

SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Summary of Activities & Accomplishments
2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Museums: Lizzie's Trail Inn & Richardson House

- **Curators: Jay Whitcraft; Maurice Orme; Stan Hutchinson**
- **Hours of operation: Saturdays 10am-Noon**
- **Hosted tours for school groups and special groups**
- **Hosted Associated History Societies of Los Angeles County Mini-Conference – October 2011**
- **The Mt. Wilson Trail maintenance volunteer crew meets at the museum. The crew's necessary trail equipment is provided by contributions to the Fletcher Fund maintained in the Sierra Madre Community Foundation.**
- **Woodwork repairs and notching porch around oak tree done this spring.**
- **Richardson House planning/design underway for restoration of shed portion and coordination with City for work and financial support. Joe Catalano and Gurdon Miller doing the planning work for this.**
- **Future plans:**
 - **Roof repairs at Lizzie's scheduled for this Fall**
 - **Continued maintenance**
 - **Cleaning of Richardson House and the shed**

Archives/Local History Collection: Jointly owned with the Sierra Madre Public Library & housed at the Library

- **Archivist: Debbie Henderson**
- **Collection Assessment Preservation grant of \$4,000 from the California Preservation Program for the Library's Local History collection**
- **\$1,000 donation from SMHPS to assist in supporting an intern for the Archives**

Sierra Madre Oral History Project:

- **Members: Jay Whitcraft, Louise Neiby, Amy Putnam**
- **Oral histories conducted this year:**
 - **Dan Richter**
 - **Carolyn Gravatte,**
 - **George Enyedi**
 - **Greg Asbury**
- **Bequest of \$3,000 from Eph Koningberg's estate**
- **Donation from Sierra Madre Civic Club of \$400 for migration of analog cassette tapes to digital format at Cal State Fullerton Center for Oral History**
- **Attendance at Southwest Oral History Association Conference in Albuquerque by Amy Putnam**

- **Future plans:**
 - **Accessibility of Oral Histories on SMHPS website**
 - **Training of additional volunteer oral history interviewers**
 - **Continuation of interviews with targeted Sierra Madre residents/affiliates**

Programs/Fundraisers:

- **Historical Fashion Show – October 15, 2011**
- **Crate Label Program – November 2011**

Participation in Community Events:

- **Dickens Village – November 2011**
- **One Book One City – Provided funding for Sherlock Holmes film**
- **Wistaria Festival – March 2012**
- **Booth at Pasadena LitFest promoting *Southern California Story* – May 2012**
- **Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library Art Fair – May 2012**
- **\$1,000 Contribution from the SMHPS to purchase children’s history books in honor of Toni Buckner for the new Children’s Room at the Library**

Liaison with the City of Sierra Madre and General Plan Steering Committee:

- **Liaison: Joe Catalano, AIA**
- **Monitors historical designations and requirements in conjunction with the Department of the Interior’s requirements for historical properties**
- **Provides input to the City and the SMHPS regarding current developments within Sierra Madre pertaining to our historical properties.**
- **Coordinates with the City regarding repairs and maintenance of the Museums**

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society is a dues paying member of the following organizations:

- **American Association for State & Local History (AASLH)**
- **Associated History Societies of Los Angeles County (AHSAC)**
- **California Historical Society**
- **California Preservation Foundation**
- **Conference of California Historical Societies (CCHS)**
- **Los Angeles Conservancy**
- **National Trust for Historic Preservation**
- **Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce**
- **Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA).**