

NORTH PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WOWS THE CROWD AT THE 2009 TOYLAND PARADE

The North Park Historical Society, established as an independent non-profit in 2008, had a blast at the North Park Toyland Parade December 5. Members and friends represented a wide range of decades, including a shopkeeper of the 19-teens (Steve Hon), a real estate salesman of the '20s (Ed Orozco), and mink-clad glamour girls from the '20s and '30s (Katherine Hon and Louise Russell) who gave the beauty queen wave from Broker Bill Vivian's classy Mercedes convertible. Michael Thornhill was behind that bushy mustache of a streetcar conductor ("motorman") you could have seen along University Avenue from 1907 to 1949. Patrick Edwards showered peace and love on the crowd as an authentic hippie from the '70s. Last year's parade favorite, the Water Tower (Jessie Barajas) was joined by Alpha the Robot (Vince Rivera), replica of an exhibit from the 1935 Exposition in Balboa Park. What's YOUR favorite decade? Join us next year and share the joy of participating in this historical community event.



*Board Members and friends of the North Park Historical Society greet the crowd while other NPHS members worked behind the scenes, including Liz Studebaker, Amy Colony, Sharon Turner, Jody Surowiec, George Franck, Victor Flake, and Jennifer Bennett.
Thanks to everyone who participated!*

Getting ready . . .



Louise lends a hand to Vince, and Michael helps him get his head on straight. At right, the finished product.



Vince (“Alpha the Robot”), who marched as the Water Tower last year and created both costumes, gives Jessie some tips on how to see where he’s going.



From left: Steve, Katherine, Michael, Louise and Ed line up for a pre-parade shot.



We love North Park!



See you next year!