



## 2017-18 LONG BEACH HERITAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Cheryl Perry

As is the case with most non-profits, the board and committee members of Long Beach Heritage are all volunteers, giving their time and expertise to help educate and advocate for the preservation of Long Beach's historic resources. Once again I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who have

chosen to participate on either a committee or on the board for this coming year.

The 2017-2018 Long Beach Heritage Board of Directors was elected at the annual general meeting held on July 27 at the offices of Studio 111. Michael Bohn, a Senior Principal with Studio 111, gave a wonderful presentation about the current downtown development, followed by a tour of their fabulous new office space. We welcome new board members Bette McKinney, Linda Bagwell, Linda Renner and Rick Hobbs, along with returning board members Chris Hogan, Tami Dowgiewicz, Sam Dragga, Julie Nemechek, Bobbi Burket, Charlotte Mitchell, Karen Highberger, Robert Finney, Louise Ivers and Stan Poe.



2017-2018 LBH Board of Directors at Annual Meeting



Michael Bohn of Studio 111 addresses LBH members at Annual Meeting

## PIE ON PINE!

Do you remember Phillips Pies? Did you know Marie Callender's Pies started out here in Long Beach? Have you been to The Pie Bar on Pine Avenue? If you are interested in this topic, save the date: Wednesday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Come learn the history of pie in Long Beach while enjoying a piece of pie at The Pie Bar, located at 450 Pine Avenue. Parking is easily available around the corner at the City Place Parking Garage where the first two hours are free. Attendees might choose to purchase either a savory or sweet pie to take home and/or place their order for a Thanksgiving Pie.

This event costs \$10 per person (includes a slice of pie and a non-alcoholic beverage). Seating is limited to 15.

Advance registration is **required** by Monday, November 6 by calling the LBH office (562) 493-7019 to put your name on the list **and** mailing a check to LBH, PO Box 92521, Long Beach, CA 90809.



PHOTO BY LOUISE IVERS

Original Fire Station 10, now Long Beach Firefighters Museum

## A TOUR ON FIRE

Please join us on Saturday, January 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., for a special tour of the Long Beach Firefighters Museum at 1445 Peterson Avenue (between Orange and Cherry Avenues). Learn the history of firefighting in Long Beach and the impact of firefighting on the city's architecture (and vice versa). The museum houses a wide array of historical artifacts, photographs,

equipment, and vehicles that will make you all the more appreciative of the courage and ingenuity of Long Beach firefighters and their vital role in the preservation of the city. Space for this special tour is limited so please make your reservations early by calling Long Beach Heritage at (562) 493-7019. The tour is free, but donations to the museum are encouraged.

# ST. ANTHONY TOUR A SUCCESS



Members of LBH listen to historical information about St. Anthony's church

By Linda Dragga

Twenty-five Long Beach Heritage members savored details provided by Father José Magaña, pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Father Daniel Maurer, C.J.D. of Mary Mother of God Mission Society and Nancy Orozco, St. Anthony parishioner, on July 16 as they viewed beautiful stained glass and amazing mosaic tile work throughout the stunning St. Anthony house of worship, which was designed by Emmet Martin and Lawrence Waller after

the 1933 earthquake demolished the previous building by Frank Kegley. The group then enjoyed a walking tour that included the site of the historic Balboa Film Studio, as well as a variety of Craftsman and Victorian homes. They then made their way south to Fourth & Olive Restaurant where owner, Daniel Tapia, provided a delightful array of appetizers while he shared his experiences in renovating the 1922 structure into the stellar restaurant it is today.



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## PORT MURAL UPDATE

On August 8 consultants from Ceramic Tile & Stone, along with experts from Apex Construction Services, performed a test removal of several tiles from the 1959 mural on the façade of the Port of Long Beach Administration Building at 925 Harbor Plaza Drive, which is scheduled for demolition some time in 2018. The process was successful: the tiles were removed intact and the consultants are confident that the mural can be preserved by removing the tiles with the use of a specialized concrete chainsaw. The consultants will now prepare a written protocol for the removal of the tiles, how to label them and how to safely pack the tiles into crates so they can be transported to a new site or to a storage facility. In addition they will procure cost estimates for the entire process. Long Beach Heritage is currently seeking a permanent home for the historic mural, which was hand painted by Paul Souza at the Gladding McBean workshop.



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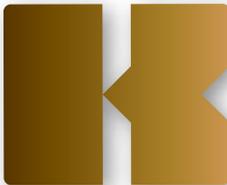
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# BEMBRIDGE HOUSE SUMMER NEWS



Musical Theatre West committee and LBH docents at Bembridge House

By Chris Hogan

Summer 2017 at the Bembridge House was relatively quiet. Perhaps because of the heat, the Homesite calendar seemed almost blank at times. But that doesn't mean the House was always empty and the volunteers totally laid back. During one intense week at the end of July, the Bembridge House had its two regularly-scheduled tours, a special tour for a busload of over 50 visitors from Orange County, three meetings, a successful violin/piano recital complete with wine pairings to match the music, gardening sessions, and the very moving Celebration of Life for the late Melinda Roney. Other summer visitors included future bridal couples and tea party planners, as well as filming location scouts.

The most exciting development at the House this summer was associated with our latest Navy Memorial Heritage Association grant. Because the House is historic and has lots of stairs, it is not accessible to some of our guests. Sadly, the only thing we have been able to do for these visitors is show them a CD of a 10-year-old video on a borrowed laptop. Earlier this year, the Navy Trust awarded the Bembridge House \$5,000 for the creation of a new video of our updated house tour. Noted local photographer and LBH member Chris Launi has been filming inside and outside the

Homesite. With the help of narrator Michele St. Peter, he is producing a video that shows the House just like a visitor sees it on a tour. There will also be a second program of the House while it is decorated for Victorian Christmas. We will be able to purchase the equipment necessary (probably a flat-screen TV and some flash-drives) to show the videos in the Carriage House for easy access for everyone. Thank you to the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association for furthering the Bembridge House mission with such a generous grant.

Incredibly enough, the House has already started gearing up for Victorian Christmas. Despite what the calendar says, December just isn't that far away. At this time of the year, we always need more volunteers. In November, the gardeners will be planting lots of small potted plants for the Garden Boutique and need help putting soil in the pots. Also in November, we decorate the House from top to bottom - and the more hands, the more fun decorating. In December, we can certainly use additional people to docent - you will learn the holiday custom for your room- or be greeters to hand out cookies and punch. If you'd like to help with these or any other projects at the Bembridge House, please contact me.

## GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT MEETINGS

City staff recently completed the Land Use Element (LUE) of the General Plan and brought it to the Planning Commission on August 17. After citizens voiced their concerns about the increased density allowed on major thoroughfares and other areas in Long Beach detailed in the LUE, the Commission voted to allow more public discussion of the matter. Four new meetings are scheduled in various venues around the city and those who wish to participate are invited to attend them.

**Dates and places are as follow:**

- Saturday, September 30, 3 - 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park Community Center, 101 E. 28th St.
- Wednesday, October 4, 6 - 8:00 p.m. at Whaley Park Community Center, 5620 Atherton St.
- Saturday, October 14, 11 - 1:00 p.m. at Best Western Golden Sails Hotel, 6285 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.
- Wednesday, October 18, 6 - 8:00 p.m. at Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave.



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# 2017 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Michele St Peter receives the Volunteer of the Year award from Chris Hogan

*By Chris Hogan*

Michele St Peter has been giving docent tours at the Bembridge House for more than four years. That term of service alone makes her a super volunteer, however, Michele's list of accomplishments takes her to an almost super-human volunteer level! Michele also helped revise and refresh the hopelessly out-of-date Bembridge House Volunteer Handbook for Docents. She assisted in the scheduling of docents for the weekly and special House tours and she joined the Bembridge House Operating Committee. She even dressed up as a witch to hand out candy at the House to the neighborhood children on Halloween.

Michele served as one of the Long Beach Heritage liaisons to the CSULB University Art Museum's Mid-Century Modern Home Tour, assisting their committee with her expertise on best practices for docent coordination.

Somehow Michele found the time to organize the 80-plus volunteers needed to put on LB Heritage's own Great Homes Tour in June. She reached out to prospective volunteers, scheduled them into the many different roles – docents, house captains, registrants, and backups – and stayed calm and collected throughout the months and weeks leading up to the day of the Great Homes Tour. She also wrote the informational packets added to the house-history scripts so that the docents would know what to do before and during the Home Tour. Michele accomplished all of those feats in just one year.

Thank you, Michele St Peter, for all of your time and energy serving the Bembridge House and Long Beach Heritage. You are truly a worthy recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award!



## Save The Date

**Three Victorian Christmas Tours at the Bembridge House:  
December 3, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (families invited);  
December 1 and December 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.(adults only)**

The magic of the Bembridge House Victorian Christmas returns! Come enjoy learning about the holiday traditions of yore and be enchanted once again by the beauty of the decorations as you tour the property. This year's theme is "Toys & Yuletide Tunes." No doubt you will marvel at the creativity of the volunteer decorators from Long Beach Historic Districts, Community Groups, and LB Heritage itself show in their displays. You won't want to miss the goodies at the Garden Boutique either.

The traditional daytime event will be held on the first Sunday of December from 11:00 to 2:00. Besides tours the House, this family-oriented day will include crafts for children in the Carriage House, a visit from Santa, and refreshments. The South Coast Chorale will be singing carols for everyone to enjoy.

Because last year's first nighttime event was so popular it sold out, this year we will hold adults-only Victorian Christmas tours on Friday, December 1, as well as on Friday, December 8, both from 6:00 to 8:00. The evening setting showcases the Bembridge House yuletide spirit beautifully. You will be dazzled by the sparkle of the twinkling lights, the glow of the candles, and the shine of the chandeliers. Bring friends so you can celebrate the season together with a cup of holiday wassail.

Space is limited, so reservations are required. Victorian Christmas is open to all, members and guests. Reservations for all of the Victorian Christmas Tours at the Bembridge House are \$10 and may be ordered through PayPal at [www.lbheritage.org](http://www.lbheritage.org).

# SIXTEENTH CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS HOME & GARDEN TOUR ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

PHOTO BY KAREN HIGHBERGER



Cal Heights Home Tour attendees can ride bicycles from one house to another

By Karen Highberger

It is hard to believe that the first California Heights Home & Garden Tour was held October 19, 1997. It was hosted in conjunction with Long Beach Heritage and featured a Preservation Fair. The tradition continues bi-annually and preservation professionals are featured at each home on the tour. The Home & Garden Tour was started as a means to promote the neighborhood and the preservation and restoration of the lovely homes. It is the main source of funding for the various projects of the Cal Heights Neighborhood Association over the years, including the Lamppost Restoration Project, Cal Heights Re-leaf,

Clean Streets and the bi-monthly newsletter "The Heights". Home Tour proceeds also helped to fund both murals in California Heights

This year the tour features six beautiful homes, which include a charming Craftsman Bungalow, a Norman cottage, a Neo-traditional home and a variety of Spanish Eclectic homes. All of the homes have wonderful gardens to inspire you. The tour is bike-friendly and bike racks will be provided at all of the homes. The Red Trolley will be running as usual to transport attendees between the homes or you can opt to walk the tour and enjoy California Heights.

This year the guest speaker is famed architectural photographer Alexander Vertikoff. For over 40 years his iconic images have graced the covers and accompanied articles in such magazines as Architectural Digest, Sunset, New York Times, and American Bungalow. He was the principal photographer for both the Getty Trust Villa and Center, the Gamble House, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Skirball Cultural Center. His books include over fifteen titles. The latest is The Gamble House: Building Paradise in California. He also was the first foreign artist to have a traveling exhibit of his photographs in the People's Republic of China. He will be speaking at 2:00 p.m. and admission is included with a ticket purchase. An added bonus is the pop-up Gamble House Book Store that will be at the refreshment area. Mr. Vertikoff will be available for book signing.



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## **CRAFTSMAN VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT TOUR ON OCTOBER 7**

The Craftsman Village Historic District just north of 7th Street and west of Walnut Avenue is having a home tour on October 7 at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to attend this interesting event, please come to Gumbiner Park at 628 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue before 9:00 to hear an informative talk about the area. Three homes that represent different types of architecture in the district will be featured on the tour. One of these was owned by a member of the Bixby family and was moved from American Avenue to its current location on Hellman Street in the 1940s. The tour will end at 11:00 and afterward there will be a reception at Craftsman Village Park located at 851 Orange Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

Ticket price for the tour is \$10.00. Please call Michelle Ar-end-Ekhoff at (562) 208-9234 for reservations and payment. You may also pay the morning of the tour. Parking may be available at MOLAA on Alamitos Avenue.

# CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS HOME & GARDEN TOUR

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The Home & Garden Tour is Sunday, October 15, 2017. The homes are open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The presentation by Alexander Vertikoff will be at 2:00 in the Hughes Auditorium. Tickets are \$20.00 pre-sale and \$25.00 the day of the event. Tickets are on sale at <http://calheights.org/community-events/home-and-garden-tour/>

For more information, please go to [www.calheights.org](http://www.calheights.org) or [facebook.com/calheights](https://www.facebook.com/calheights)

We look forward to seeing you at the tour!



Cultural Heritage Commission members and Planning and Building staff.

## LOUISE IVERS ENDS TERM ON CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

At the July 10 meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City of Long Beach Planning Department honored Dr. Louise Ivers with a Certificate of Appreciation for the completion of her term of service on the CHC. Louise began her service on the commission in 2009, appointed by former Mayor Bob Foster, and served two terms (eight years). Louise's background in art history and extensive knowledge of architecture in Long Beach assisted the CHC and city staff greatly. During her tenure, over 200 projects were approved, 10 properties received landmark status and 48 Mills Act contracts were awarded. Recently she provided needed input on developing the Historic District design guide-

lines document, which will result in more accurate and useful guidelines that will shape our historic preservation work for many years to come.

Being passionate about architectural preservation, Louise generously shares her knowledge and continues to document Long Beach's historic architecture. She has authored one book, *Long Beach, A History Through Its Architecture*, and will publish *The Remaking of a Seaside City: Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Long Beach, California* in 2018. As years go by, these books will prove to be wonderful research tools for those interested in the architects and buildings of our diverse city.

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## Calendar

LBH Board..... September 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Cal Heights Tour.....October 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Palm Springs Trip.....October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 LBH Executive Committee.....October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Historic District Meeting.....November 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Pie on Pine Tour.....November 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Bembridge Decorating....November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
 LBH Board.....November 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Victorian Christmas Events.....  
 .....December 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
 A Tour on Fire.....January 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Bembridge Undecorating.....January 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Awards Benefit.....March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Walking Tours

Downtown on the third Saturday at 9:30 a.m.  
 East Village on the second Saturday at 9:30 a.m.  
 Willmore City on the fourth Saturday at 9:30 a.m.  
 North Pine quarterly on the first Saturday at  
 9:30 a.m. Next tour Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Bembridge Tours

Every Tuesday & the fourth Saturday at 1:30  
 & 2:30 p.m.

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## LBH Membership

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