



The Leland Stanford Mansion



NEWS



From the House

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Welcome to our first issue of News From the House. The articles have been contributed by various groups and individuals associated with the rehabilitation of the Stanford Mansion. We hope you find it informative. Please forward any recommendations for its improvement or questions you may have regarding the rehabilitation project to: Cheryl Lyles, California State Parks, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1405, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone (916) 653-0594, email clyle@parks.ca.gov. Note: Our Stanford Mansion Web Page is being redesigned and formatted. Once this effort is complete you will be able to find the Newsletter at that site.

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Current

In 1998, California State Parks received funding in the amount of \$1.4 million to rehabilitate the rapidly deteriorating Stanford House roof. This work was prepared as a design-bid-build project. The successful low bidder was Eagle Restorations and Builders of Arcadia, California.

The roof rehabilitation project was awarded at a precarious time - the end of September. Winter weather was upon us and fear of uncovering the roof in the dead of winter was a challenge. The project was split into three parts to minimize the time the roof would be open. The service wing has now been completed, the office wing is nearing completion and the main roof is well underway. Completion is now scheduled mid July 2000.

The project has returned many missing elements original to the roof. Additional work in the next phase will complete the chimneys, restore or return other missing elements, such as the urns at the corners of the mansard, the iron roof cresting and perimeter mansard balustrade.

Future

Planning for the future rehabilitation project is underway. A multidisciplinary team is



The "service wing" roof is complete! Note the standing seam pattern in the metal roof. This has been installed to replicate the historic pattern. The low dormer vents, to provide attic ventilation, are new. The "box" at the hip is stubbed out for reconstruction of the original chimney location.

currently meeting to publish an Architectural Program for the future needs and uses of the building. Because this is a historically significant structure, and is listed as a National Landmark, the identification and preservation

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Preservation Ad Hoc Committee

The Leland Stanford House project is pleased to announce its newly formed Historic Preservation Committee. This group consists of individuals that represent various historic preservation organizations and concerned citizens. The intent of forming this committee is to enhance project communications, increase public involvement and to allow the project access to the collective experiences and expertise this group offers.

The committee members are as follows:

Maria Baranowski - State Parks/Architecture	David Bailey - State Parks/Architecture
Steadie Craigo - State Parks/OHP	Janelle Miller - State Parks/Historic Sites
Cheryl Lyles - State Parks/Director's Office	Daniel Abeyta - State Parks/OHP
Betty Smart - State Parks/Museum Collections	Ron Brean - State Parks/Gold Rush Dist
Michael Crowe - National Park Service	John Snyder - Sacramento Heritage, Inc.
Kathleen Green - CA Preservation Foundation	Tom Gede - Stanford Mansion Foundation
Josh Pane - CA Preservation Foundation	Valerie Cummings - Stanford Mansion Docent
Charles Ansbach - Stanford Mansion Foundation	Ken Wemmer - Sacramento Old City Assoc
Susan Peters-McCuen - Stanford Mansion Foundation	
Anthony Veerkamp - National Trust for Historic Preservation	
Vincent Marsh - City of Sacramento/Plan. Dept/Pres.	

The Committee has selected the following individuals to be project contacts (these individuals will participate in project meetings throughout the entire rehabilitation process of the mansion):

John Snyder - Committee point person for the project (916) 736-1918. Project communications between the project team and the committee will flow through him. In John's absence the contacts will be Josh Pane (916) 447-8982 and Ken Wemmer (415) 447-2771.

Michael Crowe - Federal Contact (415) 427-1396

Steadie Craigo - State Contact (916) 653-9028

Vincent Marsh - City of Sacramento Contact (916) 264-8259

The entire Historic Preservation Committee will be sent the draft Program Statement upon its completion in June. The committee will then be invited to the Department of Parks and Recreation to tour the Mansion and work with the project team in finalizing the Program Statement.

If Cheryl Lyles, Dan Abeyta, Pauline Grenbeaux and Betty Smart with State Parks recently had the pleasure of touring collections and sites at Stanford University that relate to our project in Sacramento. (Charlie Ansbach with the Stanford Mansion Foundation was unable to accompany them as planned.)

These The group toured the new Stanford Family gallery at the Art Museum and met with University Archivist Margaret Kimball about early Stanford family materials. Campus Archaeologist Laura Jones took them through the campus and out to the historic horse barns that were the site of Leland Stanford's experiments with animal locomotion. Of special interest to the group was a tour of the site of the family's Palo Alto house given by Archeological Field Director Ellie Reese. **Walls** During the tour, some historic artifacts that might be original to the Sacramento residence were identified. It is the group's hope that some of these might be obtained on loan for our project. **Could**

Talk The University staff was very knowledgeable and offered insight and information about the Stanford family members and their many interests. They will be a wonderful resource for the Leland Stanford Mansion Rehabilitation project.



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of historic fabric will be a major component in the program document.

The Program provides a design guideline for the proposed use of this structure as a first class reception center for the governor and leaders of the legislature. This project will present California and its elected officials in a truly historic setting befitting California's rich history. It is intended to continue to make history through the use of this building for special events, ceremonies and other affairs of state, as only California can do.

Equally important, is the continued use of this building as a place for public tours and activities that will provide the people of California the opportunity to view the rehabilitated structure and grounds in a setting depicting its historic use during Leland Stanford's day along with current history in the making.



Upper main roof is nearly ready for under layment and installation of the metal roof. The mausard, cornice ledge and donner windows are being reconstructed. They were removed when the elevator was installed in the 1940's. This project has removed the elevator and shaft to below the eave line. Photo taken 5/17/00

The Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation

This is the first in an ongoing series of articles about the activities of the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation, which is the private sector fund-raising arm of this unique park. In coming editions, profiles of various donors and Board members will appear, along with information about how other interested individuals, companies, foundations, and organizations can be a part of this project.

To date, the Foundation's Board has successfully raised pledges of cash and in-kind materials worth over \$6 million. Members of the Board also help to provide valuable information for lawmakers around the investment of public funds into the project.

The Foundation is dedicated to seeing the historic Mansion saved, rehabilitated, and put back into official, as well as public, use. Funds collected from the private sector are based on the desire among donors to see the Mansion used as an official meeting place for the Office of the Governor and leadership of the Legislature when hosting important business and political guests. Particular interest lies in seeing the Mansion used to promote the economic and cultural development of the state, which

coincides with many of the activities and events that took place over the years in this building. Not having such a facility in the Capital is seen as a significant shortcoming. Given its own special history, it is thought that the Mansion will provide a compelling backdrop to the making of future history in California. Similarly, the Foundation agrees that the facility can and must be shared with the people of the state through an organized, educational tour program.

The Foundation is in the process of raising additional funds. The total cost of the rehabilitation and furnishing plans exceed the \$13 million currently pledged, allotted, or in-hand. Indeed, donations for a curatorial endowment and program support fund of roughly \$2 million are being sought, along with another \$1.5 million for the rehabilitation of the main building.

For more information about the Foundation and its gifting programs, please contact: Charles Ansbach, Director, The Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation, 2012 H Street, Suite 203, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 442-4419.



The Office of Historic Preservation Provides Special Assistance to the Stanford Mansion

On May 23, 2000, Steade Craigo, Senior Restoration Architect, and Jeanette Schulz, Associate State Archeologist, of the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) met with Janelle Miller, Superintendent, Historic Sites, Maria Baranowski, Project Architect, Steve Newsom, Assistant Project Architect, and Roland Rau, Restoration Work Specialist, Historic Sites, to provide advice on how to deal with recent episodes of moisture intrusion into the Mansion. As a result of the meeting

Sites and the Project Architect.

The recommendations in the reconnaissance survey were presented with a level of detail that will be useful in carrying out the recommendations. These recommendations were presented from a technical point of view in the context of proven preservation methods that best address the retention of the historic fabric of projects similar to that of the Stanford Mansion

Since the Department of Parks and Recreation and OHP have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on how the Department will fulfill its PRC 5024 responsibilities, (statute requirements of all state agencies on how they manage historic properties under their jurisdiction) the OHP cannot have a formal role in this project. Nevertheless, the OHP wishes to provide technical assistance, on a requested basis, when a phase or element of the project could benefit from their expertise.

and by request, the OHP conducted a reconnaissance survey of the Stanford Mansion and prepared a report of its findings and recommendations and submitted it to Historic

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7, 2000 - Roof Rehabilitation Project is scheduled to be completed

July 31, 2000 - A presentation of the Draft Architectural Program to the Preservation ad hoc Committee

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