



THE CORNERSTONE

Cupertino Historical Society & Museum
Members Newsletter

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COLLECTION PHOTOGRAPHY UNDERWAY

Historically significant objects of Museum Collection identified for the future.

Artifacts are actually pieces of the past, three dimensional and palpable survivors from points of time that are no more. Artifacts embody the ideas, values, beliefs and interests of their makers and users. The objects we hold in trust at the Cupertino Historical Society are what remains of a culture of a by-gone day. Through the generosity of SYMANTEC, CORP. and the CHRISTENSEN FUND, we have hired a part-time registrar who is managing this important collection. The process enables us to order our collection for sharing in exhibitions and the proper use for research. Eventually, the collection will be computerized.

Bob Keys, a local resident and retired professional photographer, is giving his talent and time to the museum to undertake the photography project which is one part of the collection management process. With a picture of each object, we can identify at a glance what and where to find that item of the collection.

The historical significance of the objects in the collection lie not in the objects alone, but in the information relating to them. A photograph is just one piece of that information. The object and its written record must be so clearly connected that there can be no possible doubt concerning its identity. Systematic collection records must be maintained in every museum, it is our reason for being.

ex: photo of chair from
early De Oro Club in
our collection

VOLUNTEER NOTES *Roberta Zentner*

I am very happy to report that we have two new Vallco museum volunteers, Loretta and George Bassman. Loretta and George have helped out many times in the past, but this was their first time at Vallco and they are looking forward to doing it again, possibly on a permanent basis. Perhaps you would consider joining our group of volunteers, and this way we could keep our Vallco museum open additional days.

Volunteers were busy with two events in October, the OKTOBERFEST which was held at Memorial Park for the first time, and the IKEBANA FLOWER SHOW at Quinlan Community Center, an annual event. In November, the Holiday Craft Faire took place here at QCC. It was lots of fun and many people bought our new historic label sweatshirts. Thanks, once again, to Paula Quintero for all her time and efforts in getting these sweatshirts made. Please visit the museum and buy yours before they are all gone!



Traveling Trunk rolling into spring

For several years the objects in our *traveling trunk* have been carried in bags and boxes to the local schools for their presentation. Thanks to a generous donation by **Henrietta Marcotte**, we have been able to purchase two rolling suitcases. To add to the donation, **Virginia Guengerich** gave the program a third rolling suitcase. The historical artifacts will now move from school to school in good order and in high-tech suitcases!



Give a gift of Community! Give a Gift Year Round! Give the Gift that Gives Back!

How? By giving a gift of museum membership! Your gift of a membership in the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum to a friend, client, family member or business associate will provide the recipient with involvement in an active community group and resource. Members receive invitations to member events, first notices of public programs, 10% discount on museum store items, a quarterly museum newsletter and best of all a vote at the association business meetings.

Your gift of a membership also give year round to the community as a whole. The museum is open to the community, Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are located inside the Quinlan Center. The museum serves the greater West Side.

Your membership support makes it possible to partially fund our educational outreach, collection management, our public programs and exhibits which make our museums an asset and an important local cultural and historic resource. By giving your gift of a membership, you give to all.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dennis Cunningham

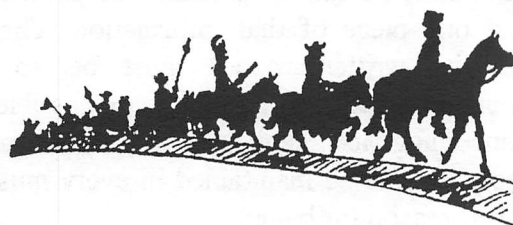
Welcome to 1998 and I wish a Very Happy New Year to you all. 1997 was a good year for the Cupertino Historical Society. We had an excellent '97 Exhibit. Our volunteers did a wonderful job staffing both museums, our booths at the local fairs and presenting our "Traveling Trunk" to an ever-increasing number of children and youths. Our monthly programs varied widely from the workings and life of the Almaden quicksilver mine to the recent handover of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China. Those of you unable to attend missed hours of colorful, informative, and far-ranging entertainment.

For the Cupertino Historical Society, 1998's future is somewhat cloudy. We are now in the midst of our Annual Fund Drive and the response has been disappointing, both from our membership and from our larger donors. We need your immediate and generous financial support for our planned 1998 exhibit, "From the Ground Up - How Business Grows in Cupertino" and for the ongoing activities at our Museum.

I would like to thank the steadfast group of members who regularly attend and participate at our monthly meetings. These meetings provide members the opportunity to meet your Society's officers and members of the Board and discuss with them your concerns and questions. We will be happy to see you at our next meeting.

We need a new program director in 1998. The qualifications are the ability to talk to people, an enthusiasm for the work and the time needed to contact presenters, schedule the programs and arrange for any necessary equipment. Those interested, please contact Ethel at the Museum.

I look forward to meeting with you in the coming year, if not at a monthly meeting or the new exhibit, then at our forthcoming B-B-Q. Again, have a Very Happy 1998.



This fall Sharon Blaine and Gail Hugger had the opportunity to attend a weekend seminar to learn the process for video tapping oral histories. We will be starting the oral history project in the spring. **Audrey Butcher**, a long time member of the society recently became interested in this project and made the first donation to start an **Oral History Fund**. Thank you Audrey!



One of the benefits of membership in the Cupertino Historical Society is the opportunity to learn of and share the knowledge of a diverse range of interests. One of our members, Gerry Billard, assisted by Ham Ryder, was recently featured in a video produced by the "Better Part," a production group from the Cupertino Senior Center and DeAnza College.

This educational video featured Gerry's vast collection of antique phones and provided a historical overview of the telephone from its invention in 1876 through a succession of improvements we use today.

This video may be checked out of the Cupertino Library. It is entitled "The Better Part," Feb. '96.



Connie Young Yu, author, signing her book *San Jose, California, U.S.A.*

THE CORNERSTONE BOARD MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

by Charlie Liggett

Our membership meetings, the fourth Tuesday each month, continue to provide outstanding programs on a wide range of historically significant individuals and events.

The September meeting featured Joe Gutierrez and Ann Hines. They described the evolution of events that led from the recognition that something must be done to preserve the agricultural/orchard era, through the concept and planning phases into the fund raising phase for the Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit which will be in Sunnyvale.

Several members expressed interest and contributed to the placing of remembrance bricks in an area around the exhibit.

The presentation in October by Eugene Louie, a staff photojournalist from the San Jose Mercury News was particularly timely. He spoke about the transfer of Hong Kong from British to Chinese control. The slides and mounted pictures, resulting from his assignment in Hong Kong, for this event, were breathtaking in festive brilliant color and also frequently insightful studies in human reactions to this momentous occasion. The accompanying theme music to the slide presentation added a touch of class that was thoroughly enjoyed.

Eugene spoke also of his generation gap family relations and provided interesting observations on cultural conflicts experienced by older generation immigrants coping with western culture and disparate family values.

In November, Connie Young Yu shared slides of numerous mementos taken from her collection of family memorabilia depicting events of mid 1800's immigration and early life in California. Of particular interest were documents and photographs that provided an awareness of the relationships and attitudes of California residents and Chinese immigrants and the hardships and prejudices that these immigrants endured.

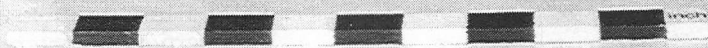
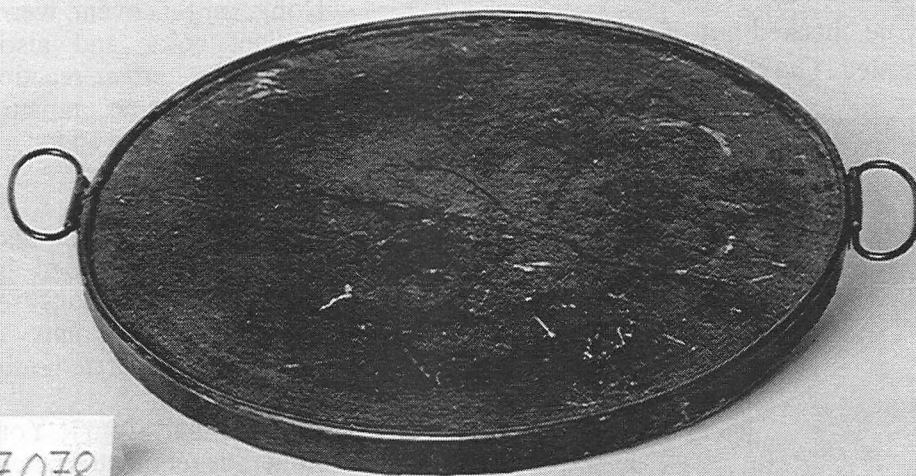
Her devotion to the study and teaching of history was readily apparent by her presentation and thoughtful discussion in response to members questions.

Can you identify this item?

Can you approximate the date it was used?

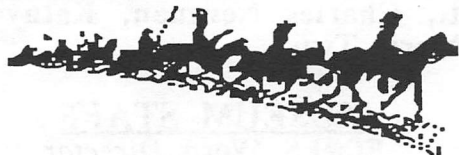
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Call us with your answers, please.



MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

*has received donations in memory of
Nellie Beckstrom, Richard Eade, and
Lillian Uenaka*



DATES TO REMEMBER

January

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

February

- 5-7 10th Annual California Studies
Conference at USC Davidson Ctr.
- 7 Volunteer Meeting 9 am at QCC
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC
- 24 General Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC

March

- 7 Volunteer Meeting 9 am at QCC
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC
- 24 General Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC

DONATIONS*

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE MUSEUM

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*as of 12/14/97

Welcome, New Members

Susan Banta, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond T. Chu, Laura Cline, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Dong, Joe Gutierrez, Erik Hatzenbuehler, Ann Hines, Eugene Louie, Mr. & Mrs. Giuliano Raviola, Mr. & Mrs. Strether Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tseung, and Nancy Wright.

And our thanks to renewing members*

Carol Ames, Mr. & Mrs. Scot Austin, Doris, Dave, & Grace Beezley, Irene Bennett, Gerry & Dorothy Billard, Doris Nasmeh Blake, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butcher, Edward Cali, Ron & Marcia Cali, Paul & Judith Carmichael, Michael Chang, Preston & Angie Chiappa, Eldred J. Clark, Pat & Chuck Corr, Cupt. Kiwanis Club, Mr. & Mrs. F. E. DeMouthe, Frances Dietz, Hazel Fretwell, John Gatto, Charles & Mildred Gagliasso, Dorothy Gardner, George Glumac, Donna Grce, Judy Gregory, William & Virginia Guengerich, Dave Heck, Eldon & Kathleen Hendriksen, Fenton & Winifred Hill, Gail Hugger, T.P. & Anne Ivancovich, Mr. & Mrs. James Jackson, J.C. Penney, Augustine & Myrna Jelesko, Helen Jemin, Beez Jones, Charles Kilian, Donna Lawler, Nicol Lea, Jim & Margaret Limberatos, Jeanette Lucchetti, Angelo & Judy Marchi, Mary Maridon, Martha McDonald, Leslie & Carol McDowell, Josephine Mikulaco, Mrs. Robert M. Moore, Bob & Kathy Nellis, Charles & Deborah Newman, Chris Noone, Betty Petersen, Linda Quinterno, Paula Quinterno, William & Jane Reed, Devereaux Rendler, Charles Rifredi, Robert Rivola, Patricia Schunneman, Christopher & Stefanie Singer, The Steele Foundation, Steven Sloan, D. A. & Dorothy Stow, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Sulaver, William Surratt, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tembrock, Mrs. Mildred Vierra.

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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.

WISH LIST

ZIP DRIVE donation or dollars to purchase (\$100)

Donations to help defray the costs of file for the collections photography.

Volunteers to enter data for the Collection Management.

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