



# West Adams Matters

## History of the Johnson House

by Laura Voisin



The imposing mansion on the northeast corner of Hoover and 28th Street has been inspiring generations with its legends. Now it is poised to be preserved for another generation.

It was in 1896—the year when the neighborhood was annexed to the City of Los Angeles as part of the Southern and Western Addition—that Baudelio Salazar, a former Senator from Chihuahua, Mexico, built a two-story residence on West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Despite its Spanish detailing and arches, the house's overall form with its turrets and hipped roof, as well as the openness of its interior spaces, are part of the Shingle Style which was popular in America at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (However, early Sanborn fire insurance maps note the house's exterior was plastered, and tests have confirmed there are no shingles hiding under the current exterior finish.)

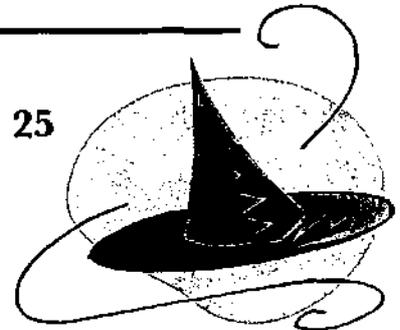
Salazar and his wife Lola stayed only a short time, and a few years later the house became the Los Angeles residence of Nils Bagge, a young Swedish mining engineer who developed the Almoloya gold mines in Chihuahua as well as other real estate in the American Southwest and Mexico. The house was described as one of the city's most artistic and attractive homes, with a wealth of tropical

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## A Frightfully Festive Affair

### WAHA's Annual Halloween Party Saturday, October 25

Grown-Up ghouls and kiddie creatures alike will have a devil of a good time at WAHA's annual Halloween potluck and costume party at the Deaven Residence, 2410 4th Avenue, on Saturday, October 25, from 6:00 pm. until the last ghost leaves. Prizes awarded for best children and adults costumes - judging at 8 p.m.



## The Heart of Our Heritage:

### WAHA's Annual Holiday Home Tour in Western Heights



The McLellan Residence will be featured on the tour.

Jingle Bells, Santa's Elves, and Sugar Plum Fairies are beginning to dance in our dreams, as WAHA prepares for its annual Holiday Tour and Progressive Dinner, scheduled for December 6 and 7 in Western Heights, one of West Adams' Historic Preservation Overlay Zone districts.

Close your eyes, and imagine how the season would have been celebrated a century ago. The candles are lit, the scent of evergreens and cinnamon infuse the air, and the fir tree is sumptuously decorated. Friends and neighbors fill the house. As it was yesteryear, it is today. The Western Heights neighborhood remains virtually intact as it was developed, between 1900 and 1910, when it was a forerunner to modern suburbs. At the same time, Western Heights has been a leader in Los Angeles' neighborhood empowerment movement. Its diverse neighbors

have worked together to create a strong community association which has planted trees, closed a troubled alley, and, recently, beautified their area with the construction of an Arts & Crafts-style pergola and pocket garden.

Graceful residences designed by such noted architects as Sumner Hunt and Wesley Eager, Arthur Kelly, and the firm

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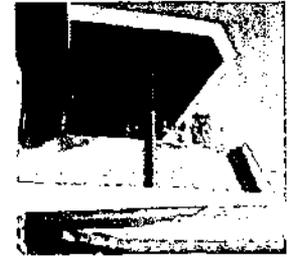
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## Modernism in Altadena

In the middle of the 20th century, architects like Richard Neutra, Gregory Ain and Conrad Buff began to remake the Southern California architectural landscape with homes constructed of



concrete and large expanses of glass, with indoor-outdoor flow of living spaces, terraces and gardens. On Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Altadena Heritage's Fall Home Tour features some prime examples of Mid-century Modernism, as well as a roundtable discussion with architects Dennis Smith and William Duquette, and famed photographer Julius Shulman.

The tour includes six homes, including Case Study House #20 by Buff, Straub & Hensman (1958), as well as Neutra's Beard House (1935).

Tickets purchased by October 12 cost \$20; after October 12, the price increases to \$25; and tickets will be held at the will call desk, Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive. The Architectural Roundtable at 4:30 p.m. costs an additional \$10. Please mail your check to Altadena Heritage, P.O. Box 218, Altadena, CA 91001. For more information, call 626-683-1785.

## Black Cuisine Expo at USC

The Black Cuisine Expo, an African, Caribbean and African American culinary "experience" takes place Saturday, October 25, 2 - 6 p.m., at the USC Davidson Conference Center, 3415 S. Figueroa St. The event benefits the Lupus Society for Positive Living.

This culinary exposition was created by chefs, cooks, restaurateurs, bakeries, manufacturers and wineries. Attendees experience tastings of everything from Soul Food to Cajun/Creole Food to African Food to Foods from the Caribbean. And don't forget the "Sweet Shop" where African-American owned bakeries will be providing samples of their creations. Live jazz entertainment will be featured throughout the event.

In addition, attendees 21 and over will be treated to Wine Tasting and Education Classes by African Americans in the wine industry.

Admission to this event is limited. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door the day of the events. Advance tickets are not available at the USC Davidson Conference Center. You may purchase tickets by mail by sending a money order made payable to the Lupus Society for Positive Living, P.O. Box 278, Inglewood, CA 90306.

# We Mourn the Loss of a Great Neighbor and Friend

by Lauren Schlau

WAHA member, West Adams resident, sound engineer extraordinaire and bicycling enthusiast Paul Hulse passed away peacefully on September 20. All of us who knew Paul - and many, many did - knew a kind, gentle, generous, down-to-earth man who always took the time to say hi and hear how you were doing. He gave of himself to many causes and organizations and he will be terribly missed by many whose lives he touched.

Paul, and his beloved life partner Tommy Spencer resided on South Dalton Avenue, having been in West Adams for about 12 years. His day job was as a tireless and proficient sound engineer for Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank. His work made us enjoy hearing the dialog and sound effects that go into the production of movies and TV programs.

Paul had a passion for biking, riding almost every weekend with various biking clubs. I was acquainted with Paul from WAHA but got to know him better three years ago when I began training for the 2001 California AIDS Ride. He already had completed two California AIDS Rides and was crewing on CAR 8, which I was doing. He almost talked me into crewing the next year! But due to that, I asked him and Tommy to volunteer in the main course house kitchen for the WAHA Holiday Tour. Unfortunately I have not seen him since then.

Earlier this year he had a pretty serious bike accident, being pushed off the road by an SUV. He sustained broken ribs, a fractured hip, a shoulder separation plus some bad bruises. But he actually recovered from all that! A few months ago he began treatment for an AIDS related condition that finally claimed him in the prime of life.

WAHA extends our deepest sympathies to Tommy, as well as to Paul's family, his many friends, and co-workers. ●

## Stepping Out

### Eclectic Eagle Rock Home Tour to Feature the Women's Twentieth Century Club's 100-Year Anniversary

Drawing on the town's history and its growing reputation as a cultural center, The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) presents its fourth annual "Eclectic Eagle Rock Home Tour," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 19.

This year the tour features the Women's 20th Century Club Craftsman building constructed in 1913. The club, now celebrating its 100-year anniversary, was formed by the progressive women of Eagle Rock, which at that time was a small agricultural village. An exhibit of photographs from the time of the club's origin through the present day will be on show.

In addition, the tour includes homes designed in the variety of styles which make Eagle Rock, "L.A.'s Hometown," so unique. The homes are all within walking distance of the Women's 20th Century Club, 5105 Hermosa Ave. (at the corner of Colorado Boulevard), where the tour begins. Tickets are \$12 in advance (\$10 for TERA members) and \$15 the day of the tour. For information, please call (626) 844-2256 or visit [www.tera90041.org](http://www.tera90041.org) (tickets are available online).●

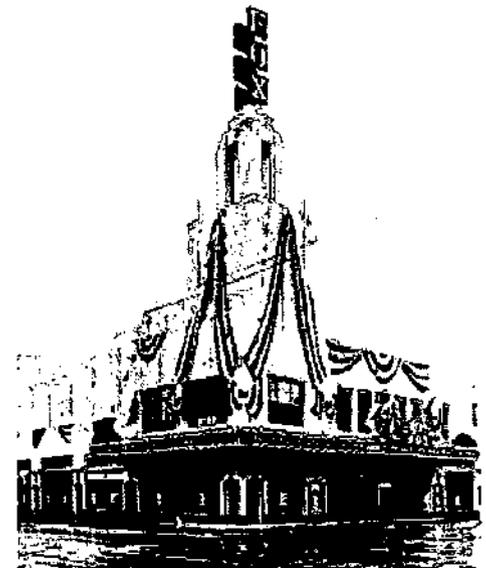
### Pomona Heritage Historic Home Tour

Pomona Heritage's 19th Annual Home Tour is Sunday, October 19, and celebrates the creation of Pomona's 3rd Historic District, "Hacienda Park." The day's events include Docent Guided Home Tours, Art Exhibitions, Craft Sales, Food Booths, and a Vintage Car Show.

The properties in this year's tour include a 1920's Spanish Bungalow with an award-winning garden; a rare, 1920's Streamline Modern Home whose owners have one of the finest collections of Streamline and Art Deco furnishings in L.A.; the red brick gothic Pilgrim Congregational Church built in 1912; and, open to the public for the first time since being purchased by the city, the Fox Theater.

Advanced tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for Seniors (60), Students (ID required), and children. Day of tour prices \$18 and \$14. Events in Lincoln Park, including ticket sales, begin at 10 a.m. Tour Homes open at 11 a.m.

New this year is a Preview Night Gala on Saturday, October 18. This event includes a pre-tour of the homes on tour, as well as dinner at the newly refurbished Kellogg Mansion on the grounds of Cal Poly Pomona. Preview night tickets are \$50/person. Reservations are required for the Preview Night events. For information call 909-865-8879, or to purchase tickets visit our website at [www.osb.net/heritage](http://www.osb.net/heritage). ●



# Community Matters

## Around the Blocks

### Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

Great news, Arlington Heights. Our signs are finally up! We have six of them. They are located on Arlington and Crenshaw at Pico, Venice and Washington Boulevards. Hooray! Thanks again, Sylvia! Please join our organization, we have great things in store for our beautiful Arlington Heights. Get involved. What are your ideas? We would love to know. The Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association is still looking for those individuals who would like to join and support it. Our boundaries are Pico to the north, the 10 freeway to the south, Arlington to the east and Crenshaw to the west. For more information about our next meeting please call either Alex and Linda Frost at 323-735-9639 or Steve Rowe at 323-733-9600 or e-mail alex@sunflowerproduction.com or Rowesb@aol.com.

### BJC - Budlong-Juliet-Catalina Neighborhood Association

We are having a BJC Community Resource Fair. Come out and take advantage of community resources at 22nd Street between Vermont and Budlong Avenue, on Saturday, October 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. We are planning: Family fun and activities for the kids, vendors, D.J. and entertainment, churches, local businesses, governmental agencies, neighborhood associations and much, much more. The Fair is co-sponsored by Council District #1 - Ed Reyes' Office and Budlong, Juliet and Catalina Neighborhood Association.

## New Outdoor Art Festival

We are looking to create a standing committee to oversee the design and implementation of The Arlington Heights Outdoor Art Festival to take place on the Washington Boulevard commercial corridor. We are seeking to create an annual Art Festival that will coexist with all local businesses and residents and that will add to the wonderful atmosphere that exists in our Historic West Adams Community. Anyone with a working knowledge (business or artistic) of how to create and implement an Art Show is needed. For those of you who would like to become involved please contact either Steve Rowe at 323-733-9600 - Rowesb@aol.com or Melody Jackson at islandhousegallery@att.net. Thank you!



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# The Heart of Our Heritage

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Hudson & Munsell will be featured on the 2003 tour. This year we are planning a "festive fusion" feast, honoring West Adams' diverse cultural heritage.

WAHA members and prospective tour guests will receive a postcard invitation in their mailboxes in mid-October. This year the tour costs \$75 per person, but WAHA members may request a \$10 discount when they send in their reservations.

The tour is not only our biggest fundraiser of the year, it's also our biggest volunteer event. By the time the weekend is over, we will have thanked, literally, hundreds of volunteers who have served as docents, tour guides, greeters, reservations and check-in team, logistics managers, house captains, kitchen captains and assistants (and, yes, dishwashers), food servers, researchers, costumers, decorators, babysitters, schleppers and clean-up crew. We hope one of those volunteers will be YOU.

We do try to pay attention to the care and comfort of our volunteers. There will be plenty of food, and time set aside (on Sunday afternoon) for all volunteers to tour this year's houses. WAHA has also, as always, scheduled a lovely holiday fete on December 14 for all WAHA members and all Tour volunteers (details to follow in the next newsletter). Over the years, WAHA members have often invited their out-of-area friends and work colleagues to join them as volunteers (that is, if they aren't paying guests), and we encourage you to do this as well.

This tour, while complex to produce, can be quite fun and rewarding to participate in as a volunteer – especially if everything goes well, and on time. And with that in mind, Volunteer Coordinator SeElcy Caldwell is planning an advance volunteer training day for all docents, kitchen assistants and servers, and shepherds. This training is MANDATORY for shepherds.

In particular, we need volunteers as:

- \* Docents, whose job it is to greet guests in the homes and point out architectural, decorative and historical features, and to be sure our guests are where they are supposed to be. As in year's past, we'd like to see as many docents as possible dressed in vintage or reproduction attire, or festive cocktail party attire (check with your own house captain);

- \* Kitchen assistants, whose job it is to help prepare, serve and clean the food courses presented to our guests; and/or chefs who can help with certain advance food preparations;

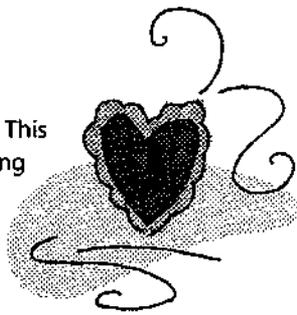
- \* Shepherds, who serve as walking and standing tour guides for assigned groups, to make sure people get to the houses safely and on time, and to present historical information along the way;

- \* Childcare volunteers, to help free up other WAHA parents by watching their children while they volunteer on the Tour itself;

- \* Logistics volunteers, who assist the house captains and tour committee with all the myriad details it takes to create and operate this tour.

Remember, this Holiday Tour is WAHA's major fundraiser for the year. Our budget, especially to cover the costs of this newsletter and our preservation activities, is heavily dependent on a financially-successful event. If you are simply not available on the tour days but would like to help, please consider a contribution to help offset the myriad costs associated with the Tour, from printing and flowers to festive nametags and napkins.

Please contact SeElcy Caldwell (323-291-7484) if you'd like to volunteer as a docent, in kitchen and/or food prep capacities, check-in or logistics. If you are available to help decorate, or for other advance creative tasks, please contact Laura Meyers (323-737-6146). Jacqueline Sharps (323-766-8842) would be able to use your help if you are available during the day in the week before the tour to do pick-ups and deliveries. And, if you'd like to be a shepherd, please contact Georgia Tolliver (323-733-4964).



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# Johnson House

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trees, shrubs, and climbing vines on its grounds. But Bagge and his wife Marie also moved away after a few years.

For the next 45 years, this home at the corner of 28<sup>th</sup> and Hoover Streets was known as the Johnson House. It was purchased in 1905 by Frederick O. Johnson, the proprietor of the prestigious Hotel Westminster in downtown Los Angeles; his sister and



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brother-in-law had recently built a home in nearby Chester Place. Their father O.T. Johnson had brought the family from Illinois twenty years earlier seeking better health in southern California's mild climate. A successful businessman, O.T. Johnson prospered during Los Angeles's boom years of the mid-1880s, and became well-known locally for his philanthropy and leadership in civic affairs.

The F.O. Johnsons and their two sons loved their West Adams home and its garden, and in the next 15 years they added a conservatory off the dining room, a greenhouse, and a propagating room (even buying part of the property to the north to enlarge their garden), as well as a pergola and a carriage house. They also enlarged the house, adding the two-story domed parlor and a sleeping porch (which was later

converted into a bedroom). After Frederick Johnson's death in 1943, his widow continued to live in the house until 1950.

It was during these decades that 28<sup>th</sup> Street between Hoover and Figueroa Streets became known to members of the USC community as "The Row," referring to the numerous fraternities and sororities whose chapter houses were established on or adjacent to 28<sup>th</sup> Street as the nearby university grew. (An urban legend gives an earlier name for the street—Embassy Row—and a number of its distinctive houses are rumored to have been the homes of foreign ambassadors and other dignitaries. Perhaps loosely referring to Salazar's origins and senatorial experience, local lore often labels the Johnson house as the former Spanish embassy.)

A new chapter of the national Phi Delta Theta fraternity (the California Delta chapter) was chartered at USC in 1949, and its members were looking for a house when Mrs. Johnson decided to move. Fraternity members were impressed by the house's mahogany paneling, pocket doors, and the Moorish detailing of its "Egyptian Room," and the round room kept its status as their formal parlor. Over the years changes were made to facilitate the life of the fraternity, converting the conservatory into part of the dining room for the large number of members who gathered for meals, and the carriage house was also remodeled with additional bedrooms. In the mid 1970s the widening of Hoover claimed part of the garden and the original brick wall, and in 1976 a new wing was added to the east side of the house to provide additional bedrooms on the second floor.

Deferred maintenance and rowdy living took their toll on the house during the 1980s and 1990s. In 2001 a number of incidents involving destructive behavior by some of the fraternity's members led to the suspension of the chapter, and the house was vacated in the summer of 2002; since then it has been patrolled regularly by chapter alumni and the LAPD. A project team (including an architect, project manager, construction consultant, and a preservation advisor) was formed and has been working with the fraternity's house corporation to assess the house conditions, identify options for its renovation, and provide support for the chapter's fundraising for the project; the team has also been in contact with F.O. Johnson's grandson, who supplied photographs of the house and garden from the 1940s to help with planning the house's renovation. Funds permitting, the project will restore the house's original public rooms on the first floor.

The success of the fraternity's fundraisers planned for the months ahead will guide the schedule and scope of the renovation project, which will address fire and life/safety violations, termite and water damage; reorganize quirky spaces resulting from do-it-yourself projects; and will reestablish a safe, comfortable home for a chapter that respects its historic building. The chapter's alumni also continue in discussions with the university's administration to achieve re-recognition of the fraternity at USC, and bring the Cal Delta chapter home again in time for the centennial of the Johnsons' arrival in 2005.

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# Stepping Out

## Brewery ArtWalk Features WAHA Artist

Artist Jennifer Morey Cunningham, a longtime WAHA member, is painting the town with watercolors.



Her loose, painterly renditions of famous Downtown edifices and monuments will be on view during the annual Brewery ArtWalk, 2100 North Main (at Moulton), scheduled for October 11 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 170 artists in the 300-studio complex will open their doors to the public. For this event, Cunningham painted the Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels.

After September 11, 2001 Cunningham decided it was important to memorialize iconic Los Angeles buildings. She began drawing the historic treasures and her favorite downtown landmarks. Grand Central market, the Bradbury building and Union Station started the series. The paintings were printed into notecards to sell at her open studio at the Brewery ArtWalk. The cards started selling and opening doors to corporations. The Library Tower purchased a card of their building in bulk to distribute throughout the famous skyscraper. Soon after McGuire Partners commissioned her to paint a portrait of the Wells Fargo Center. The painting was printed into cards to promote the building.

Cunningham has become a cheerleader for a city that many put down and take for granted. The back of her notecards tell an anecdote to teach something about L.A. "Mark my words. In the next ten years Downtown is going to be more popular than The Promenade in Santa Monica or Old Town Pasadena," she says. ●

## Explore the Sights and Tastes of India— And Never Leave Los Angeles

Have you always wanted to know more about the culture and food of India? Did you know that in Los Angeles County alone there are more than 60,000 residents from the Central Asian sub-continent mostly residing in the Cerritos area? Well, members of the Los Angeles Mumbai (formerly Bombay) Sister City Affiliation, including WAHA member and West Adams resident Mira Advani, will be conducting a tour of this exotic part of the County known as Little India.

The four-hour tour will begin at **11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15** with a savory **South Indian Vegetarian Brunch** and conclude at **3p.m.** with a traditional **Chai Mumbai**. Between feasts the tour will stroll through Little India visiting a variety of shops in order to learn about such topics as traditional Indian jewelry; special occasion saris; ceremonial henna tattoos; and delicious Indian spices. Take this wonderful opportunity to shop the ancient silk route and pick up an assortment of exotic gifts for the holidays.

Tickets: \$25/person. Space limited. Checks must be received by Nov. 5. Payable to: LA Mumbai Sister City Affiliation, 2283 West 21st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90018. Please enclose names of all parties and a contact telephone number, email and street address. Once your check has been received you will be contacted as to the exact meeting location for the beginning of the tour. **For further information contact: m.advani@att.net ●**

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# In the Garden

## The Garden Guy by Steve Rowe

October Greetings, Gardeners! With the arrival of the Autumnal Equinox, cooler nights, shorter days and the advent of the November rainy season still a month away, why not this October create a drought tolerant garden (Xeriscape)? Cooler weather means less sun, less heat, less sweat and an overall easier time working in the garden. So, if you have been putting off those garden chores until the weather cools NOW is the time!

Xeriscape? What, you ask, is that? No, it's not some weird disease or phobia. Xeriscape is a big word for gardens and landscapes that survive on minimal watering. After all, Southern California has a relatively dry climate and a six- to seven-month dry season, so plants that are drought tolerant are a good idea not only for the Southern California garden but for your wallet as well. The drought-tolerant garden is a good hedge against high water bills yet can still create a beautiful and engaging garden space for you and yours to enjoy.

With a little imagination and a little help from your local garden center you will be able to create a beautiful garden space utilizing only those plants, shrubs, trees and flowers that need minimal watering. Yeah! More time to enjoy its beauty.

Take a look at your property and decide which area will best suit your Xeriscape.

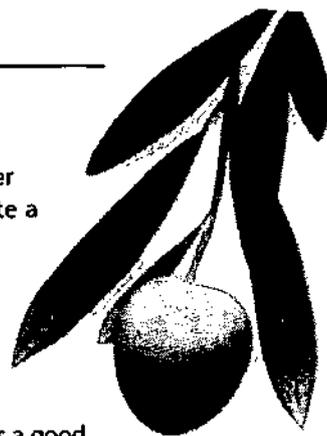
I suggest a sunny locale, with at least five to seven hours of direct sunlight every day. A south facing garden would be ideal. Another good thing to remember when creating a drought tolerant garden is to carefully read each plant's written requirements on its label. All plants have their own specific needs, acidic soil, high or low pH etc. Certain drought tolerant plants require sandy soil. Please be sure to read all instructions and plant requirements on each plant specimen that you place in your garden. This will ensure their optimum health and beauty.

What makes a plant drought tolerant? Our most drought-resistant plants survive long dry periods because of genetics and because they develop enormous root systems that reach deeply into the soil for their moisture requirements. So it is a good idea to dig deep down and loosen the mostly adobe soil that we have here in the Los Angeles Basin Area. A couple of tricks that I have learned as a gardener is to add sand to the soil ( facilitates water absorption), gypsum (breaks up clay naturally), and organic material, and to put a thick insulating layer of peat and/or mulch over the entire garden surface after it is planted. This will ensure that whenever the garden is watered the moisture will stay where it is needed instead of evaporating in the hot Southern California sun.

Some of my favorite drought tolerant plants, shrubs, trees and flowers are: Acacia trees, Olive trees ( non-fruiting, no mess), Cassia leptophylla ( gold-medallion tree), Chitalpa tree, Koelreuteria paniculata (goldenrain tree), Lagerstroemia indica (crape myrtle tree), Artemisia, Escheverias ( hens and chicks), Lavenders, Butterfly Bush, Echium ( Pride of Madeira), Oleander ( careful - all parts are poisonous), Cape Plumbago, Portulaca (Moss Rose), Tecoma Stans, Gazanias, Rosemary (herb) and oh so many more, especially Mediterranean varieties. But planted properly, even roses and some traditional flowering perennials can work in a drought-tolerant xeriscape garden.

A picture is worth a thousand words so why not visit what local gardens we have here in Southern California and use their ideas. The Arboretum in Pasadena has wonderful drought tolerant gardens as has the Huntington Library and Gardens. Much closer to home, stop by WAHA Board member (and Garden Tour Chair) Jennifer Charnofsky's front garden. It is a wonderful example of a xeriscape landscape. Remember to take your camera and take lots of pictures.

OK, Gardeners — it's up to you now. I hope that I could give you a little inspiration. I want to see lots of dirty fingernails! Oh and please remember to have fun! Enjoy!



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## Resources by Dorrie Popovich

I recently spent the day in South Pasadena and discovered three fabulous new resources.

Acting on the suggestion of Anna Marie Brooks, I visited Judson Studios. They custom make and repair stained glass, and they've been doing it since 1897. They are still in their original building and entering it is like taking a step back in time. Judson specializes in antique glass and have a lot of it in stock. They have a gallery on the premise and it's worth going out there just for the experience. I brought a stained glass window to be repaired and they were courteous, knowledgeable and helpful. Also very reasonable.

I also visited Mission Millworks because my stained glass needed a new frame and I was very impressed. They are experts in custom doors, windows and fine cabinetry. They do beautiful work and their designer is currently restoring a turn of the century house near USC.

And, right next door to them is Mission Tile West. I have never seen such a dazzling display of tile. Every style and pattern imaginable in room after room. They've also got a store in Santa Monica which is a little smaller but they carry all of the same lines. And, by the way, they even have replica Grueby tiles. Again, it's worth going just to look.

Both Judson Studios and Mission Tile West have websites where you can view the facilities before you go out there.

Anna Marie also sent me two additional resources. The first is Fireplace Freddie. They do a video inspection of your fireplace and chimney interiors which they will then clean and repair if necessary. AM writes, "Their workers are courteous clean freaks who protect your furniture and possessions and leave any interior and exterior workspaces which they've touched, clean and orderly. When the project is finished a supervisor makes an on-site inspection visit."

The other great find is Miracle Method. The best tub and sink refinisher yet. They also refinish showers, tile and countertops. She says they do fabulous work, covering everything surrounding the job with paper and plastic and cleaning up every speck of mess. After the refinishing is done, they leave a giant heat lamp on to bake on the finish. The next day they come back to polish it.

I also have a corrected number for California Ornamental, and the phone number for that wonderful electrician, Bert Hall. Rene Mejia, the contractor I recommended, has changed his number so I'll be giving you that, as well.

And last, but not least, I've gotten a lot of complaints about Gary Hall the painter. He usually underestimates the price of the work, does a bad job and won't come back to fix mistakes. He will be removed from the Resource Directory.

Don't forget to e-mail me at Popovich22@AOL.com with your recommendations. There was no resource column last month because no one sent me any resources.



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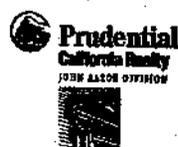
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Thursday, October 9 - Scoping Meeting, USC Events Center

Saturday, October 11 - Living History Tour at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery

### Week 3

Monday, October 13 - Newsletter Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 - Community Relations Committee

Wednesday, October 15 - United Neighborhoods Planning & Zoning Committee (meets at South Seas House, 2301 W. 24th Street)

### Week 4

Sunday, October 19 - Pomona Heritage Historic Homes Tour; Eclectic Eagle Rock Home Tour

Monday, October 20 - WAHA Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 22 - Membership Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 23 - Board Meeting

Saturday, October 25 - WAHA Halloween Party!

### Week 5

Sunday, October 26 - Altadena Heritage Modernism Tour

## Upcoming

### WAHA General Meeting Saturday, November 15

Join us at a restored Harvard Heights manse for potluck. Details in the next newsletter.

### WAHA Holiday Tour Saturday and Sunday, December 6 & 7

(See page 1)

### WAHA Holiday Party Sunday, December 14 (details: TBA)

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