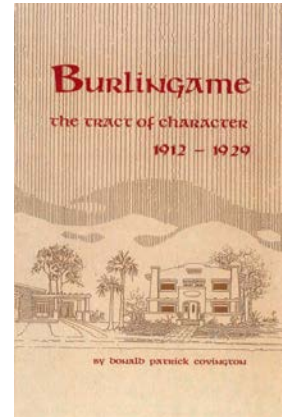


# Burlingame Walking Tour

## NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S BURLINGAME WALK BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORDS

More than 40 San Diegans and a visitor from Exeter in Northern California gathered in the Burlingame Historical District to hear little-known facts about the homes and history of the neighborhood with the pink sidewalks. The "Tract of Character" was developed by real estate entrepreneurs Joseph McFadden and George Buxton in 1912. It was designed to be a "showcase of diverse architectural concepts" and a "collection of architectural fantasies" according to the guidebook, *Burlingame: The Tract of Character, 1912-1929* by the late Donald Covington. This charming community history and self-guided architectural tour book has been out of print for nearly a decade but was recently reprinted by the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) with the permission of the Covington family.



George Franck, NPHS Vice-President, led the group, which was the organization's largest tour in its 4-year history. It was described as "a wonderful educational experience," and attendees expressed a desire to see more on a longer tour with smaller groups. NPHS will train more guides and present additional details about architectural terms using the diverse homes as examples for the next tour of this fascinating neighborhood. Watch our website, [NorthParkHistory.org](http://NorthParkHistory.org) for information about our activities. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Attendees appreciate the varied architecture in the neighborhood



This romantic Swiss Chalet home on San Marcos Avenue is part of a trio forming a "diminutive alpine village" at the bend of the street



While George Franck explains a particular house, Katherine Hon (in vintage dress at right), shows attendees the sketch in the guide book