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**JULIA MORGAN'S
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CELEBRATE & SUPPORT JULIA MORGAN'S "LITTLE CASTLE"

Letter from the New President of the Landmark Heritage Foundation

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to introduce myself as the new President of the Landmark Heritage Foundation. I am looking forward to continuing the work of the Foundation in preserving the "Little Castle" and promoting Julia Morgan's heritage as well as supporting ongoing outreach and fundraising efforts. The 80th anniversary of the Berkeley City Club building is a great occasion to celebrate this beautiful landmark, and the publicity generated by the numerous associated events is a way to help preserve it.

About myself: I was born and raised in Germany and studied architecture and urban planning in Stuttgart and preservation in Florence, where my studies instilled in me a great interest in historic buildings. My work as a practicing architect in Germany and in the U.S. has inspired me to search for designs that might preserve the quality of historic buildings in a contemporary way. I have practiced and taught architectural history and theory at various institutions in the Bay Area.

The Landmark Heritage Foundation will be involved in many activities over the next few years. Among these are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Berkeley City Club building, tackling ongoing preservation projects as well as foreseeing and managing future ones, and extending community outreach. But maybe the most important goal of the Foundation in these economic times should be to identify new sources for funding necessary for historic restoration and preservation efforts. With this in mind, I will reach out and build collaborative partnerships not only with the Berkeley City Club, but with other community-based institutions and organizations as well. Preservation in some instances can't wait, and in this case the waterproofing of the outer walls and roof of the building and the maintenance of the pool are critical.

The Landmark Heritage Foundation is working hard to meet the demands of its mission with the staff and volunteers available and the financial support we are receiving. The ongoing projects

that were paid out of our unrestricted funds and daily operations have used up a large portion of those funds, and I would like to ask all of you to help us by contributing any amount you feel comfortable with. Your donation will help us undertake future restoration and repairs required to maintain the roof and the exterior facades, replenish our matching funds for open grant applications, and keep our office staffed.

Finally, I would like to thank former President Mary Breunig for all her work and her enthusiastic involvement in the efforts of LHF. There would not be enough space in this newsletter to describe the projects she has initiated and everything she has done for the building. I hope she will remain involved because I value her work and her company tremendously.

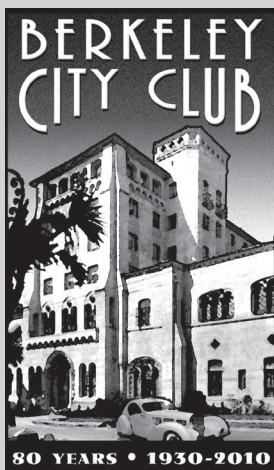
I am looking forward to working with all of you. Please feel free to contact me through the LHF office with any concerns, suggestions, or offers to volunteer.

—Anne-Catrin Schultz

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF A LANDMARK

On the November 20, 1930, 80 years ago, this six-story landmarked building opened as "The Berkeley Women's City Club" with a membership of over 4,000. Originally a social club and residence for women, Berkeley City Club membership has been available to both women and men since 1962, and today the building serves as a club, hotel, restaurant, and events and conference center. The historic building also hosts guided public tours and art exhibits and provides a beautiful venue for theater and musical performances.

The building reflects the expanding role of Bay Area women in the 1920s. The founding group of women, active in civic, social, athletic, and



philanthropic causes, wanted one impressive, multi-use building rather than several small clubhouses. At the height of her career, Bay Area architect Julia Morgan was a natural choice for the project.

The Landmark Heritage Foundation (LHF), a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to preserving the historic Berkeley City Club building and to promoting the legacy of Julia Morgan, its extraordinary architect.

Many events at the BCC are open to non-members, and special events are planned throughout 2010 to celebrate the 80th anniversary. Visit www.landmarkheritagefoundation.org and www.berkeleycityclub.com for event updates.

NEWS FROM THE CASTLE SPRING 2010

News from the Castle is the official newsletter of the Landmark Heritage Foundation. The Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization dedicated to the preservation of the unique Julia Morgan-designed building that is home to the Berkeley City Club.

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The Julia Morgan Preservation Fund Committee of the LHF meets the second Wednesday of each month to approve projects and disbursements.

The LHF Board meets bimonthly.

All persons are welcome at these meetings; to attend call (510) 883-9710.

Free public tours are jointly sponsored by the LHF and the Berkeley City Club the fourth Sunday of every month except December. For public tour details or information on group tours, contact the Landmark Heritage Foundation.



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BUILDING UPDATE

BCC RECEIVES ITS REFURBISHED ENTRANCE DOOR, A WINDOW IS REPLACED IN THE BALLROOM, AND MORE

JUST IN TIME for holiday traffic, in December 2009 the majestic Berkeley City Club front doors received urgently needed attention. After 79 years of faithful service, one of the elegant metal and leaded glass doors — weighing in at over 800 pounds apiece — had to be removed for repairs and then re-hung. Said Mary Breunig, outgoing LHF President, “The operation needed to be done all in one day, so we scheduled the use of a crane to lift and reset the door. Over time, the large metal hinge parts, called gudgeons and pintles, had suffered extreme wear, causing the door to sag and bind against its partner door.”

In the Ballroom, severe weather damage on the northwest side brought one leaded glass window to grief. With LHF funds and BCC labor, the window was removed, re-glazed, repaired, and re-hung. Stop by to see this satisfying restoration.

Our long-term project to track and correct leaks above the Ballroom ceiling moves more slowly. As the only actual wooden ceiling in the Castle, this critical problem calls for solutions beyond the cosmetic. Particularly with storm-driven rain, water enters from an unimproved portion of the roof. Upgrading to make that section equivalent to surrounding surfaces is proposed in bids under review from weatherproofing vendors. We hope to use grant monies to correct this problem, test it during the rainy season late in 2010, and continue with ceiling restoration in 2011.

A long-awaited Master Maintenance & Capital Projects Plan has received an excellent start with Berkeley City Club President Mark Read's dedicated work to compile data from all directions. This picture of all we see right now will be tended by Steve Smith to create working tools in robust computer programs (Outlook and Excel) designed to guide Maintenance Staff, inform LHF and BCC Board decision-making, and keep careful track of priorities.



Building Engineer Ed Hunkele guides crane lifting the massive front door from its setting for repairs.



LHF Past President Mary Breunig celebrates success of front door rejuvenation with Hunkele and Horn after work on gudgeons and pintles damaged by heavy use over time.



Metal Specialist Arthur Horn installs restored leaded glass window in the Ballroom, March 22, 2010.

Photos: Steve Smith

AT AGE 80, JULIA'S LITTLE CASTLE NEEDS A FACELIFT ... SO SHE CAN BE PRESENTABLE FOR ANOTHER 80+ YEARS

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL — \$8,000 by the 8th month of this year. Spring is a time of new growth, and the Landmark Heritage Foundation's funds are in need of just that ... new "green" to meet 80th anniversary year goals. Unrestricted gifts allow the Foundation to address the most urgent preservation needs.

Like almost anything (or anybody) that is 80 years old, the Berkeley City Club building is in need of a variety of improvements — windows, doors, ceilings, bathroom tiles, and more. These are just a few of the projects funded with the unrestricted monies. Please help by giving an unrestricted gift soon. Thank you.

WHY SUPPORT THE LHF?

"My friend and I stay in the suite on the 6th floor corner with its breathtaking views, so the health of the elevator makes or breaks our ability to stay up there. Thus a gift for the elevator repairs.

"As far as the endowment goes, I believe in setting up such a fund and using just the income for current objectives. I think it's a wise way to be responsible to the future of this marvelous place. I cherish that it is open to the public, that it's not a museum, but a living place full of the uses that Julia anticipated."

— a generous donor

DOCENTS TOUR

Members of the Landmark Heritage Foundation docent "flying squad" have started visiting significant architectural sites in the Bay Area as a group. In February we were shown around the Chinese YWCA (Chinese Cultural Center) in San Francisco, designed by Julia Morgan, and we also visited the Merchants Exchange building, where she maintained her offices for many years. In March the group took a tour of the Marin Civic Center, the striking building with the sky-blue roof just north of San Rafael on Highway 101 designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the 1960s. The group of eight then treated themselves to a fine lunch on a deck overlooking the Tiburon ferry terminal. More tours are planned in the future.

L H F W E B S I T E

www.landmarkheritagefoundation.org

Visit our website for information about the Foundation, Julia Morgan, and the historic Berkeley City Club building. Find event updates for the 80th Anniversary Celebration of the BCC building. ☞ We'll be adding more links, more photos, and maybe even a historic picture of your mother learning to swim in the famed pool. ☞ Send us your email address* and receive notice of LHF happenings and various events related to Julia Morgan and local architecture. All email addresses will be put in a hat, and on May 15 one will be drawn to receive a \$25 gift certificate to La Note Restaurant in Berkeley. ☞ *Your email address will *not* be distributed or sold to other parties.

FLASH :: FLASH :: FLASH

The Berkeley City Club's Gardens have just been selected for complete Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation. Both existing and historical aspects will be part of the survey. We feel honored by this selection and will keep you posted on progress.



A view of the West Court from "Loggia" in the 1930s.

You Are Invited to Celebrate

... the 80th year of our Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club (BCC) building at an event organized by the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA). On Thursday, April 22, BCC will be the site for the kick-off lecture for the BAHA 2010 Julia Morgan House Tour. There will be an impersonation, "A Visit with Julia Morgan," by Betty Marvin at 7:30 p.m. You may pay the \$15.00 to BAHA at the door. At the lecture you will be able to purchase tickets for the BAHA House Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 2, 2010. For more information on the house tour or to purchase tickets in advance, call (510) 841-2242 or go to the BAHA website at www.berkeleyheritage.com.



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All donations are appreciated. The LHF endowment and the unrestricted fund are the two most important funds.

As the endowment grows, its interest will provide much-needed annual maintenance monies that insure the building's preservation.

The unrestricted fund allows the Foundation to direct monies where they are most urgently needed.