

A Message From Our President Wes Speake

Dear Members:

May is National Preservation Month! May and June will be extremely busy with a so many great events both old and new. Preservation Month will begin with our **Inaugural Vintage Home Tour Kick-Off Gala** on Friday, May 11 at 7pm under the lights at beautiful Heritage Park for live music, wine tasting, appetizers, desserts, raffle prizes, and great conversation with friends.



The next day will be our **2018 Vintage Home Tour**, featuring four amazing homes, three of which were featured on the DIY TV Network Show *RESTORED* as well as the recently National Register Listed Jefferson Elementary School 's Library.



The **35th anniversary** of the founding of the Corona Historic Preservation Society follows on May 14, when 35 concerned and interested citizens met on that date in 1983 at the Corona Public Library to form this new preservation group, making attendees “charter” members.

June starts off with Heritage Park's annual **Antiques and Collectibles Faire** on June 2nd. CHPS will again host our historic lemonade stand with freshly squeezed Corona Lemons, squeezed by yours truly. If you have lemons you'd like to donate please email me at chpsinfo@yahoo.com, and I'll come and pick them!

CHPS members attended the dedication of a heritage lemon tree planted at S. Joy Street at East Grand Blvd. (Cypress Park) for **Arbor Day**. At a later date a branch from a lemon tree, planted in 1893, will be grafted on to help preserve Corona's rich Lemon history for generations. The idea came from a citizen who responded to a city survey on how to make the park better. The idea caught the imagination of several city staff members including City Manager Darrell Talbert and was carried forward by Tom Moody (DWP General Manager) & David Montgomery-Scott (Library, Parks and Recreation Services Director) Corona Parks & Recreation Commissioner and CHPS member Michele Wentworth. Boy Scout Parker Behrens pitched the concept as part of his Eagle Scout project to the Corona Parks Foundation, and the project was favorably received. A full detailed account can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/Coronahistory/posts/1777208025664906>

In March, CHPS participated in three events; first, **Corona Heritage Park's Antique Tool Show** where we sold architectural salvage and reproduction Corona crate labels; second, at Corona Norco Unified School District's **Festival of the Arts**, where we sold freshly juiced lemonade made from Corona lemons. Lastly, CHPS mem-

bers Wes Speake, Nariman Rahmon, and Michele Wentworth attended the **2018 Riverside County History Symposium**, presented by the Riverside County Heritage Association. The symposium was held at the Benedict Castle in Riverside. The event was the best attended symposium to date as evidenced by the packed room. The talks consisted of “History of Riverside Raceway” by Pete Lyons; “Hiking through History - The Pacific Coast Trail in Riverside

County” by Phil Brigandi; “Newly- Discovered Archeology of the Eastern Riverside County Desert” by George Kline of the Bureau of Land Management and finally the most interesting “Verco, Mining Man from London to Riverside - All in Vein” by Don Chaput. A thorough tour of the grounds of Benedict Castle followed. Built by Charles Benedict, son of a wealthy railroad magnate, “Castillo Isabella”, as he called it, was modeled after *The Alhambra* (a palace and fortress complex in Granada, Andalusia, Spain). Benedict's structure, by noted architect Henry Jeckel, (perhaps best known for the exquisite Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles), merged Spanish-Moorish and Mission Revival architectures in a most memorable way.



Benedict Castle was built between 1923 and 1932 at a cost of over \$300,000. The building features wood-framed stained glass



windows, iron grill work, heavy wooden doors with hand-forged iron latches and hinges, pegged plank hardwood and tiled floors, French doors from the first-floor rooms to the courtyard, copper weather stripping and copper screens. The grounds are now used as world headquarters for Teen Challenge; a free non-profit residential substance abuse prevention and recovery program. The Castle is currently used for weddings and other special events.

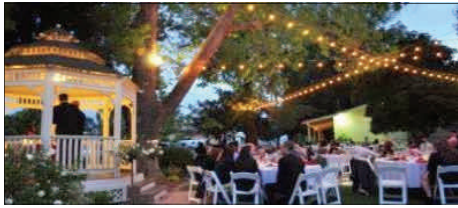
We hope to see all of you for our **Inaugural Vintage Home Tour Kick Off** on May 11th, the **Vintage Home Tour** on May 12th, the **Antiques and Collectibles Faire** on June 2nd, and our Quarterly Meeting visit to **Kellogg House** on June 23rd. Details on these exciting future events are found in this *Newsletter*.

With Warm Regards,

WES



Vintage Home Tour Kick-Off Gala



You are cordially invited

Friday, May 11th

*Corona Heritage Park
510 West Foothill Parkway*

7:00 P.M.

*Live Music Wine Tasting
Appetizers Desserts Raffle Baskets*

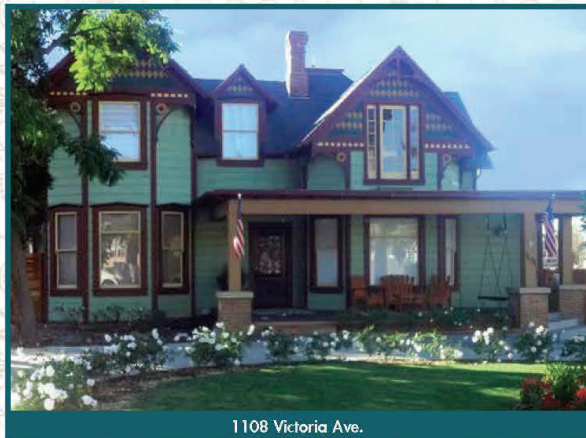
Gala Ticket - \$30.00

Gala & Vintage Home Tour - \$50.00

Please send your reservation request to chpsinfo@yahoo.com



Corona Historic Preservation Society Presents *Vintage Home Tour*



1108 Victoria Ave.



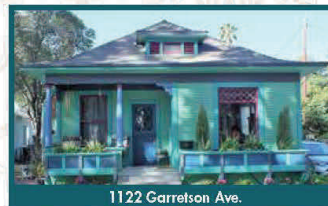
724 West 11th St.



1133 E. Grand Blvd.



1040 Vicentia Ave. - Library at Jefferson School



1122 Garretson Ave.

Saturday, May 12, 2018

1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Three of these homes appeared on
DIY Network "Restored"**

- Pre-sale tickets \$20, \$22 day of event available only at 1052 East Grand Blvd.
- For information call 951.371.5291 or email: VintageHomeTour@aol.com
- Pre-sale tickets available online at www.Corona-History.org via PayPal
- Pre-sale deadline 11pm on May 11, 2018
- Will-call day of event at 1052 East Grand Blvd.



Pre-sale tickets available after March 13th at:

Corona Heritage Park, 510 W. Foothill Parkway and Allegra, 127 Radio Road

Quarterly Meeting: The Kellogg House in Santa Ana

As the result of a recent email poll to our members, the Second Quarterly Meeting of 2018 will be a tour of the Orange County Heritage House, which was initially occupied by the **Hiram Clay Kellogg** family. He was the civil engineer who in 1886 designed and laid out the distinctive circular roadway in South Riverside, as Corona was first known.



The event will take place on Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. and space for **only 30 members** is available. Docents from the Heritage

Museum of Orange County will conduct the tour consisting of a guided tour of the **Kellogg House** (lasting approximately 1 hr. and 15 minutes) and a Nature Walk through the on-site natural area known as the Gospel Swamp. This tour usually costs \$9.00 per person, however, CHPS is receiving a reduced rate for our group and will write a check to cover all attendees. We will be happy, of course, to receive any donations from CHPS members to help us reduce the depletion of our bank balance.

The Program: “Remember When...with Nature Walk”

Date and Time: Saturday, June 23, 2018 10:00-11:45

Location: 3101 West Harvard Street, Santa Ana*

Please reserve your spot ASAP with Eric Bergreen at 951.310.9076 or send him a message: shawshankbg@gmail.com.

* Parking for our tour is located inside the museum grounds via the “Bus and Employee Entrance” driveway behind the Kellogg House proper. Please park in the lot at the far end of the driveway. Upon arrival you may expect to be greeted at the drop-off point on the brick walkway next to the museum office.

CHPS Dues to Increase

Our CHPS membership dues were last raised in 2005. We have found that the increased costs of leased office space in our Historic Civic Center and site maintenance fees, shared with all tenants, that go along with it plus property taxes, which we did not previously have to pay, have deprived us of some of the funds we would like to apply to preservation projects. CHPS is trying to be fair to our members in determining a new fee schedule.

Consequently, your CHPS Board of Directors has revised dues with the following fee

schedule:

- Individual Membership \$30.
- Family Membership \$40.
- Student Membership \$15.
- Business Membership \$60.
- Patron Membership \$125.
- Life Membership \$600.

The new rates will begin with your next renewal.

We thank you for your continued support and membership!

- Y Service Station at River Road & Main Street
- Orange Heights Fruit Company packing house
- Corona Citrus Association packing house
- Santa Fe Depot
- Jameson Packing house
- Kindergarten bldg was relocated & now serves as Settlement House
- 1st Washington School
- Start-Finish Line 1916 Road Race
- Citizen's Bank/First National Bank
- High school track & football field
- Corona Senior High School
- The Hi-Spot "burger joint"
- The southwest quadrant of the Grand Boulevard Circle was mainly residential in 1949
- Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
- Citrus groves



From 1,500 Feet, Southern California's "Circle City" Looks Like a Plane Geometry Problem

R. B. Taylor, who founded Corona, ringed his new town with a three-mile boulevard, an idea he picked up in Omaha. After 63 years the city covers 16 square miles; Grand Boulevard encircles business and older residential sections. From 1913 to 1916 auto races, attracting national attention, were held on the circle.

An aerial view of The Grand Boulevard Circle & The scanned pages above are from the *National Geographic* magazine is from



Exchange Lemon Products merged with Sunkist in 1954

Corona City Park

The Municipal Plunge

Corona Theater

Hotel Del Rey aka Colonial Inn in 1949

1st City Hall

Carnegie Library

Lincoln School campus with First floor of 1st Lincoln School bldg is still in use, (2nd floor and bell tower were removed in 1914)

Woman's Improvement Club

Hatten's Market

Corona Junior High School

Citrus groves

Start-Finish line for 1913, 1914 Corona Road Races

After San Geronio Pass, Skyway Flyers "Hit" This Target on the Way to Los Angeles

Cross and circle make a distinctive check point. Citrus groves, lower left and right, make other symmetrical patterns. Corona, which calls itself "the lemon capital of the citrus belt," thrives on some 6,000 acres of lemon and orange trees. It ships 3,000 carloads of the fruit a year.

Corona's Downtown from nearly 70 years ago.
 July 1949 *National Geographic* magazine.
 Mary Bryner Winn's personal collection

Don't Miss Out - June 2nd!

CORONA'S ANTIQUES ADVENTURE



Q-U-A-L-I-T-Y ANTIQUES ONLY
ARTS COLONY GALLERY & SALE
HERITAGE GARDEN SHOW & SALE
MODEL RAILROAD CLUB DISPLAY
www.coronaheritage.org/antiquesfaire.html



LOOK FOR US AT THE FAIRE!

After more than a few years, CHPS has perfected the recipe ("Made in the shade and stirred with a rusty spade" is a description heard more than once) for icy cold lemonade made exclusively with Corona lemons and offered from our old-fashioned lemonade stand.

This tart, refreshing and popular beverage will 'wet your whistle' once again and will be served from gents such as the two pictured above, Tom Muñoz and Richard Winn, as well as other CHPS volunteers.

Take Note of Corona's Headlines From Nearly 70 Years Ago

Gleaned from the January & February 1949 editions of the *Corona Daily Independent*:

"Corona Naval Hospital Doing Much for California Polio Patients"

"\$450,000 for New Homes Approved in 1948"

"Minstrel Show To Feature Program at WIC Tuesday"

"Mayor Advocates City Manager Plan Be Used in Corona, Says Capable Executive Is Needed To Spend \$350,000 a Year."

"Clouds of Smudge Here Due Largely to Lack of Wind - Crews Out at 8:30 P.M. and Some Remained After 6:30 A.M."

"Planners Favor Lincoln School Site As Civic Center"

"Corona Library Need Replacing, Moving to Old Lincoln School Appeals"

"Menace of Brown Rot Is Increased By Rain"

"332 New Phones in Corona for 1948; 3,196 in Use Here"

"Wall Street Stocks Sag As Truman Still Insists Income Tax Boost Needed"

"Is There Re-adjustment or Recession Starting in Washington?"

"Harris Department Store Celebrates 35th Anniversary January 31st"

"Corona Smudging Costs As High As \$20,000 Per Night"

"GM Reduces Prices of All Cars & Some Trucks, \$10.00 to \$40.00"

"U.S. Is Paying \$40 Million Per Week for Some 2 Million Unemployed"

"What I Like and Dislike About Men, Is Women's Topic at Toastmistress Club"

Membership Information

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

Individual Member	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to volunteer!
Family	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality refreshments <input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter writing articles <input type="checkbox"/>
Business	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Home Tour
Patron	\$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	docent / volunteer <input type="checkbox"/>
Life	\$600.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s) _____			
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Telephone _____		E-mail _____	
Gift from _____			

Membership Status: Renewal New

**Please complete and mail to:
CHPS
P.O. Box 2904
Corona, CA 92878**



We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

Jim & Patti Anderson
Richard & Carol Appel
Barbara Lee Becker
George & Ruth Beloz
Tacy Bensiek
Charles & Heather Bolle
Gary, Juanita & Susan Bergreen
Kathleen Brennan
Beth Cox
Brian & Merisa Downs
David & Connie Duffy

Sal & Jean Gonzalez
Nita Grantham (Patron Membership)
Judy Flynn, Lee Hansen
Gary & Trisha Henson
Chuck & Ann Hirbour
Susan Ingenito
Stephen & Sandy Klein
Kent & GINETTE Lillibridge
George Martinez
Jim & Marsha Morrell
Tom & Paula Muñoz

Janette & Jean Neumann
Jim Pauly
Shawnie Querner & Michele Jackson
Nathan & Roberta Reed
Darlene (Brooks) Schelke
Steve & Karen Shultz
Fran Tassin
Steven & Peggy Temple
Clyde R. Tracy, Andrew & Donna Vermette
Harold & Beryl Williams
Michele Watts

Home Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would love to assist local homeowners in making exterior improvements to their historic homes.

We will process any application within 60 days after submittal. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and onsite 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 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 contact CHPS Home Preservation Grant Program Coordinator Rich Winn at rwinn141@gmail.com/714.328.0010. We will assist you in any way possible to provide the information you need to complete the application process.

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

More information and grant applications may also be downloaded from our website:
<<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>>

Please share this information with others!



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To contact us call
951.898.2044



Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is an active nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the PRESERVATION, PROTECTION and PERPETUATION of Corona's historic sites, buildings, neighborhoods and resources. We do this through education, community events, preservation projects and tireless advocacy for the benefit of present and future generations.

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:

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 at CHPS office

Thursday, June 21, 6:30 at CHPS office

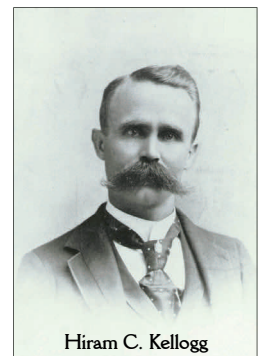


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Hiram C. Kellogg

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Our Vintage Home Tour is on May 12