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HISTORIC ANAHEIM ON CALIFORNIA'S GOLD WITH HUELL HOWSER – SEPTEMBER 12 & 14

When most folks think of Anaheim, they think of Disneyland, the Angels and Ducks, the Convention Center... our fine resort area. It is great that we're famous for those things, but as we members of the Anaheim Historical Society know so well, Anaheim also has a rich 150-year history to be appreciated.

Naturally, we would like to share our city's fascinating past and our delightful historic structures and neighborhoods with others. What better way, we thought, than to contact **Huell Howser**, host of the popular PBS series *California's Gold*?

Several members of our society, including Steve Faessel and Dave

Helland sent correspondence to Mr. Howser inviting him to come to see what historic Anaheim is all about. After Mr. Howser saw an interview with Jane Newell, Anaheim History Room curator and AHS Board Member published in *Westways Magazine*, he decided it was time. He eventually contacted Cynthia Ward, AHS President, to see about filming a segment of his show here.

On filming day, Mr. Howser arrived with the intent of filming enough for half of one of his programs, but he found the sites Cynthia showed him to be so fascinating that he spent the whole day here. Cynthia said of the experience, "Huell Howser is a great person... very friendly and easy going, just like he comes across on TV. He obviously loves people and California history, and was really interested in every one he talked to. I had so much fun showing him the other side of Anaheim, including Pearson Park and the surrounding neighborhood, the Mother Colony House and Woelke-Stoffel ("Red Cross") House, Anaheim High School, and Linbrook Bowl."

California's Gold episode on Anaheim airs locally on **KCET on Friday, September 12 at 10:00 PM**, and repeats on **Sunday, September 14 at 7:00 PM**. As a special treat, Linbrook Bowl (featured on the program) is having a no-host party on Sunday to watch the show – and you are invited! Plan to get there by 6:45 so you can find a comfortable seat before the show starts. They have good food and beverages available (please note that they don't take credit cards). Linbrook Bowl is located at 201 S. Brookhurst near Lincoln. See you there!

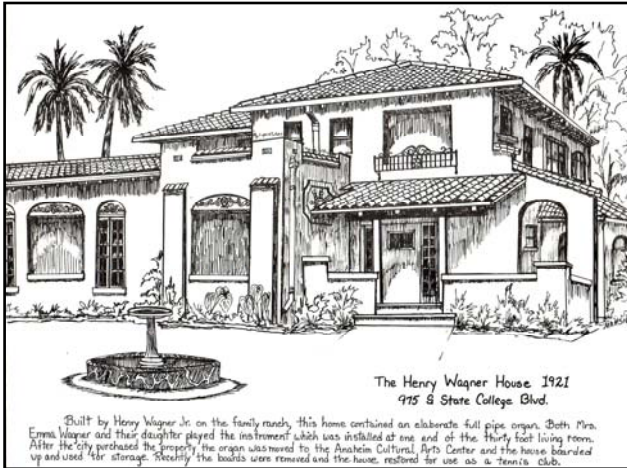


Huell Howser with Cynthia Ward at the 1857 Mother Colony House

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 AT 2 PM

The Anaheim Historical Society's season runs concurrently with the school year, and it is time again for our traditional season opener: our popular **Ice Cream Social**.

This year's event will be held at the Wagner House, now the Anaheim Tennis Center, on Sunday, September 28, at 2:00 PM. The address is 975 S. State College Blvd., just south of Boysen ("Airplane") Park.



Drawing by Diann Marsh

Built in 1921, this Spanish Eclectic mansion was part of a working ranch that covered much of what is now southeast Anaheim. Henry and Emma Wagner and their family established

ANNUAL BANQUET RECAP – LINBROOK BOWL

Our Annual Banquet, held June 13, turned out to be as much fun as we had hoped! We met at Linbrook Bowl for a 50s Party, with dinner and bowling. We encouraged our members and guests to dress in 50s era clothing for the event. Our Linbrook hosts, John Haveles and his staff, went all out to make sure we had a good time, with great food, 50s themed décor, and music to match. Linbrook was an appropriate location for this year's event because they're celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year (see the info about the AHS recognition of this anniversary on page 3).

themselves first as potato farmers, gradually acquiring more land, until their family ranch covered roughly 200 acres. They expanded their crops to include raspberries, apricots, and citrus. The Wagner family remained in the home throughout their lives.

In 1977, the City of Anaheim adapted the home as a public tennis center, working with Tustin architect, John W. Jamieson, who also designed the Landmark Hotel in Las Vegas.

After decades of heavy use, the house is ready for the next step in historic preservation, this time under the watchful eye and expert artistry of Jim Wilson of Thirtieth Street Architects.

We thank the City of Anaheim for their care of this local landmark treasure, and thank them for their hospitality for our Ice Cream Social event.

We will gather for the Ice Cream Social behind the house and, as always, this event is *free* to all. Invite your friends and family so they can find out more about the Anaheim Historical Society – we need more members!

For more information, contact Cynthia Ward at (714) 292-0042.



“Life in Anaheim in 1958”

Our special after-dinner presentation was by our own Jane Newell, appropriately dressed in a pink 50s dress with all the accessories. She gave us a look at photos from the Anaheim History Room archives of life in Anaheim in the late 50s, with lots of interesting facts along the way.

Awards

Our annual Margaret Atkins Award for Historic Preservation was given to Helen and Carol Garner for their lifestyle of serial historic restoration, starting a new house as soon as one is finished. The ladies are obsessive about every

detail of their projects, and a visit to one of their homes is not to be missed.

Also receiving recognition were Gail Eastman for her work on a children's book on Anaheim history, *Anna's Home by the River*, and Steve Faessel for his many books on Anaheim. In addition, the AHS recognized Rich and Terri at Orange County Paint for their generous donation of paint, and more provided at significant discount, for the Woelke-Stoffel House restoration. We also recognized Carol Stone, Anaheim City Librarian, and Terry Lowe, Director of Community Services for Anaheim for the exceptional contribution they have made to our community, specifically in the fabulously updated façade of the Main Library and for their work on the Woelke-Stoffel House.

Official AHS Business Meeting

As our banquet is also our annual official society members meeting, we conducted the necessary business of reading and approving the minutes of last year's meeting, and then holding our election of board members. The slate of



candidates, put forth by member Gail Anderson, was approved by acclamation of the members present. Cynthia Ward, Joyce Morris, Jennifer Shaeffer, Jennie Frank, Helen Meyers, Susan Faessel, Jane Newell, and Richard Ward were all re-elected to the Board of Directors.

As required by our bylaws, the Board of Directors met later, on August 19, to elect officers. Cynthia Ward was elected President, Joyce Morris was elected Vice President, Jennifer Shaeffer was elected Secretary, and Jennie Frank was elected Treasurer.

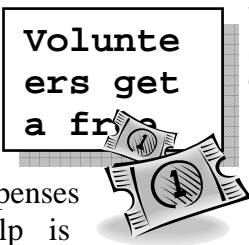
Linbrook Bowling Center Recognized
Members of the Anaheim Historical Society returned to Linbrook on August 30, 2008, to help them celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The AHS presented manager John Haveles with a plaque recognizing the "Googie" architecture preserved in the building. For more information about Googie, go to www.spaceagecity.com, where Linbrook is one of the featured examples.

OUR OCTOBER EVENT: 2008 HISTORIC HOME TOUR

It's that time again! Time for the 2008 Historic Home Tour. The tour will be *two* days this year, Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. We'll have delightful homes, a Vintage Marketplace, and a classic car show. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Can We Count on Your Help This Year?

As you may know, even with an all-volunteer Board, our membership costs do not cover all of our yearly expenses. To keep our dues low, we count on the success of the Home Tour to underwrite our expenses throughout the season. Your help is needed to make this event possible.



Our biggest need is for docents to act as tour guides in the homes, sharing interesting information with our guests. We will give you the information you need – no worries. We also

need help selling tickets at the ticket booth, set-up and clean-up on event days, or even distributing flyers to promote the event.

Please contact our volunteer coordinator Annie Kupfrian at (714) 991-0338 or e-mail her at kupfrian@juno.com if you can help. If you wish to docent at one of the homes, please tell her which day you prefer to work, Saturday or Sunday, and which shift. You may work either 9:30 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

In exchange for working just a half-day shift at the tour, or if you are able to work helping to bring the event together before the event, we will give you a FREE ticket to the Home Tour.

Please mention this opportunity to friends or neighbors who love history, old homes, or just the chance to meet new people. We look forward to your help. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

**Historic Anaheim on *California's Gold*
with Huell Howser
September 12 and 14 on KCET**

**Ice Cream Social
September 28 at the Wagner House, 2 pm**

**2008 Anaheim Historic Home Tour
October 11 and 12
Call for Volunteers!**

