

# THE HISTORIC HIGHLANDS

# NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MAY 2009

## Message from HHNA President

Hello to all our neighbors in the Historic Highlands - spring is here, summer is coming and our neighborhood is blooming with flowers and brimming with activity. Newsletters like this one as well as our website can provide you with up to date information on neighborhood activities such as the upcoming Home Tour. Also, you can find out what your Board is doing by reviewing the minutes of their meetings which are posted on the website.

Among other things, the Board has been busy updating our Charter, finalizing the logo for our new Landmark District and getting new Landmark signs, monitoring filming in the Historic Highlands, and working to keep our neighborhoods safe by partnering with the Pasadena Police Department through Neighborhood Watch. We hope to hold two general meetings before the end of this year; a summer meeting and a fall meeting. Final details will be posted on the website as they become available.

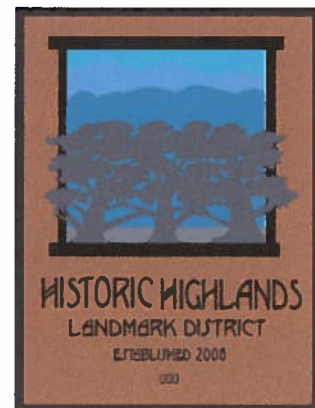
As always, I encourage you to support your neighborhood and participate in your neighborhood association by volunteering on a committee such as the Home Tour Committee, the Welcome Committee, Neighborhood Watch, or the Triangle Upkeep Committee; or by volunteering to help with any one of our neighborhood events such as the Home Tour, Fourth of July block party, or the Labor Day block party. You can contact me or any Board Member for more information. Our contact information is on the website.

*Belinda Jacobs*

## Introducing HHNA New Landmark District Logo

The HHNA Board is pleased to announce the winning Landmark District Logo.

This entry was submitted by our neighbor Angela Contreras on N. Mar Vista Ave.



"In developing this design, I was trying to capture the dominant visual themes and colors to be found in our area, both in nature and in the architecture of the homes. The foreground is, of course, dominated by trees, with the design meant to suggest the oak trees that line the streets throughout our area. The backdrop represents the San Gabriel mountains, both the foothills and the higher mountains in the range, which are visible from the Historic Highlands and which frequently take on a purple hue at dusk. The framing of the trees, with thick bars above and below the frame, suggests the craftsman-style architecture found in so many homes in this neighborhood. The trees overlap the frames, suggesting how the natural feel of the neighborhood influences the homes to be found here."

*Angela Contreras*

**HHNA ANNUAL  
HOME TOUR**

**May 24th**

**Noon - 4 p.m.**

**Howard St.**

(between Lake & Mar Vista Ave.)

## Annual Home Tour

The Fifteenth Annual Home Tour promises to keep the tradition of being the best neighborhood home tour in Pasadena. How can we say that? Because each year we receive letters from people all around Southern California saying they never miss our tour. They like that we have a walking tour with the houses within a block or two. They like that we close off the streets to cars so that they can stroll our tree-lined streets and see the various vendors. They also enjoy the free refreshments that we offer.

Most importantly, they enjoy seeing inside the beautiful homes in our neighborhood! This year's tour highlights Howard Street. The six houses on the tour are located between Lake Avenue and Mar Vista and are a wonderful collection of craftsmen, bungalow, and craftsmen inspired homes.

Helping out on the Home Tour is a great way to meet some of your neighbors and get involved in the

neighborhood. Many of the committee members are veterans of several home tours, but there are also several new members. We would love to see many more neighbors involved in the tour. There are still a lot of opportunities to volunteer, either with the committee or on the day of the event. All volunteers receive two free tour tickets and are invited to the fun post-tour party on the day of the event.

The committee needs volunteers in the following jobs:

- **Serve as a Docent** on tour day or help with other logistics (this is easy and fun).
- **Help sell advertising space** in the tour brochure. (Do you have a business or service you would like to advertise?)
- **Assist with tour publicity.** Distribute posters and fliers. Help get the word out to local businesses.
- **Purchase Tickets** for a fun afternoon touring neighborhood homes with your friends.

The tour is noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. Advance purchase can be made at [www.historichighlands.org](http://www.historichighlands.org), or at Motif on Washington Blvd.

Purchases on the tour day can be made at the corner of Catalina Avenue and Howard

Street. The proceeds from the tour go to fund neighborhood and school improvements.

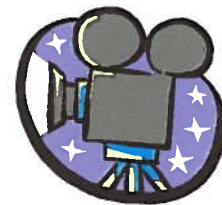
## Contact

**Mary Osborn-Fick**

**(626) 798-7673**

**to volunteer today!**

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**Now is the time Historic Highland property owners!**

**In these hard economic times  
...why not earn some extra cash?**

Everyday the Pasadena Film Office receives scouting requests for a specific type of property from movie location scouts. They maintain a library of photographs of Pasadena properties which includes descriptions and logistical details for each property, making it easier to search and find a match for the film companies.

**PREFERRED BROWSERS:** To have an optimal experience with their location library, they recommend IE 7.0 or the latest versions of Firefox or Safari.



A Film Host Fee of \$178.30 per day will be charged to filming hosts, be it the property owner or tenant. However, in many instances the coordination fee is paid for by the production company as part of the negotiations.

[www.filmpasadena.com](http://www.filmpasadena.com)

Read about the positive experiences our Historic Highlands homeowners have had hosting filming!

*"Our filming experiences have been very positive. Many of our neighbors have enjoyed participating and feel that filming benefits our neighborhood overall."*

*"In February, we had our very first filming at our house here in Pasadena. We hope this is the beginning of a long and successful filming career for our home. We had a great experience...the film crew was respectful of our home and belongings and our neighbors were very supportive. We highly recommend it!!"*

The Historic Highlands  
Neighborhood Association



Fifteenth Annual  
**HISTORIC HIGHLANDS  
HOME TOUR**  
Sunday, May 24, 2009  
Noon to 4 p.m.

**Tickets:**  
Ticket prices are \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the tour near the intersection of Howard & Catalina  
**Discounted Advance Tickets:**  
Discounted tickets may be purchased online at [historichighlands.org](http://historichighlands.org)  
They are also available at Motif, 1389 East Washington Blvd. (cash or check only please at Motif)  
or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check to:  
Historic Highlands Neighborhood Association, c/o Rex Barry  
1436 N. Michigan Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104



Please join us!  
Visit our website:  
[historichighlands.org](http://historichighlands.org)



**SNEAK PREVIEW of Homes on the 2009  
HHNA Annual Home Tour**





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Howard St.

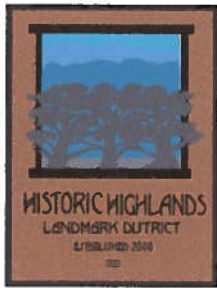
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