



THE WHITTIER CONSERVANCY

THE PRESERVATIONIST

CONSERVANCY HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT WALK DECEMBER 6TH: HISTORIC HAVILAND AVENUE

Winter 2007

On Thursday, December 6th, we will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Dorothea Boyd, located at 13503 Sycamore Drive (at the corner of Sycamore and Alta). We will then continue to Haviland Avenue where we will enjoy the eclectic architectural styles of the historic homes on that street. After the walk, we will return to the Boyd residence for refreshments. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. There is no charge for this event. Happy holidays to all!



[Residence on Haviland Avenue]

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *More information and past newsletters are found on the Conservancy website: www.whittierconservancy.org*
- *Consider making a year-end donation to the Whittier Conservancy to support our programs and efforts to preserve our city's unique history. Donations may be sent to the address listed below.*
- *For any questions, please call The Whittier Conservancy at (562) 693-5853 (Claver residence).*

CONSERVANCY AWARDS PRESENTED AT DINNER CELEBRATION

The annual dinner on October 6 was the scene for the presentation of six Whittier Conservancy Awards. The Award for Commercial Interior was presented to Stephanie Benavidez Brenier of The Wishing Well Toy Shop at 6723 Greenleaf Avenue for having uncovered original features and restored others in the early commercial building housing her shop. The Restoration Award was given to the Redfox home for the lovingly rendered exterior and interior work done on the 1919 craftsman on north Washington Avenue near Orange. The Color, Pattern and De-

sign Award went to the Elks Whittier Lodge 1258 on Whittier Boulevard for the paint scheme that shows off the architecture of their building so well. The New Construction Award was given to the Zavatsky home on Ocean View north of Mar Vista, where the scale of the surrounding neighborhood was respected in the design and construction of the new home. The Historic Preservation Award was given to Mary Sullens and her family in honor of the preservation of their distinguished early twentieth century home on Bright Avenue. The Sen-

sitive Addition and Landscape Design Awards were combined this year to honor the 1926 Tacconi-Bryan Home on Sycamore Drive near Alta where the materials and methods selected for an addition as well as the design and plantings chosen for landscape meet a high standard of compatibility with the original Spanish Revival home. In addition to the awards, a commendation was made for fencing redesign and size reduction on Penn Street near Penn Park. Generous congratulations were made to all the award winners for their contribution to Whittier's quality of life.

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Thank you

A special thank you to our members and supporters who have made our 20th year so successful. All of our best wishes for a happy holiday season and bright new year.

Happy Holidays

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DOROTHEA BOYD

As we approach the end of our 20th year as Whittier's watchdog, preservationist, and historical ambassador, we can look forward to many years in the future of this town, this city, this little piece of American history, as the group that takes Whittier's well-being seriously. Not only do we endeavor to save what is of historic value now and for future generations, we encourage sensible growth and quality development, good restaurants, good shops, and good entertainment—everything that can make Whittier a desirable place to live and, for the fortunate, to work.

Forty years ago, Whittier was known as a bedroom city. Its great beginnings as a leading citrus area were over and families built homes where once there were groves. They built good schools for their children and they did their major shopping in Uptown Whittier, which boasted several men's stores, women's dress shops, several dime stores, Sees and Shoemakers candy stores, a pet store, hardware and appliances...Remember Farmers and Dockstaeders? Furniture, books, pets—all were available in Uptown. With the advent of malls, change was rapid and our little town dwindled. Many people have

tried to revive it and with the help of Polyzoides' specific plan, our hopes for a new Uptown are high. Preservation of existing historic buildings with adaptive reuse, the introduction of more quality businesses and high class mixed use housing are hopeful remedies to what ails us.

The tremendous support we have received in the past year gives us encouragement to pursue our goals to demand a high quality of life for the citizens of Whittier. I wish to thank all those who made possible by their presence, their entertainment, their planning and support of our silent auction our most successful 20th anniversary dinner this past October.

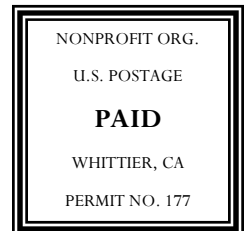
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2007 Awardee: The Wishing Well Toy Shop
at 6723 Greenleaf Avenue for Commercial Interior

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