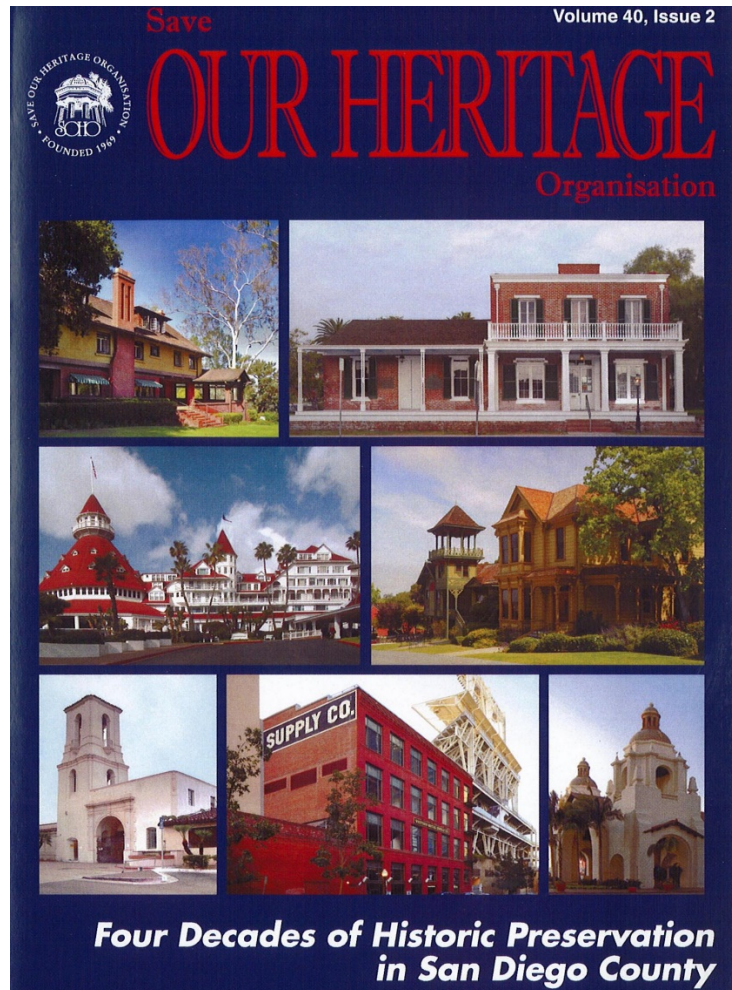


# 2010 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

## Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego



DVD Cover for  
*"Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego County"*

Save Our Heritage Organisation marked its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009 by producing an engaging documentary—"Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego County"—about the nonprofit group's history, which is virtually synonymous with the historic preservation movement in San Diego.

The documentary took almost a year to produce and cost just \$3,000. It was written, edited, and narrated by San Diego filmmaker and SOHO board member, Dan Soderberg. The film traces key preservation battles, and includes insightful interviews with SOHO's founder Miles Parker, as well as leaders from all phases of SOHO's history. Others interviewed, including California preservation attorney Susan Brandt-Hawley, underscore the importance of CEQA in preservation efforts, and the integrity and perseverance of SOHO as an organization.

Using new footage, archival films, SOHO's archives, and seldom seen photos from SOHO member collections, the 65-minute documentary portrays a detailed story of San Diego's preservation history. The film does not shy away from preservation losses and mistakes, or from the period when SOHO

might have been dissolved in defeat. Instead, these challenges are shown to be lessons that helped to make Save Our Heritage Organisation stronger and more effective in carrying out its mission.

DVD copies of the documentary have been distributed to members, libraries, local government agencies, chambers of commerce, and the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. "Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego" serves to raise awareness of San Diego's heritage, and inspire others of all ages to become involved in saving San Diego County's historic resources.

Learn more about the video, and the work of Save Our Heritage Organisation:

<http://www.sohosandiego.org/main/documentary40.htm>