

## HISTORY OF HELMS

rom 1931 to 1969, Helms Bakery was a world renowned bakery that made history as well as bread. A great pioneering feat for its time, it quickly became a defining part of Southern California culture, with significant contributions to the local community as well as global history.

The Marks Family purchased Helms Bakery in the early 1970's and since then they have transformed and completed a rare feat in Los Angeles - successful adaptive reuse of an historic structure. Covering the 11 acres, the many improvements include restoring

historic neon signs, creating historic murals, installing large photovoltaic solar arrays, restoring the Zigzag Moderne detailing, establishing a center for home furnishings and eateries, as well as creating a home for top-flight media and arts related companies. To honor the history of the Bakery, a small museum was installed inside one of the retail stores.

One of the latest improvements to the Bakery was the closure of Helms Avenue to through traffic. In doing so, a new pedestrian plaza was created, giving the neighborhood a much deserved community space, Helms Walk. The closed portion of Helms Avenue has been developed with trees, lawn areas, a water feature, free Wi-Fi, music and basalt pavers creating a new found space - a meeting place to sip coffee, chat with an old friend or simply recalling "I remember when..."

As an ongoing commitment to the community, Helms Bakery hosts many free design, architecture





and art events, an annual free outdoor film series, book signings, Baby Boot Camp classes, and so much more!

To get up-to-the minute event information and history, sign up for the newsletter on the **Helms Bakery** website at www.helmsbakerydistrict.com. Helms Bakery continues to thrive and grow as a vital center for the community and a venue to preserve Culver City's long and rich history.



## FURNISHINGS, DESIGN & FINE CUISINE



Helms Bakery is a Los Angeles historical destination, with award-winning restaurants, a unique collection of design and home furnishings stores, and simply a perfect place to meet with friends. This landmark building nestled in the heart of West L.A. is easy to get to and located just one block east of the Expo Line. Join us for a day of food, furniture and fun.

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