



OUR CORNERSTONE

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Highland Park

. . . The Book!



Anne Marie Wozniak and Charles Fisher greet eager book seekers who started lining up before 6 PM.



By Charles J. Fisher and the Highland Park Heritage Trust!



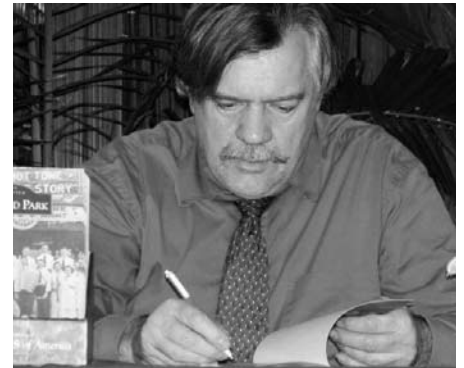
La Casa Blue proved to be the perfect venue for the first book signing of Charles Fisher's book, *Highland Park*.



Anne Marie Wozniak and Venita Strange organize for the event.



Realtor Bob Taylor and Franklin teacher, Meredith Riley, talk with Venita Strange.



Charles Fisher signs his book.



Carol Van Beek provided assistance throughout the evening.



Carolyn Norris finally got Virginia Neely to take a break from greeting people and take a picture.



Yvonne Sarceda, of Hathaway-Sycamores, and local historian, Rick Thomas stopped in the line to discuss the successful event with Carmela Gomes and Carol Van Beek.

President's Corner

By Carmela Gomes

Speaking of Cornerstones . . .



When the founders of the Highland Park Heritage Trust decided on the three cornerstones of Preservation, Education and Recognition, to explain the mission of our organization, they were visionaries.

Today, 25 years later, we have the pleasure of members who are so active in the community that as we go from one event to another, or one meeting to another, HPHT members fill the room.

Each of you has assumed a leadership role in our community just by the very nature of being concerned and helpful, whenever that is possible. One issue has driven home this point more recently than any other time. The Transit Oriented Development hue and cry has gone out all over the city but affects our already densely populated historic region in ways that threaten the character and integrity of our built environment.

Following the cornerstones of our mission, HPHT members have been showing up at meetings to ask in depth questions about funding sources and open space, design and ownership, maintenance and longevity, all the important concerns that help us keep our community a vibrant location to live and visit. We've assumed a posture of importance that has surprised some and has finally influenced the developers and the city to acknowledge the community to begin dispersing information.

I hope this most recent round of concerned partnership with other community organizations is a sign of renewed cooperation. The HPHT recognizes individuals and organizations for their role in preserving the character and integrity of our community through the Awards Ceremony. Perhaps over the next few years, changes in the area will be given awards that are the result of the efforts of the HPHT to educate the public about preservation that is esthetically healthy.



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HPHT Kiosk

Videos

- *The House That Moved Twice* (\$14.95)
- *The Lure & Legacy of the Lower Arroyo Seco* (\$19.95)



Books

- *The Five Friendly Valleys: The Story of Greater Highland Park* (\$5.95)
- *Los Angeles County Route 66 Guide* by Scott Piotrowski (\$18.95)



Street Banners that hung on Figueroa St. (\$50.00 each)

All proceeds benefit HPHT. Orders may be picked up at the monthly meetings or shipping for an additional \$4.00 donation.

Calendar of Upcoming HPHT & Community Events

- May**
- 9 Second in the series of Lummis Day Poetry Workshops, 3-5 PM, Arroyo Seco Library
 - 10 Second Saturday, Gallery night, www.nelaart.com for map
 - 12 HPHT 25th Anniversary Picnic (to be held Sun. Oct. 12) Planning Meeting, for all interested members and prospective members
 - 17 Second in the series of HPHT Restoration Workshops with Chris Smith, 9 am to Noon, "Removing Stucco," at the home of Linda and Roger Phelps, 5800 Buchanan St., Highland Park chris@angelcitybuilders.com, 323-256-4326 HPHT hotline for reservations
 - Third in the series of Lummis Day Poetry Workshops, 3-5 PM, Lincoln Heights Library
 - 17 Poetry writing workshop at Cypress Park Library 3-5PM
 - 18 Museums of the Arroyo Day, 10AM to 5PM, shuttle service from SWM, HSM and other venues to six museums in the Arroyo, call Ann Walnum 323-222-8327 for information
 - 24 Poetry Open Mic at Braun Library 3-5PM
 - 31 Community cleanup in preparation for Lummis Day, west side of Figueroa Street, between Woodside and Sycamore Terrace, contact Paula Sirola for information: 323-369-3066 or email paulasirola@yahoo.com

- June**
- 1 Lummis Day, the Festival of Northeast Los Angeles, 10:30 AM to 7 PM Lummis Home and Sycamore Grove Park, 4701 Figueroa Street, www.lummisday.org

Mark Your Calendars!

Every Sunday, Free Tai Chi Classes, 8:30 am, Audubon Center at Debs Park, http://ca.audubon.org/debs_park.htm
 September 11-14, 2008, Preserving the Historic Road sixth biennial conference
 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, www.historicroads.org
 Sunday October 12, HPHT 25th Anniversary Picnic at Heritage Square Museum

Please take a moment to join HPHT or renew your membership for 2008!

The mission of the Highland Park Heritage Trust is to preserve the heritage of Los Angeles' Arroyo Seco communities through education, advocacy and preservation projects for the benefit of present and future generations. LA's Arroyo Seco communities consist of Highland Park, Garvanza, Mt Washington, Hermon, Montecito Heights, and Cypress Park.

To join the Highland Park Heritage Trust, send your tax-deductible check to:

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Restoration Workshop

HPHT's first restoration workshop was held Saturday March 15, at the home of Chris Smith and Chris McIntyre on Neva Place Topics: How to Identify the Character in Your House & Stripping and Refinishing Doors.

Left: Chris Smith and Cris MacIntyre invited us to use their home for the first in the series of Restoration Workshops.

Left, bottom: Chris and his brother, Jeff, demonstrated the heat gun technique for stripping layers of paint from doors and woodwork.

Below: The heat gun demo.

Below, right: Ryan Fleagle discusses "green" and other sustainable practices with Rob Hanson and other attendees.



The Judson Gallery of Contemporary and Traditional Art

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Presents in the Main Gallery

A View From Here: A Group Exhibition of Contemporary Landscapes

Curated by Prof. Ronald E. Steen, Art Historian and Art Educator

• Artists in group show: Peter Alexander, Sandow Birk, John Brosio, Phoebe Brunner, Darlene Campbell, Jennifer Celio, Patricia Chidlaw, Wes Christensen, James Doolin, Sharon Ellis, Sylvi Herrick, David Hines, David Hockney, Mark Innerst, Peter Krausz, David Ligare, Norman Lundin, Rebecca Morales, Marina Moevs, Barrie Mottishaw, Shirley Pettibone, Roxene Rockwell, Lezley Saaar, Stephanie Sanchez, Richard Sedivy, Luis Serrano, Greg Skol, Jon Swihart, & Marc Trujillo.



and In the Hall Gallery

Shirley Pettibone: Landscapes in Monotype Luis Serrano: Landscape Paintings & Drawings

Exhibition dates: Monday, February 11, 2008 through Saturday, May 10, 2008

Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 to 3, and 2nd Saturdays, 7-10 p.m.

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Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition: Healthy and Functional

Proclaiming the demise of the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition is premature because *individuals* have chosen to follow a different path but *organizations* remain stalwart in the quest to keep the Southwest Museum in tact.

To quote Charles Fletcher Lummis, "We are building a museum that will not fall in ten thousand years as to its physical part; and for a people that will never let it fall down, financially." The Coalition is working to hold the representatives of the people true to these words. Our purpose remains the same. "The Southwest Museum will be filled with exhibits of the Southwest and teeming with educational endeavor in scientific research." This quote from Lummis underscores the main objective of the Coalition, scientific research and learning under one roof.

As we continue the work of Charles Lummis, "Let us prove that we can be true to our ideals." The Arroyo is unique in Southern California in that we have a historical perspective, and locations to support that perspective, that are more prolific than in other areas. So, too, we have people who are willing to expend the energy and time to help the Arroyo remain that way.

—Carmela Gomes, President of the Board of the Highland Park Heritage Trust,
Fiscal Agent for the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition



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Twenty-fifth Annual Awards Ceremony

by Anne Marie Wozniak

The Highland Park Heritage Trust's 25th Annual Awards Ceremony was a smashing success. Eleven out of fourteen winners were able to be present to receive their awards for making our community a better place to live. Charles Fisher's slide show presentation on his new book, *Highland Park*, was enjoyed by the 100 people in attendance.

The Reverend and Mrs. Cruver made it all possible by allowing us to use the historic Pillar of Fire Church sanctuary for the presentations. I want to extend a gracious "thank-you" to them and their congregation.

As usual, there are many people to thank for making this a special event and I sincerely apologize if I miss anyone. Frances Thronson, Carol Van Beek, Ann Walnum, Charly Kemp, Steve Crouch, Charles Fisher, Virginia Neely, Venita Strange, and Charles Miller were all involved the undertaking. Their time and effort is much appreciated.

2006-2007 HPHT Award Winners

Garo and Arsineh Hovannisian
Hollyhock Hill LLC
Diaz Family
Benjamin Lein and Katrina Alexy
Matthew and Mary Elizabeth Owen
Dr. Martha Soto
Brenda Davidge
Nicholas Davidge
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