

## Tustin Preservation Conservancy

*Working to make yesterday's resources  
part of tomorrow's history.*

### OCTOBER ArtWalk DRAWS VISITORS TO OLD TOWN

October 18<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful fall day in Old Town and hundreds of visitors came out to enjoy a day of art. Co-sponsored by the Conservancy, the City of Tustin and the Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts, the ArtWalk showcased local artists who displayed their work along the sidewalks of El Camino and Main Streets.

On the three days before the event, many artists set up their easels along our sidewalks painting some of our historic scenes for the Plein Air Competition. The judges chose an oil painting of a vintage Volkswagen in front of a mid-century Old Town house as the first place winner. Brighton Smith, a senior at the Orange County High School for the Arts, took home the \$1000 prize for his winning work. Brighton's painting along with second place winner Mary Aslin's pastel of the Roach Building and Paige Oden's watercolor of the Hewes House can be seen on our website at [www.preservetustin.org](http://www.preservetustin.org). The Conservancy was pleased to donate the \$2000 in prizes awarded to the winning artists.

Throughout the day, bus tours of Old Town took visitors on a historic and architectural trip around our neighborhood guided by members of the Conservancy Board of Directors.

### CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEERS HIT THE DIRT— AND SOD AND SHRUBS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Conservancy Board Members and volunteers pitched in with funds, equipment and “elbow grease” to revamp the front lawns of two very historic homes in Old Town. The Lindsay House and Patton House in the 300 block of C Street were in need of new lawns, shrubs and sprinkler systems, so at the request of the owners the Conservancy took on the job as a neighborhood project.



The Lindsay House

Tustin Pride brought in volunteers to help with the labor. Plumber Key Van Dyken and Bruce Walters owner of a lawn maintenance business gave us reduced rates for the project. Landscape Architect Elaine Dove offered planting advice and secured donations of equipment from Rainbird. Harold Ferdig offered his expertise and advice for the work.

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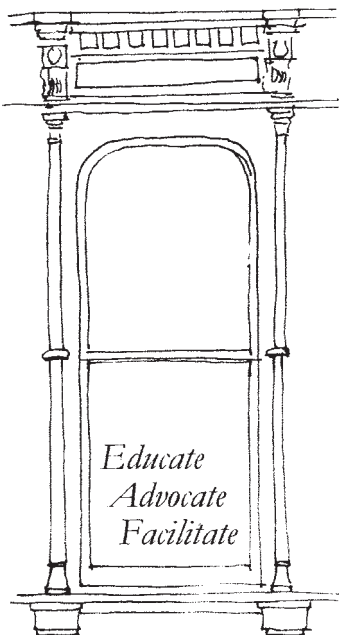
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**January** - Sponsored presentation by **AirFair** on the future of air traffic at John Wayne Airport

**February** -Book signing for *Vintage Vavoom* at the McCharles House by APG Media, publishers of Victorian Homes and Cottages and Bungalows magazines. Receipts of an auction and drawing were donated by APG to the Conservancy.

-Hosted **Nonprofit Leaders** luncheon for Tustin organizations.

**March** - Participated in research for homes for the **Tustin Historic Register** and the **Tustin Commended Property program**.

**April** - Held "**Paint It Right**" workshop for members and residents on the process, preparation and hazards involved with painting a historic building, plus appropriate historic colors.

-**Annual Preservation Awards Dinner** honoring outstanding preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, and historically sensitive building and addition in Old Town Tustin.

**May** - Conducted **Walking Tour** of Old Town for the **2008 Promenade** and sponsored the Hewes House.

**June** - Sponsored tour of a **Lighter-Than-Air Hangar** on the former Tustin Marine Corps Helicopter Base through the City of Tustin Redevelopment Agency, followed by breakfast at the Beach Pit.

**July** - Guided Huell Howser, TV host of California's Gold, around Old Town Tustin for his upcoming show.

**August** - Conservancy board members attended a **California Preservation Foundation Conference** in Ventura with workshops on the Secretary of Interiors Standards and historic integrity.

-Began work to restore landscaping on C Street properties.

**September** - Held Conservancy's **Annual Member Picnic** hosted by the Conservancy Board of Directors at the Wilcox Manor.

-Met at Beach Pit BarBQ for viewing of **Huell Howser's** trip around Tustin on his **California's Gold** TV show. Many of the "stars" were in attendance!

**October** - Co-sponsored the First Annual Old Town Tustin ArtWalk. Provided cash prizes for the Plein Air Competition and offered guided bus tours of Old Town.

- Welcomed Kim DeBenedetto and Lindburgh McPherson to the Conservancy Board of Directors.

**November** - Finished work on Lindsay House and Patton House landscaping.

**December** - Participated in holiday lighting project by Old Town merchants by sponsoring the lighting for one of the trees on El Camino.

*We hope you were able to participate in all of these events made possible by donations from our members!*



## Conservancy Welcomes New Board Members

Shown above are the newest members of our Board of Directors, **Kim DeBenedetto** and **Lindburgh McPherson**.

Kim is a teacher at Benson Elementary, the School she attended as a child. She and her husband Mitch live in a newly remodeled bungalow in Old Town. Lindburgh is Director of Business Development for Medic 1 Ambulance. He and Michael Demoratz have spent the last year restoring the Wilcox house on Pasadena.

We are pleased to have both join our board.

## *Come Meet Friends and Neighbors*

Join us on Monday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Quinn's Old Town Grill for some of their delicious appetizers and a no-host bar. This neighborhood social event starts at 5:00.

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With everyone working together, we were able to create a simple, historic landscaping that can be kept up year round for the historic homes.

The Lindsay House was built in the late 1800's and once belonged to Mary Tustin. With its board and batten construction, it is one of our most historic and prized structures. Drive by and take a look at our handiwork.

***Do you have a spare time on your hands?***

***Do you like to do research?***

The Conservancy needs help with applications for the National Historic Register. We hope to get more of our outstanding structures listed. Call Linda Jennings at 714 731-2380 if you are interested.

***Did you know you might be able to reduce the property taxes on your historic home by half?***

Sound good? Go to our website at [www.preservetustin.org](http://www.preservetustin.org), go to "Government Affairs" and click on Mills Act information.

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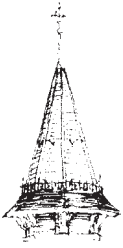
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Calendar Winter/Spring 2009</i></b> Tustin Preservation Conservancy</p>
Thursday March 19	<p><b>Tustin Preservation Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM</b> For more information, call (714) 731-2380 Annual Preservation Awards Nominations due</p>
Monday March 23	<p><b>Meet and Greet, Quinn's Old Town Grill, 405 El Camino</b> <i>Join us for appetizers and no-host bar to meet new neighbors and greet old friends.</i></p>
Thursday April 16	<p><b>Tustin Preservation Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting.</b> For more information, call (714) 731-2380.</p>
Monday April 27 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Mark your calendar!</i>	<p><b>Conservancy's Annual Preservation Awards Dinner</b> More information to follow</p>