

## Elisha Stephens To Be Honored

### *Mt. Stephens to be Named!*

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission recently announced that Cupertino's first settler, Captain Elisha Stephens, will be honored with a monument at the base of the newly renamed Mt. Stephens, overlooking Donner Lake in California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

Stephens, a hunter, trapper and explorer, led five wagons of the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy party across the Sierra Nevada summit on November 25, 1844 - the first emigrant wagon train to accomplish this feat. Eventually, Captain Stephens settled on the banks of the little creek known as Arroyo de San Joseph de Cupertino, named by the Don Juan Bautista de Anza expedition in 1776. The creek eventually became known (and misspelled) as Stevens Creek.

Captain Stephens purchased 155 acres along the creek, and established a small vineyard. He also planted the blackberry patch that became the namesake for Blackberry Farm in the Cupertino foothills. By 1861, the crusty Elisha Stephens declared that this area was becoming "too durn civilized" for the former mountain man, and headed out for the Kern River area. Stephens raised poultry and bees there until suffering a stroke in 1887. He died at the age of 83 years.

A dedication ceremony is being planned at Mt. Stephens for September 24, 1994.

### **Save the Miller-Andersen Home!!!**

The Cupertino Planning Commission will hold a public meeting in City Council Chambers on Monday, September 12 @ 6:45pm to make a final recommendation on this important local preservation issue. All interested parties are invited to attend!

### *A Message from the President*

by Phil Bush

Our new fiscal year is upon us, and we can look back at the wonderful efforts of **Kathy Nellis, Sharon Blaine and Betty Bidwell** for yet another successful flea market for the Historical Society and Museum last June. These ladies cannot be thanked enough for all of their long hours and hard work. Also in June, the weather cooperated for our annual member's barbecue. I wish to especially thank **Jeanne and Ham Ryder, and Joe Adamo** for purchasing the many things needed for the event, and then cooking up some excellent barbecued chicken. Contributions from many of our members were greatly appreciated. Above all, **Jeannie Ryder** gets a very special thank you for another year's worth of excellent programs at our monthly Society meetings at the Community Center.

This past year also saw the production of the Historical Society's video, *"A Place*

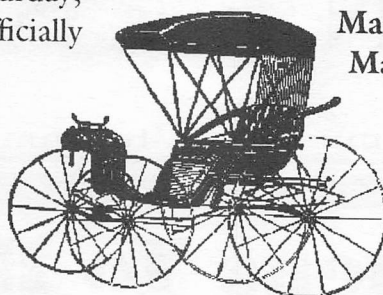


Capt. Elisha Stephens,  
ca. 1854

## Big Plans for Highway 85 Fete!

## Welcome New Members!

Mark your calendars now! On Saturday, October 15, 1994, Cupertino will officially celebrate an historic event - the opening of Highway 85! The completed highway will stretch 18 miles from Cupertino to south San José, connecting to Highway 17 (880), Interstate 280 and Highway 101. The highway opening ceremonies will include Cupertino's annual heritage parade, a pancake breakfast, a 5K run and a community barbecue right on the highway!



Elena Kettler, Reiling Lee, David Mamaril, Luis Buhler, William Osborne, Mary Panucci.

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships for 1994-5! For those of you that haven't done so, please, your membership dues are important - they help us to bring history education programs to our community and the surrounding region. Mail your yearly dues in today!

## Judith Named to New Post!

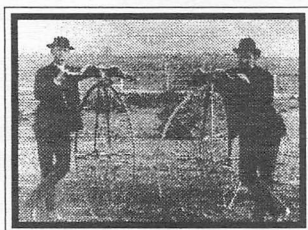
Judith Mason, who served as Museum Manager of the Cupertino Historical Museum before moving to Spokane, Washington in February with her new husband Glenn, has been named Executive Director of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. As Society members are well aware, Judith will bring new ideas and lots of energy to her new position. Congratulations, Judith, and good luck!

The barbecue, which will benefit your Cupertino Historical Society and Museum, is being planned under the watchful guidance of Society board member **Don Allen**. For \$25 per person, folks will enjoy dinner *on the highway* as they are serenaded by live music! Tickets will be limited to 300, so be sure to get yours early (this event *will* sell out!) Members of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum, watch your mailbox for further information.

## Message from the President (cont. from page 1)

*Called Cupertino*", come to be. Special thanks go to **Kellyn Yamada** and her crew at the local community television station. **Judith Mason** was the driving force behind the production. The video is available only through the Historical Society, and if you have not purchased a copy, please do so soon. The proceeds help our non-profit Society provide history education programs for the Cupertino community.

We are still seeking docents to greet visitors at our Vallco Shopping Center gallery. If you have been considering becoming a docent, now is the time! I have recently begun to give two hours per week, and chance to help the Museum makes it quite worthwhile! Call our volunteer coordinator **Roberta Zentner** at 973-1495 if you are interested!



## Recent Donations:

A hearty thank you to the following people who have recently donated much-needed funds to the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum:

**Kay Peterson** (for **James Fretwell**), **June Huffman** (for **James Fretwell**), **Linda, Paula & Nola Quinterno** (for **V.G. Ange**), **Cupertino High School Student Body Key Club**, **Thelma Nauman** (for **James Fretwell**), **Saratoga Adult Day Care**, **Don Frolich** (for **James Fretwell**), **Miriam Stelling** (for **Martin Lopin**), **Laverne Rabinowitz** (for **Catherine Gasich**), **Josephine Mikulaco**.

The Museum has also wishes to thank the following people for their contributions:

**Kellyn Yamada**, Hayes 1200 bps modem  
**Martin & Lauralee Sorensen**, "Pre-Press" software; "Museum Tools" book by Eric Sloane.  
**Herb Hart**, exhibit street sign



## Mark Your Calendars!

Be sure to make a note, so as not to miss these important upcoming events:

### *Open House Gala Reception*

When: Thursday, September 22, 5:30–7pm  
Where: Cupertino History Museum, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd.

### *September Member's Potluck:*

When: Tuesday, September 27, 6–9pm  
Where: Quinlan Community Center

### *Highway 85 Opening Festivities:*

When: Saturday, October 15, all day,  
(Cupertino Historical Society BBQ, 3–6pm)

### *October Member's Potluck:*

When: Tuesday, October 25, 6–9pm  
Where: Union Church, Stevens Creek Blvd.

### *November Member's Potluck:*

When: Tuesday, November 22, 6–9pm  
Where: Union Church, Stevens Creek Blvd.



## In Memoriam

Violet “Monty” Swank Pavisio, a native of San José and an extremely popular member of the Cupertino Historical Society, passed away last May 27. The following people have made contributions in her name to the Society:

Kay Peterson, Elio & Tish Picchetti, Ann Perlenda, Miriam Stelling, Mathilda Sousa, Reba Braswell, Frances Goldensmith, Helen Petersen, Henrietta Marcotte, Robert & June Huffman, Robert & Janet Meyers, Betty Normandin, Natasha & Dushan Gasich, Carol N. Ames, Phil & Frances Bush, Richard Marcotte, Genevieve Ziegler, D. & Joye Thomas, Linda, Paula & Nola Quinterno, Roger & Sylvia Lee, Helen Dillon, Patricia & Welko Gasich, Cupertino De Oro Club, Mr. & Mrs. Reinhart Monson, Fred & Florence Lindsey, Yvonne Jacobson, Jeanette Olson Gottesman, Harriet Jackson, Charlene Long, C.J. Olson, Dianne Pavisio Stern, Loretta Pavisio Stagen, Jacob Pavisio Stern, Kay & Pleas Greenlee, Fumi Shimada, Stella Terry, Gloria Torres, Marilyn Groves, Don Frolich, Roger & Linda Schultz, residents of Villa Fontana, Mr. & Mrs. Mock, Mr. & Mrs. Mardesich, Laverne Rabinowitz, Tim & Dorothy Strong, Union Church of Cupertino.

## Museum Volunteers!

Visitors to our museums, either at Quinlan Community Center or Vallco Shopping Center, are always greeted by helpful, smiling volunteers. This summer our core of gallery greeters has increased, and now includes the following new faces: Jeremy Chou, Dorothy Mantor, Peggy Baxley, Elena Kettler, Reiling Lee, David Mamaril, Klare Whitman, Amy Phillips, and Donna Austen. These volunteers range from teenagers to senior citizens, and everything in between!

Of course, where would we be without our original gallery volunteer staff? These stalwart, dependable docents include: Yvonne Holt, June Huffman, Henrietta Marcotte, Genevieve Ziegler, Martin Sorensen, Helen Moran, Tish Pichetti, Mathilda Sousa, Paul Sudano, Maxine Dixon, Florence Lindsey, Linda Schultz, Phil & Frances Bush, and Miriam Stelling. These fine folks comprise the backbone of our volunteer staff!

Without such a wonderful dedicated group, our museum simply could not function. If we left anyone out, please forgive us. *A big, hearty thank you for all of your considerable time and effort!*



by Jeannie Ryder

## Jeannie's Corner

Programs, programs, programs! On September 27th, our speaker will be **Helen Moran**, presenting “*The Song of the Wolf*” at the Quinlan Community Center. Our October 25th speaker will be **Willys Peck**, whose father was postmaster of nearby Saratoga, on “*Saratoga Remembered*”. This program will take place at the Union Church in Cupertino, as will our November 22nd program, featuring **Mary Lou Lyon** speaking on the Murphy trek of 1844.

**SOS•SOS•SOS!!!** Our wonderful telephone committee needs your help! Please, volunteer as soon as possible, for this is the committee that gets the word out! Call me @257-9363; volunteer today!

## THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and the surrounding region. We operate our main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at the Vallco Shopping Center on Wolfe Road. Museum hours are 10-4pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Our Vallco site is open on Tuesday and Saturday from noon-3pm. Both museums are open to the public, and admission is free. For additional information on the Society or the museums call (408)973-1495.

### *Wish List*

*The Cupertino History Museum seeks the following items for tax-deductible donation:*

- Extended keyboard and monitor (color or b/w) for Macintosh II
- 9600 bps modem for above
- Digitized scanner for above
- Photographs of people, places and things relating to Cupertino and the area;
- Artifacts relating to Cupertino's past

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### *Volunteers Needed!*

The Cupertino History Museum needs volunteers to greet visitors at either the Quinlan Community Center museum, or our satellite facility at Vallco Shopping Center. A smiling face and a willingness to work 2-3 hours on a Saturday (even once a month) is all we require. We are also looking for volunteers to assist Henrietta Marcotte present her unique "traveling trunk" program to schoolchildren and senior groups, both at the museum and at various sites in Cupertino. Please call Jim Gilmore or Roberta Zentner at 973-1495 if you are interested!

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