



Dear member,

Here's the April 2015 edition of our monthly newsletter. We hope you're having a pleasant spring.

## Garden exchange

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am - noon**



Spring has sprung, so once again we're starting up the monthly garden exchange events. It's an informal opportunity to schmooze with your neighbors over a cuppa and to share the bounty of our Upper East gardens. Some folks have trees or gardens that produce more fruits and vegetables than they can eat or easily give away. The garden exchange provides a way to offer them to other members. There are usually some young plants available as well.

So, do come by to chat. Some folks feel uncomfortable if they don't have garden produce to bring. Please don't. This is primarily an informal social event ... we'd love to have you join us.

**Location: 14 E Los Olivos St, home of Milt & Cecilia Hess**

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## Mission Heritage Trail Association (*Safe Passage*) community workshop

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 - 9pm**

The Mission Heritage Trail Association invites all interested citizens to attend a community workshop to review and discuss a concept plan for the entire Los Olivos and Mission Canyon Corridor. The workshop will encourage positive community dialog and encourage participation to achieve a safer corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles, and equestrians while providing for universal access and while retaining the area's cultural and aesthetic integrity.

**Location: Santa Barbara Woman's Club - Rockwood, 670 Mission Canyon Road**

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## 7-Eleven ABC Update

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is presently allowing beer and wine sales at the 7-11 at Mission & State under a Temporary Operating Permit with four conditions:

1. Sales and service of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only between the hours of 6am and midnight each day of the week.
2. Beer, malt beverages and wine coolers cannot be sold by single containers, but must be sold in manufacturer pre-packaged multi-unit quantities.



3. Wine shall not be sold in bottles or containers smaller than 750 ml.
4. Deliveries of alcoholic beverages to the premises shall be permitted only between the hours of 7am and 8pm each day of the week.

If you have questions about why 7-11 received a temporary permit, or for additional information on when the hearing will be held in Santa Barbara, you can contact ABC's Ventura District Office, (805) 289-0104, [Melissa.Rice@abc.ca.gov](mailto:Melissa.Rice@abc.ca.gov).

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## Welcome to our cruise ship visitors



A few more cruise ships are still due to arrive as they reposition from their Caribbean winter season to their Alaska summer season, with stops along our California coast. Keep a lookout on the following days and perhaps you can extend an Upper East welcome if you see cruise visitors wandering about our neighborhood. The most frequent question they ask is how to get to the Mission. The answer is from Sea Landing it is not that easy, which explains why they often get confused walking around our

lovely residential area looking for our major historic city landmark.

Remaining Spring cruise ship schedule:

- Wednesday, April 22 - Crown Princess
- Sunday, April 26 - Grand Princess
- Sunday, May 3 - Golden Princess
- Sunday, May 17 - Crystal Symphony
- Tuesday, May 19 - Crystal Symphony

If you would like to volunteer as a Cruise Ambassador who can provide local advice about what to enjoy during their short time ashore, please contact Annmarie [annmarie@sbchamber.org](mailto:annmarie@sbchamber.org) at the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce or Upper East Association member Joan Livingston at [canatus@gmail.com](mailto:canatus@gmail.com).

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## In search of ... a newsletter editor



Do you love to write a little and edit, want to get more involved with what is happening in the Upper East, and have a few hours a month to help out? If you would like to become part of the team that supports Upper East activities we have an opening for the Upper East Association newsletter editor position. All Board members contribute articles of interest, so the editor's task is simply to bring them all together using our present email newsletter format.

To learn more about what's involved (honestly, not that much) please call Milt Hess at 895-0116.

## Upper East History – The Hoffman House

One of the most outstanding architectural and historical treasures of the Upper East is a house on the 2400 block of Garden Street, the “Casa Santa Cruz”. Unfortunately hidden from the view of passers-by, its back terrace is perched on the edge of the hill and has extensive views of Santa Barbara’s backdrop of mountains.

This beautiful large house in the Rural Andalusian style was designed by John Osborne Craig for Bernard and Irene Hoffman, leaders in the 1920’s movement to encourage a Hispanic image for Santa Barbara streetscapes. Bernard Hoffman first came to Santa Barbara with his wife in 1920 and established a winter



residence here. He had a strong interest in city planning, and in the 1920’s he joined with others, such as Pearl

Chase, to institute Santa Barbara’s first attempts to control building and development. Among Hoffman’s many projects were the restoration of De La Guerra Adobe and the construction of El Paseo (also designed by Craig) which surrounds it.

The house underwent years of neglect and was considered a tear down until the present owners undertook an extensive restoration.

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## Walking with Mo (my dog)



A couple of weeks ago Mo seemed a little irritated and kept going up and down the stairs. At first I thought he was looking for something, but then I realized he was reacting to the city’s change in our political structure to district elections. When we took our neighborhood walk, however, I realized that nothing has really changed, at least nothing in our neighborhood. The first scent of spring was in the air, flowers were blooming, especially the roses, and things to seem to be carrying on as usual. So Mo had a good walk and we are now back to a normal routine.

I guess things will carry on, but clearly we will need to learn a new way to interact with City officials to make sure we are able to care for this beautiful part of Santa Barbara. So we are probably in for some political education as we move forward into a different political environment. Hopefully we will adjust, avoid repeating some historical mistakes, and remain focused on our entire city and how we are all interconnected.

As to how special Santa Barbara is, Mo and I continually run into visiting folks who seem not to be able to find the Mission, even when they are standing in front of it. I think it has something to do with the orientation they receive when they leave those big ships that anchor off of Stearns Wharf. However it is always rewarding to take the time and show them our piece of Santa Barbara. I hope all of you do take that time and share our pride in this place we call home.

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