

## The Craftsman Village Historic District Newsletter

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### Can You Remove Stucco?

"Stucco" is a kind of plaster that is applied to the outside of buildings built in certain styles, including Spanish and Italian style homes. If you look, you can find a couple homes in our historic district originally built with stucco in the "Spanish Revival" style (for instance, there is one on Hellman and one on 9<sup>th</sup> Street). However, most of the homes in our district were built in the Craftsman style, which means that they have exteriors made of wood, which is just as durable and easy to maintain as stucco.

You might ask: what if my Craftsman home has been stuccoed in the past? There is no penalty for this. The laws put in place in 1992, when our neighborhood was declared a historic district, only apply to new changes. However, as part of maintaining your home, you can always remove stucco and end up with a more valuable and historically accurate home.

To see how easy removing stucco can be, we can look at a recent example from a family who lives in Carroll Park, another historic district in Long Beach that is near the Craftsman Village Historic District. When Deborah and Keith Terry purchased their home at 2301 Carroll Park South Street in June 2004, the exterior had stucco on it. They knew that the home, built in 1912, was originally constructed with wood, and wanted to return the home to its original beauty. "From the beginning we wanted to remove the stucco," Deborah said. "A neighbor had removed the stucco from his home recently so we knew it could be done." Keith added, "it just doesn't look historical with the stucco."



Before stucco removal.

To remove the stucco, Keith and Deborah had workers use a circular saw to cut through the stucco down to the chicken wire below it. Vertical strips were cut all the way up the side of the house, and then the stucco was lifted off. After removing the chicken wire, they were ready to inspect the wood siding hidden away for so many years. "We were so excited to see that the wood was in good shape," Deborah said. "Why in the world would anyone want to stucco a historic house?" After a little work to patch nail holes and prepare the wood for painting, Keith and Deborah are already happy with the results. "There are a lot of people who don't realize stucco is a problem," Deborah added, "but we received nothing but support from our neighbors. They said 'you've raised the value of all the homes in the neighborhood'." Keith and Deborah's experience shows us that we can not only preserve our historic homes, but return them to their historic glory!

### Let's make the neighborhood green!

As a temporary change from cleaning up trash in our neighborhood, we will meet on September 17 and October 15 at 9am, at the intersection of Toledo and Hellman, to do some planting of flowers or trees in the neighborhood. If you are interested in having your front yard or curbside planted with flowers for free, just come to a monthly meeting and we will add you to the list.

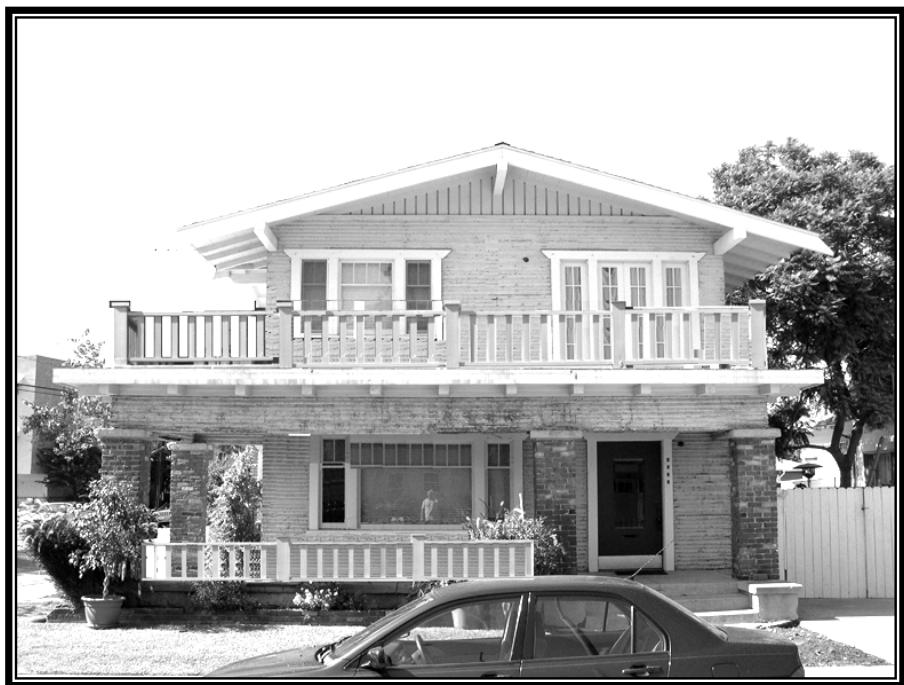
## ¿Puede Usted Remover el Estuco?

“El Estuco” es una clase de yeso, o enlucido que se aplica al exterior de edificios construidos en ciertos estilos, incluyendo casas de estilo español e italiano. Si usted observa, usted puede encontrar un par de casas en nuestro distrito histórico construidos originalmente con estuco en el estilo de “Renacimiento Español” (por ejemplo, existe una en Hellman y otra en 9th Street). Sin embargo, la mayoría de casas en nuestro distrito fueron construidas en el estilo Craftsman, lo cual significa que tienen exteriores hechos de madera, lo cual es igual de duradero y fácil de mantener como el estuco.

Usted puede preguntarse: ¿Qué sería si mi casa Craftsman ha sido estucada en el pasado? No hay sanción por esto. Las leyes que fueron promulgadas en 1992, cuando nuestro vecindario fue declarado un distrito histórico, solamente aplican a nuevos cambios. Sin embargo, como parte de la manutención de su casa, usted siempre puede remover el estuco y quedarse con una casa más valiosa y más cerca a lo histórico.

Para ver que fácil es remover el estuco, podemos mirar un ejemplo reciente de una familia que vive en Carroll Park, otro distrito histórico en Long Beach que esta cerca del Distrito histórico Craftsman Village. Cuando Deborah y Keith Terry compraron su casa en 2301 Carroll Park South Street en Junio 2004, el exterior estaba cubierto de estuco. Ellos sabían que la casa, construida en 1912, fue originalmente construida con madera, y desearon cambiar a la casa a su belleza original. “Desde el comienzo queríamos remover el estuco” dice Deborah. “Un vecino había removido el estuco de su casa recientemente, así que sabíamos que se podía moverlo” Keith agrego, “no se mira histórico con el estuco”

Para remover el estuco, Keith y Deborah hicieron que los trabajadores utilicen una sierra circular para cortar el estuco hasta tocar la tela metálica de debajo. Se cortaron tiras verticales hasta arriba en el lado de la casa, y después el estuco se le pudo levantar. Después de remover la tela metálica, estuvieron listos para inspeccionar las tablas de forro escondidas por tantos años. “Estuvimos muy contentos de ver que la madera estaba en buen estado” dijo Deborah. “Por que una persona desea cubrir una casa histórica con estuco?” Después de un poco de trabajo parchando los hoyos de clavos y preparar la madera para pintar, Keith y Deborah ya están muy felices con los resultados. “Hay mucha gente que no realizan que el estuco es un problema” Deborah agrego, “pero nosotros recibimos el apoyo de nuestros vecinos, ellos dijeron ‘ustedes han subido el valor de todas las casas en el vecindario’.” La experiencia de Keith y Deborah nos indica que no solamente podemos conservar nuestras casas históricas, pero podemos traerlas de regreso a su gloria histórica!



The stucco is removed and the house is ready to paint!

## ¡Vamos a cambiar al vecindario de color verde!

Como un cambio temporal de la limpieza de basura en nuestro vecindario, nos vamos a reunir el 17 de septiembre y el 15 de octubre a las 9am, en la intersección de Toledo y Hellman, para sembrar flores o árboles en el vecindario. Si usted está interesado en que le planten flores en su patio delantero o acera gratis, solamente venga a una reunión mensual y le agregaremos a la lista.

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**¡Felicitaciones a nuestros vecinos en el templo budista de Gotama en su  
abertura magnífica!**

## **Congratulations to our neighbors at the Gotama Buddhist Temple on their Grand Opening!**

Contact us:

Éntrenos en contacto con: Goïi soá ñieÄn thaïi:

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The Craftsman Village Historic District-Upcoming Events



## September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!</b>	1	2	3 <u>NO DUMPSTER</u>
4 <u>Monthly meeting</u> at 1411 E. 9th Toledo Walk, 7pm, with Andrea Dávalos from the City Prosecutor's office	5	6	7	8	9	10 East Village Artwalk (evening)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <u>Planting</u> (meet at Toledo Walk and Hellman, 9am)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 HANA mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Senior Ctr (at Orange), 630pm	29	30	

## October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HANA=Hellman Area Neighborhood Association (our group is a member)						1 <u>NO DUMPSTER</u>
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Here are some important phone numbers as well as a map of our district.

### Important phone numbers:

Police (emergency):	911
Police (non-emergency and anonymous):	435-6711
Gang Hotline:	570-7127
Graffiti Removal:	570-2773
Drug Investigation (complaints):	570-7221
Traffic Problems:	570-7209
Parking Problems:	435-6711
Abandoned Vehicles:	435-6711
Child Abuse:	570-7321
Domestic Violence:	570-7277
Community Police Center:	570-1114 (1004 E. 7th St., at Alamitos)

