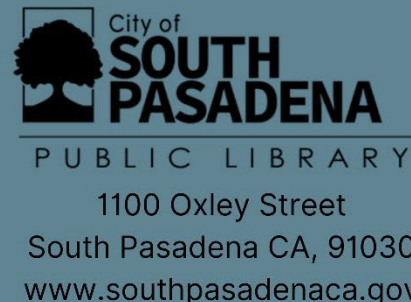




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## **Wynyate: If the Walls Could Talk A Library Special Event**

South Pasadena (Calif.) – The Library will celebrate National Preservation Month and the City's 135<sup>th</sup> birthday in partnership with the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation with a special event on Saturday, May 6th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. "Wynyate: If the Walls Could Talk" will explore the early history of South Pasadena and the historic South Pasadena home called Wynyate (located on Lyndon Street), which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 in recognition of its cultural and architectural significance.

This designation, which protects historic buildings from being destroyed, contributed to the fight against the 710 Freeway. Preservation Foundation Board member Mark Gallatin states that "SPPF is pleased to co-sponsor this event recognizing National Preservation Month and honoring the shared histories of the City of South Pasadena and the great Victorian home known as Wynyate".

Wynyate was built in 1887 by Donald McIntyre Graham, the first mayor of South Pasadena, which was incorporated the year after the house was built. His wife, author Margaret Collier Graham, was a co-founder of the city's first library and reading room in

1889. Wynyate (Welsh for “vineyard”) was designed in the Queen Anne style by architect William R. Norton and it served as a literary and cultural hub in the burgeoning community, with regular visits from authors and artists and local luminaries like Los Angeles City Librarian Charles Lummis.

The event will feature a richly illustrated presentation by former Wynyate resident Dr. Tedie Hudson Abou-Rass, and will also commemorate the loan to the Library by the Abou-Rass family of a 1973 painting by Southern California-based artist Richard Peterson depicting Wynyate at the time of its addition to the National Register. Mr. Peterson's painting will be on display during the event and for the duration of National Preservation Month (May) in the display case on the Library's first floor. Local resident Yvonne LaRose will also present a short reading to commemorate National Preservation Month. All attendees will receive a special commemorative coin created by the Abou-Rass family to mark this special event. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

The Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. For information about services and programs, visit the website is at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library). The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at [www.southpasadenaca.gov](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov) and email the form to Human Resources at [HR@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:HR@southpasadenaca.gov).

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