



Friday, May 5th, 2006 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
1414 Fair Oaks Ave.

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Top Photo: Smith & Williams Building circa 1960 by Harry Drinkwater, courtesy of Garrett Eckbo Collection, Environmental Design Archives, UC Berkeley

Vic Robinette, CPA, CFP, CSA and South Pasadena City Treasurer is an active member

The South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend our Cinco de Mayo Mixer!

Food by Babita:

- Flautas
- Mini sopas
- Tinga (pork, chipotle in masa)
- Fabulous guacamole
- Nopales mini salads
- Ceviche

Desserts by Union Bakery

Wine and beer!

The Smith & Williams building was saved from acquisition and demolition a couple of years ago by the action of the Cultural Heritage Commission, who nominated it as a local landmark. Thanks to assistance by the Pasadena Foothill Chapter of the AIA, the LA Conservancy Modern Committee and the State Historical Resources Commission, and others, leadership in South Pasadena acted to recognize and renovate this previously overlooked jewel. The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation contributed funding for a National Register nomination that is still pending.

Today, the building is thriving and the community has benefited from the efforts of a few who cared.

tenant in the Smith & Williams Building.

Steve Friedman, current Planning Commissioner but then Cultural Heritage Commissioner, and Glen Duncan, Cultural Heritage Committee Vice-Chair, spent hours researching ultimately prevailing in establishing landmark status for the building.

The Smith & Williams building current owners, led by Vincent Tsoi, are engaged in a restoration/rehabilitation project and are actively engaged in reconstituting the original tenant mix of planners, engineers, and architects. They are even attempting to replicate the original Garrett Eckbo landscaping. That, in itself, is a big story.

Current Chamber of Commerce Chairman Ted Shaw will be on hand, and has his own connections to the historic site. His father was the contractor.

Come experience this stunning building, with its floating conference room, spiral stairs and unique sense of space and light.

\$5 for Members/\$10 Non-Members includes wine, soft drinks and hors d'ouvres as well as a *WHACK* at the Pinata!

1414 Fair Oaks is conveniently located in lovely South Pasadena just below the 110, next to the South Pasadena Middle School. Free parking behind on location.

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