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**The October meeting will be held
Wednesday Oct. 15th
7:30 p.m.
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October Meeting

Stan Poe, one of Long Beach's most foremost authorities on historical preservation in our City, will be the guest speaker at our October meeting on October 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Willmore Community Police Center (910 Daisy Avenue). Not only is Stan extremely knowledgeable in the architectural history of Long Beach, especially the Willmore area, he was one of the original founders of Willmore City Heritage Association. Stan lived in the Willmore area in the 1970s when our area became the first historic district in the City and helped to establish WCHA as the first preservation organization as well.

Do you have a question about the architectural style of your house? Bring a picture of it to the meeting and ask Stan. See you there!

Willmore 30th Anniversary Celebration

As many of you know, WCHA is celebrating its 30 year Anniversary. We are the oldest Historic District in Long Beach (formerly Willmore City) and we are the earliest association devoted to preservation of historic homes. Our founders, Peter Deveraux, Harriett Williams and Stan Poe will be honored at the Celebration.

The Gala Event is on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at The Willmore, a Long Beach historic landmark. The Willmore is a 11 story Renaissance Revival building built in 1925 for the Stillwell Hotel Corporation as a luxury apartment hotel and later converted to condominiums. The name of the building was changed to The Willmore to honor the man who launched the development of Long Beach.

There will be a wine and cheese reception in the solarium which boasts one of the finest views in Long Beach. A no host bar, dinner and dancing will be held in the lobby. Dinner will be catered by La Traviata which provided the fare for our 20th Anniversary as well. Their restaurant, located in the Willmore, serves outstanding food and has a great atmosphere. Dancing will be to the music of the Fabulous Esquires.

We will honor some of the outstanding members of our group with gag awards presented by our emcee and long time Willmore resident Scott Ringwelski. It will be a fun evening so don't miss it!

Tickets are \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members.
Call (562) 436-8611 for additional information.



Mark Your Calendar!!

" The Unromantic Gardener "

Along with our historical homes, we all want to feel that we are preserving the California Heritage by planting native plants. It is a fine concept, but there are a number of considerations when you decide to plant a native garden. Some are overly large or untidy, many are drought deciduous (if you don't know what this means, look up at the hillsides during the month of August) and some are so ephemeral that they are lost in a landscape. They can also be sensitive to summer watering - they can die from fungal diseases, yet need to be watered a little until they are established. The following are some of my favorite garden worthy natives. Relatively trouble free, they can tolerate a range of conditions - most can take full sun by the coast.

TREE:

Cercis occidentalis - Western Redbud

SHRUBS/SUBSHRUBS/PERENNIALS:

Salvia 'Pozo Blue', 'Allen Chickering'

Penstemon 'Margarita BOP

Ribes viburnifolium

Ribes 'Dancing Tassels'

Mimulus Verity Hybrids - Monkeyflower

Verbena lilacina 'De La Mina' (just because I like saying it!)

Zauschneria 'Route 66' - California fuchsia

Encelia californica - California Sunflower

Heuchera maxima 'Opal' (partial shade)

Vitis 'Roger's Red' - California Grape

Aquilegia Formosa - Native Columbine

Woodwardia fimbriata - Giant Chain Fern (part shade)

Next Month:

A Word About Sustainability

Kathleen Irvine

E v e n t s C a l e n d a r

Oct. 15th
6:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement
Willmore Community Police Center

Oct. 15th
7:30 p.m.

General meeting
Willmore Community Police Center

Oct. 19th
5:00 - 9:00 pm

30th Anniversary Gala
The Willmore

Oct. 26th
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Window and Stained Glass Window Talk & Demonstration
The Bembridge House

A n n u a l D u e s

It's that time of year again.....Annual dues time. If you haven't already mailed or turned in your renewal form please take a moment to fill out the enclosed one and return by mail or bring to the next meeting with your check for \$20 (\$10 for Seniors). Your dues enables us to pay for postage for the newsletters and takes care of the message phone cost. Hopefully these two items provide you with neighborhood information that is helpful to you. WCHA has been a tool for the neighborhood for 30 years now. Let's keep it going even stronger the next 30 years!

T H E W I L L M O R E

“ School House Project Celebration

WCHA was honored to have the Hunter sisters (pictured on far right - Louise Hunter Valentine, Elaine Hunter Lewis & Anna Hunter Bates) join us along with some of their family and friends as we celebrated the completion of the house move project at 419 Daisy. The sisters grew up in the house when it was located at 249 Maine. Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, City Council representatives, Willmore members and numerous city preservationists joined in the celebration and tour of this marvelous 1904 4-square home that was saved and restored.



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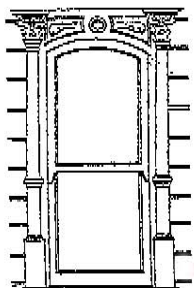
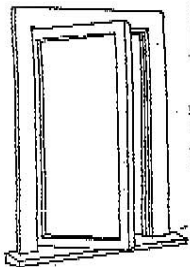
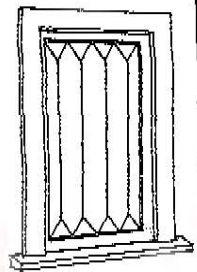
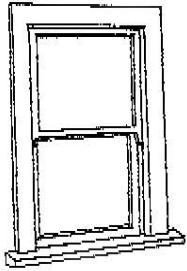
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- * **THE BENEFITS OF KEEPING CLASSIC WINDOWS**
- * **HOW TO DECIDE IF WINDOWS ARE WORTH KEEPING**
- * **HOW TO REPAIR A DAMAGED WINDOW**
- * **HOW TO WEATHERSTRIP A HISTORIC WINDOW**
- * **DO'S AND DON'TS OF PRESERVING HISTORIC WOOD AND STEEL CASEMENT WINDOWS**
- * **HOW TO REPLICATE AN ORIGINAL WINDOW**
- * **HOW TO FIND OLD STYLE REPLACEMENT HARDWARE**

AN ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A PRESENTATION BY CYNTHIA CHENIER OF CYNTHIA'S DESIGNS ON THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.

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