



West Sacramento Historical Society NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

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Sacramento County Historical Society honors West Sacramento Historical Society

On April 26 the West Sacramento Historical Society was given the "2004 Award of Merit for Education" plaque. It was presented by Mr. James Henley, President of the Sacramento County Historical Society (SCHS). Mr. Henley and the historical society have always been supportive of our efforts. WSHS members present to receive this award were Jeri Hughes-Wingfield, Verna Ellis, John Ohlson, Lana Paulhamus, Cecilia Vasquez, Mark Johannessen and Thom Lewis.

Several awards were presented that evening to other individuals and groups involved in preserving history in the Sacramento region.

Images of America Series, West Sacramento

Arcadia Publishing informed us they began a second printing of our *Images of America* book. Unfortunately we were unable to make corrections to the book from the first printing. We also received our first royalty check for \$659.00 from total book sales.

Project Volunteers Needed

We are asking for volunteers that will take lead in raising money to purchase two California State Parks Historical Landmark plaques. These are the 1930's Art Deco Firehouse at 3rd and "C" Streets and the First Pacific Coast Salmon Cannery site located near the ziggurat building. They are the only two sites recognized as 'historic landmarks' by the State Office of Historic Preservation in West Sacramento.

These cast bronze plaques are expected to cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each. If interested, please contact Thom Lewis at 372-7438.

WSHS Website Upgrade *submitted by Martha Mills*

Plans are underway to revamp the WSHS website into a data driven resource that will allow for and expanded photo gallery, search capacity and web transactions. Web Services West, a web

design and hosting company in West Sacramento, will be donating their expertise. The new design will be unveiled next month with additional services added this summer.

Special thanks goes to Phil Morales for his volunteer efforts to design and maintain our current site. This site has been in operation for nearly two years. I will be coordinating the redesign and ongoing content management. Please send your information and updates to me at marthamills@charter.net.

WSHS Explores Establishment of Historic Preservation Standards *submitted by Martha Mills*

The City of West Sacramento adopted *The Washington Specific Plan* in 1996 to define a vision for the Washington Plan Area. The document outlines several goals for this historic neighborhood, including Goal 4E, "To preserve and enhance the historic heritage." Included in Goal 4E is a recommendation to "establish a historic district in Old Broderick and to develop standards for preservation and a program for rehabilitation of historic structures and compatible in fill projects." The WSHS will hold a series of monthly informational meetings and workshops regarding the steps necessary to create a historic district and to study preservation standards appropriate for the residences and architecturally significant buildings in the district. Two meetings are currently scheduled for Monday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. at the WSHS Museum and Visitors Center at 324 3rd Street.

As a homeowner in the Washington neighborhood I will spearhead this effort. To RSVP or to lend your expertise, please contact me at marthamills@charter.net or leave a phone message at the museum. For further information download the Washington Specific Plan from the City of West Sacramento website at <http://www.ci.westsacramento.ca.us/cityhall/departments/redev/resources/documents/default.cfm>.