



THE CORNERSTONE

The Cupertino Historical Society & Museum
Members Newsletter

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MUSEUM RECEIVES IMPORTANT GIFTS

The Christiansen Fund has awarded the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum a \$5000 grant for collection management. SYMANTEC Inc. awarded us funds in the fall to set up a collection data system. Combining these funds will allow the museum to hire a part-time registrar to devote time to management of the collection. Bringing our collection up to date on the data base will enable the Society and Museum to more effectively use it for exhibits and research. The Society and Museum is extremely grateful for the donation because few corporations and foundations support the arts and humanities.

Our collection currently stands at 1100 catalogued historical objects, photographs and documents that relate directly to the history of Cupertino and the "West Side". The collection reflects the rapid changes in the valley from agriculture to silicon chips.

We will be putting our own memorabilia away for our next exhibit *Toward the Golden Mountain: the Chinese in the Santa Clara Valley, an historical View*. "Our exhibit will showcase the Chinese Americans who immigrated here or were born here, making the Valley a better place. These pioneers have long since died, but they left behind evidence of their lives: Chinatowns; an established agricultural base; fishing companies; canneries; mines; industries of all kinds in this valley...in California. Our story is that of the Chinese American who make the Valley their home.

To quote the curator, John Handley: *I am awed by the nameless Chinese people...who gave everything they had to live here; and by the stories of the Chinese Americans living here today who graciously agreed to share their lives illustrating how history never pauses."*

An exhibit such as this is a rich and important one in the community. Several corporations and service clubs have generously underwritten this project. Our exhibit sponsors are PG & E Corporation, Tandem Corporation, The Cupertino Kiwanis Club; The Cupertino Rotary; Quota International, Kaiser Cement Company and Barry Chang, Realtor. Donations from Nicol Lea, Realty, and Cynthia Lee have added to our support. We thank them for their generosity. Our great expectation for this exhibit is to achieve greater understanding of the community as a whole.

On Saturday, April 19, 1997 we will celebrate the opening of *Toward the Golden Mountain*, at 3:00 PM. Our curator, John Handley, will be on hand to guide you through this exciting project. The Chinese Americans who have allowed us to use their life stories in our exhibit will be present in order for you to meet and talk with them. Please plan to attend the gala celebration.

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President's Report, Charles Liggett

Perhaps you are aware that there have been a series of city meetings recently where the dialogue has focused on relationships among various ethnic groups, which make up our local community. We believe our next museum exhibit will help both the Chinese and non-Chinese to appreciate the significance of understanding ethnic and cultural differences and associated historical events that have shaped and continue to shape our society.

John Handley, the curator for our next exhibit, which will premiere April 19, has developed material from research and interviews that is both educational and inspirational. I'll wager that not one of you can read the collection of interviews that John has compiled, about the experiences of our Chinese neighbors, without shedding a tear or two. In this collection you will experience all the emotions of individuals who, perhaps like you or your ancestors, have known the tragedy, sorrow, love and inspiration of becoming a part of this great country.

Our commitment and efforts to chronicle the culture and contributions of individuals of Chinese ancestry, in the Santa Clara Valley, have been a most enjoyable experience for all those who have been involved. It is an experience that sort of grows on you. To take part in this major event has meant a lot of work by a lot of people. You will see the fruits of their labor on April 19.

A Chinese banquet that evening, in the Quinlan Center, will be an exciting event you do not want to miss. Be sure to make your reservations early!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 96/7*

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MEMBERSHIPS ~ Received Since the Last Newsletter~Our Sincere Thanks for New and Renewed Annual Support!*

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Charles Liggett, President of the Society, receiving a \$2000 donation for the exhibit from Steve Machado, PG & E Community Affairs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 1 Volunteer Meeting 9 am, QCC
- 12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC
- 15 Museum closes at QCC to prepare for next exhibit.
- 25 General Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC, Steven Haze shows video of LANCERS De Anza trek re-enactment.
- 25 San Jose Historical Museum, Victorian Secrets, 7:30 pm, 287-2290

April

- 5 Volunteer Meeting 9 am, QCC
- 9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC
- 19 Opening of new exhibit: Toward the Golden Mountain, The Chinese of the Santa Clara Valley and Chinese Dinner!
- 22 General Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC, Tanya Lonac: Ming Quong Home
- 22 San Jose Historical Museum, Victorian Secrets, 7:30 pm, 287-2290
- 27 Sunnyvale Historical Society, Annual Meeting & Luncheon, 245-1184

May

- 3 Volunteer Meeting 9 am, QCC
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC
- 27 General Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC

June

- 7 Volunteer Meeting 9 am, QCC
- 10 San Jose Historical Museum, Victorian Secrets, 7:30 pm, 287-2290
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm, QCC
- 24 ANNUAL BBQ AT SENIOR CTR.

July

- 1 San Jose Historical Museum, Victorian Secrets, 7:30 pm, 287-2290

Memorial Endowment Fund

The Society Memorial Endowment Fund has received donations for the following: Anna Pavisio Bennett, Lillian Bishop, Betty Deselms, John Rintala, Jeannie Ryder.

DONATIONS: Malkah W. Carothers, The Questers, IBM Matching Grants, Apple Matching Grants

VOLUNTEER NOTES Roberta Zentner

We are all anticipating the opening of our next exhibit. In preparation, at our volunteer meetings which are held the first Saturday of the month at 9am in the Toyokawa Room of Quinlan Community Center, we are learning about the Chinese in the Santa Clara Valley. Volunteers are always needed to staff both museums, especially when someone is ill and we have last minute cancellations. So, please help us by volunteering!

It is that time of year when we like to extend a great big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers. And, so you know who they are, here is the list: Staffing our main museum are Florence Lindsey, Henrietta Marcotte, Phil Bush, Frances Bush, Joan Furusho, Miriam Stelling, Mathilda Sousa, Elena Kettler, Lillie Reutlinger, Jo Brown, Dolly Kochar, Joanne Dong, Joanne Chen, Steve Lin and Aileen Hertweck. At our Vallco site are Yvonne Holt, Dorothy Mantor, Tish and Elio Picchetti, Bob and Louise Levy, Charles and Kathleen Calhan, Mathilda Sousa, Irene Perkov. Thanks to our Phone Committee members: Esther Johnson, Donna Grce, Mathilda Sousa, Hazel Fretwell, Elena Kettler, and Loretta Bassman. Phil and Frances Bush have been in charge of table setup at our general meetings.

AND another big **THANK YOU** to our Board of Directors: Sharon Blaine, Dennis Cunningham, Steven Haze, Gail Hugger, Charles Liggett, Kathy Nellis, Charles Newman, Rose-Marie Twu, Itsuo Uenaka.

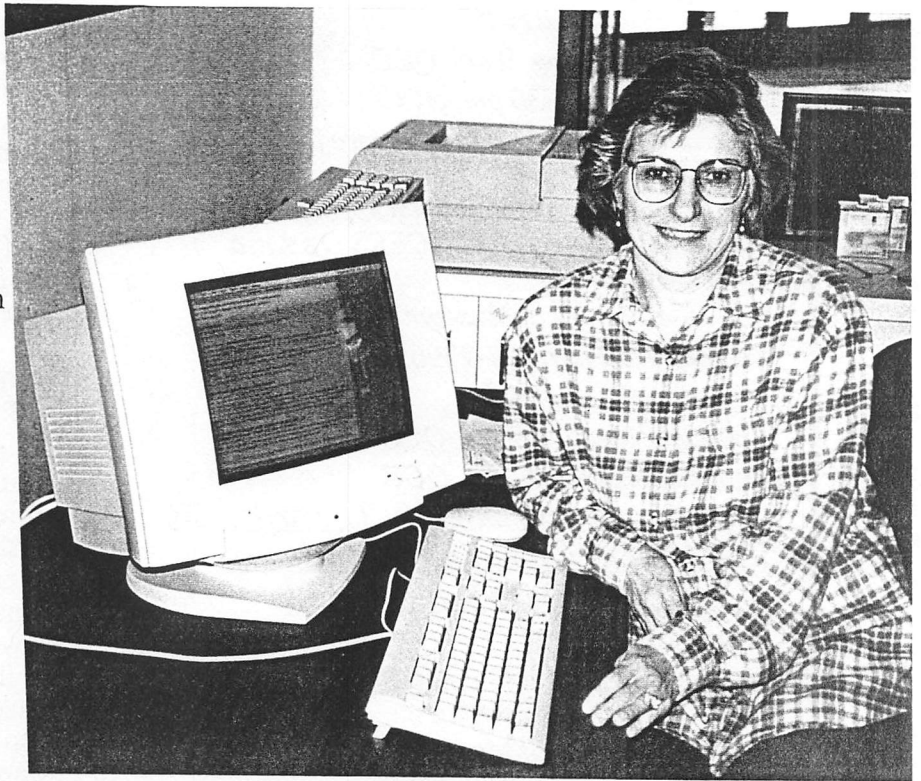


IN MEMORIAM

On January 30, 1997, just short of her 103rd birthday, Lillian Bishop died. Lillian was a long-time resident of Cupertino. She was a very active Senior citizen participating regularly at the Cupertino Senior Center, the Union Church of Cupertino, The Philotesian Rebekah Lodge, the Cupertino Historical Society, the De Oro Club, and the Live Long and Like It Club.

Anna Pavisio Bennett, sister of member Henrietta Marcotte; and member, Betty Deselms, passed away in December. In January, Jake Nauman, husband of member Thelma Regnart Nauman died. The Society extends condolences to the families of these members and to those of all members who lost loved ones recently.

Theory Berger, a costume historian specializing in 19C American & European women's costumes and social history is shown with three of her dolls at a recent membership meeting of the Historical Society. Theory was the Curator of the Art History Slide Library of Dartmouth College and later Stanford University. Her particular interest has always been costume history. Her research has taken her the U.S., Turkey and all of Europe. She costumes 20 inch porcelain mannequins in accurate clothing "from the inside out!"



Roberta Zentner, Museum Coordinator,
with our new Macintosh Performa.



Museum receives MACINTOSH PERFORMA from APPLE COMPUTER COMPANY

When the Museum opened in 1990, Apple Computers gave the Society a Macintosh Computer and Lazer Writer. We have used the computer until this fall. Finally it could no longer be shut off so we knew something had to be done. Fortunately Apple Computer Company generously granted us a new Performa. Our Lazer Writer is still "going strong" proving that Apple products are durable. We thank them for this splendid new machine and all the peripherals that came with it. Roberta Zentner, who uses it for her work, is especially pleased with its performance. The labels for the new exhibit were all printed on the Performa. Thank you Apple!





Doris Beezley~Historic Plaque

Doris Beezley, a long time member of the Cupertino Historical Society, recently had an article about her in the Community Focus section of the San Jose Mercury News. The article was about an historic plaque that Doris designed 20 years ago for the bicentennial celebration of De Anza's expedition through Northern California. Orders are still coming in for the brass landmarks tracing the 1776 route of that expedition. Some sites where the plaque can be viewed are McClellan Ranch Park, De Anza College, and Murphy Park in Sunnyvale.



Re-dedication of bronze plaque at DeAnza College. Dane Andrew, as DeAnza, Dr. Martha Kanter, President, DeAnza College, & Doris Beezley, plaque designer (Society member.)



Fort-Point, San Francisco. Dane Andrew as DeAnza with J.Sasaki, Channel 2. Dane gave an inspiring overview of original DeAnza Expedition.

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A fundraising banquet and evening of entertainment has been planned by the Cupertino Historical Society as part of the major exhibit, *Toward the Golden Mountain: the Chinese of the Santa Clara Valley, an Historical view*. The exhibit and banquet will be held at the Quinlan Center and proceeds will help underwrite the exhibit costs and afford an opportunity for the community to come together for an evening of authentic Chinese cuisine and Chinese entertainment. The banquet and opening celebrations are open to the public, but a limited number of tickets are available. Please contact the Historical Society for banquet tickets a (408) 252-0665. Cost, \$35 per person, (\$25 for historical Society Members.)

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The Society is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and the surrounding region. It operates a main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd. Museum hours are 10-4pm, Wednesday thru Saturday. The Vallco site is open Tuesday and Saturday Noon-3pm. Admission is free and the public is invited. General meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month and are preceded by a potluck dinner. For additional information call 973-1495.

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Fundraising banquet to follow.*

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