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THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY HISTORY COLLABORATIVE

By Helene Davis

The Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative is in the process of planning the second collaboration for 2012. We are still working out the details but the theme will revolve around Japanese Internment. A kick-off event is also being planned in conjunction with the new theme. The exhibit will run from July 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012.

The current exhibit is "Bells and Whistles: Bay Area Railroads".

The Collaborative consists of the Cupertino Library, The Cupertino Library Foundation and the Cupertino Historical Society working together to highlight one to two themes a year related to our respective collections. Stay tuned!

CUPERTINO LIBRARY PRESENTS - CALIFORNIA READS MOVIE SCREENING:

RETURN TO THE VALLEY

Saturday, May 19, 2012

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Image courtesy of the Santa Clara County Library website.

At the conclusion of World War II, 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry were released after three years of imprisonment in internment camps. Each was given just \$25 and a train ticket home. For many, home was California - the Santa Clara or Salinas Valley or the Central Coast.

This poignant documentary tells their stories of struggle, hardship and triumph as they rebuilt their lives. Congressman Mike Honda is a contributor.

Cupertino Library Story Room

10800 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA, 95014
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For more

information about Cupertino Library Presents, please visit

http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/cupertino/CU_adultprogram_CaliforniaReads52012.html



Cupertino Historical Society & Museum

Mission Statement

We preserve and illuminate Cupertino's past to inspire youth, strengthen the sense of community, and shape a better future by making Cupertino history relevant and available to all.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Donna Austin, President



Most of you remember me serving as president of the Cupertino Historical Society in 2004 and 2005. I have continued to serve on the Board of Directors as Past President, Secretary, and Vice-President of Membership. I look forward to working with our dynamic, productive and caring Board as we meet the challenges of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum in the coming year.

Over the past year we have been rotating our presidential duties every four months. A big thanks goes to our Past President Darryl Stow for his thoughtful service throughout the years. Thanks to Mark McKenna for being Acting Chair and for having agreed to be President Elect. Thank you Helene Davis for always being there and for taking a leadership role serving as Acting Chair. To make things easier, the Board and the CHS membership voted at our annual meeting in April to start our new officer's terms on May 1st of this year only. Terms are usually from July 1 to June 30 and will continue that way from now on.

A big thank you goes to Bill Kerr our Treasurer for his conscientious effort to keep our books accurately. Thank you to Jane Alvarado for her meticulous note taking and cheerful encouragement for all the board does. We really appreciate Ragini for interacting with the public, keeping our web site current and our membership accurate. Most of all I thank the members for your input, encouragement and continued support for our quest to bring history alive in Cupertino.

I look forward to working with the city in forging a plan for McClellan Ranch Park and the Stockmeir property. There are so many possibilities for exhibiting history there. The Snyder Hammond house continues to be a challenge as we work to make it a viable accessible resource for the community. We welcome your input and help as we work through these plans.

The Cupertino Historical Society is collaborating with the Cupertino Library Foundation to feature the California Western Americana collection at our Cupertino library. If you haven't seen the "Bells and Whistles" exhibit about the history of trains in this valley, be sure to visit it before July when a new exhibit about the Japanese Internment during World War II replaces it.

I look forward to working with you as CHS President in the coming year. Feel free to contact me at anytime at 408-973-1495 or cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net. All messages will be forwarded to me.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
C.S. Lewis 1898-1963

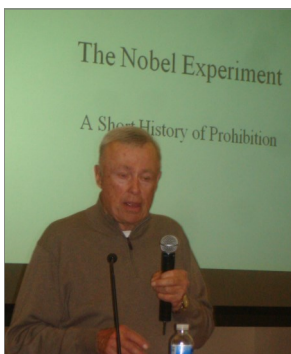
ANNUAL MEETING AND QUARTERLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

By Donna Austin

On Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, The Cupertino Historical Society held their Annual Meeting and Spring Quarterly Speaker Program. There were 33 people in attendance to vote for the 2012-2013 slate of officers for our Society and hear our fascinating speaker Ray Cosyn present on the topic of Prohibition and its affect upon the Santa Clara Valley.

I found it fascinating that the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which introduced income tax, was the predecessor to the Eighteenth Amendment which established the prohibition of "intoxicating liquors". The 1913 income tax amendment would make up for the loss of revenue caused by Prohibition beginning in 1919. The only amendment to the constitution that was ever repealed in the United States was the Eighteenth Amendment. Interestingly after Prohibition was repealed by the Twenty-First Amendment in 1933, alcohol consumption dropped significantly. Winston Churchill said it all when he was quoted as saying Prohibition was "a spectacle at once comic and pathetic". Altogether it was a fun and interesting evening.

Thank you Ray for the wonderful presentation!



SPOTLIGHT

CHS Welcomes Darcy Paul to Board of Directors



Darcy Paul moved to Cupertino in 2005, having previously known the city for essentially the same reason that the other 6 billion+ people on Earth know it, which is to say, as the home of the Cupertino Historical Society. Upon touching down, he was rather astounded to discover that herein lay a singularly fascinating community nestled-in on three sides by mountains, and on the other by water. This was the place to be, was his conclusion.

Some four-and-a-half years of bachelorhood in the wild and happening Cupertino singles scene came to a halt in July 2010, when Darcy married Sharon Lee, whose family shares his parents' native Chinese-via-Taiwan roots, with her life story moving by way of Los Angeles, where she had moved around the turn of the millennium in order to pursue her MBA, and subsequently to become a commercial banker. Their first-born Alison arrived last month (March).

Darcy is a member of the city's Parks & Recreation Commission, and currently serves on the board of the Chamber of Commerce. In his spare time, he is a practicing attorney whose professional aim is to re-focus the priorities of the legal community towards, well, communities. He believes that Cupertino is a community well-situated to, in a calm and thoughtful manner, save the world, and in that vein is very glad to be a part of CHS.

CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA MUSEUMS

MAY IS CALIFORNIA MUSEUM MONTH

This is an annual state event that celebrates the positive impact museums make on communities. And we have over 1,500 museums statewide!

Here is a list of just some of the museums in our area.

Campbell Historical Museum & Ainsley House
(408) 866-2119 / www.ci.campbell.ca.us/museum

Los Altos History Museum
(650) 948-9427 / www.losaltoshistory.org

The History Museum in Forbes Mill Annex (Los Gatos)
(408) 395-7375 / www.museumsoflosgatos.org

Moffett Field Museum (Sunnyvale/Mountain View)
(650) 964-4024 / www.moffettfieldmuseum.org

Morgan Hill Museum
(408) 779-5755 / www.mhhistoricalociety.org

Computer History Museum (Mountain View)
(650) 810-1010 / www.computerhistory.org

History San Jose
(408) 287-2290 / www.historysanjose.org

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles
(408) 971-0323 / www.sjqiltmuseum.org

San Jose Museum of Art
(408) 271-6840 / www.sjmusart.org

Children's Discovery Museum (San Jose)
(408) 298-5437 / www.cdm.org

The Tech Museum (San Jose)
(408) 294-8324 / www.thetech.org

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum (San Jose)
(408) 947-3635 / www.egyptianmuseum.org

The Museum of Art And History (Santa Cruz)
(831) 429-1964 / www.santacruzmah.org

Saratoga Historical Foundation
(408) 867-4311 / www.saratogahistory.com

Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum
(408) 749-0220 / www.heritageparkmuseum.org

JOURNEY TO CUPERTINO - YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

CHS, in coordination with the
Fremont Union High School District,
is holding an

ESSAY OR SHORT FILM CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please describe you or your family's journey to Cupertino - where you came from, what brought you here, and what you have discovered about yourself, your family and your community along the way.


Entry deadline is September 1, 2012.

Winners will be announced by September 30, 2012.

Grand Prize:	iPad 3
Second Place Prize:	\$100
Third Place Prize:	\$50

To download contest rules and entry form, please visit
<http://www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org/home>

The Cupertino Historical Society & Museum
is hosting



A Sip of History
Annual Summer Fundraiser
German Weinfest
Sunday, June 24, 2012
5pm-8pm
at the historic
Piechetti Winery

to help support efforts to serve the community
with educational programs and the
preservation of the historical collections.

Tickets are currently on sale!

For further information, please contact the
Cupertino Historical Museum
at 408-973-1495.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THE TRAVELING TRUNK

Looking for a Unique Experience? Have you ever worked in a classroom as an aide, volunteer or teacher? If so, the Traveling Trunk Educational Program may just be the volunteer experience you have been looking for. You can share your educational skills and knowledge without having to write up assignments, correct papers or design tests. Knowing you have reached out to children and adults who want to learn is a very **rewarding experience**.

The Traveling Trunk is **in need of docents**. Our show-and-tell program teaches the history of many items used in homes and orchards around 1900 to young audiences in local schools. No public speaking experience is required. We work in pairs so there is always the support of another docent. Feel free to come and observe for several sessions to get acquainted with the program.

Please contact Ragini Sangameswara at the CHS office at cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The time a volunteer spends at the Cupertino Historical Museum is often just as rewarding to him or her as it is to us. If you have a love for the community, please help show off Cupertino's past and present.

Our volunteers help keep our museum open!

If you are available to volunteer for a two-hour shift, **Wednesday through Saturday** between the hours of **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, please contact the Cupertino Historical Museum at **408-973-1495** or email us at cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You

to supporters of the
Cupertino Historical Society
who so graciously supported this year's
Annual Fund Drive 2011-12.



CHS raised a total of \$5,560.00
towards ensuring our mission to
preserve and illuminate Cupertino's past.



MEMBERSHIP GIFTS

Memberships to the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum provide a base of support for programs, services and general operating costs. We appreciate the support and generosity of new and renewing members.

The benefits of being a member of the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum are many:

- Store discounts
- Quarterly Speaker Program
- Quarterly newsletter
- Special events invitation
- Access to museum library

Join Us



To join the
Cupertino Historical Society, please
visit our website at
www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org/join-us
to download a Membership Application.

Or contact the Cupertino Historical Museum
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FEBRUARY thru APRIL 2012

RENEWING MEMBERS

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Marcia St.Clair



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Quinlan Community Center

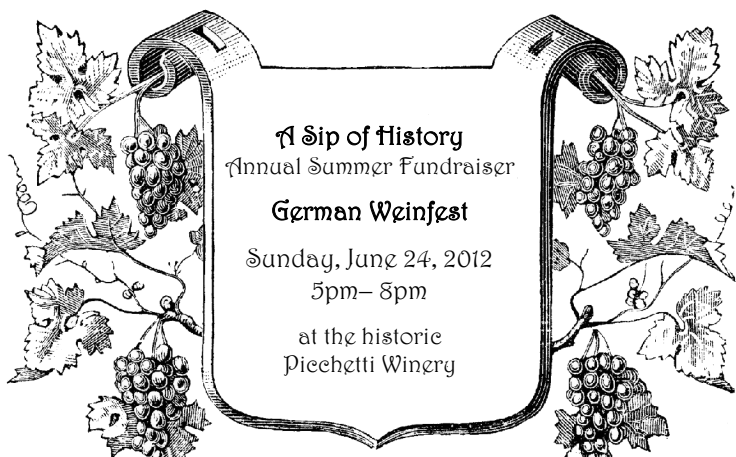
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Museum Hours:

Located in the Quinlan Community Center, the museum is open to the public **Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is FREE.**

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
5:30 p.m., Quinlan, Conference Room

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
5:30 p.m., Quinlan, Craft Room

Tuesday, July 17, 2012
5:30 p.m., TBA

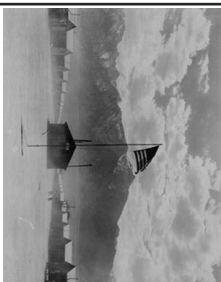
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Holidays: OCC closed

May 28, 2012 Memorial Day
July 4, 2012 Independence Day



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