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Tuesday, July 27 through Saturday, July 31, 2004 "It's The Place To Be"

Tuesday, July 27

Board of Directors meeting - 6 PM to 9 PM

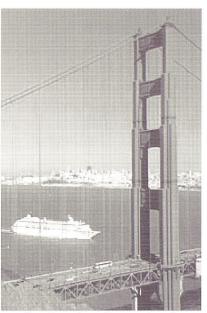
Wednesday, July 28

Tour Day: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Board a bus for a tour featuring three stunning San Francisco houses. Lunch amid Oriental splendor in The City's famous Chinatown, plus other stops of interest.

Thursday, July 29

Exhibit hall opens for hardware display. A wonderful opportunity to buy, sell or display your treasures. Come early! Exhibits will be open to the public in the evening. This year's display contest theme is "Fourfold Symmetry".



San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau photo by Crystal Cruises

Friday, July 30

Exhibit hall open during the day. Activities will include an educational seminar and other surprises.

Evening – Annual banquet and awards. Keynote speaker will be noted author Paul Duchscherer.

Saturday, July 31

Breakfast buffet, followed by the always exciting ADCA auction, which will again feature items from the Florence Jarvis collection.

Your convention packet will arrive in the mail mid-April.

Newsletter Deadline - Monday, April 19, 2004

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ON TOUR IN SAN FRANCISCO: THE HINKEL HOUSE

By Vicky Berol



Another house we will visit at the 2004 Convention is located at 280 Divisadero. It was built in 1885 by the noted San Francisco carpenter/builder/ developer, Charles L. Hinkel, reportedly for \$17,000. The Second Empire style house is an architecturally and historically noteworthy Victorian structure. The five Hinkel Brothers, Charles, George, Henry, John and William built many of the finest residences throughout The City.

The Hinkel family, Charles, his wife Tina, their six children, and a Chinese cook, remained in the house until 1896. For the next 98 years, the house had five owners. In 1994, ADCA Member Richard Zillman and his wife, Cher, purchased the residence and the back yard carriage house, where the hay and buggies were housed and the footman lived. The Hinkel family called him a "groomsman".

Although much of the original architectural detailing had survived, Richard and Cher have spent five years lovingly restoring the interior to its

early elegance. The body of the house features the rectangular bays and wood trim typical of the San Francisco Stick Style. The sides of the mansard roof have straight rather than curved sides,

and in the front, pedimented dormers extend from cornice to above the roof. Original to the house are the double doors with stained glass insets. Window panels of both the front and back hallway doors feature wheel cut glass in floral motifs. Mythical figures, including miniature sea monsters, flying horses and temple dogs, embellish the Lincrusta Walton dado of the hallway. To the right of the hall through swinging doors capped by massive pediments, are double parlors and an adjoining dining room that can be closed off by pocket doors.

While scraping wallpaper off of the hallway, Cher uncovered early stenciling, signed by a New York artist, dated 1888. In late 1998, the richly decorated cornices and stenciled ceilings of the three public rooms were restored by Italian artisans. Parlor stencils are painted in delicate pastels and depict lattice works interlaced with vines of pink roses, while those in the dining room are of a more slender petaled scarlet hued flower. In the cornice moldings are representations of musical instruments, drums, horns, cymbals and sheet music. Cavorting cupids click castanets and bang tambourines. On the second story are the living quarters, which include three bedrooms and a full bath with an oak-rimmed tub and high tank pull chain toilet with elephant trunk bowl. A back staircase leads to the former attic ballroom, which at one time had with a small elevated stage for musicians. It is now used as Zillman's private studio

Although the Russell and Erwin bronze knobs (K-104 and K-110) are not original to the house, they may have been the original design. Most were acquired from Len Blumin, other ADCA members and at ADCA conventions.

The Hinkel House is a designated San Francisco Landmark, Number 190.

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ONE PERSON'S INDEX

By Allen Joslyn

This publication was started by Rich and Faye Kennedy way back in 1978, 26 years ago, and they issued 10 newsletters. When the ADCA was formed, it took over TDC and started numbering the issues. These past issues contain a wealth of information, but it was not until 1995 that they were indexed. So here is one person's index of what he (to wit, I) thought were the articles of continuing interest. It does not index many articles, such as those on conventions, obituaries, and a host of other items. With a few exceptions, the numerous knobs pictured that are or will be included in *Victorian Decorative Art* 2nd edition and supplements and not indexed below.

If any member wishes to expand the index to include other articles, just email antiquedoorknobs@comcast.net and I will email the index in Excel format, so that the member can add whatever they wish.

If there is a particular article that interests you, let me know and – within reason – it will be emailed (or mailed, if necessary).

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By Faye Kennedy

Since the club began sending the newsletters using a non-profit rate, we have received calls from at least two members who have moved and have not received their newsletters. It seems that the Post Office does not forward the mailings since we no longer make use of the first-class rate. They are not returned to us either so we are not alerted to the change.

Soooo – you must let us know if you are changing your address. We want to be sure you receive your newsletter in a timely manner. Send any changes to ADCA, PO Box 31, Chatham, NJ 07928-0031 or email KnobNews@aol.com and we will see to it that the change is made immediately.

Further Thanks To: Len and Patti Blumin for their contribution in the memory of Barb Menchhofer.

NEW DOGGIES DISCOVERED!

Flash! If you have had your fill of cuddly golden retrievers, with or without "feet", we are proud to present picture of two <u>proper</u> dogs, i. e. English bulldogs. The first one is old, manufactured for the Avery Tractor Company of Peoria, Illinois; the second one is modern but still beautiful





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