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We couldn't have done it without your support!

Save the Date -for the Promenade

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4th, for the Tustin Historical Society's annual Promenade. The historic home tour is a yearly highlight of springtime in Tustin. They are looking for volunteers in all areas. If you are interested (and you do get a free ticket when you volunteer) contact the museum at tustinmuseum@att.net or Doreen Corwin at 714 743-8284.

Newsletter

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To Educate, Advocate, Facilitate



**Tustin Preservation
Conservancy**

*Working to make yesterday's resources
part of tomorrow's history.*



Testa workers begin to tear off old roof

**Lindsay House Restoration Project
Near Completion, thanks to many generous donors.**

Furthering our mission to preserve and protect the historic resources of Tustin

Thanks to the generosity of many Conservancy donors, the restoration project for the historically important Lindsay House is nearing completion. Among those who helped with their donation of time and labor in this project are: *Carol Tink-Fox of Stratosform Architects, who donated her time to draw the plans and submit them to the city; Ron McDaniel of Cardinal Environmental and 5M Contractors who, at no charge to us, demolished the decaying porch and removed all the old materials.*

Roofing was done by Tecta America Southern California in Santa Ana, and Scot Lewis of Lewis Construction has reconstructed the front porch. Thanks also go to Conservancy Board of Directors member Bill Teter who guided this project from beginning to end.

Most of all, we want to thank our donors and especially those who contributed generously to this special project.

The Lindsay House is one of the most historic homes in our Cultural Resources Overlay District, known as Old Town Tustin. It is a rare example of a primary settlement period building in Tustin. It is also one of the few houses constructed in the "board and batten" style in Orange County. Built in 1886 by Mary Tustin, wife of Columbus Tustin, the home was originally on El Camino Real where the Tustin Garage/Beach Pit BBQ stands today. It was moved to South C Street before 1900 using logs and mules. The home has been occupied by the Lindsay Family for many years, and was once home to the Fire Chief of Tustin. The Conservancy worked with the Lindsay Trust and the members of the Patton family in the restoration of this historic site.



*Our generous Lindsay House Restoration Project Donors:
Elizabeth Pankey, Kathy and Carl Greenwood, Phil and Linda Cox, Beckie Gomez and Chester and Patrice Horton*

Huell Howser Honored by Chapman University

Old Town Tustin Featured in Howser's California's Gold Episode

Conservancy board members Linda Jennings, Bill and Sharon Teter took part in a celebration by Chapman University honoring Huell Howser on February 8th. The California's Gold TV star left his show memorabilia, archival tapes and research files along with his "Found-Art" collection to the university when he died in December of 2012. A California's Gold Scholarship winner was also introduced.

To honor the much beloved star, Chapman invited many of those Howser had interviewed over the years to meet the public and share their experiences. In 2008, Howser toured Old Town Tustin with Conservancy president Linda Jennings. This episode is available on the KCET website.

The three shared the Chapman site with hundreds of Huell's fans plus Pinks Hot Dogs, Fosselman's Ice Cream, the Lint Artist, the Whistler and many other who had shared their home town or special talent with the TV legend. To see more of this collection visit www.HuellHowserArchive.com.



Huell and his camera man interview Victor Andersen in his Tustin Blacksmith Shop in 2008.

Preservation Conference in Anaheim

The California Preservation Conference is in Orange County this year on May 1-3, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Anaheim. They are calling it "The True California Adventure: Preservation's Wild Ride." There are some very interesting workshops and field trips, so if you're interested go to their website at www.californiapreservation.org. The committee is recruiting volunteers, also, which gives you some perks for the program.

Happy Birthday Old Town Tustin

In 1987, a far-sighted Tustin City Council voted to seek state certification for the area between Prospect and the Newport Freeway and Sixth and First Streets. The area known as Old Town Tustin became a state-certified Cultural Resources Overlay District.

Since that time, strict rules have been applied to the zoning and structures within these boundaries. A Cultural Resources Advisory Committee was appointed (later renamed the Historic Resources Advisory Committee) to advise the city on actions in the district. Historic surveys done in 1990 and 2002 rated structures as A,B,C or D, and photographed each one adding a written description. The name, date of construction and a brief description of the architecture, original owner, the builder and other occupants are included. A copy of the survey is available at City Hall.

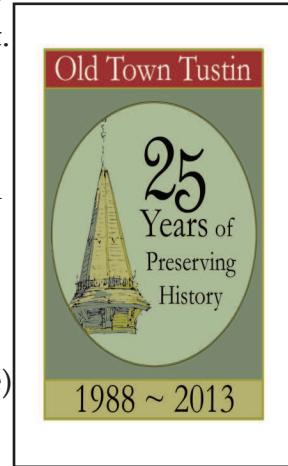
Our thanks to the concerned citizens who urged this action and to the council members who realized the jewel this area represents for the City of Tustin.



Celebrating our Century-Old Houses

As you drive through Old Town Tustin, keep a look-out for our "Happy Birthday" signs going up in front of homes that were built one hundred years ago in 1913. Board member Kim DeBenedetto carefully compiled the list from the Tustin Historical Resources Survey so that the Conservancy could celebrate the historic date with the owners of each of the special homes.

Anniversary poster designed by Nathan Menard



Archi-Teacher cut-outs

Archi-Teacher Hands-On Art Project Available to Teachers

Plus Funding for school bus trips for Old Town Visits

Our Archi-Teacher Project is up and running on the Conservancy website, www.preservetustin.org, ready to be downloaded by teachers who plan to bring their class on a field trip to Old Town Tustin. Designed primarily for third grade classes, the project provides cut-outs for some of the historic buildings in Old Town, ready to be colored and set up in a replica of the area.

Funding to cover the cost of the bus to bring classes into Old Town is available from the Conservancy and can be requested from the Tustin Public Schools Foundation. Here they can visit the Tustin Historical Museum and take a walking tour, picking out all the buildings they have already studied from the Archi-Teacher Project.

The drawings are available to anyone going on the website who is interested in studying the architecture of historic Tustin.

If you would like to support the efforts of the Tustin Preservation Conservancy to protect and promote the historic treasures of Tustin, you can put your check in the enclosed envelope, or go to PayPal at our website, www.preservetustin.org, or send a donation to the Conservancy at 350 South B St, Tustin, 92780. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Tustin Preservation Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, tax exemption #201-985550.

Welcome Our New Member of the Board of Directors

Old Town Tustin resident Mike Smith has joined the Conservancy Board. Mike is Director of Sales for Knorr Systems. He and his wife Ana have lived in Old Town since 2011. He enjoys music, gardening and reading. We're delighted to welcome Mike to our Board of Directors.



And a Fond Farewell to Marge Flamme

The good news is that Marge and Mike Flamme's business at Old Town Flooring has grown a lot! The bad news is that it is keeping Marge so busy she had to resign from our board to handle it all. Our thanks to Marge for all her time and help with our organization. We will miss her enthusiasm.

Old Town Tustin Commercial District News

Goodbye to old friends, hello to new ones

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Jenny and Martin Rigby and their wonderful store **Acorn Naturalist**. They assure us they will continue their catalogue business, but we will miss their special stock of great gifts for kids and adults. Jenny and Martin were loyal supporters of the Conservancy and many others here in Old Town Tustin. We will miss them.

But, our newest business is a return for credit! Marsha Hively from the original Ruffled Tulip on the corner of Main and El Camino Real is coming back to us. She will be bringing her special flair with all things beautiful when she opens **The Elegant Hive** around the 15th of April. With her special touch of glamour she will offer a full service florist, silk arrangements and interesting choices for gift. Marsha will also be planning weddings and special events from her new/old location. Watch for the white paper to come out of the windows. Then go in to welcome Marsha back.