NCCSAH May 2002: REVISITING SPLENDID SURVIVORS

The NCCSAH spring meeting will be held Saturday, May 18th in San Francisco. The day-long event will be co-sponsored by San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage. The theme of the day is Revisiting Splendid Survivors, the 1977-79 effort to survey downtown San Francisco. A morning panel discussion will be followed by lunch, a walk up Market Street and a late afternoon reception. Return your registration form today!!! Space is limited!!

In 1979, after a two-year effort, involving many, many, many dedicated individuals, the Foundation for San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage (now San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage), in collaboration with author and architectural historian Michael Corbett and the firm Charles Hall Page & Associates (now Page & Turnbull), published Splendid Survivors: San Francisco’s Downtown Architectural Heritage.

The book served many purposes, but perhaps its most important role was the dissemination of information about the architecture of San Francisco’s commercial downtown; not only to preservationists, architects, and historians, but to the general public. Splendid Survivors was a marketing tool for old buildings. At a time when many cities, including San Francisco, were tearing down buildings, “redeveloping,” pursuing freeway expansion, and wooing corporate giants to build new skyscrapers, the book assisted Heritage and other groups in lobbying decision makers regarding urban design issues and historic buildings in San Francisco.

Join us as we discuss what has happened in downtown San Francisco in the 25 years since the project began in 1977!! (See details page 3).
Please Join the Northern California Chapter of SAH and San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage to REVISIT SPLENDID SURVIVORS

Port Commission Room
Pier One, The Embarcadero
Saturday, May 18, 2002

The day will include the following:

9:30 -10:00am Registration and Coffee

10:00am - Noon Panel Discussion: Moderated by Bridget Maley, Architectural Historian

Participants to Date:
Michael Corbett, Author / Architectural Historian
Charles Chase, Ex. Dir. San Francisco Architectural Heritage
Adam Light, Planner, San Francisco Planning Department

Noon - 1:00pm Lunch and NCCSAH Business Meeting

1:00pm - 4:00pm Tour of Splendid Survivors - Downtown San Francisco
Expect a good deal of walking. Please wear comfortable shoes, and bring limited personal items. We will not be able to leave items at Pier One.

4:00 - 5:00pm Free Time to explore other Splendid Survivors

5:00 - 7:00 pm Reception
The Offices of Architectural Resources Group, Pier 9, The Embarcadero

Program Cost includes coffee, beverages and morning treat as well as a box lunch.
$20.00 NCCSAH and Heritage members
$35.00 non members of either organization
$50.00 new members of NCCSAH only (includes membership for one year)
$25.00 for student non-members

Name(s) ____________________________________________

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Phone number and e-mail ___________________________________

Amount Enclosed: Registration _____ New Membership _____ Member Renewal _____

Vegetarian or meat sandwich  (please circle one)
NCCSAH to Hold Fall Meeting in Monterey

The Northern California Chapter of SAH is planning a fall meeting in Monterey and Carmel the weekend of September 28 - 29, 2002. We are hoping that our tour leaders Kent Seavey and Richard Janick will be able to gain access to some very interesting houses and buildings in the area. Tours will occur both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. It is anticipated that the weekend costs will be around $150.00 which includes a box lunch, meeting room rental, cost of tour bus, and an evening reception. Hotel rooms are being held at the Casa Munras Hotel (700 Munras Ave. Monterey) for Saturday night at a rate of $129 (for singles and $139 for doubles until August 14). The toll-free number for reservations is 1(800) 222-2446. Please e-mail Lissa McKee at Lissa_Mckee@dot.ca.gov if you have questions. Further information will be available at the spring meeting in San Francisco and later this summer.

California Preservation Foundation 2002 Conference: Vintage Sonoma County

The California Preservation Foundation annual conference will be held in Sonoma County from May 2 - 5. The host hotel will be the Flamingo Resort in Santa Rosa, and the keynote speaker will be the National Park Service's Historic Landscape Initiative Coordinator, Charles Birnbaum. For more information please contact: California Preservation Foundation at (510) 763 - 0972.

Prop. 40 Passes

Proposition 40 will make $267 million available for appropriation by the legislature and grants for the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and interpretation of buildings, structures, sites, places and artifacts that preserve and demonstrate California's historical and cultural resources.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, those which preserve and demonstrate the following:

Culturally significant aspects of life during various periods of California history including architecture, economic activities, art, recreation, and transportation.

Unique identifiable ethnic and other communities that have added significant elements to California's culture.

California industrial, commercial, and military history including the industries, technologies, and commercial activities that have characterized California's economic expansion and California's contribution to national defense.

Important paleontologic, oceanographic, and geologic sites and specimens.

It is anticipated that Prop. 40 will greatly enhance the available funding for historic preservation projects throughout the state. Thanks to everyone who helped make Prop. 40 a reality.
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Remember you do not have to be a member of the National SAH to become a member of NCCSAH

Join or Renew Now!!

Individual $20.00
Student $10.00
Make Checks to NCCSAH

To become a member of the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians or to renew your dues return this form and your dues check to: Vincent Marsh, Treasurer - NCCSAH 2134 Green Street #3 San Francisco, CA 94123-4761 vmarsh@cityofsacramento.org

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The mission of the NCCSAH is to further the objectives of the Society of Architectural Historians of which the Northern California Chapter is an official affiliate; promote the study and discussion of our region's architectural history and its related fields; visit significant works of architecture; and increase public awareness and appreciation of our architectural heritage. Membership is open to anyone interested in architectural history and its related fields who agrees to pay the annual dues and subscribe to the by-laws of the organization.

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