
Office Equipment (Office set up)	100.00
Settlement House/511 Vicentia support	50.00
Recognition Awards (officers/other)	175.00
Liability Insurance Policy	1,000.00
Historic Markers Nos. 15, 16 & 17)	2,400.00
July 4 Parade entry	25.00
Antiques & Collectibles Faire	
Lemonade stand consumables	50.00
Quarterly Meeting Refreshments	100.00
Holiday Party	225.00
Arcadia Publishing (Images . . . Corona)	0.00
Supplies (office, etc.)	50.00
Preservation Grant Program distribution(s)	2,500.00
Total	15,015.00
Donations	
Corona Public Library	35.00
Old-House Journal Magazine	
Corona High School Madrigals	300.00
3rd Grade Dictionaries Lincoln School	325.00
Corona Heritage Foundation	300.00
Womans' Improvement Club	75.00
Community Improvement Project(s)	250.00
Total	16,300.00

Scenes of Corona: Then and Now

Mary and Richard Winn are working on a visual presentation depicting the way things used to look like contrasted with views of the same sites today. It is tentatively titled "Corona:Then and Now". Below is a brief preview of what you are likely to see. Anyone who has an historical photo of a favorite place (or view) is welcome to share it for possible inclusion in the presentation. Please call the Winns at (951)371-5291 to discuss.



Corona Jr. High School occupied the same building as Corona's first High School, starting in 1923. Main Street is in the foreground.



NOW: Corona Fundamental Intermediate School's multi-purpose room in the background as the site is viewed today, between Olive and South Grand Boulevard.



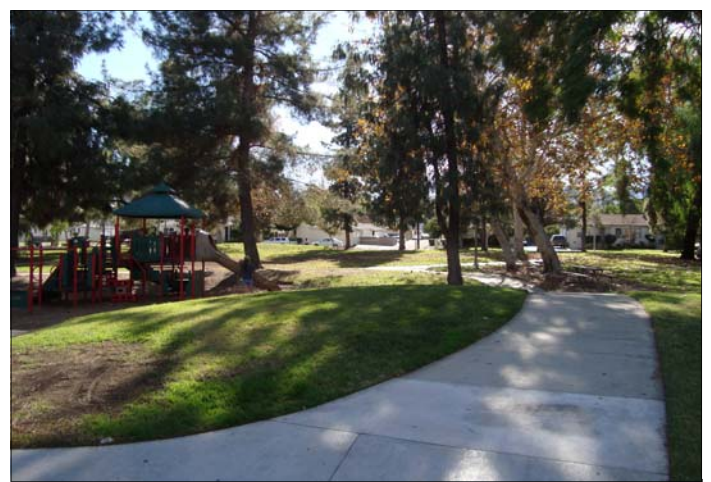
Eastbound view on East 6th Street from Ramona Avenue in the late 1950s.



NOW: Eastbound view on East Sixth Street from Ramona Avenue.



Corona Grammar School (first Lincoln School) located north of 10th Street, between Victoria and Howard streets.



NOW: Victoria Park, looking toward 10th Street from about 100 feet south of 9th Street.

Corona's Scenic Routes - by Richard Winn

Recently, an historic road sign came into the possession of the CHPS. The sign is seen to the right. Over twenty years ago, these signs populated a number of streets and roads identified in the city's general plan as possessing positive visual resources. There aren't so many signs today but the Scenic Highway Plan of the City of Corona is continually updated and is a functioning part of the city's community design framework. It provides for the establishment, development, and protection of the City's highways and corridors for scenic purposes.

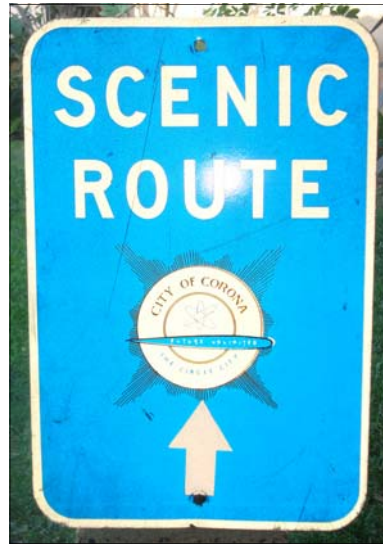
Designated scenic highways in the City include:

Grand Boulevard, provides views of the perimeter of the City's historic core, particularly the large estates established on the irregularly shaped parcels along the southern edge of the circle, as well as associated landscaping and mature tree vegetation;

Main Street, from Third Street to the southern terminus, also provides views of the historic core of the City and associated historic structures as well as views of the Santa Ana Mountains/Cleveland National Forest to the west and south, the low foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains to the east, and the peaks of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north. Heading north from the southern terminus as one descends the alluvial plain toward the downtown area, many landmarks in the Santa Ana River valley, such as Beacon Hill in Norco, can also be seen;

Ontario Avenue, from Mangular Avenue to State Street, formerly provided magnificent views of the city's expansive citrus groves in addition to the views of the Santa Ana Mountains / Cleveland National Forest to the west and south. It now offers views of the low foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains to the east and the peaks of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north;

Chase Drive, from Mangular Avenue to State Street, formerly provided magnificent views of the city's expansive citrus groves and stately palm trees lining the road. The palms remain in addition to the views of the Santa Ana Mountains / Cleveland National Forest to the west and south, the low foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains to the east and the peaks of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north;



Magnolia Avenue, from Garretson and Ontario Avenues to Rimpau Avenue, also provides views of the Santa Ana Mountains/Cleveland National Forest to the southwest, as well as views of the narrow pass between San Bernardino Mountain foothills at the north-west end of the City, through which the I-15

travels.

Visual elements of major arterial roadways provide unique vistas that characterize individual neighborhoods. Significant vistas include:

- The Prado Basin views from Sierra Del Oro, which encompass the basin on the south and canyon areas on the west;
- The view south into the Temescal Valley with the Santa Ana Mountains on the west, from the I-15/SR-91 Freeway interchange;
- The southern view of the foothills from major streets south of Ontario Avenue;
- The views from the higher elevations south of Ontario Avenue, which encompass panoramic views to the North and the San Gabriel Mountains;
- Grand Boulevard, including the circle of very tall palm trees on the northern portion of the circle adjacent to the SR-91, visible from a variety of locations;
- Eagle Glen Parkway has been maintained as a scenic amenity and views of the spectacular canyon can be appreciated;
- Another underappreciated scenic roadway is Palisades Drive / Green River Road south of the SR-71/SR-91 interchange. This corridor passes through a narrow canyon slot, with the roadway being located against one of the hillsides adjacent to the railroad right-of-way. This is the pre-SR-91 access route to Corona and the Inland Empire from Orange County via Santa Ana Canyon Road.

Membership Information

When joining or renewing your membership, please make your tax deductible check payable to "CHPS"

Individual Member	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to volunteer!	
Family	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter writing articles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Home Tour	
Patron	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	docent / volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life	\$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s) _____				

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Gift from _____

Membership Status: Renewal New

Please complete form and mail to:

**CHPS
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Corona, CA 92878**



We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

Patricia Barker (Patron Member)
Thurston & Jacquelyne Bland
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John & Jane Farr
Aaron & Lauralynn Spencer Hake
Lee Hansen
Wayne & Judy Hrabak
Margaret Jameson

Carlos & Kathleen Lavelle
Mitch & Karen Lloyd
John & Barbara McCawley
Mark & Nancy Parrish
George & Carrie Pope
Gretchen Scoggins
George & Pat Scott
Carl & Sue Simmons

Architectural Salvage Shoppe

CHPS has limited amounts of architectural salvage items or materials available to those of you who are restoring your vintage homes. Included in the inventory are windows, shutters, doors, cabinets, molding and hardware.



If you are in need of such items, call CHPS at 898-2044 and leave a brief message (<1 minute) along with your telephone number.





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To contact us call
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*Please leave a brief
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Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization dedicated to preservation and revitalization of Corona's historic buildings, neighborhoods and sites.

Through education, legislation and organization, CHPS acts as an advocate for the preservation of Corona's historic resources.

Monthly Meetings

CHPS Board meetings are held each month to transact Society business, discuss issues affecting the Society and preservation of local historic resources.

All members are invited to attend.

The next meetings will be:

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 at CHPS office

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 at CHPS office



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**These vintage postcards reflect
Happy New Year sentiment from yesteryear**