

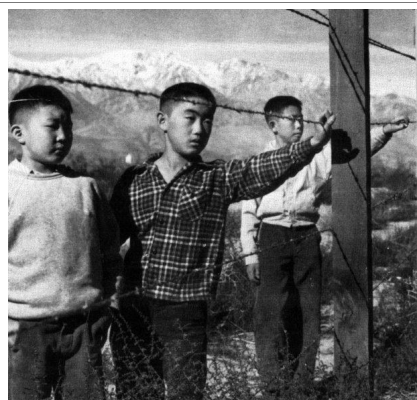
## THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY HISTORY COLLABORATIVE

By Mark Fink, Cupertino Community Librarian

### MOVING DAYS: THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY

The Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative (SCVHC) is featuring its second series from July 5, 2012 through December 31, 2012 on "Moving Days: The Japanese American Experience in the Santa Clara Valley."

SCVHC is working together with four other community organizations, The Cupertino Library Foundation, The Japanese American Museum of San Jose, The California History Center De Anza College, and The Friends of the Cupertino Library to present the series which includes displays on the second floor of the library as well as two panel discussions on topics of interest to the community. The public is invited to attend a reception before each panel discussion to meet some of the speakers and learn more about the SCVHC.



Unidentified children interned at the Manzanar camp in California.  
Photo courtesy of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose.

#### Local Japanese Americans remember World War II

Cupertino Community Hall

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

Panelists include Cupertino residents Aki Okuno, Tom Taniguchi and Its Uenaka.

#### Civil Liberties and the Japanese American Experience: Lessons Learned from Internment during World War II

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Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

Panelists include Ling Wu Liu, Executive Director of the Korematsu Institute; Stephen Doi, Professor of Asian American Studies, San Jose State University; and Jimi Yamaichi, Director, Japanese American Museum of San Jose.

#### Cupertino Library Book Discussion Group

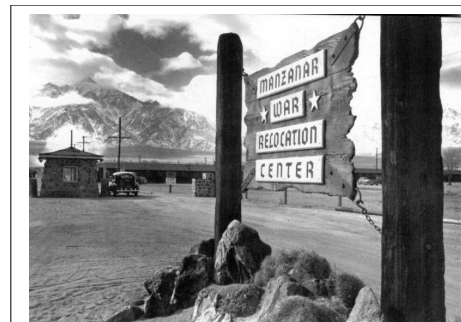
Cupertino Library Story Room

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Featured Title: *Farewell to Manzanar*, by Jeanne Wakatsuki-Houston

For more information about The Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative, please visit

<http://cupertinolibraryfoundation.org/santa-clara-valley-history-collaborative/>



Famous landmark entry to the Manzanar War Relocation Center in California.  
Photo courtesy of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose.



## 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



The dog days of summer are with us! But you couldn't tell that summer was even here up at Picchetti Winery on the last Sunday in June. Usually the weather is very hot to moderate, but a cool breeze blew in to chase the revelers home early. In spite of the weather, we had a wonderful turnout for our Picchetti Barbecue's Sip of History German Weinfest! We thank all of you that attended or contributed to our cause. This event enables us to continue to prepare exhibits, carry out our traveling trunk program and preserve our history. Thank you to all.

In June we also bid farewell to the Summers family who have lived at the Snyder Hammond House. Inspection, renovation and evaluation are our next steps. Unfortunately the house is landlocked with limited accessibility. We will be exploring all our options and welcome any input our members may have.

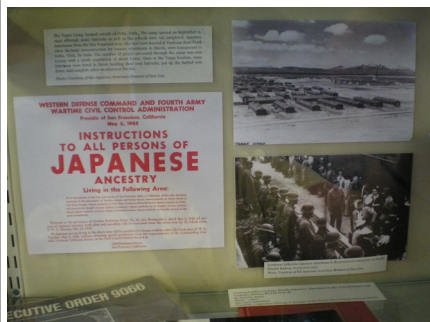
The Cupertino Historical Society has been collaborating with the Cupertino Library on a new history exhibit which was set up on July 1<sup>st</sup> on the 2nd floor. It is entitled "Moving Day" and refers to all Japanese Americans that left their home to move into internment camps in the 40's. It is a well thought out exhibit with featured books from our California Western American (CWA) collection at our library. There will be a panel of speakers at Community Hall on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our very own Its Uenaka will be one of the panelists and Darcy Paul will be the moderator. This panel discussion will take the place of one of our speaker series.

We would also like to thank Mike Foulkes and Apple Inc. for their generous donation of computer related items to the Cupertino Historical Society. Our members can look forward to seeing them in auction items and door prizes in the future. We thank them for their continued support for our organization and for the history of Cupertino.

As president, I look forward to your input and suggestions. Feel free to contact me at anytime. All messages will be forwarded to me. The museum number is 408-973-1495 and email is [cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net).

## Moving Days: The Japanese American Experience in the Santa Clara Valley

The exhibit features artifacts, artwork and historic photos on loan from the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and related print materials from the Cupertino Library's California Western Americana collection.



**July 5, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

For more information go to  
<http://cupertinolibraryfoundation.org/>

### Cupertino Library

The exhibit is located on the second floor next to the California Western Americana Collection.

10800 Torre Ave.  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
Tel: (408) 446-1677



## Related Reading

***Only What We Could Carry; The Japanese American Internment Experience.***  
***Desert Exile; The Uprooting of A Japanese American Family,*** by Yoshiko Uchida.

***Years of Infamy; The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps,***  
by Michi Weglyn.

***Confinement and Ethnicity; An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocation Sites.***

***Impounded; Dorothea Lange and the Censored Images of Japanese American Internment,*** by Dorothea Lange.

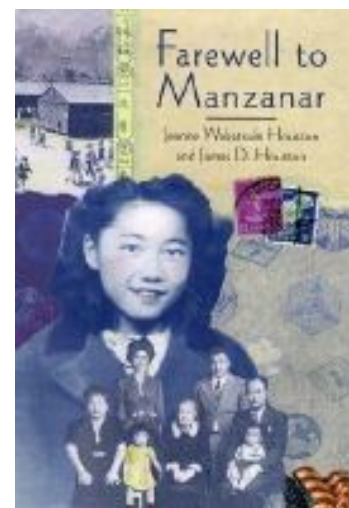
***The Price of Prejudice; The Japanese-American Relocation Center in Utah during World War II,*** by Leonard J. Arrington.

***Farewell to Manzanar; A True Story of Japanese American Experience during and after the World War II Internment,*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston.

For more library information on the Japanese American internment experience, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/84eaknz> for circulating items

<http://tinyurl.com/86we6la> for reference items



## Japanese American Museum of San Jose

The new Japanese American Museum of San Jose (JAMsj) showcases a unique collection. Through permanent and temporary displays, the Museum highlights how Japanese Americans have struggled to adapt and contribute to the US for over a century. Permanent exhibits feature early settlers, farm and community life and a range of World War II experiences including forced removal from the Pacific Coast, incarceration in the interior of the county, military service, and post war resettlement and reintegration into society. An authentic replica of a Tule Lake Relocation/Segregation Center barracks room allows visitors to vividly experience conditions in the "relocation centers". In two ancillary buildings, JAMsj displays the largest collection of farm equipment and implements used by the Issei (immigrant generation) and Nisei (first generation born in the US) pioneers.



535 North Fifth Street  
San Jose, CA 95112  
Tel: (408) 294-3138

Open Thursday through Sunday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information about JAMsj, please visit [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org)



# ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER

By Gail Fretwell-Hugger and Corinna Dixon

## A SIP OF HISTORY – GERMAN WEINFEST

Although the weather surprised us, the Cupertino Historical Society's Annual June Summer Fundraiser, *A Sip of History – German Weinfest*, at the historic Picchetti Winery was a rousing success. Over \$14,000 was raised in support of CHS&M's mission to preserve and present Cupertino's history – Thank you!



CHS&M board members Helene Davis and Donna Austin ham it up in lederhosen.

Over 140 guests braved chilly evening breezes to bid on auction items ranging from a firehouse dinner to the “mystery gift” – a SWAT helmet donated by Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith and won by Martin Sorensen. We thank board member Jim Walker for serving as our enthusiastic auctioneer.



Auctioneer and board member, Jim Walker, presents Martin Sorensen with the mystery auction item

Our sincere appreciation to all who supported this event:

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Leslie Pantling, Picchetti Winery

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# Thank You !

We had wonderful presentations about the Gagliasso family history by Donald Gagliasso, about the Bordi family winery history by Carl Bordi, and Leslie Pantling opened up the Picchetti Winery for our guests to tour. A hearty German dinner of *wurst und kraut* catered by Brian White of Cupertino's Outback Steakhouse and fine wine from Picchetti Winery filled our stomachs and spirits. We thank them all for enhancing our event.



Donald Gagliasso provided a history narrative.



Enjoying the evening: Rachelle Sander, Recreation Coordinator, City of Cupertino; Ragini Sangameswara, Manager CHS&M; Lynn Ching, CFO, Sustainable Living Group, Inc.; Darcy Paul, attorney and board member CHS&M.

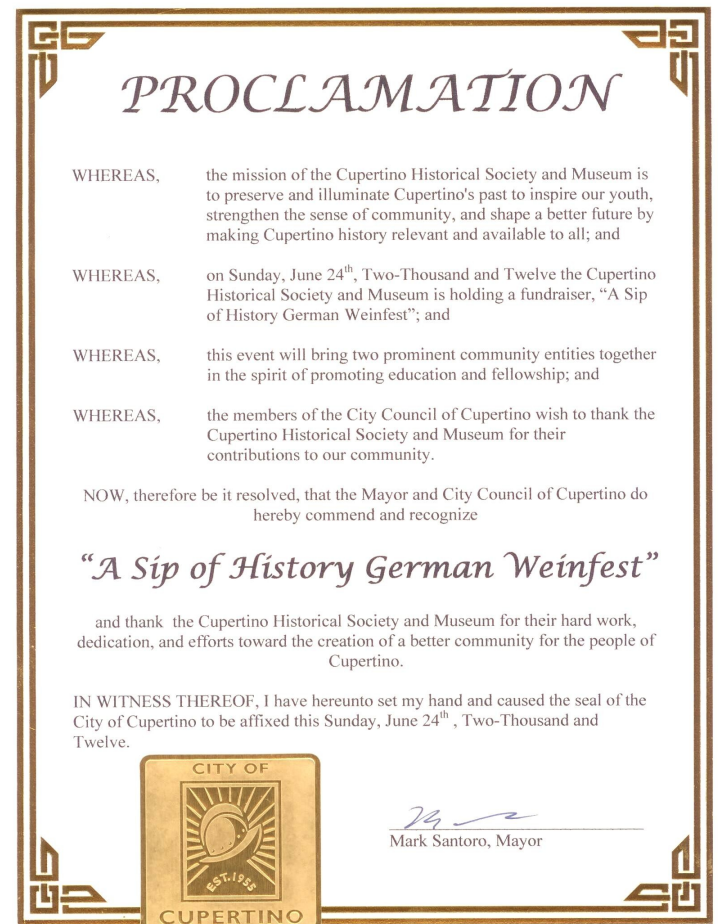
The Cupertino Historical Society was honored to receive the following proclamation from The City of Cupertino, as presented by Mayor Mark Santoro, recognizing our efforts to promote education and fellowship.



Mayor Mark Santoro (on the right) with his guests signing-in at the event.

Thank you to all who supported this year's fun event and please join us next year as we host *A Sip of History – Stars and Stripes* on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Photos by Don Sun and Donna Austin





# CONGRATULATIONS...

... to the **Picchetti Winery** - Recipient of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Small Business of the Year STAR Award.

This annual Service Teamwork Achievement Recognition Award recognizes outstanding community, performance, service and leadership.

For more information about the Picchetti Winery and the winemaking history of Montebello, please visit <http://picchetti.com/>



... to **Helene Davis**, Cupertino Historical Society VP of Administration - Recipient of the city of Cupertino's June 2012 CREST Award.

The Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken Award honors outstanding community volunteers (individuals or organizations) making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino.

To view a video outlining Helene's contributions, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyjQ2G4719g>



Please join Congresswoman Judy Chu at a  
Cupertino – APAPA Town Hall Meeting  
**From Rocky Road to Liberty**

Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino  
**Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

US Congress just passed the bill of HR 282/HR 683, which expresses regret for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and other legislation that discriminates against people of Chinese origin in the United States. The House passed HR 683 unanimously on June 18, 2012, while the Senate passed the companion resolution (SR 201) unanimously on October 6, 2011. The approval of these two resolutions was welcomed by the Asian American community. We are so gratified and hope that this will heal historical wounds and strengthen civil rights and liberties.

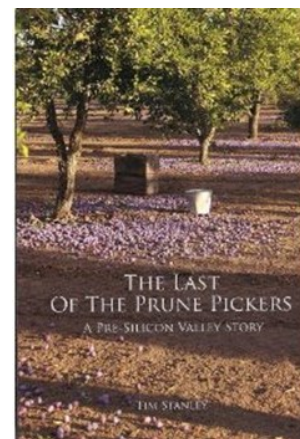
For more information about this event, please contact: Don Sun (408) 202-1080 [don.sun@apapa.org](mailto:don.sun@apapa.org)

## Cupertino Library welcomes Tim Stanley, author of **The Last of the Prune Pickers: A Pre-Silicon Valley Story**

Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino  
**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

At one time, the Santa Clara Valley of California was known as the Garden of the World.  
This book is a history of the orchard farms that gave the Valley that designation.

For more information about this event, please visit  
<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/cupertino/>



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net).

## 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](http://www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org/join-us)  
to download a Membership Application.

Or contact the Cupertino Historical Museum  
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## MAY thru JULY 2012

### RENEWING MEMBERS

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## Save the Date

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### 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, August 21, 2012

Holidays: QCC closed  
September 3, 2012 Labor Day

5:30 p.m., Quinlan, Social Room

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

5:30 p.m., Quinlan, Conference Room

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5:30 p.m., Conference Room A, City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave

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