

# VICTORIANA IN PROCESS

Meeting place Park Plaza on Mission Street. Limited to 25  
will leave at 12, 2, and 4. Not recommended for children...  
Charge is 50\$ to benefit Showcase... Change 15. 2 tour.  
we regret that will not be able to serve ~~public~~ at the end of the <sup>sufficiently</sup>  
tour as planned because there is not a way to keep ~~efficiently~~  
dust-free on the Depot construction site and that is the only place  
where it could be done

## Reference

1. The house belonging to Mitch Kyle on Sylmar Street. Formerly the Neary House. Has just been purchased for a residence: old paint will be stripped from woodwork and the outside painted. The house will have no major remodeling or modernization. We'll walk past the School Street Adobe... the oldest building in Santa Cruz... with a look to the promontory overlooking the city. We have been asked by the owner to invite our suggestions as to how that property could best be used

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2. Chestnut Street House moved from Water Street instead of its being demolished. Being restored by owner Max Walden for the future function of professional offices. Max Walden will have his own office upstairs in the old portion and architect James Ellmore will house his office on the lower floor. This is an example of how a rather undistinguished old building has formed the nucleus of a much changed modernized building that will have a much different function than that for which it was originally planned. The resolution of construction problems of this magnitude has been ably handled by General Contractor Michael Pitts, who specializes in the difficult task of making old houses function in today's world.

3. The completely and beautifully restored offices of Henry Faltz, Attorney, on Walnut Street. Has been called the Bias House and the Lindsey house for former owners although built about 1890 by F.A. Hihn, the lumber baron. Mr. Hihn lived next door in the white house to the East. This building won a SCOPE <sup>award</sup> in 1972.

4. Lincoln Street building being remodeled by Chuck Abbott, founder of PROD and to be used as offices for that organization. Being restored as closely as possible to the original structure. The

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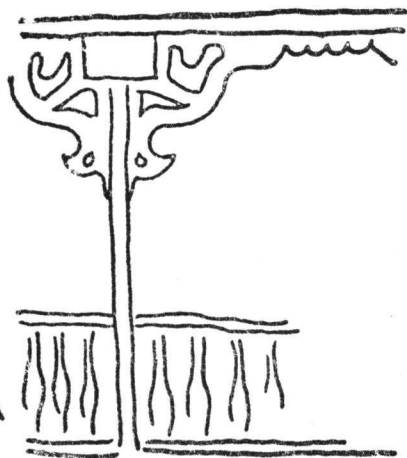
building is, at least, 103 years old: an 1869 newspaper served as "insulation" on the old studless (!) board walls.

5. The Cady Building at Lincoln and Cedar Streets belonging to Mr. Chorini and used as small offices for groups such as Project Scout, Ecology Action, etc. Presently, it houses the office of Foxy Lady Antiques, where tour guide Patti Gordon engages in the contract sale of antiques to businesses and professional offices. In addition, Victorian Realty operates from this location, encouraging the preservation of the nice old buildings downtown. Hopefully, this building will soon have some much deserved restoration.

6. The Roy Rydell building on Center Street... This prize winning restoration is quite well known. The upstairs forms a private residence: the lower floors to be rented as professional offices. What a beautiful building in which to have an office!

7. The Depot Restaurant at Washington and Center Streets... Formerly the S.P. Depot... Local businessmen, not wanting this delightful landmark to be razed, have put huge amounts of work and money into the conversion of this building into what will be one of our town's most delightful restaurants. This type of conversion is not a simple matter as O. B. Wetzell the director of the operation will tell you.

Recommended as a follow-through for this tour, is the one given by the YWCA in August. At that time, completely furnished old houses will be the subject. Questions regarding your ideas about the preservation, remodeling or history of the nice old houses in the downtown area may be directed to the Santa Cruz Historical Society, to Chuck Abbott of PROD, Henry Faltz of Victorian Realty, or Patti Gordon of Foxy Lady Antiques.



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