2005 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Office of Historic Preservation
California State Parks

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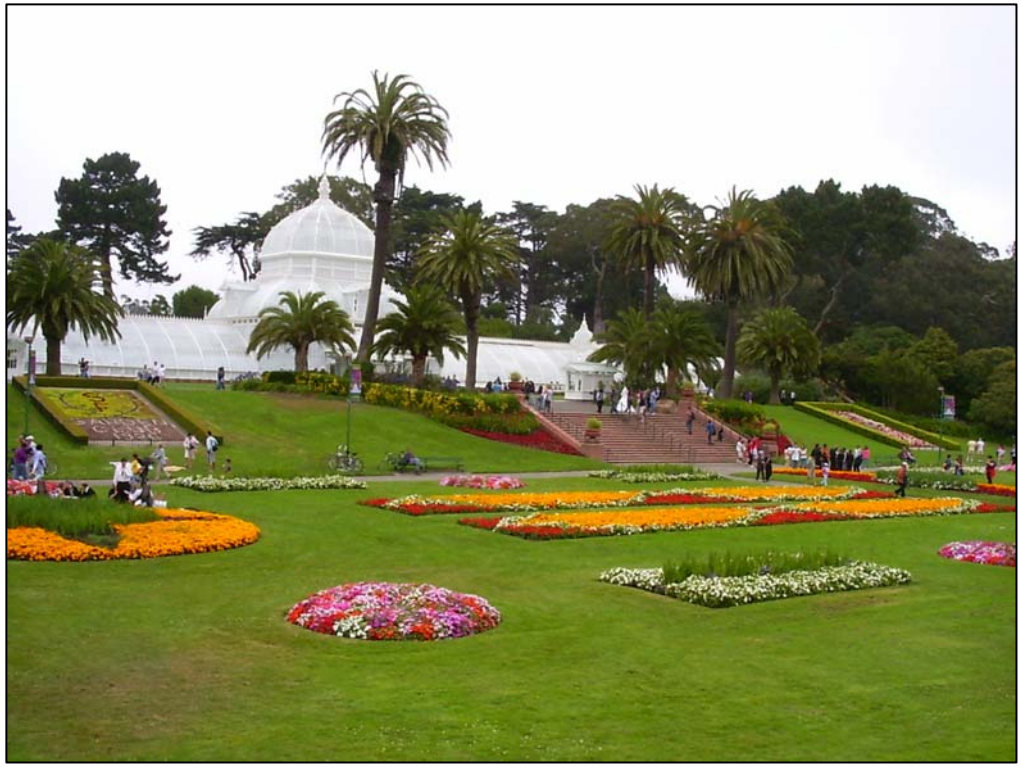
Golden Gate Park National Registration Nomination

Royston, Hanamato, Alley & Abey; Landscape Architects and San Francisco Recreation & Park Department



- San Francisco nominated all of Golden Gate Park as a designed landscape.
- Recognizes one of the finest historic urban parks in the United States.
- Nomination is a model for how to inventory and evaluate cultural landscapes.

Landscape Heritage Plan

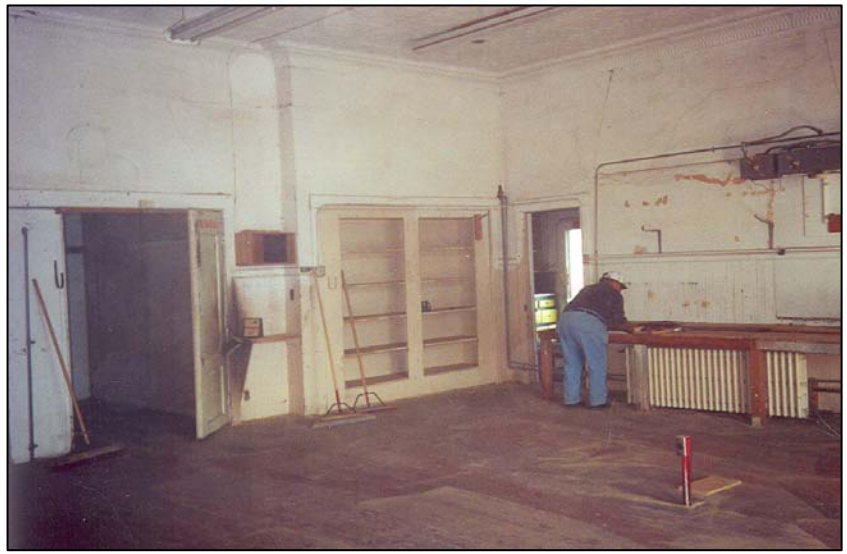
University of California, Berkeley

- The landscape preservation plan is logical extension of the university's plan for preserving historic architecture.
- Plan will preserve "the rich landscape setting that hosts these architectural treasures."

- Recognizes different generations of master landscape architects, from Frederick Law Olmsted to Thomas Church.
- Plan will guide new construction and historic rehabilitation work.
- Model for landscape preservation, especially on college campus.

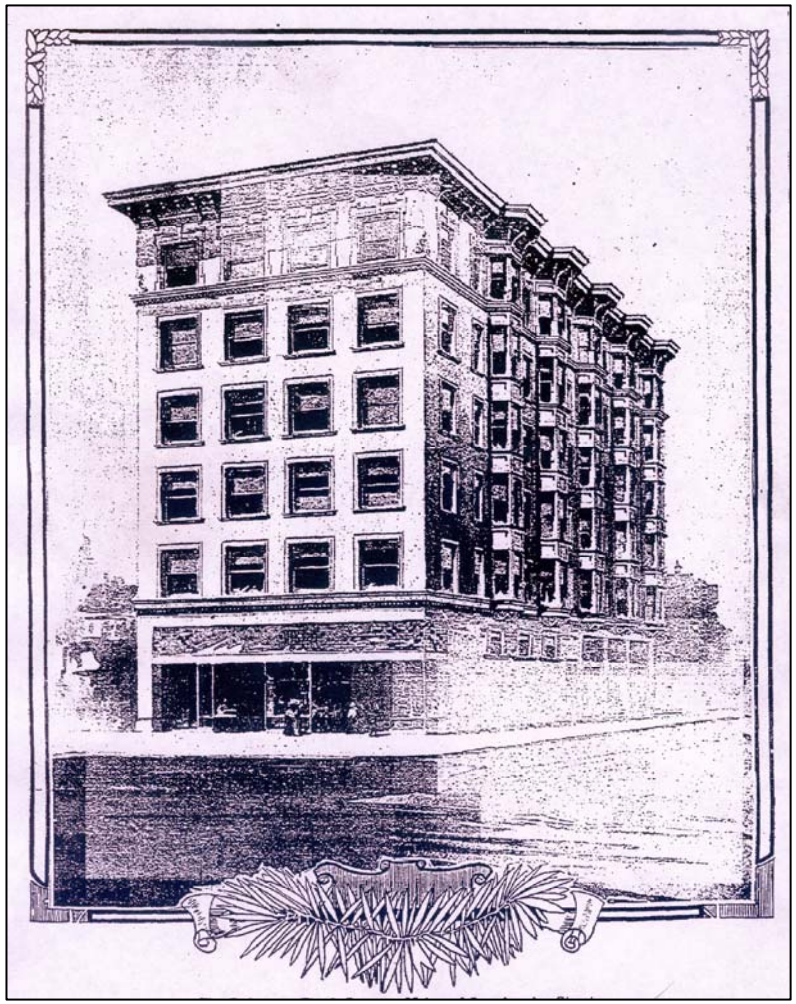
Restoration/Preservation of the 1909 Indio Historic Schoolhouse

Coachella Valley Historic Society, Inc.



- 1909 schoolhouse was threatened with demolition in 1999.
- Coachella Valley Historical Society secured a new site for the building, raised money to move and restore it.
- Building is popular site with area school children.
- Illustrates one-room school experience of pioneer children.
- Model for volunteer preservation work.

St. George Hotel/Apartments



Skid Row Housing Trust

- Built in 1904, St. George Hotel in downtown Los Angeles was near demolition.
- Skid Row Trust restored the building, adapting it for low-cost housing for the poor and disabled.

- Revitalizes "Skid Row" while housing the neediest.
- Model link between preservation and low-cost housing.

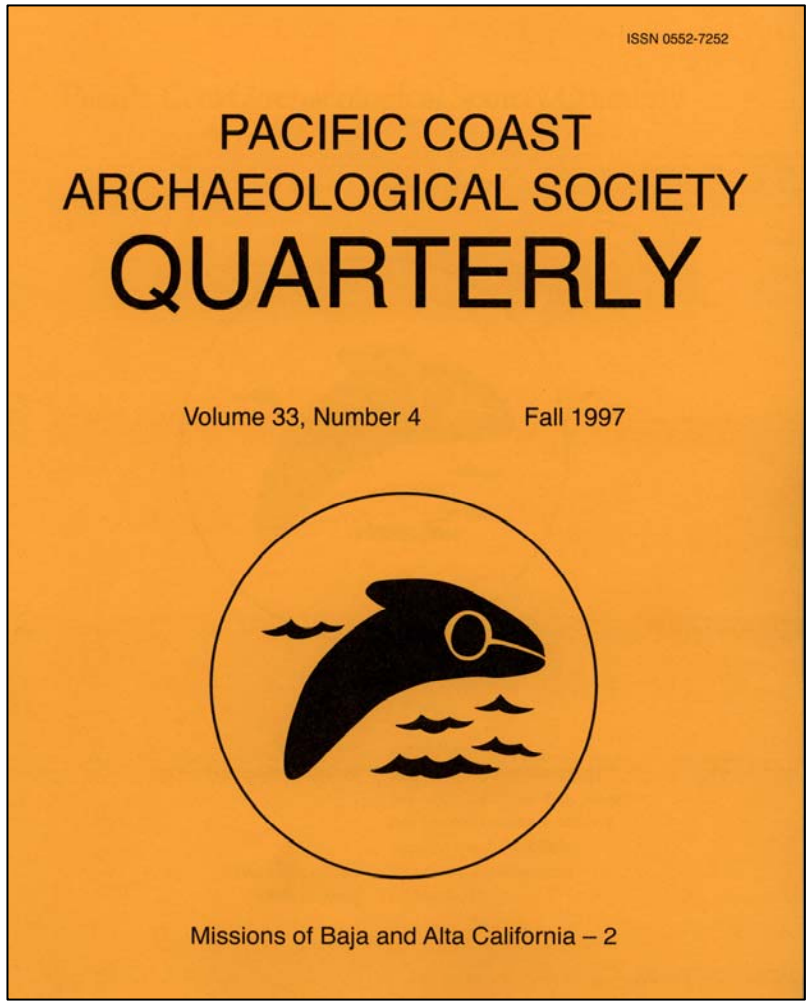
China Lake Archaeological Lab & Curation Facility

Friends of China Lake Archaeology

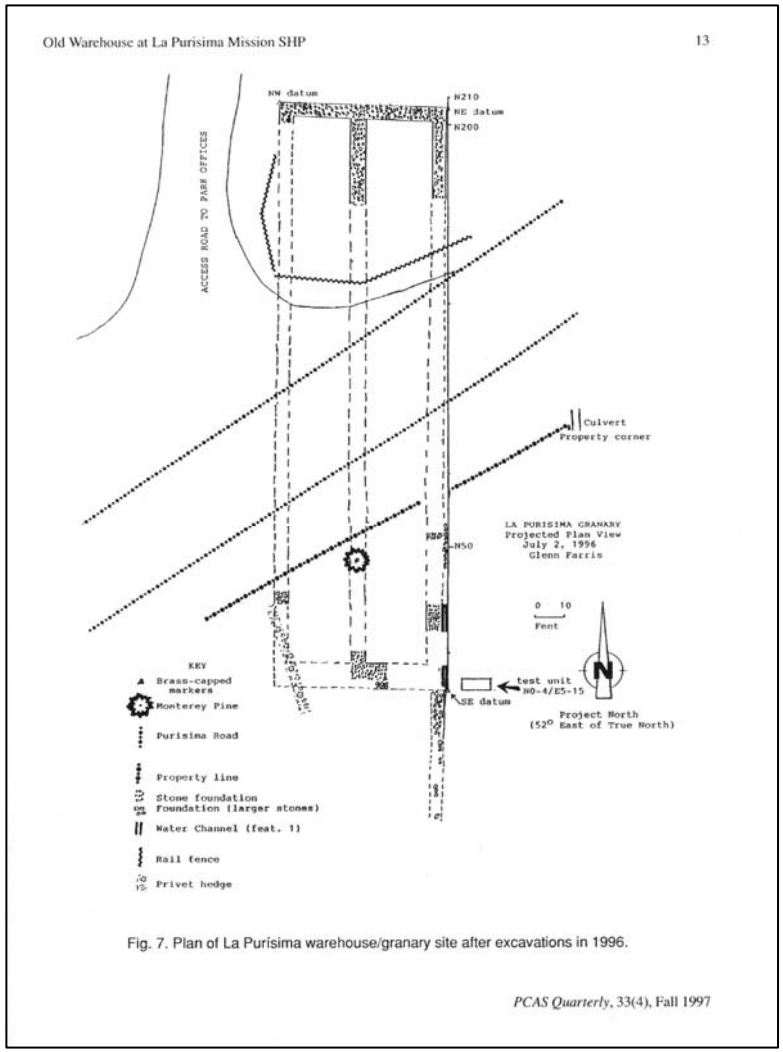
- Award for a program that combines historic preservation and archaeological curation.
- Curation is a key concern for archaeologists throughout California.

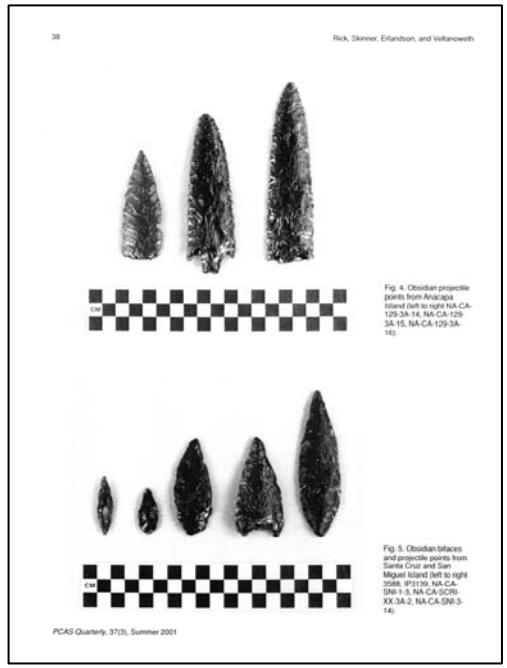
- China Lake Naval station possessed thousands of artifacts but inadequate curation facilities.

PCAS Quarterly



Pacific Coast Archaeological Society



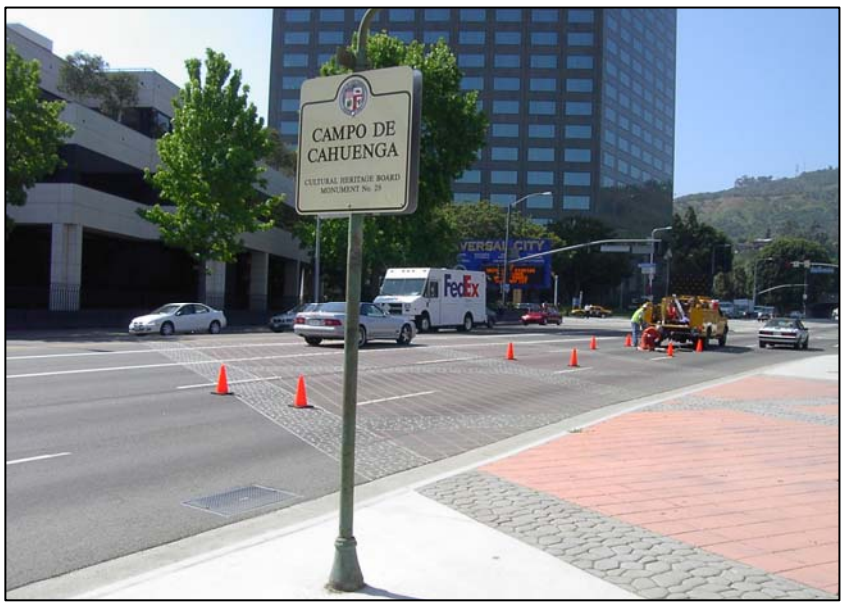


- PCAS has published *Pacific Coast Archaeology* since 1961.
- Includes academic, avocational, and governmental archaeologists.
- Model for bringing scientific archaeological information to a broad public audience.

Campo de Cahuenga Memorial Park

Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Association

- Important historical archaeological interpretive project
- Site of 1847 surrender of Mexican forces, ending Mexican War in California.



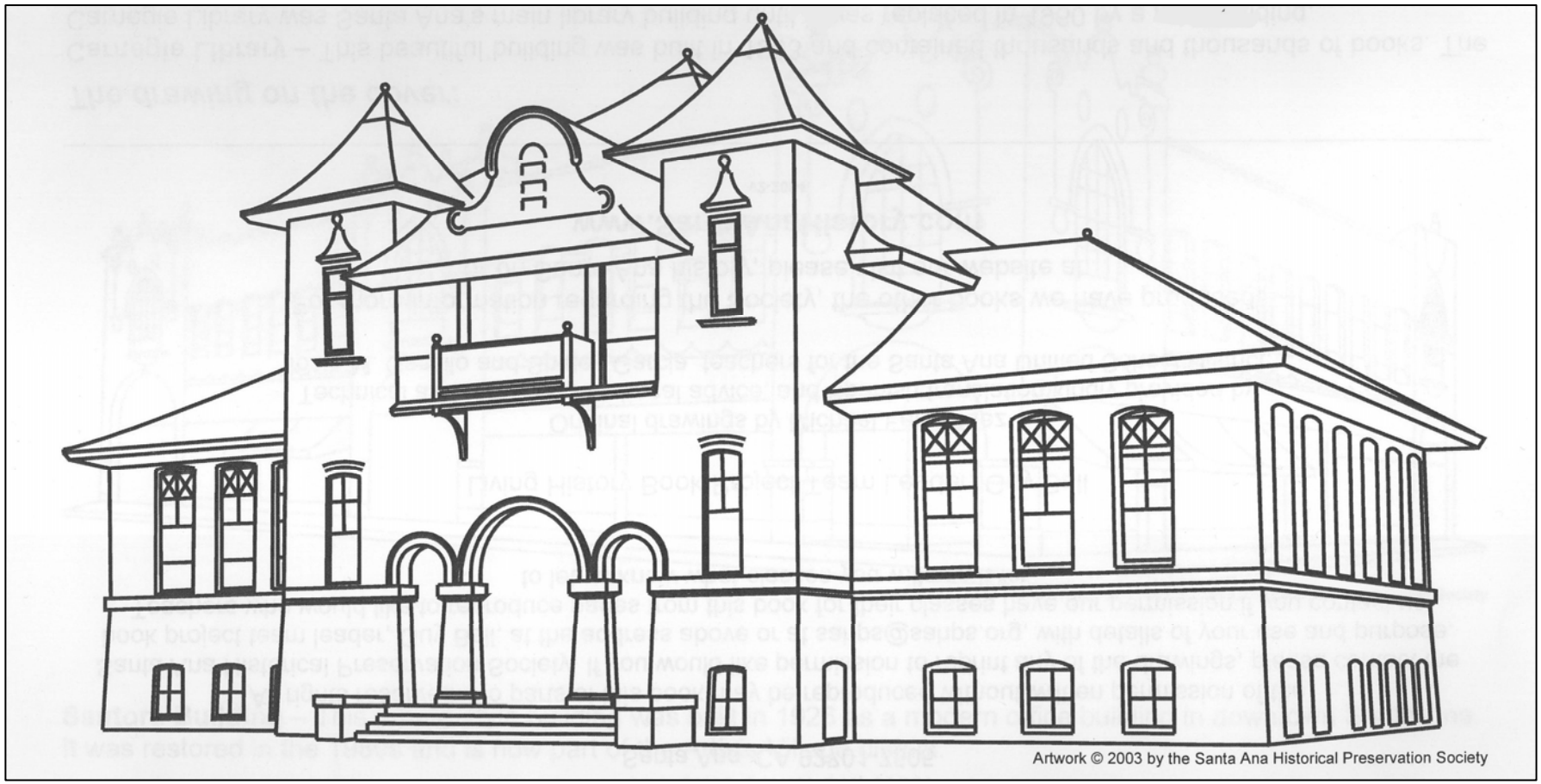
- Historical archaeologists identified the foundation of the original Campo building.
- Ingenious interpretive program, illustrating the foundation, even where it extends into a busy street.
- Model for historical archaeological interpretation

Helena Modjeska Foundation

Friends of Arden

- Honors a volunteer group, the Helen Modjeska Foundation, for its support of the Modjeska House, owned by Orange County.
- Madame Helena Modjeska was a world-famous actress who settled in Orange County in the 1880s.
- Group has raised funds, created exhibits, led tours, and other activities to keep the park operating.
- Model docent and volunteer support group for a historic house museum.

Santa Ana History Coloring Book



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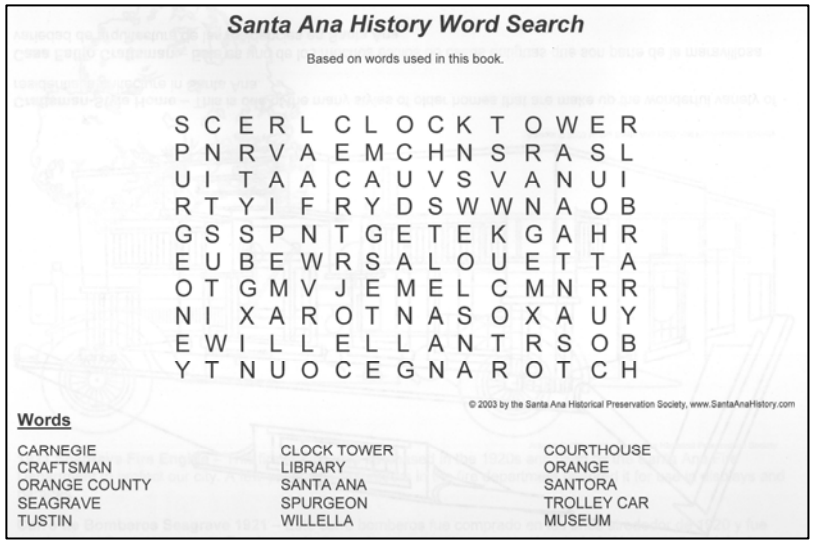

Santa Ana History Word Search

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Words

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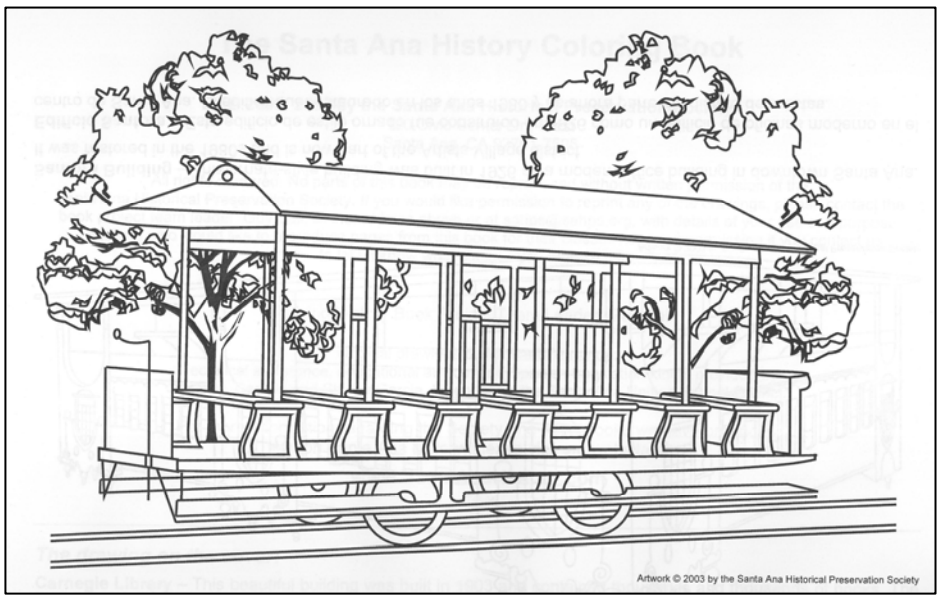
SANTA ANA
SPURGEON
WILLELLA
COURTHOUSE
ORANGE
SANTORA
TROLLEY CAR
MUSEUM

- More than a coloring book project.
- A bridge between different generations and cultures in Santa Ana.
- Pictures of pioneer era buildings in town, with text in English and Spanish.
- Model for engaging immigrant children in common heritage.



Neighborhood Walking Tours

Oakland Heritage Alliance

- Award is for the many historic building tours offered by the Oakland Heritage Alliance.
- With 16 active tours – with self-guided brochures and guided tours – OHA may have the most active walking tour program in the state.
- Tour program is a model for how communities may highlight and celebrate a diverse range of historic properties.

Japantown Historic Context & Reconnaissance Survey

Japantown Community Congress of San Jose and the City of San Jose

- Very thorough context and reconnaissance survey of properties in an ethnic community
- Analyzed San Jose's "Japantown" in the larger context of the Japanese American experience in California
- Will pave the way for formal nomination for federal, state, and local designation of a historic district for Japantown
- A model for inventory and evaluation of a neighborhood important for its associations with a distinct ethnic community.

Research into the life of Henry P. Villalon, Designer of the Fresno Hall of Records

Fresno County Public Library, California
History & Genealogy Room

- Award for a uniquely thorough history of a building – the Fresno County Hall of Records.
- History conducted by John Edward Powell, the dean of San Joaquin Valley architectural historians.

- Proved the building was designed by Henry P. Villalon, contrary to popular belief.
- A model for scholarly research in support of historic designation.