



The Cupola

The Newsletter
of the
Pardee Home Museum

Fall 2009

Oakland City Landmark
1975

National Register of Historical Places
1976

Alameda County Historical Society Landmark
1985

California Historic Landmark
1998

Halloween Celebration Saturday, October 31st

By Marianne Robison

The successful July 4th barbecue and musical at the Pardee Home inspired Trustees and volunteers to organize a Halloween event for Saturday afternoon, October 31st, from 1 - 4pm. Having a Halloween celebration on a weekend afternoon makes it possible this year to reach out to neighbors and friends with a program of games, crafts, and a costume competition.

A creative group of volunteers, including the imaginative Annie Lore, who was responsible for the musical at the July 4th picnic, have conjured such ideas as a Spider-web Maze. A craft table will be set up for pumpkin decorating and mask making. Games will include Monster on the Lawn, Toss a Ghost, Pass the Witch's Broom, and Find the Halloween Piñata. A colorful and imaginative poster was developed by a good neighbor, Holly Hong of Landmark Cleaners who has been ingenious in soliciting contributions from her fellow business owners in the area.

Events such as Halloween and July 4th are occasions when the human wealth and loyalty of the Pardee Home Museum volunteers is demonstrated. Dawn Muller, Diane Levy, Patti Garrett, Lois Sarley, Linda Wadley, Debbi Baldwin and Ethel Lee Miller are representative of the many faithful volunteers who have contributed their time and energies for many years to make holiday events successful and help to preserve the Pardee Home Museum.

Tours and Teas

In addition to regular tours, Pardee Home Museum now offers a choice of Light Tea or High Tea with a tour. You can also just come for a High Tea. The dedicated Tea Committee has a lovely menu for either type of Tea. The High Tea includes scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, tarts and several fancy sandwiches. The Light Tea is breads, cakes and cookies. Both will always have a few surprises.

Sue Coffin, Darlene Dawson and friends have been busy at garage sales and have found and donated antique cups and saucers so now we have an amazing collection of over one dozen. Diane Beaty of Maison-Bouche Chocolates (510-387-8695 or chocolat@maisonboche.com) was so inspired by her tour of the Pardee Home that she offered to donate her famous chocolates for our Teas; her boxes of chocolates can also be purchased in the gift shop.

TOURS

Regular Tours are offered:
Every Wednesday at 10:30 am
Second Saturday at 10:30 am
Second Sunday at 2:00 pm

Reservations are recommended but not required. Cost is \$5.00 person.

PRIVATE TOURS AND TEAS

Tour	\$5 (4-20 persons)
High Tea	\$20 (4-12 persons)
Tour & Light Tea	\$12 (4-12 persons)
Tour & High Tea	\$25 (4-12 persons)

Call (510) 444-2187 to make arrangements, or send email to www.pardeehome.org

Creative Volunteers at Work

An energetic group of volunteers have come together working for the Pardee Home Museum. A kick off meeting, organized by board member Annalee Allen, in May led to 26 new volunteers taking on various responsibilities to make things happen.

Ann Brown, an experienced leader and business woman, is the new volunteer office manager. Ann says "I enjoy organizing and am happy to contribute to the wonderful Pardee Home Museum." A Tea Committee of seven volunteers led by co-chairs Dawn Muller and Molly Kenny have exhibited their expertise in baking delectables and presenting a beautiful tea at our first tea on Sept. 12. This tea and tour was a three generation birthday celebration. The gift shop refurbishing has been led by volunteers Marina Carlson, Molly Kenny and Maria Vermiglio. Other volunteer committees are Public Relations/Publicity, Fund Raising, Interior/Exterior Maintenance, Docents, Mailings/Miscellaneous, Programs and Special Events.

A Touch of History

The San Francisco Call
Friday, April 22, 1910

Yesterday, Miss Carol Pardee and Miss Madeline Pardee entertained in Miss [Marguerite] Johnson's honor, a number of friends being included in the delightful surprise shower followed by an hour about the card tables at the Pardee residence on Eleventh St.

Docent Class Graduates

Six dedicated volunteers completed a rigorous docent training on Aug. 12 and have begun giving tours. New docents are Ronald Bachman, Kay Cheatham, Sue Coffin, Darlene Dawson, Mary Dial and John Nicoles. Their training included a test on the Pardee family, the book "Oakland: The Story of a City" and a sample tour of the Pardee Home Museum. They all passed with flying colors. This group joined experienced docents Ron Pardee Nielson and Dennis Evanosky, making eight docents available for tours.

Interested in becoming a Pardee Home Museum Docent? There will be a new docent class given in winter 2010. Sign up now by calling the office at (510) 444-2187.

David Nicolai in China



David shown here leading a tour at the Pardee Home Museum

Longtime Pardee Home Museum Director David Nicolai left last February to teach English in China. He is currently living in Yangshuo County in Guangxi Province, an area well known to tourists for its "karst peak" landscape. It is also well known within China as a place to study English, having over twenty different English schools. He is teaching afternoons at Omega College and spends mornings studying Chinese language. David enjoys getting to know his English speaking Chinese students and sharing cooking, dining and recreational activities with them. While he misses Oakland, his long range plan is to stay in China.

Board of Trustees

Pardee Home Museum Board of Trustees welcomes four new members: Kay Cheatham, Katy Foulkes, Russell Nelson and Paul Silberstein.

KAY CHEATHAM: Kay was brought up in Minnesota. After graduating from the U of Minnesota she taught high school in Japan. On her return she received a M.A. in Child Development and a Spec. in Ed. degree in School Psychology. She moved to San Francisco in 1966 and was immediately hired by the Oakland School District as a School Psychologist. She and her husband Bob soon moved to Piedmont where Kay has been a community volunteer, including a member of the Piedmont Board of Education and history docent at the Oakland Museum. Kay also worked for East Bay Education Services and the Emeryville School District. She is the mother of three. When she first visited the Pardee Home Museum years ago for a tour and tea by David Nicolai she knew that she was in a special place. She fondly remembers a piano concert in the music room and a play in the carriage house.

KATY FOULKES: Katy is a fifth generation Californian from both sides of her family. U.C. Berkeley is her alma mater as it was for her grandmother (class of 1900) parents and six siblings. She majored in English. Katy and her husband Dave have three children. Contributing to the community has long been a focus in Katy's life. She served two terms on the Piedmont City Council, including one as mayor. Since 1994 Katy has been continuously elected to the East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors. Presently she is co-chair of the Bay Area Water Forum, and chair Alameda County LAFCO. In January she will serve as vice chair of Region 5 of the Association of California Water Agencies. Katy serves on numerous boards and committees, mostly related to California Water.

The Pardee Home Museum Board of Trustees is happy to have Katy join the board to continue the long relationship between EBMUD and the Pardees. George Pardee was instrumental in starting the water district in 1924 and was the first President of the Board and served until 1941.

RUSSELL NELSON: Russ first came to the Pardee Home for a guided tour in 2007 and was very impressed by how different the tour was from other historic house museums in that all the original furnishings and artifacts were

still in the home. He could easily imagine the Pardees still living in the house, and quickly became a museum member. Likewise, when Russ first moved to Oakland in 2001, he immediately took an interest in the city's history and joined the Oakland Heritage Alliance. Russ, a native of San Bernardino, California, holds a B.S. from UC-Riverside and a M.S. from Stanford. He works in the Quality department at Genentech in South San Francisco.

PAUL SILBERSTEIN: Paul was born in New York but raised in Southern California from an early age. He is a graduate of UC-Riverside and recently retired after teaching special education for many years in Oakland and Moraga. Paul attends graduate seminars at UC-Berkeley for pleasure. He first came to the Pardee Home while enrolled in a seminar on historic preservation, and he completed his final project for this seminar on the gardens restoration at the Pardee Home. After many visits to walk around the grounds, research the files on the restoration and discuss the project with David Nicolai, museum director, he fell in love with the place! Paul helped to supervise our volunteers from Clausen House and is presently overseeing the painting of the water tower. The gardens look beautiful, with the help of Paul and the caretaker Jose Rivera. Stop by for a walk through the garden.

Poppy Porch Gift Shop Gets a Make-Over

Volunteers Marina Carlson, Molly Kenny, and Maria Vermiglio have been busily reorganizing the Poppy Porch Gift Shop. With the loan of a quilt from Sue Dunton, Oakland quilter, to brighten one wall and window valances made by Molly, the shop will soon have a fresh look. Poppy note cards are still available. They are a tribute to George Pardee's proclamation naming the poppy the state flower of California. The shop is grateful to the Oakland Museum Gift Shop for offering gift items, books on East Bay history, and postcards to sell while the museum store is closed for renovations. Be sure to visit the Poppy Porch on your next visit to the museum.

July 4th Celebration

By Eva Garcia



Victorian Belles Jamie Lynde, Eva Garcia and Katherine Brookes (l to r) at the July 4th event.

Once again the annual July 4th picnic was a smashing success! Guests who came found themselves swept back to the turn of the century, with plenty of old-fashioned amusements to be had! Lawn games such as croquet and badminton played throughout the day. Young and old alike had great fun in trying their hand at cranking that old-fashioned ice cream maker.

WHAT A TREAT!

The ice cream was delicious and so was the rest of the food.

WHAT A SPREAD!

There was salad, corn on the cob, hamburgers and punch, and plenty of homemade cakes and cookies. The cake walk and ladies hat contest entertained many, as did the highlight of the day, the spectacular musical revue featuring Frederick Hodges on the piano, and a plethora of local singing talent.

WHAT A SHOW!

What better way to celebrate America than with a good old fashioned picnic? The Pardee Home features many more events throughout the year. We hope to see you at our next picnic or event, if not before!



Dapper Dan Contestants

Thanks and Appreciation

The **Gerstacker Foundation** has given generously over the years.

The **State Office of Historic Preservation Department of Parks and Recreation** gave us a \$30,000 grant. These funds were used for the Pardee Home Museum disability access project which consisted of the installation of a wheelchair lift and an accessible bathroom. Additional funds were donated by an anonymous source to complete this project.

Oakland Rotary generously gave the Pardee Home Museum a grant of \$2,000 toward the garden restoration project.

Gutierrez Painting Company has just completed prepping and painting the water tower. We are grateful to them for significantly reducing their bid to help carry out this project.

EBMUD contributed plans and funds for the irrigation system project of the garden. This has greatly helped with the garden upkeep and reduces our expenses on the water bill.

Volunteers have brought ideas and new energy to the Pardee Home Museum. For example, on October 24 there will be a "fence painting party". Board of Trustees President, Deanna Lyon, will be leading the painters. She says, "Just bring a brush or a roller and a smile." All are welcome!

Anonymous Gifts have come from our angels who care deeply about the Pardee Home Museum. One angel just made it possible to repair and paint the ceiling in George's childhood bedroom. This room later became his office, and is now the Pardee Home Museum office and multi-purpose room.

Members and Contributors: A generous thank you goes to all who have contributed over the last year. Ron Pardee Nielson speaks for the Board of Trustees, stating how grateful the Board is for these gifts which are important because no funding comes at this time from the city or the state.

Jamba Juice in the City Center will donate 20% of its sales proceeds from customers who mention "Pardee", when purchasing their juice, December 14 – 18.



Membership Application

YES! I want to become a member of the Pardee Home Museum.

- Student \$15
 - Individual \$25
 - Family \$40
 - Benefactor \$75
 - Patron \$100 - \$199
 - Sustaining \$200 - \$499
 - Sponsor \$500 - \$999
 - Visionary \$1,000 & up
- New Member Renewing

Please make check payable to
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and mail to

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1st Member's Name (or Gift Name)

2nd Member's Name (if applicable)

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Work Phone

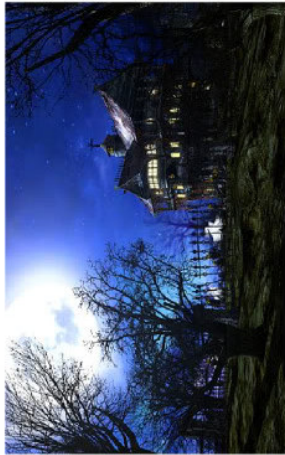
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Thank You for your Help!



PARDEE HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 31, 2009
1:00pm – 4:00pm



Food
Folk

Cider

Crafts

Monster Marchies
Spider Maze

Games

Goodies

Costume
Contest
Win Prizes

Festivities in the Pardee garden & at the Coach House

Entrance will be on 12th Street
between Castro Street & MLK Jr. Way

Website: www.pardeehome.org

Ticket Information

(Advance Discount Ticket Sales)

Will be sold until 10/29/09

Family of 4 \$15

(510) 444-2187 & (510) 832-3456

Purchase at:

Landmark Cleaners & Flowers

Corner of 11th Street & MLK Jr. Way

655 12th Street #127

Oakland, CA 94607

(510) 238-8765

(At the Door)

General Admission (11+) \$10

Children (5-10) \$5

Children (0-4) Free



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