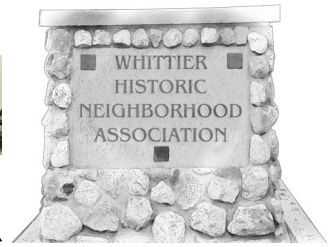


Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association



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NEWSLETTER

COOKING DEMO

Easy, Fresh and Healthy Recipes for Families On-The Go



- ✓ Presented by: Celebrity Chef Denise Portillo of the Forkin' Good Café
- ✓ **Healthy and Tasty** Recipes for the Whole Family
- ✓ Great Ideas for **Using Herbs from Your Garden**
- ✓ Tips on **Preparing and Preserving** Fresh Herbs
- ✓ **Live Cooking Demonstration** and Tasting
- ✓ **PLUS: A Raffle and Free Stuff!**

This event is FREE to WHNA residents and their guests. Board Elections to immediately follow demo.

When: 6:30pm, May 18th
Where: The Knotted Apron, 6712 Greenleaf

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**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

JOIN THE WHNA EXECUTIVE BOARD!

ELECTIONS: MAY 18, 2017

Do you feel like you could make a difference in our historic neighborhood? Would you like to contribute to our community? WHNA Executive Board Member elections are held at the General Meeting in May 2017.

Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

Candidate Requirements:

- ◆ Must be a WHNA member prior to the elections
- ◆ The candidate for President must have attended at least 5 Board Meetings in the previous year

For more information, please review the WHNA By-laws on our website under Materials at www.WhittierHistoric.org

Interested? Contact Ted: (323) 719-1042

2017 NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE OVER 75 HOMES PARTICIPATED!

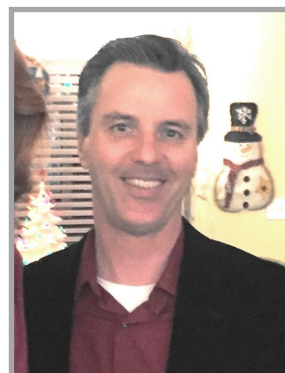


WE'LL MISS YOU! GOODBYE TO CHRIS MAGDOSKU

After over a decade with the City of Whittier, Chris took a job as the new Director of Public Works for the city of Arroyo Grande.

WHNA said goodbye to our "go to guy at the City" with a leather-bound plaque.

Congratulations on your promotion Chris!



W.H.N.A. Events Calendar

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS
(3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM)

May 18: 6712 Greenleaf (6:30pm)
Jun 15: 6251 Greenleaf (7pm)
Jul 20: 6055 Washington (7pm)
Aug 17: 6554 Friends (7pm)

Founders Day Booth
May 6, Sat 10am-1pm
Central Park

Healthy Cooking Demo & WHNA Board Elections
May 18, Thurs 6:30pm
The Knotted Apron,
6712 Greenleaf

Fun Things To Do Around Town

May 2017

May 03-13 Exhibit: Artist Blanca Padilla-Stevens
Whittier Art Gallery

May 05, Fri 7pm Life Drawing Workshop (\$25)
Whittier Art Gallery

May 06, Saturday

* 10am-1pm **Whittier Founder's Day**
Central Park

* 12pm-4pm Appraisal Clinic
King Richard's Antique Center

May 10, Wed 5pm-9pm Uptown Art Stroll
Greenleaf Ave (Begins at Pour Le Bain)

May 12, Friday
* 3pm-11pm Santa Fe Springs Art Festival
Clarke Estate (10211 Pioneer Blvd.)

* 7pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

May 13, Saturday
* 10am Health Fair & Police Open House
Civic Center

* 2pm & 7pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

May 14, Sunday
* 2pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

* 5pm Photography Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

May 17-31 Exhibit: Artist Jessica Jang
Whittier Art Gallery

May 18, Thursday 6:30pm
Healthy Cooking Demonstration &
WHNA Board Member Elections
6712 Greenleaf (The Knotted Apron)

May 19, Fri 7pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

May 20, Saturday
* 11am Writer's Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

* 7pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

May 21, Sun 2pm Beauty and the Beast (the Play)
Whittier Community Theatre

May 22, Mon 7pm 3-D Artists' Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

May 24 & 25 Wed & Thurs 7pm
Dancing with the Whittier Stars
Whittier Community Theatre

FRIDAY FARMER'S MARKET (8AM-1PM)
Corner of Philadelphia & Bright

June 2017

June 2, 3, 9 & 10 (Fri & Sat) 8pm Play: A Fly In Her Ear
Whittier Community Theatre

June 7 - July 1 Exhibit: Summer Juried Show
Whittier Art Gallery

June 02, Fri 7pm Life Drawing Workshop (\$25)
Whittier Art Gallery

June 03, Saturday
* 10am-4pm Uptown Car Show
(Greenleaf & Philadelphia)

* 12pm-4pm Appraisal Clinic
King Richard's Antique Center

June 11, Sunday
* 2:30pm Play: A Fly In Her Ear
Whittier Community Theatre

* 5pm Photography Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

June 14, Wed 5pm-9pm Uptown Art Stroll
Greenleaf Ave (Begins at Pour Le Bain)

June 15, Thurs 7pm Neighborhood Meeting
6251 Greenleaf

June 16, Fri 8pm Play: A Fly In Her Ear
Whittier Community Theatre

June 17, Saturday
* 2:30pm Play: A Fly In Her Ear
Whittier Community Theatre

* 11am Writer's Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

June 19, Mon 7pm 3-D Artists' Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

June 26, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

July 2017

July 01, Sat 12pm-4pm Appraisal Clinic
King Richard's Antique Center

July 03, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

July 04, Tues 7pm City Fireworks Celebration
York Park

July 07, Fri 7pm Life Drawing Workshop (\$25)
Whittier Art Gallery

July 09, Sun 5pm Photography Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

July 10, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

July 12, Wed 5pm-9pm Uptown Art Stroll
Greenleaf Ave (Begins at Pour Le Bain)

July 2017 cont.

July 15, Sat 11am Writer's Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

July 16, Sat 10am-2pm Whittier Walk & Roll
(More Info at: www.WhittierWalkandRoll.com)
Uptown Whittier

July 17, Monday
* 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

* 7pm Discussion Group for 3-D Artists
Whittier Art Gallery

July 20, Thurs 7pm Neighborhood Meeting
6055 Washington

July 24, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

July 31, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

August 2017

Aug 02-26 Exhibit: Mouth Painter Robert Thome
Whittier Art Gallery

Aug 04, Fri 7pm Life Drawing Workshop (\$25)
Whittier Art Gallery

Aug 05, Sat 12pm-4pm Appraisal Clinic
King Richard's Antique Center

Aug 07, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

Aug 09, Wed 5pm-9pm Uptown Art Stroll
Greenleaf Ave (Begins at Pour Le Bain)

Aug 13, Sun 5pm Photography Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

Aug 14, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

Aug 16, Wed 5pm-9pm Uptown Art Stroll
Greenleaf Ave (Begins at Pour Le Bain)

Aug 17, Thurs 7pm Neighborhood Meeting
6554 Friends

Aug 19, Sat 11am Writer's Discussion Group
Whittier Art Gallery

Aug 21, Monday
* 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

* 7pm Discussion Group for 3-D Artists
Whittier Art Gallery

Aug 28, Mon 7pm Concert In The Park
Central park

FRIDAY FARMER'S MARKET (8AM-1PM)
Corner of Philadelphia & Bright



AVOID AN ANGRY ENCOUNTER WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT!

Keep your property Clean & Tidy.

It's not just the neighborly thing to do,
it's the law!

Municipal Code 8.08.022 makes it unlawful to maintain substandard property conditions. Failure to comply leads to **escalating fines** and can even result in a **law suit**.

- No Unsightly Weeds
- No Overgrown or Dying Vegetation
- No Broken or Discarded Appliances or Furniture
- No Trash, Junk or other Debris
- No Deteriorated Fences or Walls
- No Decaying Paint



No More
Sad Houses!

NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBORS! HOME IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Have you noticed a neighbor has put work into the exterior of their house? Have they fixed that crooked fence, put in a nice hedge, re-roofed, updated the windows, painted, fixed the steps, or in some way improved the curb-appeal of their home?

Do you appreciate what they've done?

Let WHNA know! We'll drop a door hanger on their front door telling them that their neighbors have noticed and appreciate their hard work.

Anyone can nominate a home! There is no limit on the number of door hangers we'll give out.

Only three qualifications are necessary for a home to win a door hanger:

1. The home is in our neighborhood
2. An improvement has been made that is visible from the street
3. SOMEONE has noticed and nominated them



To nominate a home, contact
Candi (562) 688-6138

HIDDEN TREASURES BATCHELDER TILE INCREASES THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME

By Candi Nash

If your house was built between 1910 and 1950, there's a good chance that you have a prized Batchelder tile feature hidden somewhere in your home. Or maybe it's out in the open ... right in front of your face (or as some would say, hidden in plain sight). Either way, trust me when I tell you that it's **worth your effort to find out!**

Batchelder tile can add **tens of thousands of dollars** to the value of your house!

And throughout the early- to mid-1900's, it was **E V E R Y W H E R E**.

At its zenith, Batchelder tile was wildly popular. Scott Wells of Wells Antique Tile & Pottery has noted, "Even in South Central Los Angeles, every third house has a Batchelder fireplace."

Why?

Starting with the Arts and Crafts movement and continuing through the early half of the 1900's, the tiled look was considered very chic and upper-class. But decorative tile was expensive and out-of-reach for the Average Joe, until Ernest Batchelder entered the market in 1909.

Dr. Robert Winter, a leading authority on Batchelder, explains "Not only were [Batchelder tiles] beautiful, they were affordable to middle-class people. Not cheap, but relatively inexpensive — unlike today!"

Yep, it's back in style, but it wasn't always so.

As tastes changed to a more streamlined, modern or contemporary look, Batchelder tile fell out of popularity, and homeowners began removing it, hiding it behind wood or dry-wall panels, or in many cases painting over it.



Above and Below: Two fountains at the Red Cross, one is painted over.



Today, Batchelder tile can still be found, but it is rare and commands high prices. In a 2014 interview, Scott Wells stated, "Generally speaking, 4x4-inch tiles sell for about \$150; 6x6 for about \$250; and the rare 12x12 size sells for \$2,500. A tile depicting a Viking ship, two feet by two feet, recently sold for \$6,500."

Sure, that was a few years ago, but it's no less true today. Batchelder is a huge selling point for a house. Buyers ask for it by name, and realtors prominently feature Batchelder in their listing.

So, like I said, you may want to put on your Sherlock Holmes hat and do a little sleuthing!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

While Batchelder tiles were made for many purposes, including fountains, baths and pavements, they are primarily associated with fireplaces. Designs often depict Medieval themes, but can also feature Mayan or Byzantine motifs, geometric shapes, flowers, vines, oaks, and birds, especially peacocks.

Batchelder always hated high glosses, preferring a soft finish. His earliest tiles were in earth tones touched with traces of blue and green, which is in keeping with the Arts and Crafts style. In the 1920's, his palette broadened to more colorful designs, but the finish remained muted and soft.

If you think you may have **struck gold**, you should see if your tile matches one of the Batchelder patterns. There are numerous sites out there that show samples of his tile. Or you can contact the Pasadena Museum of History for more information.

Happy Hunting!

Photography: Pat O'Toole & Karen Bennett

References: Paulene O'Connor, La Curbed, 09/24/2016; Chase Campen, Larchmont Buzz, 11/16/2013; Jim Wigton, Patch.com, 09/11/2011



Fireplace, Whittier College

SEARCHING FOR BATCHELDER

Do you have a Batchelder tile fireplace or fountain? Tell us!

- We will be highlighting Batchelder tile in our next **Home Tour**
- Furthermore, the Pasadena Museum of History is creating a registry of Batchelder tile (They won't share your info with the public)

Let us know! Contact Candi (562) 688-6138



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WHNA BOUNDARIES

North: Orange East: Painter
West: Greenleaf South: Central Park

DUES: \$20 per year (June 1 - May 31)
per household

The Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit membership organization. The WHNA newsletter is published three times per year in January, May and September for free distribution to all neighborhood residents.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

Source: CrimeReports.com

LOCATION	DATE / TIME	OFFENSE
5800 BLOCK (with crossroads)		
5800 Blk Greenleaf	February 14, 7:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
5800 Blk Friends	February 15, 6:00pm	Non-Vehicle Theft
5800 Blk Greenleaf	February 22, 11:00am	Non-Vehicle Theft
6000 BLOCK (with crossroads)		
Beverly near Washington	January 02, 9:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6000 Blk Greenleaf	March 15, 10:00pm	Grand Theft Auto
6200 BLOCK (with crossroads)		
6200 Blk Washington	February 05, Noon	Theft from Vehicle
6200 Blk Bright	February 11, 7:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6200 Blk Greenleaf	February 13, 9:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6200 Blk Greenleaf	February 14, 7:00am	Non-Vehicle Theft
6200 Blk Friends	March 01, 10:00am	Theft from Vehicle
6200 Blk Greenleaf	March 07, 10:00pm	Grand Theft Auto
6200 Blk Greenleaf	March 08, 3:00pm	Breaking & Entering
6200 Blk Bright	March 19, 8:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
Camilla near Friends	March 23, 9:00am	Vandalism/Graffiti
6200 Blk Painter	March 28, 10:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6300 BLOCK (with crossroads)		
Hadley near Bright	January 13, 5:00am	Non-Vehicle Theft
Hadley near Greenleaf	January 13, 9:00am	Assault
6300 Blk Greenleaf	January 14, 11:00am	Carjacking
6300 Blk Washington	January 22, 10:00pm	Breaking & Entering
6300 Blk Bright	January 31, 8:00pm	Grand Theft Auto
Hadley near Washington	February 15, 5:00am	Grand Theft Auto
6300 Blk Bright	February 16, 8:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
Hadley near Friends	February 16, Noon	Breaking & Entering
6300 Blk Bright	February 25, 8:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6300 Blk Friends	February 25, 10:00pm	Breaking & Entering
Hadley near Bright	March 02, 1:00pm	Sell/Manu/Possess Drugs
6300 Blk Bright	March 12, 10:00pm	Grand Theft Auto
6300 Blk Bright	March 12, 11:00pm	Grand Theft Auto
Hadley near Bright	March 15, 7:00am	Breaking & Entering
6300 Blk Friends	March 21, 2:00am	Grand Theft Auto
Hadley near Bright	March 28, 8:00am	Theft from Vehicle
6300 Blk Greenleaf	March 28, 2:00pm	Non-Vehicle Theft
CENTRAL PARK		
6500 Blk Washington	January 07, 4:00pm	Breaking & Entering
Bailey near Washington	January 10, 11:00pm	Non-Vehicle Theft
Bailey near Friends	January 16, 5:00am	Theft from Vehicle
Blk Bailey near Friends	January 23, 8:00am	Theft from Vehicle
6500 Blk Washington	February 06, 7:00pm	Theft from Vehicle
6500 Blk Washington	March 05, 10:00pm	Grand Theft Auto



2017-2018 WHNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Join Today!!

WHNA is a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501(C)(3).
Donations and membership dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Annual dues are just \$20 per year (June 1—May 31) and help WHNA pay for flyers, three yearly newsletters, meeting costs, the annual Holiday Decorating Contest, annual Neighborhood Picnic Party, and miscellaneous administration and operating costs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please make the check payable to:
Mail check to:

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Renewal
 New Member