

THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here and with it brings not only new growth and new life, as witnessed by Janet's and my first grandchild, Devin Rachelle Opp, but also the inevitable spring fever--exemplified by my hasty late writing of this message.

This month, the Nominating Committee will make its recommendations for new Board members and at the May meeting members will be able to vote on the nominations or place other names in nomination from the floor. The Board has settled on the date of Friday, June 26, for our annual BBQ...this year at Portal Park.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April and May meetings and at the BBQ in June. And Happy Spring!

Bob Meyers, President

APRIL PROGRAM WILL RELIVE THE BICENTENNIAL DE ANZA TREK OF 1976

In 1972 Santa Clara County formed a committee to help celebrate the Nation's Bicentennial and three major sub-committees of that group were headed by Cupertinoans--Mary Lou Lyon (Horizons '76), Seonaid McArthur (Heritage '76), and Jeannie Ryder with Frank Lowe (Festival U.S.A.).

The cornerstone of the state-wide celebration was a re-enactment of Captain Juan Bautista De Anza's exploration and settlement in California. George Cardinet, of Oakland, was named the National Coordinator of this event. From this wonderful re-enactment, the group known as the California Lancers was formed under the guidance of Joe Adamo.

The Lancers became members of the California State Military Reserve and members of the Center for Military History. Still active, they have become proponents for the national marking of the De Anza Trail.

The April program will celebrate the beginning of this county-wide group of re-enactors and will be an update of the progress made on the marking of the De Anza Trail. Guests will include De Anza Trail Coordinator Doni Hubbard, Meridith Kaplan from the United States Park Service, and Tony Look, from the California State Trails Commission. We also hope that Mr. Cardinet will join us for the program.

If you have your costume from the 1976 celebration, be sure to wear it to welcome this outstanding group. Bring your friends to relive this special moment in the history of Arroyo de Cupertino. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- **May** - Educator Ina Cokely will talk about her project on "One Room School Houses"
- **June** - Annual BBQ will be held June 26 at Portal Park, Cupertino

More information will be forthcoming on these programs in future issues of *The Cornerstone*.

FLEA MARKET DRAWS CROWD EAGER TO BUY FROM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to Event Coordinator, Mary Ann Herlihy, and her many volunteers and donors of items, the April 4 Flea Market fundraiser at De Anza College raised close to \$4,000 for the Museum, exceeding its stated goal. Over the course of the day, hundreds of people stopped by the tables laden with clothing, collectibles, books, hardware, and more. If you didn't have a chance to make that purchase on April 4, you can look forward to some mini-auctions that will be held throughout the year, with collectibles being auctioned to those attending Historical Society meetings.

Special thanks for the success of this event go to: Mary Ann Herlihy, Allan Bidwell and J.C. Penney Co. for their donation of new items, Ron and Marcia Cali, John Herlihy, Jeannie and Ham Ryder, Janet Meyers, Winkie Hill, Mathilda Sousa, Helen Moran, Henrietta Marcotte, Genevieve Ziegler, Al Carter, Carol and Leslie McDowell, Martin Sorensen, Betty Bidwell, Warren and Yvonne Holt, Tish and Elio Picchetti, Sandra Basel, Nancy Hertert, Miriam Stelling, Martin Mathiesen, Don and Nancy Steele, Faye Faulhaber, Shannon Herlihy, Mildred Gagliasso, Doris Nasmeh, June Huffman, and to all those who donated items to sell.

Old History In New Books

A new title available for check out at the Cupertino Public Library should be of interest to many Historical Society members. Titled, Swift Justice: Murder and Vengeance in a California Town, this new book by Harry Farrell tells about the kidnapping and murder of Brook Hart, son of San Jose merchant and owner of Hart's Department Store, and the subsequent lynching of the suspected killer in Saint James Square.

Ask your Librarian for:

Swift Justice: Murder and Vengeance in a California Town by Harry Farrell. St. Martin's Press, 1992.

"MY SCHOOL" ART CONTEST WINNERS CHOSEN

The art contest held for school children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade was a success on March 28, with 246 entries of drawings and paintings brought in for public judging. Of those 246 entries, 7 winners were chosen as best of their grade level. The winners are:

- Kindergarten - Denise Li, Age 5, Faria School

- 1st Grade - Kristina Claire Mody, Age 6, Montclair School
- 2nd Grade - Korin Bisch, Age 8, Faria School
- 3rd Grade - Mark Chen, Age 8 1/3, Lincoln Elementary School
- 4th Grade - Megan Landgraf, Age 10, St. Joseph of Cupertino School
- 5th Grade - Diana Tsao, Age 10, Collins School
- 6th Grade - Yvette Cunha, Age 11, St. Joseph of Cupertino School

This winning art will be on display in the Museum for 6 months.

"A CENTURY OF EDUCATION IN CUPERTINO" EXHIBITION OPENED TO A PREVIEW CROWD MARCH 27

Close to 80 guests attended the preview of the newest exhibition in the Museum. Representatives from the school districts, as well as Society members and their guests viewed the one-room school house, the many photos, and objects from those attending Cupertino schools from the early 1900's through the 1960's. Also available for the visitors to the exhibit are recordings by many former Cupertino school students and teachers recalling their school experiences, including those experiences remembered by Catherine Pavisio Gasich, who graduated from Collins School in 1916. A special highlight of the evening was a celebration anniversary cake donated by members of the Cupertino Union Grammar School Class of 1925, in honor of the 2nd anniversary of the Museum. That is the same class pictured on the invitation to the preview.

This exhibition will run until February 27, 1993. Tours for groups can be arranged by request.

Special thanks go to the members of the Exhibit Committee, and others, for their assistance with the exhibit. Helping were Miriam Stelling, Martin Mathiesen, Mildred Burtner Martin, Hazel Fretwell, Pat Lamson of the Cupertino Union School District, The Fremont Union High School District, Apple Computer, Inc., Fenton Hill, Sam Lawson, Phil Bush, Henrietta Marcotte, Linda Schultz, Charles Hom, Maria Kramer, and Ham and Jeannie Ryder. Special thanks go to Fenton Hill for his help in such esoteric duties as constructing the blackboard, to Don Moody for restoring the Collins school clock, and to Jean Sorensen for the sketches of the schools, now available as notecards.

THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN THE MALL OPENING SOON.

At the invitation of the management of VALLCO Fashion Center, The Cupertino Historical Museum will soon set up a temporary exhibit in one of the storefronts in the Sears Food Mall. According to Assistant General Manager, Keith Laird, the shopping complex management wishes to provide the cultural and historical experience, as well as the commercial one, to the Cupertino community. The exhibit, which will be called "Cupertino Past: Farm and Family", will display farm tools and implements from the permanent collection, photographs, and furniture from the Picchetti Collection.

The museum in the mall will be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and is tentatively scheduled to open April 28.

NAGLEE PARK HISTORIC HOME TOUR SCHEDULED

In celebration of National Preservation Week, the Victorian Preservation Association and the Campus Community Association are jointly sponsoring a historic home tour in the Naglee Park area of downtown San Jose. The walking tour will feature seven homes, including examples of Classic Revival, Georgian Revival, Craftsman, and Spanish Revival architecture. The tour will be from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance or \$15.00 day of event. Contact the Victorian Preservation Association, 408-977-1806, for further information.

MUSEUM DOCENTS TO HOST A VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DAY ON MAY 2

Members of the Docent Council are planning a continental breakfast and orientation for those interested in helping out with tours, traveling trunk presentations, and working with the public in the museum. After some early morning refreshments, guests will be given a "sample" tour of the new museum exhibition of education, a "sample" traveling trunk presentation, and

questions about what it means to be a tour guide will be answered.

If you are interested in attending the orientation or if you know someone who would be interested, please call the Museum at 408/973-1495.

Cupertino Historical Society Board Members:

Sandra Basel	(92)
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Cupertino Historical Society April- May 1992 Calendar

APRIL

- 25 45th Annual Adobe Tour. Monterey History and Art Association. Call 372-2608 for info.
- 25 An Historical Homes Tour, Los Altos History House. Call (415) 948-7436
- 26 "Days of Memories", exhibit of early Ford V's and Santa Clara History. Harris-Lass Historic Museum. Call 249-7905 for info.
- 26 "Preserving Your Family History", sponsored by MidPeninsula History Consortium. The Sunnyvale Historical Museum. Call (415) 321-1004 or (408) 973-1495 for info. Cost is \$5.
- 27 Annual Spring Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association. Call (408) 736-0589 for information.
- 28 Bi-Centennial De Anza Trek Program at Cupertino Historical Society Meeting.

MAY

- 2 Docent Invitational Meeting, Cupertino Historical Museum, 9:30 a.m. Call 973-1495 for information.
- 16 Naglee Park Historic Home Tour, Sponsored by Victorian Preservation Association. Call (408) 977-1806 for further information.
- 26 Educator Ina Cokely speaks about Early California Schools, Cupertino Historical Society Meeting, Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

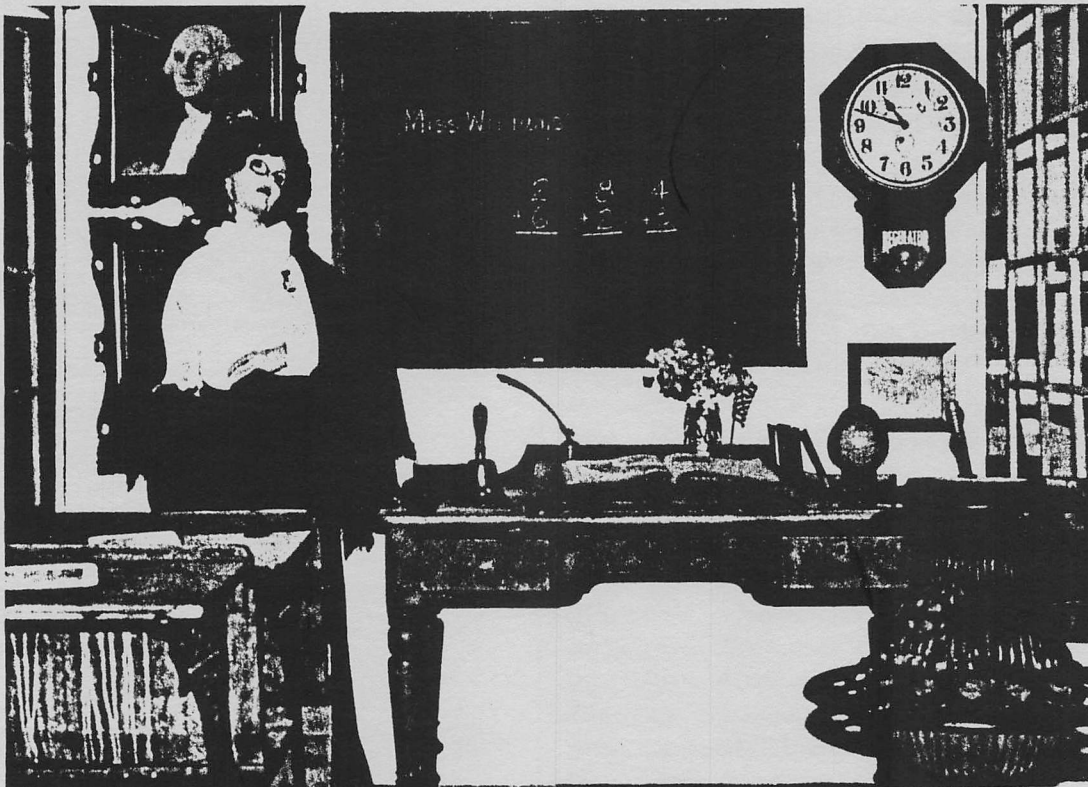
GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, April 28
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Road
Potluck: 6:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: Bi-Centennial De Anza Trek, Redux

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One-room school house display in new museum exhibit, "A Century of Education in Cupertino: 1860's - 1960's".