



Eureka!

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Joe Foster stands among the pylons of Pink Triangle Park + Memorial.

Holocaust Memorial Takes Shape! Sculpture In; Wall Phase Begins.

Grab Your Calendar ...

- ▶ Saturday, July 13, 5–8pm. Wine Tasting and Fundraising for Pink Triangle Park + Memorial. Drop into A.G. Ferrari Foods on Castro to compare exceptional Italian wines with American counterparts in an “Old Country/New Country” duel. Make donation at the door. Proceeds go to PTP+M. (see back cover photo)
- ▶ Thursday, July 18th, 7:30 – 8:45 pm, EVPA General Meeting. In auditorium of Recreation Center. 100 Collingwood at 18th. Agenda inside.
- ▶ July 25 – August 1, 22nd Annual S.F. Jewish Film Festival. Screenings at Castro Theater. More information at www.sfjfff.org or 621-0556.

It is a small, oddly shaped piece of land in the heart of the Castro. Thousands of people pass it to catch a bus or underground train. Almost directly above, the brightly striped rainbow flag snaps in the wind. Although in the middle of everything, the lot was overlooked, unremarkable and littered. Its tight triangular boundaries made it impractical for virtually every use. Except for one.

For the last two years, this lot has been the site of an ambitious EVPA-sponsored project: to create Pink Triangle Park + Memorial, a place of remembrance for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders imprisoned or killed during the Nazi regime. In June, PTP+M took a huge step forward with the installation its centerpiece art sculpture.

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Fifteen sierra white granite pylons now grace the site near Market and Castro. Each pylon is triangular in shape and the arrangement of the pylons forms a larger triangle on the hillside. The base of the sculpture is oriented toward the large rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza.

Rosemary soon will bloom among the pylons, complimenting the rose bushes planted earlier along the park's western edge.

Attention now turns to completion of the Memorial Wall and related events. The Wall will frame the park's edge and provide room for future plaques that shed light on LGBT experiences during the Holocaust and after initial liberation from the concentration camps. For example, under Paragraph 175 of the German Penal Code that criminalized gays, persons wearing the pink triangle were re-imprisoned after being freed from the concentration camps by Allied troops.

The poignancy of an overlooked lot in the heart of the LGBT community emerging as a prominent memorial to victims who sometimes are overlooked in the tragedy of the Holocaust is not lost on the hard-working volunteers making it happen.

The goal is to complete the Wall and nameplate this fall. To do so EVPA is launching a capital campaign effort to raise \$50,000. The capital campaign goal includes grant requests, fundraising events and individual donations. **There are many ways you can help.** When you do, you'll ensure future generations remember what happened, so it may never be repeated.

Longer-term goals include creating informational materials for use in education about human rights.

EVPA Asks MUNI to Open Bathrooms.

At the last general meeting members authorized a request to MUNI seeking the reopening of public restrooms at the Castro and Church underground stops. Currently, neither station has restrooms regularly open.

The lack of public restrooms in the public transit system has been leading to more use of doorways, bushes and walls as substitute toilets. Although EVPA understands the difficulty in maintaining, cleaning and providing security in these facilities, simply withdrawing restrooms from commuters and tourists is not an acceptable solution.

The motion came to the floor from the UTNC committee within EVPA. The Merchants of Upper Market may make a similar request of MUNI.

Here's How You Can Help.

This unique memorial is a neighborhood effort, and your help is needed to successfully finish the project. Ways you can help:

- Encouraging friends and colleagues to attend PTP+M fundraising events such as the wine tasting on July 13th.
- Turning your next party into a mini-fundraiser by asking guests to make a donation and forwarding those donations to EVPA.
- Making a personal financial donation.
- Asking your employer to consider making a contribution, providing a grant, or creating a special event to raise funds.
- Soliciting items from area merchants to use in a silent auction to be held in conjunction with a screening of the film Paragraph 175.
- Volunteering to help with the Paragraph 175 film event when the date is announced in next month's *Eureka!*
- Helping 'man' the gates of the Castro Street Fair on Sunday, October 6. A portion of entry proceeds benefit EVPA/PTP+M.

▶ **All donations should be mailed to EVPA, P. O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114-0137. Donations of \$100 or greater will be acknowledged in the next issue of Eureka! (must be received by 8/ 2)**

If you wish a tax deduction, make your check payable to Harvey Milk Institute and mail it to EVPA with "PTP+M" marked in the comments line. Harvey Milk Institute is the fiscal agent for tax-qualifying donations. If you are not seeking a deduction, make checks payable directly to EVPA with "PTP+M" marked on the comments line. Donations of any amount are appreciated and continue the neighborhood-supported nature of this important site of LGBT history.

Which Wine Wins? U.S. or Italian?

A.G. Ferrari on Castro is hosting wine tastings this summer with the proceeds of donations going to Pink Triangle Park + Memorial. The next event is Saturday, July 13th from 5-8 pm with a theme of "*Old Country/New Country*" that compares Italian wines with American counterparts. To participate just make a donation at the door. **Please spread the word via email and word-of-mouth to your friends!**





Uniformed prisoners with triangular identifying badges are assembled at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Sachsenhausen, Germany, 1938. After the camps were liberated at the end of the War, gays who survived were returned to prison to complete their sentences for homosexual acts. From National Archives and Records Administration.

Snapshots of A Transformation.

It was Joe Foster who first saw the potential in this small triangular lot. Soon others did too. Hundreds of volunteers, artists and craftsmen, and local businesses worked to bring PTP+M this far. With your help the Memorial Wall soon will be completed. Soon this important chapter in history will be told, here.

EVPA gratefully acknowledges major support of Mayor Willie Brown's Neighborhood Beautification Fund, Wendy Nelder, director; Department of Public Works; San Francisco Arts Commission and District 8 Supervisor Mark Leno. Businesses and nonprofits that have supported PTP+M include: Bank of America Foundation, Bay View Savings, Blue Restaurant, CalFed Bank, CHAT Café, Harvey Milk Institute, Hortica, IXIA, Lawrence Fine Art, Long Life Noodle, New Yorker Films, Omega Monuments, Raymond Granite, Regan's Nursery, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Telling Pictures and Wells Fargo Bank Foundation.

Photos from Top Right; the small lot in the heart of the Castro before its transformation. Bottom Right: volunteers first cleared weeds and litter and worked the soil to ready it for planting. Next Page Photos: Several rose plantings occurred and DPW was there to help. Middle Photo: December 10, 2001 Dedication ceremony on anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Bottom Photo: Lawrence Fine Arts crew installs the sculpture over three days in June 2002.





The Artists' Vision of the Sculpture.

by Susan Martin & Robert Bruce

First we had to decide we wanted to work together. Two strangers brought together by a friend. We agreed to meet, to share tea and crackers. We talked about sculpture, the Vietnam War memorial, and gardens. Specifically, Claude Monet's garden at Giverny and the beautiful green stakes used to support the plants. We talked about the philosophical premise of the one and the many, site-specific sculpture, collaborating, controversy, neighborhood, community.

We knew the Nazis imprisoned and killed gays and lesbians: 5,000 - 15,000 people. We wanted to express the loss abstractly rather than figuratively. We learned that the United Nations was formed in San Francisco and that without the UN we might not have a Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We wanted the sculpture to be contemplative. We wanted to mourn the dead (past), to celebrate the living (present), and to hope for those to come (future).

When we started we didn't know exactly what the memorial would look like. We did not know it would be granite or how exactly the individual elements would sit on the site in relationship to each other. We did not know how tall they would be. We did not know how they would be installed. We talked, we listened, we learned.

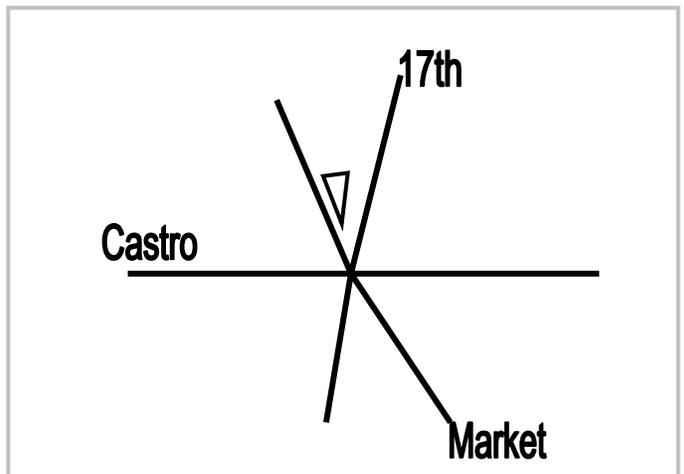
It has always seemed very difficult to express anything about living and dying with a single object. Perhaps this is because none of us would be here without the collaboration between at least two people. The simple definition of collaboration is to work with others. We hope visitors to Pink Triangle Park and Memorial will:

- Respect each other as this sculpture respects the site.
- Contemplate the softness of the plants and the firmness of the granite.
- Locate the softness and the firmness within themselves.
- Remember that gay men wore pink triangles, lesbians wore black triangles, gypsies wore brown triangles, Poles wore blue triangles, social democrats and other political prisoners wore red triangles, and Jews wore yellow stars.
- Think about how persecution of any individual or single group of people damages all humanity.

Original volunteers included: Gerald Abbott, Lion Barnett, Herb Cohn, Kathleen Connell, John Downey, Joe Foster, Judy Hoyem, Gustavo Serina, Pauline Shaver and Jaye Whittaker.

Robert Bruce received his BFA from the University of Houston in 1975. For thirty years has been a multi-disciplinary design professional. In 1982, he was one of the founding members of STOP-AIDS, San Francisco, and designed the STOP-AIDS logo.

Susan Martin received her MFA from the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1981, graduating with the highest honors. Her sculpture has been exhibited both in the Bay Area and in New York. She has received numerous awards such as the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest International Artists' Program, Giverny, France in 1992 and two Pollock-Krasner awards, one in 1987 and a second in 1998.



Photos This Page: from Top Left, Austrian prisoners, marked with triangles and identifying patches, in the Dachau concentration camp. Germany, April 1938, from Dokumentationsarchiv des Oesterreichischen Widerstandes; Bottom Left: (standing) Gustavo Serina, EVPA president; Pauline Shaver, art project manager; co-artist Susan Martin, and Herb Cohn, EVPA Treasurer. Top Right: in background Wendy Nelder, director, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification on the first day of pylon installation with Susan Martin. Bottom Right: Map showing location of PTP+M near intersection of Castro & Market by former City Athletic Club.

"Care Not Cash" Makes Ballot!

H.O.P.E. Also Qualifies.

The "Care Not Cash" and "Home Ownership Opportunities for Everyone" ballot initiatives appear to have qualified for the November general election. Approximately 23,000 signatures were turned into City Hall by the July 8 deadline for "Care Not Cash" and 25,000 by HOPE. Both needed fewer than 10,000 signatures to qualify.

Care Not Cash's goal is to provide all homeless San Franciscans who currently qualify for aid with guaranteed food, shelter/housing and health services and reduce cash grants. This refocusing will create expanded mental health, alcohol and substance abuse services, and affordable housing. EVPA endorsed the reform and many members were active in the search for signatures. EVPA has not taken a position on the HOPE proposal.

Gossip About Garages & Parking.

Come to the SF Department of Building Inspection's monthly Brown Bag Lunch Talk. This month's topic is "Garages and Parking: Current Regulations and Trends." The talk is on Thursday, July 18, from Noon to 1:30 pm at 1660 Mission Street, Room 2001 (second floor). There will be 15 minutes of general discussion and questions before each topic. Coffee and other drinks are provided; bring your lunch. Please contact Laurence M. Kornfield at 558-6205 for information on any of the talks, to receive announcements of future Brown Bag Talks, or for other questions on building codes and permits.

A Different Path. A Fresh Attitude.

The convenience of neighborhood shopping and services means we don't have to go far in our weekly errands. That's good and bad. The good of such convenience is obvious. The flip side is we develop comfortable routines that reduce exploration of other parts of this international city and even Eureka Valley. Break the habit.

Be deliberately random. Vary tomorrow's routine even if it only means walking a different way to and from the grocery store. Get off at a different bus stop. Grab a J instead of a K, L or M. Visit the top of Dolores Park for the view of downtown. Take a walking tour of the Castro with Trevor Hailey (550-8110). If walking is difficult, consider a bus tour and play like an out-of-town tourist, or pick one of the free wheelchair accessible City Guides Walking Tours (557-4266).

Explore San Francisco in little ways and fall in love with it all over again. It's summer in the City. ☺

Next Meeting is July 18, 7:30pm.

Come to the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (18th/Collingwood) at 7:30 pm for the general meeting. On the agenda are:

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjourn

General meetings are at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center at 100 Collingwood at 7:30 pm. You do not have to be a member to attend, although you do have to be a member to vote on issues. A membership application is on last page.

Neighborhood Mourns Jon Cook.

On June 12th, while responding to an emergency call, 17th Street resident and SFPD Officer Jon Cook was killed. Officer Cook's car collided with another SFPD car while both were en route to capture a suspect wanted in an incredibly brutal attack. Cook was based out of the Mission Police Station.

At the accident scene, passersby left flowers, candles, flags and poems including one titled "A Police Officer Was Killed Last Night." It begins, "A policeman was killed last night. He died while protecting your rights. His creed was to protect and serve. This fate he didn't deserve."

EVPA formally extends heartfelt condolences to Cook's fellow officers and to his life partner, Jared Strawderman. Flowers have been sent to the Mission Station, and a letter of condolences to Mr. Strawderman. We appreciate the thin blue line.

Castro Street Fair is Sun., Oct. 6th.

Soon the annual Castro Street Fair will be upon us with music, crafts, food and fun. Volunteers are needed to help collect donations at the 17th Street entrance. A portion of proceeds benefit EVPA/PTP+M. Let us know of your interest now by emailing info@evpa.org or calling 701-9455 and letting us know. We'll get back to you with details.

Running for D8 Supervisor?

EVPA is prohibited by its by-laws from endorsing candidates for public office. However, as a community organization, we welcome candidates to come to speak to our members. Candidates wishing to do so should email Gustavo Serina at Gserina@aol.com to arrange a date and time.

Minutes from June 2002 Meeting.

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Minutes from the May EVPA meeting were approved.

Michelle Meeker, a research neurology nurse from SF General made a short presentation regarding a research study on the correlation of body temperature and survivability of brain trauma. As time is very precious when dealing with these injuries, this study allows the hospital to lower an eligible patient's body temperature without the patient's or next-of-kin consent. This was an informational presentation, and no action was asked of EVPA.

Committee Reports:

Park and Education -- The renovation of the EVRC is tentatively scheduled to begin June 2003.

The Pink Triangle Park sculpture is installed! Congratulations to all those involved in this EVPA and neighborhood project!

A motion was made that EVPA accept the remaining tasks associated with PTP from the ad hoc committee founded to select a memorial sculpture, and for EVPA to accept fundraising, operational and maintenance responsibilities for the remainder of the project. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made that development tasks begin under the full auspices of EVPA. Development to include: planning, fundraising and construction of a memorial wall and signage. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made to authorize the Board of Directors to accept bids on behalf of membership, for wall and related construction and to authorize expenditure of deposits by the Treasurer as necessary for initial development. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made to authorize up to \$8,000 in "bridge loans" from officers Gustavo Serina and Herb Cohn for completion of memorial sculpture, with repayment to come from fundraising efforts, not membership dues. **The motion passed.**

Finance -- Committee met and submitted a written report.

UTNC -- The replacement of news racks in the neighborhood is still being discussed. Some limitations on the placement of the new design racks may preclude them being used in the neighborhood. UTNC is following this issue closely. Supervisor Leno's proposed Entertainment Commission generated some written questions to the Supervisor from UTNC, but as yet the committee has received no answer from the Supervisor.

Planning -- The Planning Committee is reviewing the development of the lot at 300 Corbett Ave and is planning to have a recommendation to present to the membership at the next meeting. The committee flagged three planing projects for review at their regular meeting.

Membership & Promotion -- All EVPA members are encouraged to act as "Cub Reporters" and snoop for neighborhood news and issues to report. Additionally, the newsletter is an excellent way to get increase membership; so all members are encouraged to pass along a copy to friends and neighbors. Stories and articles for each issue are due the first of the month, and advertisements are due by the 5th.

Public Health & Safety -- Reported on the Care Not Cash Campaign sponsored by Supervisor Newsom. Petitions to get this legislation, which EVPA had approved in a previous meeting, on the November ballot were distributed.

Internal Affairs -- The I/A Committee reminded us that elections are fast approaching, and to think of new officers to elect in the coming year. The first round of nominations are due at October's general membership meeting, and the second round and elections are held in November.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

A motion was made to send a letter of condolence to Officer Jon Cook's domestic partner. Officer Cook of Mission Station was killed in the line of duty while responding to a call. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made to spend \$50 of EVPA general funds to send flowers in memory of Officer Cook to Mission Station. The motion passed.

A motion was made to send a letter thanking the residents of 2500 Market Street for the use of electricity during the installation of the memorial at the Pink Triangle Park. **The motion passed.**

Move to send a letter to MUNI requesting that the restrooms at the Church and Castro stops be open during MUNI's operating hours with regular security and cleaning services during the day. The motion passed.

Move to send a letter to DPW requesting that the departments GA program include the following locations in the area: Pink Triangle Park; EVRC sidewalk and playground; 18th and Castro intersection; Area of 17th and Hartford; Area of 15th and Sanchez; Area of Pond and 16th; MUNI restrooms at Church and Castro stops. **The motion passed.**

Adjourn at 9 pm.



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Colorful William Dufty Passes.

William F. Dufty, father of EVPA member Bevan Dufty, passed away on June 27th. William Dufty was 86 years of age and led an extraordinarily colorful life that included authoring several books, working with Billie Holliday, and a marriage to Gloria Swanson. For the last 20 years, the senior Dufty shared his life with life partner Dennis Fairchild. Our condolences to all his family.

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 You work in the neighborhood, or
 You're a nonprofit in the neighborhood.

Join your neighborhood association. Use the Express application to the right (no medical exam, no credit check). © Membership is growing. Be part of it.

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Membership Application

Or join online at www.EVPA.org

Name: _____
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Address: _____ Apt. _____
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Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

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 (EVPA does not share your contact information with other groups)

My concerns for the neighborhood include _____

I am interested in working on the following issues:

<input type="checkbox"/> City Planning/Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health/Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Membership & Promotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Pink Triangle Park + M.

How did you hear about EVPA? _____

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