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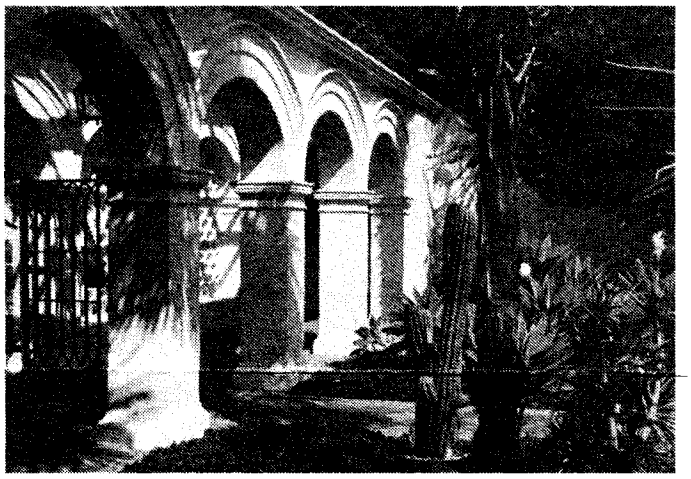


HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORS DIAMOND JUBILEE HOME TOUR

On Sunday, October 16, the San Marino Historical Society, in conjunction with the San Marino Woman's Club, will host a tour of four of San Marino's most outstanding private homes. Scheduled from noon to 4 p.m., the tour will conclude with refreshments at the clubhouse of the Woman's Club at 1800 Huntington Drive, itself a San Marino landmark of considerable historical interest. Reservations may be made by mail in advance at $12.50 per person; admission at the door will be $15.00.

Included are the Thornton Hamlin home on Sherwood Road, the Director's residence of the Huntington Library, a home designed by George Washington Smith on Lombardy Road, and a lovely "traditional-contemporary" home owned by Dr. and Mrs. John Wong on Oak Grove Place.

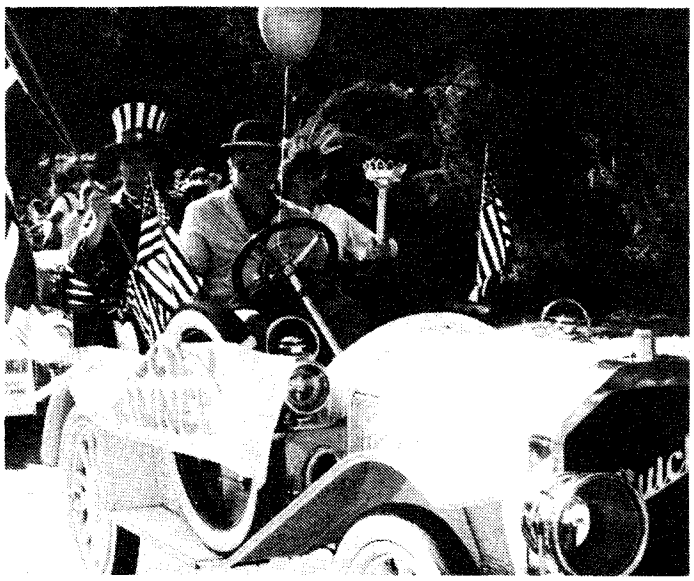
See the enclosed brochure for more details about the homes and reservations for the tour -- and join us for an afternoon of interest and excitement as we are "At Home In San Marino."

JULY 4TH PARADE WINNER

Dr. Earl Snodgrass, well-known collector of outstanding vintage automobiles, hit it big on the Fourth of July when his gorgeous white 1909 Buick captured first place in the Historical Society competition for Best Parade Entry depicting an event or era in City, state, or national history.

Dr. Snodgrass himself, sporting a jaunty derby, drove the winning vehicle. Riding in the car were Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty, depicted, respectively, by Lance and Sandra Johnson.

The car itself, a 1909 Buick Model 16, is in excellent condition and recently carried the Snodgrasses on a 600 mile journey to Mexico. It performed so well it has become a family favorite and will probably ride in future parades.



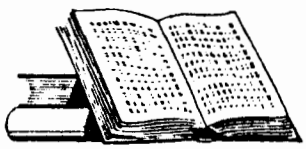
IVANA KIM WINS McCORMICK AWARD

This year's Herbert McCormick Award for excellence in journalism goes to Ivana Kim, who graduated from San Marino High School last June. Ivana will be attending Stanford University this fall as a pre-med student.

A young lady of many accomplishments, Ivana was senior class treasurer, first violinist for the High School orchestra (she won the annual music award presented by the San Marino Woman's Club), and a National Merit Scholar.

A member of the High School yearbook staff throughout her high school career, Ivana served during her junior year as co-associate editor in charge of academics, classes, and faculty. As a senior, Ivana served as co-managing editor and was responsible for many new and exciting design concepts for the 1988 yearbook.

Ivana has a special interest in human biology and microbiology and should do very well in her pre-med studies. The Historical Society congratulates Ivana, and we send along our best wishes for her continued success.



recent acquisitions

The San Marino historical Society welcomes this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Clint E. Hufford, for a railroad spike and a rock chisel unearthed on the Cooper Ranch site.

Lois Deines and the San Marino Library, for San Marino city directories and history books.

Lionel James, for past issues of the San Marino City Directory.

Dorothy Ross, for photos and oral history tape of the Solomon Richardson family and a book signed by Ann Wilson.

Mary Smith, for a Queen Mary commemorative plate.

Merrill Lynch Realty, and The Prudential, Shepard and Morgan Real Estate, for a substantial cash contribution toward the Jubilee Home Tour brochure.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SETS UP ARCHIVES

A fond dream of the Historical Society since its inception has been to set up an archive for the preservation of photographs, documents, and other historical materials relevant to San Marino history. Now that El Adobe Viejo (our fancy new name for the Michael White Adobe), has been made suitable for such a project, our Archivist, Gary Fleming, assisted by Corresponding Secretary Peggy Winkler, has begun the monumental task of sorting, cataloguing, and arranging for the preservation of these items of historiana.

As a preparatory step, Gary and Peggy met recently with Roy McJunkin, the California Historical Society's Curator of Photographs, at the CHC History Center at 4201 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. At the meeting, which was also attended by Historical Society President Jeanne Imler and the Society Photographer, Grady Perigan, Curator McJunkin discussed the acquisition, preservation, cataloguing, and reproduction of historical photos. He also conducted a tour of the CHS Photographic Collections, which are available for private, non-commercial use as well as in publications, slide presentations, films, and exhibitions.

Members interested in the preservation of family or historical photographs are welcome to contact Gary at 584-0809, or Peggy at 799-1904, for guidance and suggestions. And, by the way, if such documents bear on San Marino history, the Society would be grateful if you would share them with us and make them available for copying for the Society's collection.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEDALLION

The emblem pictured above is much in evidence this Jubilee year. The emblem of our Historical Society, it is an adaptation of the seal of the City of San Marino. The emblem was incorporated in a medallion for the City in 1976, when the newly founded Society issued it in honor of the nation's bicentennial birthday and the Society's founding.

The City seal was adapted by Frank Harmon, a resident since his second birthday, from a seal originally based on the coat of arms of the J. deBarth Shorb family, which once owned the San Marino ranch, today the site of the Huntington Library. Shorb had named his ranch San Marino after his home in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which, in turn,had been named after the small European republic of San Marino.

William Hertrich, first superintendent of the Huntington Library grounds and a former City Councilman, first adapted the Shorb coat of arms for the City seal. He substituted palm leaves and orange branches for the original laurel and oak leaves and removed the crown of royalty from the crest. Upon the City Council's approval of Hertrich's design, former Mayor W. L Valentine had the design made into a blue and gold flag and presented it to the city. Copies of the flag have been widely distributed during this Jubilee year at various Diamond Anniversary celebrations.

Hertrich's original design features the three summits of Mt. Titano in the San Marino Republic. On each summit is a tower, fortified with native rock and crowned with a plume, all surrounded by a heart-shaped scroll. At the top, Harmon placed five stars, one for each Council member, and added a ribbon inscription: "Libertas."

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Frank Harmon is still an active member of the Society. He is a native Californian and studied in our local schools. A graduate of UCLA, he has been a designer throughout his career and on many occasions has lent his talents to the Historical Society.



HOTCHKIS AND SEAGER TO SPEAK ON EARLY RANCHO HISTORY

For the first community program of the 1988-89 season, the Historical Society is fortunate to have as speakers Preston B. Hotchkis and Pamela Seager, both experts on early California rancho history.

Preston Hotchkis, chairman and chief executive officer of the Bixby Ranch Company in Long Beach, is the grandson of Fred Bixby, who founded the Bixby Ranch Company in the late 1800's, and the son of Preston Hotchkis, well-known Southern California businessman and civic leader. He will share with us his extensive knowledge of the life of the early California ranchos, a topic of immediate interest to San Marino residents, especially in theis Jubilee year.

Pamela Seager serves as Executive Director of the Rancho Los Alamitos Historical Site in Long Beach. She will discuss Rancho Los Alamitos and will tell us about the master plan for its development and use.

Please save the date and plan to be with us for this exciting program.

DATE:	Tuesday, October 25, 1988
TIME:	7:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Room San Marino Public Library 1890 Huntington Drive

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