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Humboldt Cultural Center • 422 First • Eureka, California 95501

A Division of The Humboldt Arts Council

Please enroll me as a Patron/Friend of Humboldt Cultural Center for the year 19____.

- Patron (\$100.00 to \$1,000 Annually)
- Friend (\$25.00 to \$99.00 Annually)
- Senior Citizens/Students (20.00 Annually)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ payable to Humboldt Cultural Center.

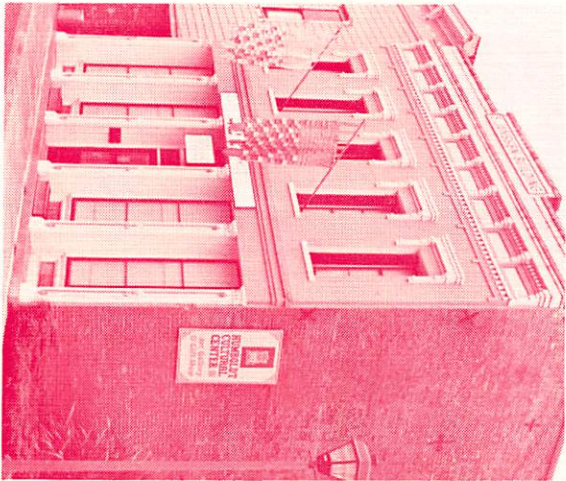
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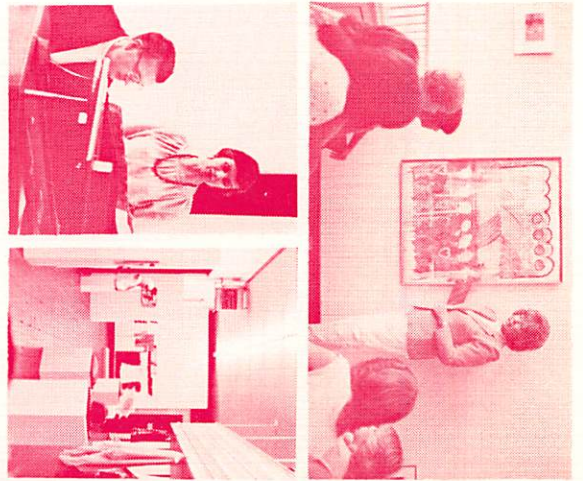
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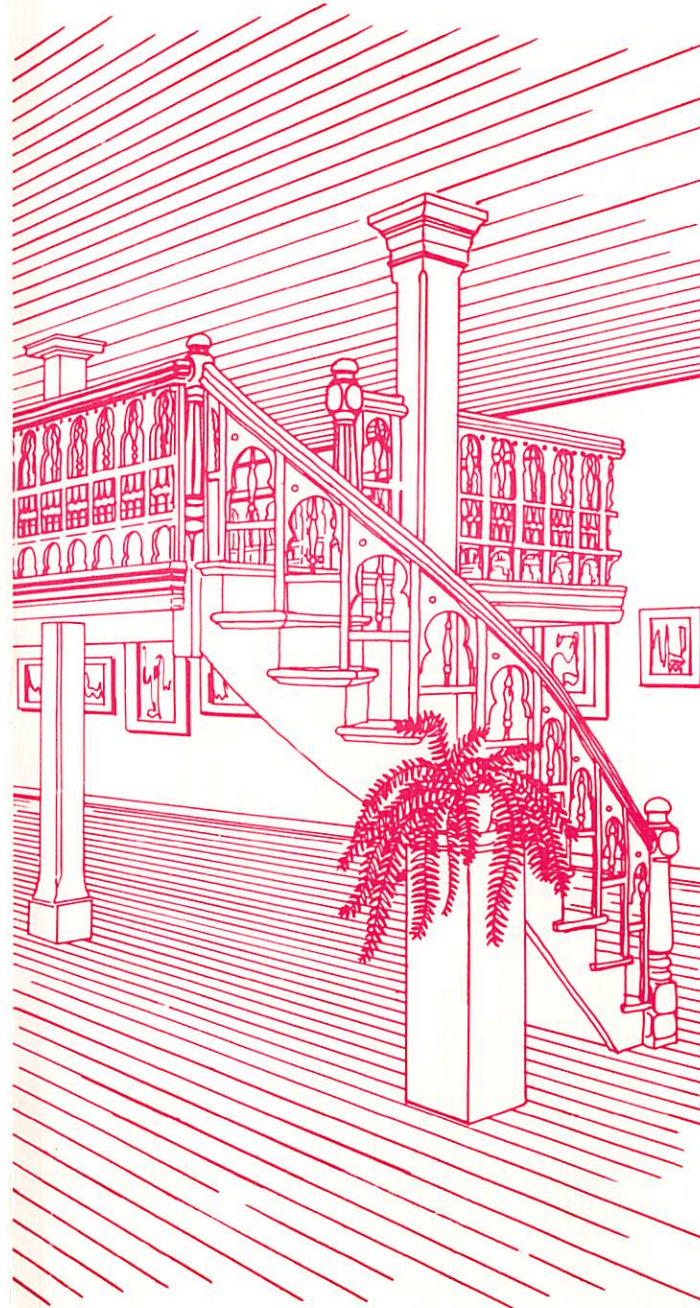
THE BUILDING

Built in 1875, the E. Janssen and Co. Building was planned as the mercantile center of the North Coast. Shelves and drawers on the first floor displayed dry goods, hardware and construction equipment. Remaining space was used for groceries and an office. The spacious second floor, reached via the North Coast's first elevator, provided ample storage room.

In 1889, Captain Hans Henry Buhne, an enterprising and very successful Eureka, purchased the building and transformed it into a ship's chandlery. A veteran sailor who first entered Humboldt Bay in 1850, Buhne outfitted many of the ships which claimed Eureka as a home port. The striking mezzanine, reminiscent of the steamboat Gothic style, was probably added at this time.

Little else has been altered during the building's 100 plus years. Only minor changes have been made to the iron, wood and glass exterior. The wood-framed sash-type double entrance doors are believed to be original. A plaque inscribed "E. Janssen Building" is recessed in a brick panel on the upper part of the street facade.

Restored to its original beauty by owners Ray and Dolores Vellutini, the handsome iron front is painted mustard with black and white trim in the spirit of the California Gold Rush style.



THE CENTER

From its museum-quality exhibit space to its Friday Night Concert Series, the Humboldt Cultural Center strives to enhance community appreciation of the arts. Founded in 1973 as a division of the Humboldt Arts Council, the Cultural Center encourages and promotes a variety of artistic ventures, including visual arts, music, dance and drama.

It provides a rehearsal area for theater groups and dancers, and working space for art classes, as well as a meeting place for organizations concerned with the arts. Art exhibits and concerts are presented throughout the year. Docent tours of the exhibits are scheduled for Humboldt County schoolchildren and other community groups by request.

A member of the Art Museum Association, the Cultural Center has been able, with sponsorship from the Humboldt Arts Council, to bring museum-quality exhibits to Humboldt County residents. A board of twelve directors, chosen from the community, determines the policies and procedures governing the Center and directs the gallery manager in business matters.

The Cultural Center aims to sustain itself through the sale of art work and rental of the building. Humboldt County artists are encouraged to bring work and offer it for sale, and to participate in the rental of the building for special exhibits and performances.