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MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Museum Awarded Federal Grant!

Grant Monies to be Used for Educational Outreach Efforts!

The Institute of Museum Services (IMS) announced that the Cupertino History Museum is the recipient of a 1994 General Operating Support grant of \$11,345. Diane Frankel, the director of IMS, stated in a letter that the Museum was one of 300 museums selected from 1,159 applications, and further noted the "museum's success in this competition demonstrates an outstanding level of professionalism among the museum staff."

The Institute of Museum Services is an independent federal agency, part of the National Foundation for Arts and Humanities. It was established in 1976 to recognize the vital public service museums provide as community centers of education and keepers of collections that are part of our cultural patrimony. These funds will be used at the Museum to further implement long-range education goals, particularly outreach programs to schools and senior groups. The monies may also be used for staff salary support.

The IMS grant to the Museum is the result of an extremely well-written grant application by former museum manager **Judith Mason**. Thank you, Judith, for a job well done!

A Message from the President

It's been a busy time at the Cupertino Historical Society since the last newsletter in August! Our volunteers worked the Summerfest '94 on August 13 and 14th, giving out general information about our Society & Museum to the public, and selling museum store items and memberships. On September 22nd, a Gala Open House was held at the museum, with living history demonstrations, great food and live music to entertain over one hundred people in attendance! Special thanks to the Membership committee for working so hard on this important event!



Longtime Cupertino Historical Society members Ann Zarko, Mathilda Sousa and Miriam Stelling rode in a Model T for the "Hi on 85" parade on October 15

We wish to thank the **Cupertino Host Lions Club** for their tireless efforts towards making the Highway 85 Barbecue on October 15 such a huge success! The Historical Society & Museum netted over \$7,000 dollars during this important fundraiser. A parade earlier on the same day featured our own 1942 White fire truck,

driven by **Warren Holt**, with **Linda Schultz** and **Bob Meyers** riding. Also representing the Society was a 1915 Model T, driven by **Les Andrews**, with **Martin Mathiesen**, **Miriam Stelling**, **Mathilda Mariani Sousa** and **Ann Zarko** riding. Weaving in and out of traffic was **Christopher Steele**, riding

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A Message from the President (cont.)

an 1895 replica bicycle. Special thanks to all that participated, especially **Fenton Hill**!

The September general meeting was held at Quinlan Community Center, with guest speaker **Helen Moran** providing an interesting talk on the historic Chanteloupe House in Flat Rock, NC. At the October general meeting we were treated to an engaging talk by Saratoga native **Willis Peck**. Please note that all meetings begin at 6:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month – call the museum if you need further information- 973-1495.

October 15 "Hi on 85" Barbecue a Huge Success!

The Cupertino Historical Society & Museum raised \$7,453.33 at our "Hi on 85" Barbecue event on October 15! Society board member **Don Allen** gets the "lion's" share of the credit for working so hard on organizing this once-in-a-lifetime chance to party on the freeway. The **Cupertino Host Lion's Club** graciously donated their services, ensuring the success of the BBQ, and various members helped to sell out the tickets a week before the event. Thanks to all involved, and to all who attended!



Historical Society Participates in Summerfest '94 Melon Mania

On August 13th and 14th, volunteers with the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum generously donated their valuable time and efforts on an extremely hot weekend to work the Society's booth at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce's annual Summerfest. Information brochures and newsletters about our group were freely given away to the public, and we actually netted over \$100 selling items from our museum store! Special thanks go to

Just in Time for the Holidays!

Plan on doing some of your holiday shopping at the Cupertino History Museum! We have many one-of-a-kind items that you cannot get elsewhere, such as the brand new "History Happens" t-shirts; a set of unique color fruit label notecards, a good selection of local history books (including the just-arrived "Sunnyvale, City of Destiny" by Mary Jo Ignoffo), the "A Place Called Cupertino" video produced right here in Cupertino, the 1995 Entertainment Book chock full of great deals throughout Santa Clara county, and many other intriguing gift ideas. Remember, by purchasing items at the Museum you are helping us to continue

to present quality history programs in our community. Buy a friend a gift membership today!

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Volunteer News by Roberta Zentner

Once again our volunteers were there for us when we needed them! With their help, we had a successful Summerfest '94, a delightful Open House Gala in September, and a historic participation in the opening of Highway 85 in October!

Our volunteers continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9am in the Toyokawa Room across from the museum in the Quinlan Community Center. If you are interested in working with our active group, please make plans to attend our December meeting or call Roberta at 973-1495.

Summerfest '94 Melon Mania (cont.)

the following volunteers: **Genevieve Ziegler, Henrietta Marcotte, Paula Quinterno, Roberta Zentner, Klare Whitman, David Mamaril, Jeremy Chou, Miriam Stelling, Mathilda Sousa, Linda and Roger Schultz, Elena Kettler, Reiling Lee, Helen Moran, and Florence Lindsay**. We salute your considerable efforts!

Jeannie's Corner

by Jeannie Ryder

Our November meeting will be held at the Cupertino Union Church in Calvert Hall on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30pm (please note the time!) Come to our potluck and enjoy an evening of fun as we welcome local historian **Mary Lou Lyon**, who will present a program about the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy trek to California in the 1840s. Mary Lou is doing so many things that we are lucky to have her spend some time with us! She is an active past president of the Conference of California Historical Societies, and always is busy with all types of history efforts (including the Oregon Trail Committee.)

Tuesday, January 25, 1995 marks the first general meeting of the new year. We will be the guests at the home of **Gerry and Dorothy Billard**, who will present a program about antique telephones to our members. The Billards address is 21710 Regnart Road in Cupertino. If you need directions to their house, please stop by the museum for a map. Talk to your fellow members about car pooling or making other arrangements so you can attend this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Our February meeting will be back 'home' at the Quinlan Community Center. Through special arrangements made through **Dorothy Cunningham**, our program will be presented by **Mr. Mark McKenna**, a geologist and Director of Environmental and Community Affairs with Kaiser Cement. This event will take place at our regular time of 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 29, 1995, so mark your calendar now, and plan on bringing a guest that may be interested in joining the Society!.

THANK YOU TELEPHONE COMMITTEE!!!! You are the link among members, and the glue that helps keep us together! We really need you; thank you **June Huffman** and all of your committee for providing this important service.

Welcome New Members!

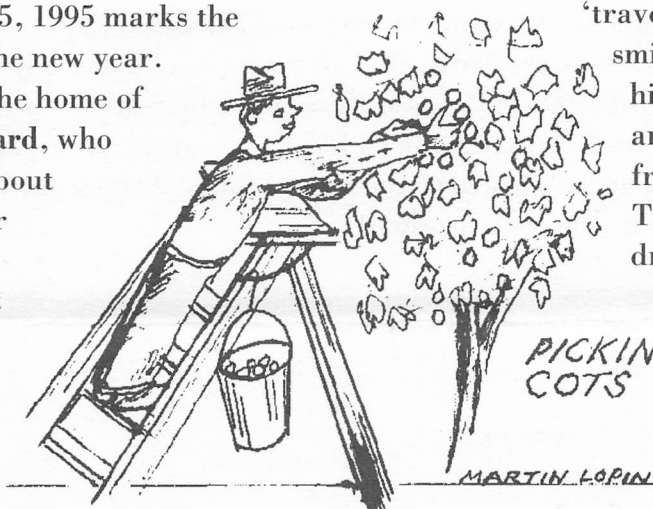
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Open House Gala Packs Them In!

The Quinlan Community Center was all abuzz on Thursday evening, September 22nd, as the Museum hosted a very successful Open House Gala event. Living history demonstrations included our very own **Henrietta Marcotte** and her

'traveling trunk,' along with blacksmith **Lester Markarian** showing his rapt audience the nearly-lost art of traditional blacksmithing in front of the community center. The Gala, which was a free event, drew not only Society members – non-members and area educators also came to see what we are all about! Between the living history demonstrations, the exhibition "*Cupertino Crossroads*," and the wine, food and live music by the **Magnolia Jazz Band**, we definitely put on quite a show!

Special thanks must go out to all those who made this event so much fun, especially the Membership Committee of **Jane Reed, Esther Johnson, Faye Faulhaber** and **Gail Hugger**. The evening's music was made possible by the generosity of **Gail Hugger** and **Martin & Lauralee Sorensen**. Thanks also go out to **Barbara Banfield, Lester Markarian, Henrietta Marcotte, Karen Ebright, and Genevieve Ziegler**. Food and wine was graciously donated by **Linda Quinterno, Carol McDowell, Jeannie & Ham Ryder, Nob Hill Foods, PW Supermarket, Bread of Life** and the **Coffee Society**. **Anne McManus** also donated a "*Creative Memories*" workshop as part of a raffle which netted over \$175. Thank you to all who attended the fun event of the year!



THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and its surrounding region. We operate our main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at Valco Fashion Park on Wolfe Road. Museum hours are 10-4pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Our Valco 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 museums call (408) 973-1495.

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Volunteers Needed!

The Cupertino History Museum needs volunteers to greet visitors at *both* of our museums. A smiling face and a willingness to work 2-3 hours per week is all we require! Other opportunities also abound – we are presently looking for volunteers to work with our education department to expand Henrietta Marcotte's unique "traveling trunk" program, which demonstrates historical artifacts to schoolchildren and senior groups, both at the museums and various sites throughout Cupertino. Please call Roberta Zentner at 973-1495 if you are interested!

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