

50 YEARS OF PRESERVATION. A FUTURE WORTH PROTECTING.

Dear Friends,

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider making Claremont Heritage one of your priorities. **Please make a year-end gift to help ensure that our preservation, education, and advocacy work continues on behalf of you, our community.**

The historic places, irreplaceable stories, and cultural traditions that define Claremont cannot be taken for granted. **Once lost, they cannot be replaced.** Your gift today will help us meet growing preservation challenges and protect Claremont's heritage for generations to come.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary and the centennial of the historic Garner House, we thank the members, donors, and volunteers whose generosity has made five decades of preservation, education, and advocacy possible.

Look around Claremont and you'll see what preservation can accomplish. Preservation successes include the historic ***Santa Fe Depot***, now home to the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art; the ***College Heights Packing House***, transformed into a thriving restaurant and retail center; and the ***Padua Hills Theatre***, preserved as a community gathering place—all demonstrate the lasting value of protecting our history.

Your gift today is essential to protecting Claremont's heritage through these vital programs:

- **Educating future generations:** Introducing hundreds of local third graders annually to Claremont's history through our Third-Grade Local History Program.
- **Protecting historic places:** Maintaining the 100-year-old Garner House and advocating with the City to preserve our historic neighborhoods and architectural landmarks.
- **Sharing community stories:** Recording oral histories including our Voices from the Barrios Project, documenting Claremont's Mexican American heritage.
- **Preserving our heritage:** Cataloging and digitizing collections, including the Wheeler Family Collection, preserving and safeguarding irreplaceable photographs and documents.

Every year, historic places are threatened, and important stories risk being forgotten. Simply put, we cannot preserve Claremont's heritage without your help. That's why we're reaching out to you now—we need your support to protect what makes our community special today and preserve it for generations to come.

Please make a special, tax-deductible year-end gift today. Your generosity directly supports the preservation, education, and advocacy that keep Claremont's history alive.

With gratitude,

David Shearer
Executive Director

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Garner House Sketch by Sam Maloof, 1937 Claremont Heritage Archives