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Pasadena Heritage presents *Pasadena 1940 Forward*, with presentations by noted speakers, an architectural tour, and oral histories of the recent past as part of Pacific Standard Time Presents: Modern Architecture in L.A.

Pasadena CA – Pasadena Heritage will offer unique programs this spring as part of Pacific Standard Time Presents: Modern Architecture in L.A., a Getty-initiated celebration of the city's modern architectural heritage through exhibitions and programs at cultural institutions in and around L.A. A leading historic preservation organization founded in 1977, Pasadena Heritage will host a three-part lecture and panel discussion on May 16 and an architectural tour of modern-era homes on May 19. Oral histories will also be recorded and published. Supported by grants from the Getty Foundation, Modern Architecture in L.A. is a wide-ranging look at the postwar built environment of the city as a whole, from its famous residential architecture to its vast freeway network, revealing the city's development and ongoing impact in new ways.

On May 16, 2013, as part of this initiative, Pasadena Heritage will present *Pasadena 1940 Forward: Three Views of the Recent Past*, featuring presentations and discussion by three noted architectural historians. Alan Hess is the architecture critic of the San Jose Mercury News. He has written nineteen books on Modern architecture and urbanism in the mid-twentieth century and been active in the preservation of post-World War II architecture. He assisted Pasadena Heritage in preparing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for Pasadena's Edward Durell Stone's Stuart Pharmaceutical Company (1958), and Wurdeman and Becket's Bullock's Pasadena (1947). Barbara Lamprecht writes on and teaches architectural history, concentrating on Modernism, and practices architecture, specializing in sustainability and small spaces. Daniel Paul is a Senior Architectural Historian in the Los Angeles office of ICF International. He served as the Vice-Chairperson of the Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee and completed draft historic context statements for evaluating Los Angeles architecture constructed between 1965 and 1980.

The setting for these presentations will be the dramatic 1975 Pasadena Presbyterian Church, designed by Pasadena noted architect John Gougeon. Unique views and perceptions of the evolution of Pasadena's residential architecture will be the focus, from mid-century masterpieces to planned communities and their places in this community's rich architectural tradition. The program will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pasadena 1940 Forward: Residential Architecture of the Recent Past is a drive-yourself tour of 6 exceptional Modern-era homes in the Pasadena area. Experienced docents will lead tours through each featured private home, providing guests with a multi-faceted exploration of the work of several distinguished architects. Included on the tour will be Pasadena architect Lawrence Test's own home, recently restored and open to the public for the first time. We will also highlight the work of the talented builder Ted Tyler. Born in Pasadena,

Tyler began to construct homes during the postwar building boom and worked with architects including James Pulliam, Smith & Williams, and Buff & Hensman. This tour will feature two homes designed by Conrad Buff & Donald Hensman, capturing the entire scope of their work from the 1954 Norton House to the 1983 Hamlin House. Harold Zook's own 1951 home will also be open for tours, and Mr. Zook will be present to meet tour guests. The homes selected for the tour represent the work of some of the most noteworthy practitioners of residential architecture in Southern California after 1940. The tour will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pasadena 1940 Forward: Personal Stories from the Recent Past is a new chapter in Pasadena Heritage's Oral History Program. A previously-recorded oral history of USC alumnus, teacher and Pasadena architect Donald Hensman, including wonderful stories about his five decades of work with Conrad Buff and Cal Straub, will be republished as well as the oral history of Ted Tyler, a prolific master builder and designer who worked with Don Hensman. A summary of a recorded interview with Lawrence Test will also be available. Two new oral histories of key architects of the period will be recorded and published, including one of Harold Zook, who designed significant mid-century homes in Pasadena as well as the iconic 1957 Saga Motor Hotel. John Gougeon, architect of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church and area residences, will be the subject of a second oral history. Copies of these personal stories will be provided to various libraries and collections for the public to access and will be available for purchase.

Ticket information

Tickets for these events will go on sale April 11th. To order tickets and for more event information, please visit www.pasadenaheritage.org or call 626-441-6333.

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About Pacific Standard Time Presents

Pacific Standard Time Presents: Modern Architecture in L.A. celebrates the city's modern architectural heritage through thematic exhibitions at nine venues in and around the city. Supported by grants from the Getty Foundation, Modern Architecture in L.A. provides a wide-ranging look at the region's postwar built environment and the contributions of Los Angeles architects to the field. By examining a range of building types, from iconic modernist homes to the vast freeway network that has shaped this unique megalopolis, the exhibitions promise new insight into the city's planning, development and global impact. The initiative includes a diverse group of practitioners, from internationally-known figures such as Richard Neutra and Frank Gehry, to others who have been critical to shaping Southern California's distinctive profile, such as A. Quincy Jones and Eric Owen Moss. Related lectures, films, tours and discussions will be organized by the exhibition venues and other participating organizations from April–July 2013, exploring the history of L.A.'s development as well as its future. Designed to continue the momentum and collaborative spirit of Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945–1980, Modern Architecture in L.A. is the first of the smaller-scale Pacific Standard Time Presents offerings.

Major support for *Pasadena 1940 Forward* has been provided by the Getty Foundation.

About Pasadena Heritage

Pasadena Heritage is a nonprofit organization founded in 1977 and dedicated to historic preservation in and around Pasadena, California. The organization advocates on behalf of historic resources and educates the public about local history and the benefits of preservation through tours, workshops, lectures, and oral histories. Its 2,000-plus members are drawn from Pasadena and neighboring communities, and throughout Southern California. www.pasadenaheritage.org



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