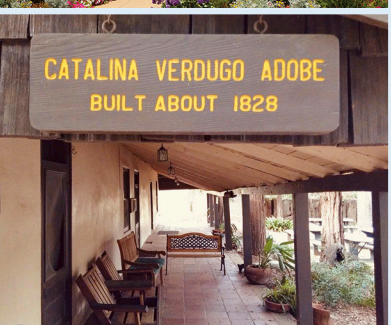
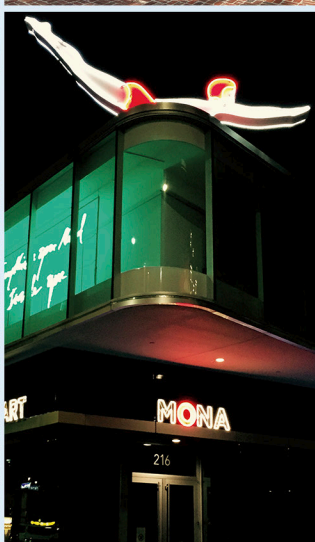
40TH ANNIVERSARY THE GLENDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS





WELCOME!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Glendale Historical Society, I am pleased to present this 2019 Calendar of Events as we launch our 40th Anniversary year. From signature events such as our annual Home Tour and Taste of Spain soirée to walking tours of our beautiful, character-filled neighborhoods, we have assembled this year-long planner to help you explore Glendale's history and its notable architecture through a variety of tours, educational activities, programs, lectures and special events at historic places.

The Glendale Historical Society got its start in 1979 when a group of concerned residents came together to save the Doctors House – one of the city's last two remaining Queen Anne-Eastlake style homes – from demolition. They moved it to Brand Park and undertook the heroic effort of restoring the Victorian house to its former glory. Today, The Glendale Historical Society continues in that same spirit as a dynamic, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization with approximately 750 members that works to celebrate and preserve Glendale's rich and diverse history and architectural heritage through advocacy, education and outreach.

Forty years of preservation, through collaborative efforts with city officials and staff, neighborhoods, property owners and other organizations, have resulted in establishing and strengthening Glendale's preservation ordinances, saving a number of important buildings from demolition, the designation of more than 100 historic landmarks and the creation of seven historic districts with three more in process.

We are proud to have – through lectures, tours and publications – kept alive the stories of how Glendale came to be and grew into the community it is today. Our focus has not only been on the well-known touchstones like the Verdugo family, L.C. Brand, Hubert Eaton, the Pacific Electric Railway and Grand Central Air Terminal, but also on others, less well-known, who played a role in the story of Glendale: people like Fanny Briggs Carr, creator of a popular cosmetics line; Alfred F. Priest, the architect who designed many of the buildings constructed in downtown Glendale in the 1910s and 1920s; and Piedad Yorba Sowl, proprietress of the Casa Verdugo restaurants. We will continue to find and share the stories of Glendale, with a special effort to bring forth stories of people and communities often overlooked.

While we take time to reflect on four decades of accomplishment (see pages 15 through 18), as well as a few disappointments, it is essential that we continue to look ahead and remain focused on the issues we need to tackle now and in the future as well as celebrating all aspects of Glendale's history and architectural heritage.

I hope you enjoy the events that we have planned for the year ahead, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Steve Hunt

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President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 30	Ride the Red Cars to Glendale
February 5	A Special Raising the Bar at Damon's
February 28	Silent Glendale
March 7	A Special Raising the Bar at Montrose Bowl
March 10	The Life and Works of Architect S. Charles Lee and Tour of the Alex Theatre
March 21 and 23	The Secret Gardens of Forest Lawn: Lecture and Tour
March 24	Bach in the Subways
April	History of the Armenian Community in Glendale
April 14	Victorian Easter
April 27	Taste of Spain
May	Landmark This! Workshop on the Glendale Register and Mills Act
May 11	Restoration Expo
June 1	Adobe to Adobe Walk/Bike
June 22	40th Anniversary Gala & Benefit
July 13	Thanks for the Memories: Celebrating Film, People and History
July 20	40th Anniversary Annual Meeting & Summer Social
August 7	A Good Time at the Goode House –TGHS Patron Members Only
August 10	Neon Cruise – TGHS Members Only
August 24	Wine Tasting at Historic Le Mesnager Stone Barn
September 19	Master Architects in Glendale - Presentation by Alan Hess
September 29	Icons of Architecture Home Tour
October 19	Ecclesiastical Architectural Tour
October 24	"Restoring Tomorrow" film presentation
November 7	It Started in Glendale
December 7	Holiday Party
December 14 & 21	Candlelight Tours

EVENTS

Ride the Red Cars to Glendale

Wednesday, January 30 • 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Glendale Downtown Central Library
222 East Harvard Street
FREE

Historian Paul Ayers presents an illustrated slideshow on the Pacific Electric's Glendale Line, featuring over 240 images covering its beginning to the last day of service in 1955, along with present images of the route. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Photo: Loren Ayers Paul Ayers is the passenger with his arms hanging out at the back of the car; his father, Ray, sticks his head out behind Paul.

A Special Raising the Bar at Damon's

Tuesday, February 5 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
317 North Brand Boulevard

Join us at our favorite old-school steakhouse and tiki bar for tropical drinks and appetizers, or plan to stay for dinner. In celebration of our 40th Anniversary year, Damon's has created a special "Glendale Ruby" cocktail with proceeds benefiting TGHS.

Established in 1937 and originally located on Central Avenue until it moved to Brand Boulevard in 1980, Damon's has remained a much-loved local institution. A single palm tree rooted in the middle of the original Damon's restaurant inspired the tropical décor and the rest, as they say, is history. We are also thrilled that plans are underway to recreate Damon's original windblown-palm neon sign (1937-1980).

Silent Glendale

Thursday, February 28 • 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Glendale Downtown Central Library • 222 East Harvard Street
FREE

Keaton, Chaplin and Lloyd are among the most popular filmmakers of the silent film era. A number of their comedies were filmed in Glendale. Paul Ayers' presentation tells the story of silent movie making in the Glendale area and showcases the fascinating detective work and research that were employed to identify locations. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

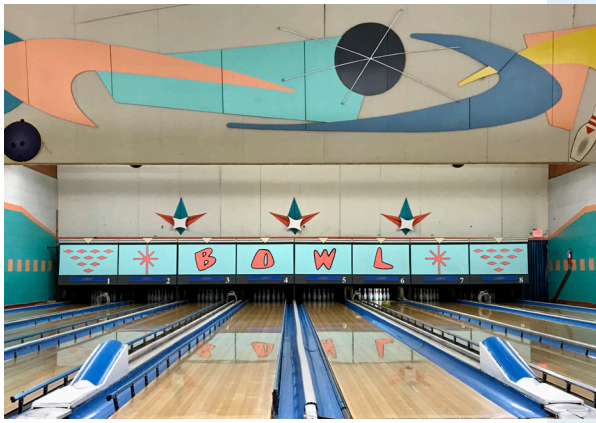
Paul Ayers is a collaborator on a series of books written by John Bengston (Silent Echoes, Silent Traces and Silent Visions) identifying the current locations of sites used in the making of silent movies. Past books focused on films made by Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd.

A Special Raising the Bar at Montrose Bowl

Thursday, March 7 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
2334 Honolulu Avenue • FREE (bowling only); no-host bar

Meet us in Montrose! The lively color scheme and vintage feel of Montrose Bowl create a perfect atmosphere for a nostalgic Raising the Bar – plus bowling! Offering eight usable vintage bowling lanes, a bar with red vinyl stools and booths, a jukebox and plenty of party space, Montrose Bowl is frequently used for the filming of major motion pictures, indie films, TV shows and commercials, as well as private parties. The fabulous fifties décor was adopted in 1998, when the fantasy comedy-drama "Pleasantville" was shot there. After production wrapped, the owners asked the crew to leave the set just as it was. More recently, "My Latin Lover" and "Jersey Boys" were shot at Montrose Bowl. Montrose Bowl opened in 1936 and has been owned and operated by the Berger family since 1981. No RSVP required.

This event is sponsored by DIGGS-Glendale.



Montrose Bowl Interior

The Life and Works of Architect S. Charles Lee and Tour of the Alex Theatre

Sunday, March 10 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Alex Theatre • 216 North Brand Boulevard
$15 TGHS Members/$25 General Public • Tickets on sale in February

Los Angeles Historian and S. Charles Lee aficionado Eric Lynxwiler will give a captivating presentation on the legendary theatre architect who, in 1940, re-designed the Alex Theatre's façade into a fabulous Art Deco/Moderne neon masterpiece. Lee's other notable projects include the Tower Theatre (1927) and the lavish Los Angeles Theatre (1931) in Downtown L.A.

Photo: Courtesy of Glendale Arts Alex Theatre (1925); Neon tower and spire added in 1940

Lynxwiler's talk will be followed by an exclusive architectural and backstage tour of the Alex Theatre. Built in 1925 and designed by architects Charles R. Selkirk and Arthur G. Lindley, the Alexander Theatre, as it was originally known, features Greek and Egyptian motifs and is listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources (No. 20), as well as the National Register of Historic Places.

The Secret Gardens of Forest Lawn • Lecture

Thursday, March 21 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Little Church of the Flowers • Forest Lawn-Glendale

One of the many walled gardens at Glendale's Forest Lawn Memorial Park

EVENTS

Forest Lawn Garden Tour

Saturday, March 23
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: TBA
$40 TGHS Members/$50 General Public
Tickets on sale in February; space is limited to first 80 reservations

Join us for the third annual tour of Forest Lawn, Glendale. This year we will be hosted by the head Gardener of Forest Lawn, Rick Leach, who will deliver an informative lecture with slides on the history of the gardens of Forest Lawn and what it takes to maintain and upgrade these treasures. Then on the following Saturday, Rick will take us behind the locked gates of the private and secret gardens of Forest Lawn Cemetery. We will meet at the first garden and then caravan to each of the ones he will unlock, just for us. The tour will conclude with refreshments on the patio at the Forest Lawn Museum after which we will have a chance to visit what will be their new exhibit, "Women of Vision." You won't want to miss this special event.

Bach in the Subways

Southern Pacific Railroad Depot
Sunday, March 24
Glendale's Larry Zarian Transportation Center
400 West Cerritos Avenue
10:00 am
FREE

As part of the world-wide celebration of Johann Sebastian Bach's 334th birthday, Glendale amateur string ensemble Cantabile will perform the Baroque-era composer's monumental last work, The Art of Fugue, at Glendale's historic Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. TGHS volunteers will be on hand to provide information about the history and architecture of this stunning 1923 Spanish Colonial Revival train station listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources (No. 10) and the National Register of Historic Places. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale, Department of Public Works. No RSVP required.

History of the Armenian Community in Glendale

April, date and time TBD
Glendale Downtown Central Library
222 East Harvard Street
FREE

TGHS is pleased to present this exploration of how Glendale came to be home to one of the largest Armenian communities outside of Armenia, covering a brief history of Armenia and the Armenian diaspora, some of the early Armenian families in Glendale, and the contributions of Armenian-Americans to Glendale. The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Victorian Easter

Sunday, April 14
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Doctors House Museum
Brand Park
1601 West Mountain Street
$10 suggested donation

Hop on over to Brand Park for an Easter Egg Hunt on the sprawling lawns of the Doctors House. Play traditional Victorian games and turn the crank on the old-fashioned ice cream maker before tasting delicious homemade flavors! Guests are encouraged to dress in their Sunday best, and children who wish to hunt for Easter eggs should bring their own baskets. No RSVP required.

Taste of Spain

Saturday, April 27
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location TBA; tickets on sale in late March
FREE for Jewel City Patrons (and higher) and those who join
during the spring membership drive
$30 for TGHS Members; space is limited!

Introduce your friends and neighbors to TGHS and all the great work that we do! Our spring membership drive takes place April 1 – April 23, culminating with our popular Taste of Spain soirée, which will be held at a 1928 Spanish Colonial Revival landmark home located in the Rossmoyne Historic District. Enjoy an assortment of tapas and Spanish wines and beers as well as tours of this beautiful home.

Landmark This! Workshop on the Glendale Register and Mills Act

May, date TBD
Brand Library & Art Center Auditorium
1601 West Mountain Street
FREE

Do you own an architecturally significant building? Did someone important live or have a business there? Come find out how to list your property on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources, which helps to ensure that exceptional Glendale residential, commercial and industrial buildings are preserved for future generations. Glendale Register properties and "contributors" to historic districts are also eligible for the Mills Act, a property tax reduction (usually around 50%), which is more valuable now than ever given recent changes to federal tax law that limit the amount of State income and property tax deductions. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

EVENTS

Restoration Expo

Saturday, May 11 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Glendale Civic Auditorium • 1401 North Verdugo Road
FREE and Open to the Public

In celebration of National Preservation Month, TGHS presents its annual Restoration Expo, which includes dozens of specialists, experts and contractors, landscape and interior design professionals, period and reproduction tile and hardware suppliers and many other valuable resources. Owners of vintage homes will have a unique opportunity to learn practical information from a variety of sources to maintain and restore the original charm and character of older properties while still meeting the needs of modern living.

The Expo will be held at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, a Great Depression-era Works Progress Administration-funded project. The 1938 building was designed by architect John A. Grundfor in a distinctive Spanish Colonial Revival and Moorish-influenced style. Last year, TGHS successfully nominated the building to the California Register of Historical Resources for its direct association with the 20th-century development of Glendale.

Adobe to Adobe Walk/Bike

Saturday, June 1• 12:00 – 4:00 pm • Meeting location: TBA • FREE – RSVP required

Put on your walking shoes or your bike shorts and join The Glendale Historical Society and Walk Bike Glendale as we saunter and cycle between two of the City's oldest and most historic structures, the Catalina Verdugo Adobe (Glendale Register No. 1) and the Casa Adobe de San Rafael (Glendale Register No. 3).

In coordination with the Days of the Verdugos Heritage Association and Glendale Beautiful, both adobes will be open for docent-led tours. The route between the adobes is a distance of 3.25 miles, with a walk time of approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Catalina Verdugo Adobe is located in the beautiful Verdugo Woodlands neighborhood

40th Anniversary Gala & Benefit

Saturday, June 22 • 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm • Stanford House
$140 TGHS Members/$175 General Public
Tickets on sale in mid-May; address provided to ticket holders only

In celebration of the organization's 40th Anniversary, The Glendale Historical Society will host this elegant fundraising affair at Stanford House, a magnificent 1928 Spanish Colonial Revival home. The special evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, silent auction, live music and presentation of annual preservation and volunteer awards.

Thanks for the Memories: Celebrating Film, People and History

Saturday, July 13 • 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm • Alex Theatre • 216 North Brand Boulevard
$30; tickets on sale in June

The Glendale Historical Society, the Alex Film Society and Glendale Arts join forces to celebrate the Jewel City's unique connection to Hollywood, its studios and the stars that called Glendale their home. Whether it's Marion Morrison (aka John Wayne) playing football at Glendale High School or Clarence "Ducky" Nash entertaining kids as the voice of Donald Duck at Fremont Elementary School, their lives added to the magic of Hollywood's Golden Era.

Celebrate nearly a century of classic films screened at the Alex Theatre, and pay tribute to the other theatres (The Capitol, Temple, Cosmo, Sands, Vogue, etc.) that once lined the street on both sides of Brand Boulevard. Explore a Silent Film Era that was really never silent and learn about the musical cues that introduced the heroes, villains, lovers and comic legends that thrilled audiences around the world. Move on to the Sound Era with award winning two-reel comedies, travelogues and short subjects that provide a backdrop for Glendale-centric history and personalities.

The evening includes live music and features guest historians to guide us through the decades. A little history and a lot of rare footage make for an exciting, one-of-a-kind event.

Photo: Courtesy of Glendale Arts

Doctors House (circa 1888) was moved to Brand Park in 1980 where it was subsequently restored and opened as a museum.

40th Anniversary Annual Meeting & Summer Social

Saturday, July 20 • 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Doctors House • 1601 West Mountain Street • Brand Park
FREE: TGHS Members/$10: Guests • RSVP required

Members and guests are invited to join us as we look back at our accomplishments over the past 40 years, elect new Board Members and enjoy food and refreshments at the Doctors House Museum, right where Glendale's preservation movement began. Cheers!

A Good Time at the Goode House –TGHS Patron Members Only

Wednesday, August 7 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Goode House • 119 North Cedar Street
RSVP required

This is an exclusive event for Verdugo, Jewel City, San Rafael, Goode and Brand Patron members, who are invited to enjoy a special wine and cheese reception at the Goode House (Glendale Register No. 8), one of the last remaining Queen Anne-Eastlake Victorian homes in Glendale. Built in 1892 by Henry C. Banker, it was the home of Edgar D. Goode and his wife, Alletia, from 1897-1917. Goode played a significant role in Glendale's incorporation and early development.

TGHS was instrumental in saving this Victorian gem from demolition and ensuring that it be preserved in its original location. The house serves as the community center for the surrounding Ivy Glen Apartments.

Goode House (1892)

EVENTS

Neon Cruise – TGHS Members Only

Saturday, August 10 • 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm • Museum of Neon Art • 216 South Brand Boulevard
$55 • Tickets on sale in July; space is limited!

You are invited to join us on a nighttime bus tour of vintage neon signs and permanent installations of contemporary neon art. From the classic movie marquees of the Theatre District in Downtown Los Angeles to the glittering lights of Hollywood and the glowing pagodas of Chinatown, this narrated tour highlights dazzling examples of neon as well as innovative electrical advertising. Meet at the Museum of Neon Art in Glendale for refreshments before hopping on board the top deck of a convertible bus and letting your knowledgeable guide enthrall you with history and anecdotes about L.A.'s urban electric jungle.

Wine Tasting at Historic Le Mesnager Stone Barn

Saturday, August 24 • 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm • Le Mesnager Barn • Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3439 Markridge Road • $25 TGHS and HSCV Members/$35 General Public
Tickets on sale in late July

Beginning in the late 19th century, French and Italian immigrants planted vineyards in Glendale. The tradition of winemaking continues in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, thanks to the Stone Barn Vineyard Conservancy. Join us for a tour of the property and a wine tasting, including wine made from local grapes, in this co-sponsored event with the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley. The Historic Le Mesnager Stone Barn (Glendale Register No. 11) was completed in 1915 and is now owned by the City of Glendale, which uses it as a nature education center and community building.

Le Mesnager Barn (1915) and Vineyard at Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Master Architects in Glendale Presentation by Alan Hess

Thursday, September 19 • 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Glendale Downtown Central Library • 222 East Harvard Street • FREE

Schaffer House (1949)
designed by Master Architect John Lautner

Glendale has a number of significant homes designed by the most celebrated and influential architects of the last century, including Gerard Colcord, A. Quincy Jones, Pierre Koenig, John Lautner, Richard Neutra, Rudolph Schindler, Lloyd Wright and Paul R. Williams.

In advance of this year's *Icons of Architecture* Home Tour, State Historical Resources Commissioner Alan Hess will talk about these and other noted architects and the impact they have had on each other and residential design. Hess, owner of Alan Hess Architecture since 1981, has written 20 books on Modern architecture and urbanism in the mid-20th century.

Hess's presentation will take place at Glendale's Downtown Central Library, a 1973 Brutalist-style building designed by the prominent architectural firm Welton Becket and Associates. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Icons of Architecture Home Tour

Sunday, September 29 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
$35 TGHS Members/$45 General Public
After September 24: $40 TGHS Members/$50 General Public
Tickets on sale in mid-August

This year's *Icons of Architecture* tour will showcase extraordinary homes in Glendale designed by some of the early- and mid-20th century's most renowned architects. Guests will drive themselves to each location where docents will provide guided tours of the home's interior and exterior. Not to be missed!

Ecclesiastical Architecture Tour

Saturday, October 19 • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm • $15 TGHS Members/$25 General Public
Tickets on sale in September

St Mark's Church (1949)

Explore some of Glendale's amazing ecclesiastical architecture with a tour of the churches on North Brand Boulevard, including the Romanesque Revival-style St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1949); the PWA Moderne-style Church of the Incarnation (1951); the Modern-style Salem Lutheran Church (1959); and First Church of Christ, Scientist (1989), designed in the Post-Modern Gothic style by Charles W. Moore, who won the American Institute of Architects' prestigious Gold Medal award.

At each location, tourgoers will be met by a docent who will speak about the church's architectural details and provide a brief history. Join us for a unique opportunity to learn more about these places of worship.

Restoring Tomorrow

An Aaron Wolf Film
Thursday, October 24 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm • Glendale Downtown Central Library
222 East Harvard Street • FREE

Restoring Tomorrow tells the tale of Los Angeles' Wilshire Boulevard Temple, which was built in 1929 by the original Hollywood moguls. With its towering ten-story-high dome, it ranks with the Chinese Theater and Griffith Planetarium as one of the great L.A. landmarks, but by the 21st century it was in need of tens of millions of dollars of reconstruction to avoid the wrecking ball. Film critic Leonard Maltin calls it "a genuinely inspiring film with a great story to tell that I found very moving." This against-all-odds story is told through the personal journey of director Aaron Wolf who, like so many of his generation, had become disaffected from his congregation. In chronicling the Temple's restoration, he finds himself restored, as he reconnects to his synagogue and his community. In these divided times, Restoring Tomorrow ultimately demonstrates how, when any community puts its mind to it, people can be brought back together, no matter what culture or religion.

Experience a movie that is about preservation and also much more. The filmmaker grew up in Glendale and is enthusiastic about this return engagement in his home town. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

EVENTS

It Started in Glendale

Thursday, November 7
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Glendale Downtown Central Library
222 East Harvard Street
FREE

Bob's Big Boy. Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream. Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Jessup's Dairy. Porto's Bakery. What do they have in common? They all started in Glendale! See their stories and more in a fascinating presentation by past TGHS President and former Historic Preservation Commissioner Arlene Vidor. Co-sponsored by the City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, the event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Photo: Courtesy Glendale Library, Arts & Culture
The original Bob's Big Boy (initially called Bob's Pantry) got its start in Glendale. Founder Bob Wian purchased the 10-stool hamburger stand in 1936 and eventually expanded it into a national restaurant chain.

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Brand Library & Art Center
1601 West Mountain Street • FREE: TGHS Members/$20: Guests

Celebrate the season at our annual holiday party at the Brand Library and Art Center, which is the former home of Leslie C. Brand and his wife, Mary Louise.

Brand, an important early developer of Glendale, built this mansion in 1904 and named it "El Miradero." His brother-in-law, Nathaniel Dryden, designed the home based on the East Indian Pavilion built for the 1893 Columbian World Exposition held in Chicago, which Brand had visited. The Saracenic architecture, with crenellated arches, bulbous domes and minarets, combines characteristics of Spanish, Moorish and Indian styles.

Brand bequeathed the house and property to the City to be used as a public park and library. The addition of a compatible and differentiated art center building, designed by Glendale architects Raymond Jones and Charles Walton, was dedicated in 1969.

The Brand Library and Art Center, which underwent a major restoration and rehabilitation in 2014 and garnered a TGHS Preservation Award, is listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources (No. 7) as is the El Miradero Gateway (No. 121).

The holiday party is sponsored in part by Gruen Associates.

Candlelight Tours

Saturday, December 14 and 21 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm • Doctors House
1601 West Mountain Street • Brand Park • No RSVP required
FREE: TGHS Members/$10 donation requested: General Public

Join us for the cheer of a Victorian Christmas as the Doctors House is illuminated with candles and festively adorned for the holidays. You will be transported back in time as you wander through each meticulously decorated room, sip hot cider and listen to music of the season. No RSVP required.

ONGOING TOURS AND EVENTS

Alex Film Society

Since 1994, the Alex Film Society has presented classic film programs at Glendale's historic Alex Theatre. Archival 35mm prints, celebrity guests, historical exhibits, classic cartoons, newsreels and rare short subjects are hallmarks of these events. Upcoming film events include:

- Thursday, February 28, 7:30 pm "The French Connection" (1971)
- Thursday, April 25, 7:30 pm "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975)
- Saturday, July 13, 7:30 pm "Thanks for the Memories: Celebrating Film, People and History" coproduced with The Glendale Historical Society in partnership with Glendale Arts
- Thursday, October 24, 7:30 pm – Classic Halloween Event
- Saturday, November 30, 2:00 and 8:00 pm "22nd Annual The Three Stooges Big Screen Event!"

TGHS members receive the group rate on tickets. For more information, visit: www.alexfilmsociety.org

Civic Center Walking Tour

Self-Guided • FREE

In 2014, The Glendale Historical Society and the City of Glendale's Historic Preservation Commission organized a walking tour of Glendale's civic center campus. The tour features 21 notable properties, including a mix of municipal buildings, religious institutions, homes and businesses, that tell the story of Glendale's history, growth and civic development.

Go at your own pace and explore Glendale's architecturally diverse civic center by taking your own self-guided tour whenever you like! You can download the brochure and map at www.glendalehistorical.org/walking-tours

Neighborhood Walking Tours

TBA

Throughout this year – typically on a Saturday or Sunday morning – TGHS docents will lead 90-minute neighborhood walking tours of Glendale's potential and proposed historic districts, including Casa Verdugo and South Cumberland Heights. Tours will be announced to TGHS members by email. Sign up for our notification service at www.glendalehistorical.org/subscribe

Raising the Bar

TBA

Join us during the year as we toast the Jewel City's history of cuisines and libations with our ongoing social mixers that highlight both new and long-standing bars and restaurants around town. Upcoming Raising the Bar events are announced on Facebook, Instagram and by email to TGHS members.

ONGOING TOURS AND EVENTS

Doctors House Museum Tours

Most Sundays • 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm • Doctors House • 1601 West Mountain Street
Brand Park • FREE: TGHS Members/$5 donation requested: General Public

Built around 1888, the Doctors House (Glendale Register No. 6) is a Queen Anne-Eastlake style Victorian home that was occupied in succession by four doctors, which gave the house its name. Subsequently, silent screen star and filmmaker Nell Shipman lived in the house from 1917 to 1920 with her family and a menagerie that included two bear cubs.

Docent-led half-hour tours of the Doctors House Museum are offered Sundays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm with the last tour at 3:30 pm. The Museum is closed on Sunday holidays including: Easter Sunday, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Closures also occur during the month of July. December tours are only held 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm on the second and third Saturdays of the month. Rainy weather may cause Museum closures.

View of the Doctors House from the Gazebo, which was dedicated in 1999.

BECOME A MEMBER

The Glendale Historical Society advocates for the identification and preservation of landmark buildings, supports conserving the historic character of Glendale's neighborhoods, and educates the public and engages the community in the importance of historic preservation. Your membership will assist us in working with property owners and the City of Glendale to pursue preservation alternatives when historic structures are threatened; supporting restoration, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings; reaching out to owners of historic properties about the benefits of preservation and landmark designation; and operating the Doctors House Museum.

We are an all-volunteer, tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to TGHS are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Join today at www.glendalehistorical.org/join.

VOLUNTEER

Get involved! Have fun! Learn things! Volunteering for The Glendale Historical Society can be ongoing, such as serving on a committee, or helping out at one event. Information and sign up links are on our Volunteer webpage at www.glendalehistorical/volunteer.

We have a wide range of activities to fit your schedule, interests and skill set. From preservation projects to planning a top-notch event at a historic home to fundraising to doing historic research, we have just the thing for you. Let's collaborate!

LEGACY GIFTS

The Founders Legacy Society recognizes special friends of The Glendale Historical Society who have created a legacy for the future of historic preservation in Glendale. Membership is open to all who make a provision to include TGHS in their wills or living trusts. By including TGHS in your estate planning you can make a lasting contribution to help preserve Glendale's history and architectural heritage. Other examples besides a bequest through a will or living trust are a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or gifts of life insurance or real estate. Consult with your financial advisor on the best way to prepare an estate plan or gift strategy that fits your unique needs and wishes. Please contact us if you are interested in a no-obligation consultation on planned giving: info@glendalehistorical.org.

TGHS TIMELINE: 1979–1987

1979
- Small group of residents join to save Doctors House (c. 1888), one of two remaining Queen Anne-Eastlake homes in Glendale
- Led by Carole Dougherty, The Glendale Historical Society incorporates as a non-profit organization to mobilize support for Doctors House and other preservation efforts
- City Council agrees to donate area of Brand Park for Doctors House new location
- Efforts begin to encourage developers to preserve Jensen's Palace Grand Shops aka Jensen's Arcade/Egyptian Village Café (1921)

1980
- Marie Luft elected first TGHS President; Carole Dougherty named Vice President
- Doctors House moved in two sections to Brand Park
- TGHS presents its first architectural tour, featuring Verdugo Adobe (c. 1860), Egyptian Village Café and Lloyd Wright-designed Derby House (1926)

1981
- TGHS initiates quarterly newsletter
- Fundraising efforts and restoration work on Doctors House continue
- TGHS holds first Walking Tour of Downtown Glendale, raising $1,000

1982
- City hires consultant to prepare Environmental Impact Report to address projects in redevelopment area on Brand Boulevard
- TGHS raises issues with proposed demolition of Jensen's Palace Grand Shops/Egyptian Village Café, which result in feasibility study that finds building architecturally significant

1983
- TGHS receives $14,000 grant from State Office of Historic Preservation for a survey of historic area in downtown Glendale
- Fully restored Doctors House opens to public for first time as part of Home Tour

1984
- Based on survey funded by State Office of Historic Preservation grant, TGHS publishes *Glendale Architectural and Historical Survey: 1983 - 1984 - Self-Guided Tour*
- TGHS republishes *Glendale: A Pictorial History* book
- TGHS holds Gala Celebration and Preview Opening of the Doctors House
- Glendale's most comprehensive historic resources survey to date identifies properties eligible for Glendale and National Registers
- TGHS successfully supports variances to allow Seeley's and Zinke's neon signs to remain despite Glendale's sign ordinance
- Jensen's Palace Grand Shops/Egyptian Village Café demolished despite strong opposition by TGHS to preserve it

1985
- TGHS advocates for preservation of Glendale's vintage street lights
- Glendale Post Office designated National Historic Landmark
- TGHS opposes proposed demolition of Goode House (1892) and urges City to enact provisions to protect historic structures
- City enacts ordinance to delay demolition of structures deemed historic to allow evaluation and establishes Historic Preservation Commission in response to TGHS's concern over fate of Goode House
- TGHS prepares report on Goode House that recommends it be adapted to a bed and breakfast or offices

1986
- TGHS takes first steps to preserve Alex Theatre (1925) by presenting report to City Council citing it as the most architecturally significant intact theatre in the area
- First Zelia Blanton Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation given to Glendale Councilmember Ginger Bremberg
- TGHS opposes plan to move Goode House to Monterey Road near Glendale Freeway, arguing its setting is important

1987
- Developers propose rehabilitation of Masonic Temple for adaptive reuse
- TGHS produces *How to Research Buildings in Glendale* manual

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1988

- TGHS advocates for preservation of Goode House and its eligibility for the National Register; City agrees to impose conditions that Goode House be restored
- City of Glendale becomes Certified Local Government, indicating commitment to a professionalized preservation program

1989

- TGHS and Associates of Brand Library and Art Center sponsor lecture series on house restoration and research
- City buys 702-acre Intervalley Ranch/Winery property (renamed Deukmejian Wilderness Park), which includes Le Mesnager Barn (1915)
- City buys landmark Verdugo Adobe
- Alex Theatre appears in October 1989 issue of *Life* magazine as "101 things worth saving"
- City buys 1923 Southern Pacific Railroad Depot
- TGHS publishes *The Jewel City: Looking Back and Forward - Eight Celebrated Sites in the Glendale Area*
- TGHS publishes *Historic Sites in Glendale, California*, a folding map of 41 historic sites in Glendale

1990

- "Alexander Then and Now" TGHS event launched to raise funds and support for preservation and revitalization of Alex Theatre
- TGHS sponsors second printing of *Glendale: A Pictorial History*
- TGHS introduces "DESIGNATION 1990" program to identify and nominate historic landmarks
- TGHS advocates that City add 74 sites in South Glendale to list of historically significant properties protected by the preservation ordinance
- TGHS argues proposed demolition of Alfred F. Priest-designed Public Services Building (1929) be put on hold while EIR is prepared, and City's Environmental and Planning Board unanimously agrees

1991

- City hires first Historic Preservation Planner
- City Council adopts "anti-mansionization" ordinance
- City Council votes to preserve Goode House on its original site at 119 North Cedar St, rejecting a proposal to move it to Brand Park
- TGHS increases membership by 75% over previous year, from 170 to 305

1992

- Glendale is first city in L.A. County to adopt the Mills Act, which provides property tax incentives for maintaining historic properties
- City votes to preserve and restore Alex marquee as it was designed in 1940 by architect S. Charles Lee
- City purchases Goode House and adjacent property for use as affordable housing
- City Council votes 5-0 to demolish Public Services Building despite TGHS efforts to save it

1993

- Permanent Endowment Fund established by TGHS Treasurer Richard Montgomery in memory of his wife Natalie

1994

- Alex Theatre reopens
- TGHS presents exhibit on female silent film pioneer Nell Shipman

1995

- TGHS opposes efforts to remove or alter historic street lights from the 1920s that contain images of ancient swastikas
- Restored Goode House rechristened as part of low-income disabled adults housing project

1996

- Alex Theatre listed in National Register of Historic Places

1997

1998

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1999
- Doctors House Gazebo dedicated

2000
- W.A. Sarmiento-designed Glendale Federal Savings (1959) found eligible for California Register, which stymied owner's plans to significantly alter building

2001
- TGHS launches website

2002
- TGHS again fends off efforts to remove or alter 1920 streetlamps with ancient swastika motifs

2003
- Glendale adopts Historic District Overlay Ordinance as advocated by TGHS
- At urging of TGHS, Glendale eliminates the ability to get a same-day permit to demolish a building more than 30 years old
- Cumberland Heights first neighborhood to apply for historic district status

2004
- TGHS enlists noted architectural photographer Julius Shulman to rally support for protection of Glendale Federal annex

2005
- Adams Square Gas Station (1936) preserved as part of Mini Park

2006
- TGHS sponsors Glendale Centennial Home Tour featuring houses from each decade over the last 100 years
- TGHS publishes Centennial version of *Glendale: A Pictorial History*
- TGHS participates in City's Craftsman Survey

2007
- Glendale receives award for Historic District Design Guidelines, which were developed with TGHS involvement

2008
- Royal Boulevard designated Glendale's first historic district
- City of Glendale purchases 3.3 acre Rockhaven property
- TGHS sponsors and produces Glendale Garden Tour

2009
- Cottage Grove and Ard Eevin-Highlands designated historic districts
- TGHS hosts "A Taste of Old California at Glendale's Historic Casa Verdugo" (1907)
- Carole Dougherty receives TGHS Lifetime Achievement Award named in her honor
- Year ends with record 10 properties added to Glendale Register

2010
- Three permanent exhibits installed at Doctors House: The Four Doctors, Nell Shipman and The Move & Restoration
- Publication of *Memories of Glendale's Doctors House 1979-1984 - A Labor of Love* by Marie Luft

2011
- TGHS joins Facebook
- TGHS holds first annual Taste of Spain membership drive event

2012
- First annual Victorian Easter and biennial Beneath the Veil held at Doctors House
- TGHS hosts sold out "Beyond the Gates: Exploring the Art and Architecture of Forest Lawn Memorial Park-Glendale" bus tour
- TGHS unveils new logo
- Rossmoyne and North Cumberland Heights designated historic districts
- TGHS creates Historic District Grant to help defray cost of City's application fee
- TGHS forms Preservation Advocacy Committee
- Stiles O. Clements-designed Alexander's Market (1938) approved for demolition
- Glendale updates Preservation Ordinance, allowing City Council supermajority to landmark property without owners' consent

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2013

- City approves Disney's plans to rehabilitate and restore Grand Central Air Terminal with TGHS support
- 3901 San Fernando Road (1930) approved for demolition after hard-fought battle by TGHS to save it
- Municipal Services Building becomes Glendale's 100th Landmark

2014

- Brockmont Park becomes Glendale's sixth historic district
- TGHS hosts inaugural Gala & Benefit at historic Brockmont estate
- Brand Library Rehabilitation Project completed and receives TGHS Preservation Award
- TGHS creates Preservation Fund to provide financial support for efforts to save historic structures

2015

- Rockhaven (1923-1967) placed on *Los Angeles* magazine's Most Endangered List
- TGHS invites City Council candidates to respond to questions about historic preservation issues
- City approves Window Replacement Guidelines for older homes
- Masonic Temple purchased by Caruso Affiliated; City approves significant alterations
- National Preserve America Steward Award given to TGHS for Doctors House
- TGHS raises funds for Alex90 ILLUMINATE Tower & Spire Restoration Project

2016

- Inaugural TGHS Restoration Expo held on Doctors House front lawn
- Niodrara Drive becomes Glendale's seventh historic district
- TGHS persuades Glendale to extend Mills Act to historic district contributors
- Rockhaven Sanitarium Historic District placed on National Register; TGHS supports City's RFP process for potential adaptive reuse project
- TGHS persuades Glendale to have City instead of applicant select consultants for preparation of EIRs
- City Council finds property of Rev. Clifford Cole to be a historic resource and declines to certify EIR seeking demolition
- TGHS renames Preservation Fund in honor of Treasurer Vrej Mardian
- TGHS membership reaches 700, a new record

2017

- TGHS declares "The Year of the Craftsman" to call attention to Glendale's threatened Arts & Crafts heritage
- Founders Legacy Society established to recognize those who make substantial donations to TGHS Endowment or include Endowment in their estate planning
- TGHS hires consultant to prepare condition assessment report for Doctors House
- Arlene Vidor receives Carole Dougherty Lifetime Achievement Award
- Casa Verdugo added to Glendale Register based on TGHS-prepared application

2018

- Doctors House restoration work begins with $12,300 grant from Community Foundation of the Verdugos
- Chubbuck House (1908) demolished without permit; TGHS advocates for amendments to code and stiffer penalties
- Glendale Civic Auditorium (1938) added to California Register based on TGHS nomination
- Kiefer & Eyerick Mortuary (1928) added to Glendale Register based on TGHS-prepared application
- City adopts South Glendale Historic Resources Survey with TGHS input, identifying 400 properties eligible for local listing

2019

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