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Harvard Heights Gets A New Green Space With City's 100th Completed Neighborhood Matching Grant

by Eric Bronson

As everyone in WAHALand knows by now, after years (some of the old-timers would say decades) of perseverance, the residents of Harvard Heights (who call their organization HAHA, even though it probably should be HHNA) finally got their Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ). This effort was at times all-consuming and along the way some things that should have gotten done sooner did not. One of the delayed items was the planting of the space on Oxford Avenue in front of the wall surrounding the parking lot of Ross Plaza, for which an Operation Clean Sweep Neighborhood Matching Fund grant had been awarded by the City in 1998.

On Saturday, August 26, 2000, the residents of Harvard Heights finally got it together and made the green

space a reality. What had been a desiccated swath of dirt was transformed into a green oasis of verdant cypress trees (54 in all), protected by 85 bristling bushes of lavender bougainvillea, behind a bed of creeping rosemary punctuated with tufts of lavender, sage and fountain grass. As a finishing touch, the plants were bordered with a meandering row of river rock (gathered from the Staples Center site during construction).

Everyone pitched in to make this project a huge success. The owner of the land, Laeroc Partners, contributed \$2,000 (toward the match provided by the city of \$2,877.73), as well as agreeing to provide water for the irrigation system that was installed by HAHA members. In addition, the owner's representative (Mary Yang of Charles Dunn Real Estate) arranged for an electrical source to be provided for the irrigation system. Sergio Samayoa, Mike Espinoza, An-

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Please Be Mine

The WAHA Board invites you to a gala
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For more information, contact
Alma Carlisle or Greg Stegall

Mills Act in West Adams

Congratulations are in order for six West Adams homeowners who have been selected to participate in the City's Mills Act program. The Mills Act Historical Property Contracts program allows owners of Los Angeles Cultural-Historic Monuments or Contributing Structures to a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone to enjoy lowered property taxes. In return, an owner must agree to restore and maintain an historic building's character and fabric, utilizing federal Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

West Adams' newest Mills Act contractees are:

Stanley and Sondra Holwitz, 1625 West 23rd Street

Bonnie Moran, 1676 West 23rd Street

Jim Jansen, 1644 West 25th Street

Marianne Muellerleile and Tom Norris, 1656 West
25th Street

Laura Meyers, 1818 South Gramercy Place

Ritchie Spencer, 2346 Portland Street

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Lending A Hand To WAHA

It's that time of year again, and this is just another reminder that elections for the WAHA Board of Directors will be held in April. I would encourage all of you to seriously consider running for this prestigious board. A number of positions will be available, including that of Volunteer Coordinator. If you have interest in this or any of WAHA's Board positions please step forward and be counted. West Adams Heritage Association needs you!

WAHA has a fifteen-person Board of Directors, and to keep the organization viable, all positions must be filled. Officers of the Boards are elected by the Board Members at their May retreat meeting after the election of the Board by the general membership. Any of the current members (listed on page 2 of this Newsletter) would be happy to talk to you about Board activities.

If you are interested, submit your candidate statement (a short paragraph, 100 words or so) to WAHA Board President, Linda Scribner by March 10, 2001, in time for the April Newsletter deadline. Candidate Statements will be published in the April Newsletter.

The members Board of Directors are the heart and soul of this organization, and without a full and competent board WAHA could cease to function. So if you believe WAHA serves a valuable function in the West Adams community or if you have ideas on how the organization should be run, please step up, serve and contribute your expertise!

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A Victorian Christmas Soire; A Driving Force in West Adams' History

Among numerous holiday events in West Adams, two focused our attention on our community's history.

First came a Victorian party. On December 10th, 2000, USC's Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy held a delightful Open House at its new Center. Located in the spectacular, three-story, 6,000-square-foot, 19th Century Queen Anne Victorian Cockins Residence at the corner of Hoover and 27th Street, the event included delicious hor d'oeuvres and pastries, along with beautiful live music.

The WAHA Board of Directors was well represented by President Linda Scribner, Vice-President Jacqueline Sharps, along with Board members Eric Bronson, Alma Carlisle, Clayton de Leon, Tom Florio, John Kurtz, and John Deaven, attending with his children, Peggy Sue and Joe Deaven. Among many other WAHA members attending were Newsletter Editor Laura Meyers, Robert Totten, Debra Losnick, David Raposa, Art Curtis, Shelley Adler, and actress Marianne Muellerleile.

The Center for Occupation and Lifestyle Redesign is the world's first center dedicated to the study of how everyday activities shape human health and well being in our society. The historic Cockins House, located at 2653 Hoover Blvd., was built in 1894. At a later period, the house was a boarding house, and it is said that Charles Chaplin rented a room there, supposedly his first residence in L.A. The building was declared a California State Historical Landmark in 1991, and is also a Los Angeles Cultural-Historic Monument.

Three days later, the Automobile Club of Southern California celebrated its 100th birthday.

For those who recall, WAHA member Martin Weil portrayed Sumner Hunt (1865-1938) for the 1999 Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery Tour. Among many notable buildings, Hunt was the architect for the landmark Spanish Colonial Revival Automobile Club of Southern California, on the corner of West Adams and Figueroa, a marvel of Churrigueresque ornamentation.

On Dec. 13, 2000, the Auto Club commemorated its centenary at its historic headquarters. Waldo H. Burnside, Chairman of the Board, and Thomas V. McKernan, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, extended dinner invitations to the WAHA Board members and their guests. Attending from WAHA were Jacqueline Sharps, Anna Marie Brooks, Jennifer Charnofsky, SeElcy Caldwell, Tony DuBois, John Kurtz, Laura Meyers, and Don Lynch, along with Peggy Sue, Joe, and John Deaven. Ringing the entrance were beautifully restored antique vehicles, including a 1924 Dodge Highway Patrol Service truck and a 1932 Chevrolet tow truck, amongst others. Since its founding in 1900, the Automobile Club of Southern California has developed a wide variety of services for motorists. Happy 100th Birthday to a wonderful landmark in our WAHA neighborhood.

Through My Eyes Only The 2000 Holiday Tour

By John B. Deaven

The first time that I wrote a column for our newsletter using the title "Through My Eyes Only" was for the March '98 issue. I wanted to write about what I experienced on the '97 Holiday Tour, yet I knew I only saw a portion of the tour, at Fran Carraway's "salad house" on Gramercy Park. Thus, I decided to title it "Through My Eyes Only: The '97 Holiday Tour." The newsletter staff encouraged me to keep the blanket "Through My Eyes Only" title, and keep writing. So I did, and now I want to tell you, dear reader, about the 2000 Holiday Tour as seen through my eyes only.

I saw it, for the 4th year in a row, at the "salad house," on Jean Cade's kitchen crew. The house was a definite treasure, located at 1919 So. Harvard Blvd. It was built in 1912 by the architects Arthur and Alfred Heineman, the same team that created Dave Raposa and Ed Trosper's fabulous 1909 home, as seen by many on our November 2000 National Preservation Conference tour. The Heineman brothers also designed board member Clay de Leon's grand 1911 house on 4th Avenue, next door to David and Ed.

The current owners of the Harvard Boulevard residence, Stan and Lanita Huey, closed escrow just three weeks before the tour. Prior to that it was both a homeless shelter and a non-owner occupied rooming house for 40 years. However, in those precious three weeks, the floors and woodwork were beautifully re-done. The results were stunning, and as our recent Bob Bortfeld Award recipient Joe Ryan said to me, "the entire project is most exciting, knowing that another Heineman house is being saved, restored, and appreciated by its current owners."

Meanwhile, a non-stop assembly line of salads was being created in the kitchen with the help of Susan Werner, visiting us from the Beverly Hills Historical Society. My 13-year-old daughter Peggy Sue enjoyed adding the Mandarin oranges while sampling one

every now and then for quality-assurance. My 11-year-old son Joe got quite good at adding the walnuts to the salads while humming along to the sweet Christmas hymns being played so wonderfully by WAHA's John Herod on the living room piano. The evening had the support of Fran's "salad house" regulars. Steve Heywood gave his docent pitch on the spacious front porch, and his lovely wife Phoebe helped us in the kitchen. Pam McCreight explained about the huge bedrooms upstairs, and one of WAHA's newest members, Hazel Godden-Jones, helped explain the downstairs, along with Michele McDonough and Darling Herod (Tallulah, eat your heart out.).

For me, the fun of the evening is running into all the familiar faces of the WAHA membership. Carl Levine and John Rentsch were the shepherds of the first group. Others that followed were reservation co-chairs Jim Meister and Allan Eriksen, former WAHA President Corinne Pleger, tour brochure artist Rory Cunningham, and newsletter writers Alan and Judie Schoening, amongst others. WAHA President and 2000 Holiday Tour Chair Linda Scribner gave us all hugs and kisses in the kitchen, and enjoying the tour this year as customers were board member Jennifer Charnofsky and husband Leslie Evans, last seen graveside as adventurer Daniel J. Harris on the 2000 Rosedale tour.

My wife, Nancy, missed out on the "fun" this year washing all those salad dishes. Her new employer sent her to Washington, D.C. However, once the final group went through our tour house, the kids and I left to go pick her up at LAX. On the way to the car, the kids were enchanted by Don Pemrick's gorgeous 1902 Victorian residence with its fairyland lights on all the trees, and they begged me for a peek inside. Don's place was filled with more warm and friendly faces, most notably board members SeElcy Caldwell and Alma Carlisle, dressed as a divine flapper

with ring curls on her forehead.

On my own, later, I went to see the other five houses and church on this West Adams Heights tour. Yes, I started at the 1941 Congregational Church on Hobart Boulevard, which I recall from a long-ago WAHA tour. Then I enjoyed inspecting Greg Stegall and Michael Smith's 1903 home on Oxford Avenue. Writer Don Lynch met me at the door, along with board member John Kurtz. Greg did an excellent job fixing previous huge holes in the walls and ceiling. I tried to find them, but I just couldn't. I loved all the historical black and white photographs of L.A. up the staircase wall. Greg and Michael truly worked hard to get their house "showcase perfect," and it was.

I also enjoyed meeting house owner Angela McDaniel at her 1907 "soup" house on Oxford Avenue, where Laura Meyers was the house captain. The strong Afro-centric holiday theme was very interesting, and Angela told me that African History was her major in college. I delighted in her decorating details. WAHA's Peggy King met me on the porch, dressed perfectly in Victorian clothing, complete with gloves, hat, and broach. Also I liked the five wooden clothed, life-size figures on the front porch. Angeles said that they represented her and her husband, John, and their three children.

Next was Robert Totten and Deborah Losnick's 1906 Arts & Crafts home on Hobart Boulevard. Their sweet children, Michael and Rachel, were elsewhere, but I adored looking at their childhood bedrooms and fancy swing set in the backyard. Since the architecture is attributed to Train and Williams, Deborah had a Lionel electric train traveling endlessly around and around the Christmas tree. I thought that was a clever touch, indeed. At the 1910 Italian Renaissance "main course" house on Hobart Boulevard, I saw board member Eric Bronson working hard in the kitchen as one of the chefs, along with Noel Salisburg. One of my favorite WAHA members, Harry Demas, was there taking non-stop videos of everything everyone did. So I kissed the pianist to give him something

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Garden Calendar
Things to do in February

Danger of frost continues, and it is another rainy month (we hope!). Plants are beginning to bloom.

PLANT

**Spring-blooming perennials; dig and divide emerging summer- and fall-blooming ones*

** This is the last chance for bare-root planting, which should be finished by mid-month*

CHORES AND MAINTENANCE

** Finish pruning your roses*

** Fertilize citrus and tropical fruit trees with dilute fish emulsion or manure tea. Wait six weeks before feeding newly-planted citrus*

** Complete spring orders; nurseries and seed houses are shipping now*

*-- Courtesy The Garden Calendar
Fulcrum Publishing
www.fulcrum-gardening.com*

The following are changes to the WAHA Membership Directory for 2000. Please update your copy of the directory if you want to keep it current.

Add

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Mary Wright, 1219 S. Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019 (323) 935-9181

WAHA member **Donald W. Leonard**, along with Marvin Edwards, just returned from a two-month trip to Africa. Donald and Marvin now live in San Francisco, and they no longer live on Rotary Drive in L.A., as listed in the WAHA directory. Their new address is: 74 Fain Oaks, San Francisco 94110. Donald wrote, "It was sad leaving L.A. after 64 years. I am now in the North where my grandparent left in 1902 for L.A.!"

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Fun Arts & Culture Stuff To Do:

Tour Historic Pasadena Homes

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Advance ticket prices are \$30 for the general public and \$25 for Pasadena Heritage members. For tickets and more information call Pasadena Heritage at 626/441-6333 or visit www.pasadenaheritage.org

Shelf Life

A quarter century after the end of the Vietnam War, USC journalism professor A.J. Langguth has written a panoramic, character-driven narrative history of the war, *Our Vietnam, the War 1954-1975* (Simon & Schuster, \$35). Told from the perspectives of the North, the South and the United States – and colored by Langguth's own perspective as for Saigon Bureau Chief for the New York Times – *Our Vietnam* delves into newly available archives and public records to tell the story of this long and tragic war.

On Thursday, February 15, the USC Provost's Distinguished Writers Series presents a reading by and conversation with Langguth, at 7 p.m. in the Alfred Newman Recital Hall, on Child's Way near Trousdale. Call for reservations (required!): 213/740-2167. Admission: \$20 (seniors, \$10).

No Strings Attached

Isaac Stern, one of the most acclaimed violinists of the 20th century, appears with the Thornton Symphony in the first President's Distinguished Artist Series concert of the 21st century on Friday, February 9, at Bovard Auditorium at USC.

Stern has been described by the New York Times as "the complete violinist – one who has tone, technique, musicianship and, above all, the ability to project; to come right over the footlights and give each listener the impression that the artist is playing for him alone." The concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission: \$50 (seniors, \$30). Again, call for reservations: 213/740-2167.

Culture at the Clark Library

Raise your cultural bar by attending one or more of the diverse events offered over the next few months at UCLA's William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, located in the heart of West Adams. Is poetry your bag? Attend the annual Poetry Afternoon at the Clark on Saturday, February 10, featuring readings on and commentary about the poetry of Oscar Wilde and his contemporaries, including Lady Frances Wilde, Ernest Dowson, Amy Levy, Lionel Johnson and others.

On Saturday, March 17, the annual Kanter Lecture on Fine Printing presents L.A. printmaker Susan King, who will discuss her involvement with the Women's Graphic Center, once a part of The Woman's Building art center. The Women's Graphic Center focused on work being done by women printers and artists and provided access to silkscreen, letterpress, offset, and photography equipment as well as classes in the graphic arts, book design, printing and self-publishing.

In the library's ongoing series of Clark recitals, Tom Beghin performs Haydn's Keyboard Sonatas on period instruments on Saturday, May 19. On June 1st and 2nd, the Clark Library presents a conference, "The Musician as Entrepreneur and Opportunist, 1700-1900."

For information (including admission costs and reservation requirements) on these and other Clark programs call the Center for 17th & 18th Century Studies, at 310/206-8552.

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gelica Hernandez and Morgana Lasko, among others, assisted from Operation Clean Sweep of the Department of Public Works to administer the matching grant that made this project possible.

Aside from the matching funds, the city (Department of Sanitation, with the particular assistance of Carol Parker) also donated three truckloads of compost, straight from your green containers to our garden space. Refreshments were provided by Jamba Juice and Noah's Bagels (both of Larchmont Village) and Starbuck's (on La Brea). River rocks were donated by Roland Souza and Eric Bronson. Hundreds of hours of planning and logistics were provided by Darby Bayliss. And of course, scores of HAHA and WAHA members spent a good portion of their Saturday digging holes, planting plants, packing soil, and watering the end result.

Of particular note is the assistance received by members of Councilman Nate Holden's staff. Sylvia Lacey got out of her sick bed to venture out for the first time in weeks to attend and Stacey Anthony (Harvard Heights' newest resident) worked so hard she got a blister — most probably the

result of moving one of the shovels away from the Jamba Juice. (Sylvia also personally intervened to get the compost delivered on very short notice, i.e., less than a day.)

After seeing the result of all of our efforts, everyone at Operation Clean Sweep was duly impressed. Backs were patted, pictures were taken and, low and behold, someone discovered that this project was the 100th Matching Fund project — and that a public ceremony and festivity was most certainly in order. They invited the mayor, Councilman Holden, all the recipients of the 99 previous matching grants, and of course everyone in Harvard Heights.

The block party was held Saturday, January 20, 2001, with the city closing the block to traffic and providing refreshments and entertainment for hundreds of attendees.

Resources

For those WAHA folks who are interested in period fashion and jewelry, this is just a note to let you know that the Center for Jewelry Studies web site (www.center4jewelrystudies.org) is up and running!

Features include:

- Complete program information and online registration for The 3rd West Coast Antique & Period Jewelry Seminar, April 21 - 22
- A Reference page full of useful information and links to other antique & period jewelry-related sites
- An online order form for signed copies of Warman's Jewelry, 2nd edition
- A forum for antique & period jewelry discussion and Q & A at the center's page on Coolboard.com
- Frequent updates and news items
- A different "Featured Piece" every month on the Home page

Coming soon: additional educational content, photos, and more!

Please visit Center for Jewelry Studies and bookmark it for future reference. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome!

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Kind regards,
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BLOCK CLUB & NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Adams-Normandie Neighborhood Association (ANNA)

The December meeting is always a well attended gathering for a few reasons. ANNA members kick off the season by enjoying a fabulous Christmas dinner provided by our annual hosts Marco Flores and Rosie Villagran. This year since Rosie had just given birth to their second daughter, Marco's parents came in to prepare the traditional Mexican feast. A birthday was also being celebrated so we gobbled up a fanciful cake.

The December meeting is also where we figure out what we as a group will do over the next twelve months. We look at the big plan, our goals, objectives, and set about scheduling a year of activities that meets those targets. The ideas fly, we take a vote and the top activities are plugged into the 2001 calendar.

Besides our annual activities here's what we've planned for 2001:

Ice skating in Pershing Square, a "wedding recep-

Block Club and Neighborhood News is an important and integral part of the WAHA Newsletter -- a place for us to share ideas, information, and upcoming events. To publicize future events, you must provide the information to the newsletter well in advance, no later than the first of the prior month (eg: August 1 for the September issue). To submit "News from Around the Blocks," please contact Michael S. Smith at 323/734-7725. You may also e-mail information to mikegreg@pacbell.net, or fax to 213/894-5335 (please address to Mike Smith).

tion" for our newly married lead officer, visit to see the tulips at the Descanso Gardens, Earth Day Cleanup, tour the St. John's Episcopal church and the Mercado la Paloma, attend a movie through the Broadway Historic Theater group, Shakespeare Festival at the Civic Center,

tour Little Tokyo and attend a radio show at the Autry Museum.

2001 looks very exciting for ANNA!

We had a good turnout for the first meeting of the new year. Most took the opportunity to renew their ANNA membership, to be eligible for the membership drawing.

Besides listening to standing reports, committee reports and old business we discussed two new ideas. One is to establish an informal group of ANNA members who meets once a month to eat at an area restaurant. This idea was warmly embraced. We will meet at Taylor's on February 8 as our first outing.

The other idea was to explore ways to address the concerns of needy youth in our area. Having some funds remaining in our ARC account we want to be more proactive in this area. Several ideas were tossed around from dental support to purchasing school uniforms to family outings to citizenship classes. At the February meeting we hope to assign it to committee for development.

We adjourned to a "wedding reception" for our Lead Officer Ray Marquez and his wife Teresa. Both attended and appreciated the celebratory tone of the gathering. ANNA presented the couple with a monetary gift in gratitude for Rays' exceptional support over these years.

Many thanks go to Alisha Dix who did an exemplary job in decorating and providing wonderful food. She even had party favors. We toasted the happy couple with Martinelli's in champagne flutes. Great fun for all.

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worthwhile to film.

I finished this annual event at the burnt-out 1903 "sorbet" mansion on Harvard Blvd. It was sad to see how an arsonist is able to destroy an 8,000-square-foot showpiece. The black walls gave everyone viewing it a haunting feeling. On the other hand, it was encouraging to my heart that fate spared the house from being lost completely and that the current owners Helen and Frederick Booker are busy trying to eventually restore the house back to its original condition. We should never take our beautiful houses in West Adams for granted. We should celebrate their existence wholeheartedly.

New Membership Discounts

We are pleased to announce that **Wholesale Carpet Liquidators** is now offering a discount, between 5-10%, on the purchase of 150 square yards or more of carpet, ceramic tile, wood flooring, and/or vinyl floor covering.

Wholesale carpet has been serving Los Angeles since 1965 and offers a full line of carpet selections, from Berbers to apartment grade, by manufacturers such as Shaw, Mohawk, and Coronet. They buy directly from the mills and are able to pass incredible savings on to their customers with a minimal markup. They have many carpet remnants in stock, too, starting at \$2.99 per square yard. Wholesale Carpet also has many different types and grades of wood flooring from which to choose as well as custom ceramic and Italian tiles. Finally, they have a wide selection of vinyl flooring and are very helpful in assisting you in finding the right pattern for your application.

Wholesale Carpet has a staff of installers for your carpet or tile purchase, eliminating your search for a qualified installer. These professionals are fully licensed and trained. My recent installation went extremely well and the price for the job was *very* reasonable.

Wholesale Carpet Liquidators is located at 1225 East Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90021 (213/747-7474). E-mail: Wholesalecarpetla@yahoo.com. Please remember to show your WAHA discount card to Linda or Parisa to receive your discount, which does not apply to labor.

Boulevard Vacuum & Sewing Machine Company is now offering WAHA members a 10% discount on new vacuum cleaners and all vacuum and sewing machine repairs.

Boulevard Vacuum has been family owned and operated since 1946. They have a large show room and sell all brands and models of vacuum cleaners; they are one of the largest distributors of national brands in the Los Angeles area. They also make major and minor repairs on all types of vacuums *and* sewing machines. They have a full line of parts and supplies, including most every type of belt and bag one could ever need.

Stop by and introduce yourself to owners Scott or Ron. Boulevard Vacuum is located at 5086 W. Pico Boulevard, LA 90019 (323-938-2661). They recently relocated from their original store a few blocks down on Pico so be sure to update your Resource Guide to reflect this new address. And as always, please show your WAHA membership card to receive your 10% discount.

COSTUMES AND MYSTERY - A HALLOWEEN WHODUNIT (OR, WHO IS IT?)

The annual WAHA Halloween social was in full swing at John and Nancy Deaven's on Fourth Avenue last October 28th. Nancy created a South Seas House cake for a centerpiece. Seen enjoying the many varieties of pot luck dishes were a wizard (David Pleger), a hippie (Woody Woodward), a cowgirl (Alma Carlisle), a genie (Jean Cade), a Victorian lady (Mary Ann Hutchison), and a harried writer (Laura Meyers), amongst others.

All were having a carefree time when a knock came at the door.

Lo and behold, entered the grim reaper holding a lantern and a sickle on a long pole. Slowly the hooded grim reaper approached, all in black. Only an eye and the nose, all covered with charcoal, were visible. Deliberately the reaper pointed to guests, warning them that time is precious. The reaper's identity was a mystery.

However, when the reaper won Best Costume (and Best Performance!), everyone was relieved to know that it really was WAHA's Mitzi March Mogul! Thus, the merriment continued.

Tying for 2nd Place were Corinne Pleger as the Queen of the Fairies and Cat Slater as a frontier saloon hall dancer. Third Place went to Harry Demas as a French policeman. In the children's division, Evan Pleger as a Renaissance prince won 1st Place. Logan Morris as a gum ball machine won 2nd, and Shauna Kent as Marilyn Monroe won 3rd. Also participating were Noah Gentile as a knight, Peggy Sue Deaven as a Renaissance countess, Ian Davis as a soldier, Joe Deaven as an alien monster, Jessica Morris as a bag of trash, Gil Gentile as a wounded Army man, and Megan Christopher as a serving wench! Rounding out the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Allen King of Victoria Avenue arrived as a newly married couple!

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Vintage Plumbing Bathroom Antiques
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-- Steve Wallis

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