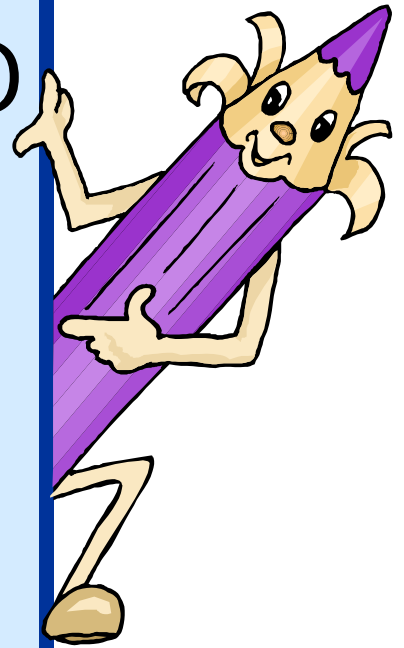




Mark Your Calendar!

Annual
NEIGHBORHOOD
YARD SALE

Saturday, March 27, 2010
8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
(Rain Date: Sat., April 3)



Is one of your New Year's resolutions a vow to clean out cupboards, closets and your garage to get rid of things you no longer use? If so, now is the time to start by setting items aside for WHNA's Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale which is only a few weeks away.

With over a hundred individual sellers participating each year, the yard sale has proved to be one of our neighborhood's most popular events. It brings in a multitude of buyers from throughout Whittier as well as many surrounding communities. So many people coming into the area looking to buy on one day greatly increases the possibility sellers will make some cash and end their day with less clutter. Remember, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." As with past years' sales, all neighborhood residents are invited to participate. Each resident must set up and conduct their own sale. WHNA will provide the advertising and publicity.

Home Is Where The Hearth Is - III

This is one of a series of articles meant to help with the understanding and appreciation of original features in our old homes, and to inspire their care and preservation



Arroyo stone fireplace in the home of neighbor Doris Arcadi.

Some sort of masonry is the underlying material in nearly all of our fireplaces, and unadorned masonry is also often the material visible inside the house. This may be bricks of various sorts, or stone. Sometimes the chimney and outdoor portion of the structure may be brick, while the interior is faced with stones, various types of which we have here in our neighborhood. Because of its availability and rugged good looks, arroyo stone (also called arroyo boulders) was used extensively as a local fireplace material in Southern California during the bungalow era. We have fewer arroyo stone fireplaces in our neighborhood than might be found in Pasadena or Claremont, which more closely skirt the mountains. However, here, on the southeast corner of Broadway and Washington Avenue, there is a beautiful example of both a porch and chimney built of arroyo stone which also graces the fireplace inside the house.



Cast stone fireplace surround in the home of neighbor Mildred Woore. Note the relief of the Santa Barbara Mission.

Another historic fireplace material was called "cast stone." This was actually precast concrete molded as individual blocks in rustic stone-like textures (not to be confused with the sheets of false stone available from "home improvement" stores today), or cast into entire fireplace units ready for assembly and installation. One of the "cast stone" fireplace units in our neighborhood is identical to that made by the Tay-Mac Co. and marketed by the Standard Building Investment Company of Los Angeles and San Diego. Their Bungalow Book of 1910 illustrates this model "cast stone" fireplace with its relief of the Santa Barbara Mission under the mantel and it is pictured by Robert Winter in his 1980 history, *The California Bungalow*. This fireplace was intended to connect to operable footings and chimney, but a chimney was not built for the one in our neighborhood. But with or without a roaring fire, this fireplace, with its romantic reference to early California, has more than enough power to warm its 1920 bungalow and inhabitants.

Do you Know - 100 Hundred Years Ago

Below are statistics for the Year 1909, just over one hundred years ago:

Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub – Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home

Most women washed their hair once a month using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo

There were only 8,000 cars

The average wage was 22 cents per hour – There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school

Sugar cost four cents a pound – Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen – Coffee was fifteen cents a pound

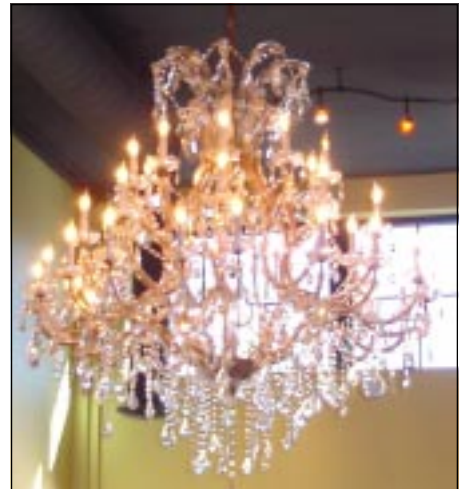
What a difference a century makes!

Uptown Restaurant Review

By Corrine Jimenez

The old costume shop building at 6741 Bright Avenue is now home to the new restaurant, Vintage Cafe. Owners, Mariaelena Cervantes and Sam Ortiz opened their establishment approximately three months ago. Sam says that Mariaelena had a "burning passion" to open a restaurant.

Vintage Cafe's menu includes a variety of dishes. You may wish to order an appetizer of frog legs (\$10) or grilled artichoke (\$8). The menu consists of salads such as Caesar (\$8) and Mediterranean (\$9) as well as a number of sandwiches. You may also choose from a variety of seafood, poultry, beef and veal dishes as an entree at a moderate price. The environment has an upscaled look and boasts a nice dark wood bar in the center of the restaurant. Cool vintage-like chandeliers hang over each white-clothed table and there is some interesting art work depicting vintage costumes done on old door frames hung against pale yellow walls. The cafe is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday - Thursday 11am to 10pm and Friday - Saturday 11am to 11pm. For more information go to www.uptownvintagecafe.com.



Vintage Cafe

Holiday Decoration Winners

For the first time, Park Street was awarded the Best Block Award in last month's Holiday Decoration Contest. Every home on the block was beautifully decorated, but it was the Mitchell Family's home at 13211 Park Street with its creative and unusual "Nightmare Before Christmas" decorations that received the coveted Best Design Award. Other winners were: Theme Award – Leroy & Vivian Schmaltz, 6012 Painter Ave.; Best Use of Lights - The Jason Redfox Family, 5802 Washington Ave.; Best Lawn Display – The Glen Valuet Family, 6242 Washington Ave.; Best Window Display – The Jose Lara Family, 6216 Friends Ave., Most Innovative – The John Swick Family, 5857 Friends Ave., Most Elegant Award – Lori Valero, 6042 Greenleaf Ave.; Olde Time Holiday – Joe & Kathy Goldman, 5811 Bright Ave.; Inspirational Award – Jim & Deidre Andre, 6012 Friends Ave., Front Porch Award – Fred & Margaret Ramirez, 6042 Bright Ave., Best Tree In A Window – The residents at 6302, 6302 ½, 6304, & 6304 ½ Greenleaf Ave.; Best Handcrafted/Handmade Award – The Miguel Torres Family, 5807 Washington Ave.

On the evening of the contest, judges were driven through the neighborhood to view decorations by neighbors Raul and Nancy Almada. Judges were Whittier Mayor Bob Henderson, Whittier Public Works Director David Pelser, Whittier Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Ann Bakotich, Interfaith Food Center Director Veronica Hernandez, The Whittier Quad Property Manager Krista Lesa, and Whittier Conservancy President Mary Gorman-Sullens.

Date Built Plaques



Date Built plaques may be purchased at anytime for only \$48. If you would like to order one for your home, please call Judy Jansen @ 562-693-4119 and she will be happy to send you an order form.

Fix Uptown Now



The newly formed Fix Uptown Now (FUN) organization held its first public meeting this past November 11. The meeting room was overflowing with people eager to learn about the organization's mission and its plans for Uptown Whittier.

FUN is comprised of a steering committee made up of a diverse group of 17 Uptown area business owners and Whittier residents including WHNA's president, Risha Schodlbauer, as well as three other WHNA members. At this time, there are no officers. The group came about when a handful of people who were troubled about Uptown's condition and lack of direction decided to sit down in a room, put aside their differences and talk about their

common concerns and hopes for Uptown. Like WHNA, they are all passionate in their desire to see a cleaner, safer, more vibrant Uptown. They believe Uptown is at a critical tipping point that requires community ideas, involvement and support to effect positive change.

FUN's stated vision for Historic Uptown is "to honor its past, change the present, and create the future, a future that provides a quality environment where people are proud to live, work, and shop."

For many years WHNA has been concerned about Uptown's poor condition and lack of direction, so we are pleased to support FUN and its vision for a better Uptown. We think this group of diverse community organizations, business owners and individuals with a common purpose and united voice is just what is needed to propel Uptown along the path to a brighter future. For further information about FUN, please see www.funwhittier.com.

WHNA Calendar of Events

Thurs., January 21, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
6252 Washington Avenue

Thurs., February 18, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
6318 Washington Avenue

Thurs., March 18, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
6016 Painter Avenue

Sat., March 27, 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
WHNA
Neighborhood Yard Sale

Thurs., April 15, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
13207 Beverly Blvd.

Another Successful Tour

WHNA would like to thank all of our neighbors and friends who volunteered and made this past October's Home Tour 2009 a huge success. Over 500 people bought tickets to tour five of our neighborhood's vintage homes where they admired the architecture and furnishings and learned about the history of each home.

We also extend our appreciation to the businesses which supported us by advertising in our program, the staff and Hoover Elementary School parents who once again served lunch and refreshments and, of course, the homeowners who made the tour possible by so generously sharing their homes.

With the New Year here, it won't be long before Karen Stoltz and her talented home tour committee begin the task of finding five homes suitable for WHNA's 10th annual home tour this coming October 23. If you would like to have your home considered for the tour, please call Karen at 562-464-9543. Owners of homes on past tours say that although it took a lot of effort to get their homes ready, they found the experience to be extremely positive and they are glad they participated.

Brighter Lights Ahead for Painter Avenue

Painter Avenue has the distinction of being the only street in our neighborhood to have vintage street lights which were installed in about 1930. Unfortunately for the residents living along the street as well as drivers traveling over its roadway that distinction brings with it frustrations caused by periodic blackouts and inadequate lighting.

That's all about to change. According to Whittier's Assistant Director of Public Works, Chris Magdosku, the lights will soon be upgraded to an LED lighting system which will increase their efficiency. The existing 1930 poles and globes will remain in place. Only their internal wiring and components will be changed. The lights will then be slightly brighter, periodic blackouts will be eliminated and safety of the street will be improved. At the same time, three new lights will be added to the system, two at the intersection of Beverly and Painter and one at Hadley and Painter. The new poles and globes will be vintage in style to match those already existing.

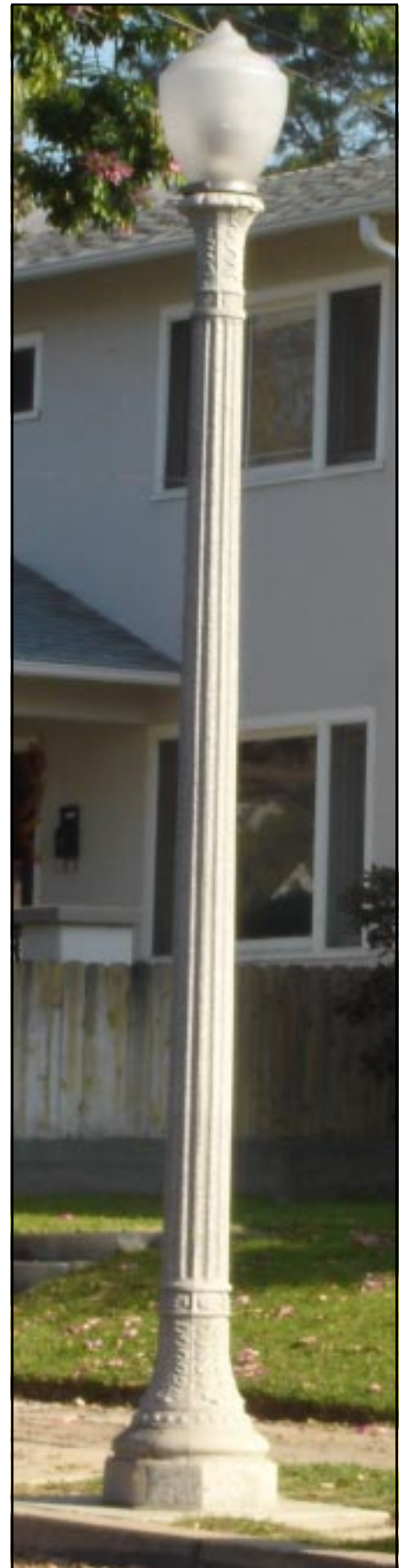
Cost of the project is estimated at \$300,000 which includes construction, inspection, preparation of plans and project management. It is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), meaning it is being funded by the Federal Government as part of President Obama's stimulus plan (Public Law 111.5).

WHNA to Change Nonprofit Status

By Risha Schodlbauer

One of WHNA's long-term goals has been the consideration of changing from a 501(C)(4) to a 501(C)(3) nonprofit status. Myra Hilliard has worked for several months with local attorney and WHNA member, Kevin Duthoy, in compiling the information required for filing an application for such a change. Kevin met with WHNA's Board in September to review the process and answer questions. He said the advantage in changing the status is that WHNA would be eligible to apply for grants and donations and that any donations made to our organization would be tax exempt. The change in status does impose some restrictions on political activities. However, our bylaws do not allow any endorsement of candidates for political office. Any money spent on lobbying on legislative matters (i.e. city council actions) would be limited to 20% of total annual expenditures.

After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons, the Board voted to proceed with the application for a change of nonprofit status to 501(C)(3).



Painter Avenue Vintage Street Light

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BOUNDARIES

North: Orange Drive
West: Greenleaf Avenue
East: Painter Avenue
South: Central Park Historic District

DUES are \$10 per year (June 1-May 31) per household.

The WHNA Newsletter is published three times per year in January, May and September.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

Date/Time	Offense	Location
Oct 20 – 5:00 pm	Burglary Vehicle	6200 block Bright Ave.
Oct. 21 – 8:00 pm	Petty Theft	6200 block Greenleaf Ave.
Oct. 24 – 12:30 am	Burglary Vehicle	6300 block Washington
Oct. 26 – 10:00 pm	Auto Theft	6300 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 25 – 12:45 pm	Grand Theft	6500 block Washington
Oct. 27 – 7:05 pm	Petty Theft	6500 block Washington
Nov. 14 – 8:00 am	Burglary Vehicle	5800 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 14 – 7:00 pm	Grand Theft	6200 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 14 – 11:30 pm	Petty Theft	6300 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 20 – 1:50 am	Robbery	6200 block Greenleaf Ave.
Nov. 22 – 6:00 pm	Auto Theft	13200 block Camilla St.
Nov. 24 – 7:30 pm	Petty Theft	6500 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 30 – 4:30 pm	Residential Burglary	6200 block Friends Ave.
Dec. 02 – 4:30 pm	Residential Burglary	6200 block Friends Ave.
Dec. 22 – 11:00 pm	Petty Theft	6000 block Painter Ave.
Dec. 23 – 2:30 am	Petty Theft	5800 block Washington
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Crime information provided by the Whittier Police Department
Crime Analysis Unit

2009/2010 WHNA Membership Coupon

Join Today! Annual dues of just \$10 per year (June 1-May 31), per household, help WHNA pay for flyers, three yearly newsletters, cost for meetings, the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest, Annual Neighborhood Picnic and miscellaneous administration costs for its ongoing operation. Current members will be mailed a renewal form in the month of May.

Name: _____

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Please make check payable to: WHNA
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