

Model Colony News



2nd Quarter 2016



Heritage Events

2016 Upcoming Events:

June 1, 2016—Monthly Board Meeting

July 4, 2016—Ontario Heritage will have an entry in the Independence Day parade. Look for a *1930 Ford Model A with a rumble seat and Joe, Barbara & Corinne dressed in vintage clothes.*

July 6, 2016—Monthly Board Meeting

July 31, 2016—Our 3rd Quarter Meeting & Dinner Potluck with Guest Speaker Joe Caskey, who will do a 125 year capsule of Ontario's history. Time: 5 pm – 7 pm. Location: On front lawn of Graber Olive House 315 East 4th Street Ontario. Tables, chairs and water bottles will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and bottle of wine.

August 3, 2016—Monthly Board Meeting

August 21, 2016—Ontario Heritage will attend the Chaffey Community Museum of Art event called *Summer Time at CCMA: Pigs to Pig Iron + More*. See art showing the transformation of a Fontana pig farm into the Kaiser Steel Mill. Come enjoy art, food and fun!

September 7, 2016—Monthly Board Meeting

October 5, 2016—Monthly Board Meeting

October 8, 2016—7th Annual Historic Cemetery Tour will be held at Bellevue Memorial Park.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you would like to volunteer your time at our events, please contact us at: 909.984.6558 or email us at: voluteers@ontarioheritage.org

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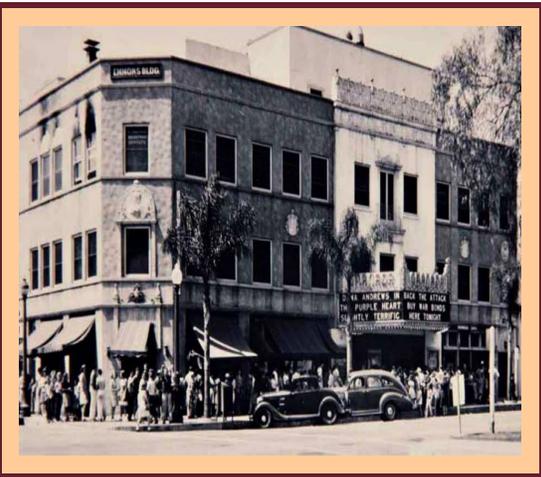
Endangered historic places are something we all need to care about. These are places that represent chapters in our (Ontario's) history that are sometimes overlooked or even forgotten.

This 2nd Quarter Newsletter marks the first in a series of feature articles highlighting endangered places in Ontario. We have taken our cue from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and their message that preserving and protecting Ontario's historic resources "means everyone has a seat at the table and that all voices are heard". These resources reflect our past while enriching our future.

The purpose of our latest endeavor is to raise awareness about the imminent threats facing these architectural gems from Ontario's rich past. Some of these buildings require more work than others to get ready for a new use, but first the conversations must begin to show that these places matter to the community and are worth the time and effort.

You need not be an expert or you may not know much about historic preservation to still have a love and passion for your community. Historic places in Ontario are integral to maintaining and adding a sense of place and community pride, and in telling Ontario's story.

Granada Theater



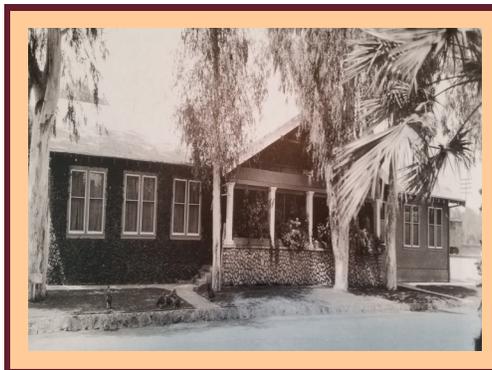
Historic Building: St. George Catholic Church built 1923

The first article in our series highlights the 1923 historic church building located at 320 West D Street in Ontario. St. George is one of the best examples of vernacular Tudor-Gothic architecture in Ontario and is located two city blocks west of the main historical thoroughfare. The building served the community as a church from 1923 until 1975 when a new, larger church was constructed just north of the original site to support the growing congregation. From 1975 until 2002 the building served as a Parish Hall for social activities. The building has been vacant since 2002 and subsequently, its condition has been rapidly deteriorating.

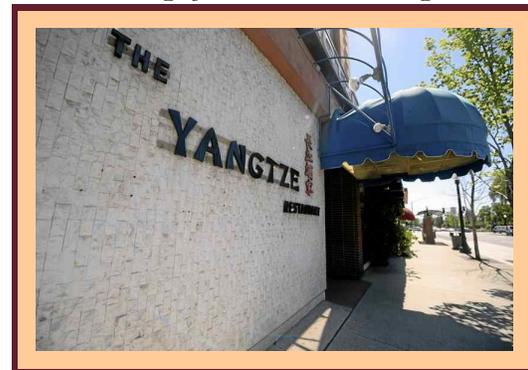
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G.E. Club House



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The St. George church has a long history in Ontario. A land purchase allowed St. George church, the seventh in Ontario, to be erected. Originally a wood shingled structure with beautiful architectural detail, it was located across the street from the current structure on D Street at the SW corner of Palm and D Streets. It was designed to seat 100 parishioners and was dedicated in 1899 in honor of St. George, the patron saint of Bishop George Montgomery who presided. William Henry Lindley (1853-1918) early Ontario pioneer was a devout Catholic and contributed liberally to the building and maintenance of St. George's Church.

When the congregation had long outgrown the original 1899 church building, land was purchased across the street in 1922 and A.C. Martin, Sr. was selected to design the new church. Campbell Construction Company was awarded the contract by the Church for their bid of \$50,000 for all construction.

Dedication took place in 1923. The leaded stained glass windows were designed and built by Los Angeles Art Glass Co. and installed over the years as memorials to Parish members. The foundation of this 1923 church building is a poured concrete base with a raised floor. The brick walls provide support for the heavy timber/truss roof system over the main nave. The south main entrance is approached by eight concrete steps with low brick and cast stone cap sidewalls.

The original 1899 wood-frame St. George Church was dismantled in 1956.

The 1923 building was stripped of all of its religious ornamentation, stained glass windows and pews when the St. George Catholic round church was consecrated in 1975. A dropped ceiling was installed to reduce the heating costs of the large room, hiding the arches and wood paneled ceiling that reflect the Gothic architectural style of the building. This historic church building is in great need of repair and maintenance, and it is in need of use.

Ontario Heritage's mission is to protect, preserve, and promote Ontario's history and historic structures. It is important that this beautiful historic building remain an integral part of our community and continue to provide a sense of place. Reflecting our past while enriching our future, the 1923 St. George Catholic Church would be a great addition to Ontario's Arts and Cultural District. "This place matters"!

If you're also concerned about the fate of St. George Church and other historic sites in Ontario, start a conversation! Talk to your friends, family, neighbors, share the story on social media. Write a letter, speak at a City Council meeting. Join Ontario Heritage and get involved!

Mr. Dionicio Gonzales, Ontario Heritage member and Church member, has been very active and vocal about saving the church building. He may be contacted at 909.981.2156 if you are interested in making contributions towards this worthy endeavor.

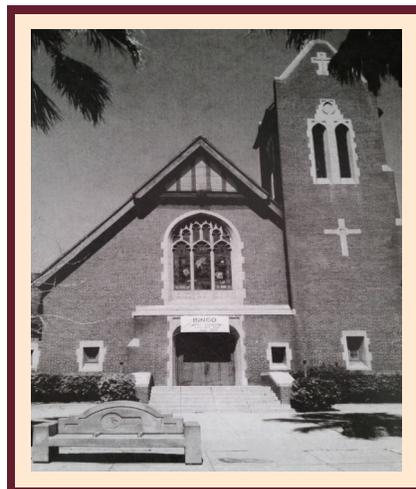


Photo of St. George Catholic Church

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Other News & Information



YOU'RE INVITED!

Ontario Heritage's 3rd Quarter
Dinner Potluck & Meeting

Date: Sunday July 31, 2016

Time: Starts at 5 pm

Location: Graber Olive House
315 East 4th Street in Ontario
(on front lawn)

Guest Speaker: Board member Joe
Caskey will give a 125 year capsule of
Ontario's history.



Bring a potluck dish to share
and your favorite bottle of wine.

RSVPs required! Please call 909.984.6558 or send an
email to: prdelman@msn.com
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Ontario Heritage and Bellevue Memorial Park
Proudly Present
History Makers of Ontario
The 7th Annual
Historic Cemetery Tour
Saturday, October 8 at 10:15 AM
Bellevue Memorial Park

1240 West G Street, Ontario, CA 91762

Take a leisurely stroll through Bellevue Memorial Park
and visit with some of Ontario's early citizens as local,
costumed actors bring characters to life.



Ticket Sales Begin at 9:30 AM at
Bellevue Memorial Park.

Ontario Heritage Members: \$5 each

Non-Members: \$10 each

Children (12 and under) FREE

For more Info visit:
www.ontarioheritage.org

Or call: (909) 984-6558

Please mark your calendars for October 8, 2016!
As 2016 is the City of Ontario's 125th Anniversary
George Chaffey will be one of Ontario's
historic characters portrayed.

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2016 Ontario Heritage Membership

We are an all volunteer local non-profit organization and we need you! Is the ongoing process of preserving our historic downtown important to you? Or learning about the rich history of the Model Colony? Our Mission Statement is “Preserving, Protecting and Promoting Our Model Colony” not only for us but for our future generations. Having historic home tours, annual historic cemetery tours, being present at local events are all part of pursuing our mission and making the public more aware of our purpose. It’s an important goal but who says we can’t have fun pursuing it! If you are already a member of Ontario Heritage, we sincerely thank you! If you’re not yet a member, please consider joining us on this journey. Not only will you become more aware and knowledgeable of Ontario’s past history, you will be inspired to walk with us as we go forward in “Preserving, Protecting and Promoting Our Model Colony.”

Benefits of Membership:

- 1 Participation in Ontario Heritage events such as Home Tours, Annual Historic Cemetery Tours, potlucks, local community events, historic and educational programs.
2. Discounts to events
3. E-mail Newsletters
4. Advocacy for preservation of our historical environment and cultural heritage.
5. Access to information concerning restoration and renovation.
6. The knowledge that you are part of the effort to protect, preserve and promote the Model Colony



Ontario Heritage Membership Form (December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016)

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ State: _____

*Zip Code: _____

*Phone: _____

*Mobile Phone: _____

*E-Mail: _____

* Required Information

Membership Categories (For the 2016 Calendar Year)

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|---|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Individual | \$25.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Senior (62 years) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Family | \$40.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Family-Senior | \$30.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Corporate | \$250.00 |

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

I am interested in:

- E-mail Alert Network
- Volunteering at Events
- Other (specify) _____

Mail with Your Check Payable To: **Ontario Heritage**
P.O. Box 1, Ontario, CA 91762
or sign up at: ontarioheritage.org

In an effort to keep dues low, most communication will be via email, so providing us your email address is vital.