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Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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Judith Carson-Croes,
Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! As we approach the 27th anniversary of the Society and the 3rd anniversary of the Museum, we will be asking ourselves lots of questions about our future. In fact, an Ad Hoc Planning Committee will be conducting a telephone survey with all members to get your ideas on the direction of the Society and the Museum. You can look forward to a phone call sometime in late February or early March. I hope you will take the few minutes needed to help us answer these questions and set our goals for the future.

In our immediate future, we have some great programs planned, including, in February, Austen Warburton speaking about Santa Clara Valley Indians, and, in April, Gracie Larson telling us some history of lacemaking. I look forward to seeing you at these programs!

Bob Meyers, President

NOTED AUTHOR/HISTORIAN, AUSTEN WARBURTON, TO SPEAK ON SANTA CLARA VALLEY INDIANS

The Cupertino Historical Society will welcome Mr. Austen Warburton as its speaker on February 23. Mr. Warburton, who is a native of Santa Clara, attended local schools and received his AB degree and JD degree from San Jose State University. He has, over the course of the last 40 years not only practiced law but taught law for 20 years at College of Law at Santa Clara University.

In addition to his legal interests, he has long been involved in the history of Santa Clara Valley, and California, serving on boards of the California History Center, California Pioneers of

Santa Clara County, and Triton Museum of Art, among others. He is the author of numerous historical and legal articles and the author of the book, Indian Lore of the North California Coast, published in 1966.

Please join us for this exciting and informative program, February 23, Ivan Hall, Cupertino Union Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

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| • March 23 | - | TBA |
| • April 27 | - | Gracie Larson of the Lace Museum will speak about and demonstrate the intricate art of lacemaking |

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

MUSEUM EVALUATED THROUGH MAP I

In June 1992, the Museum was awarded a grant of \$1975 from the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museum Services, Washington, D.C., for an independent survey of museum operations. On January 18 and 19, the Museum was visited by Mr. Glenn Mason of Cheney Cowles Museum, Spokane, WA. Mr. Mason met with members of the Board, with docents, chairs of fundraising and membership committees, and others, over the course of the two days. He addressed such issues as governance, future direction of Museum, exhibitions, collections management, and operational procedures. He also visited McClellan Ranch Park and the satellite museum at Vallco, to get a well-rounded view of our operations.

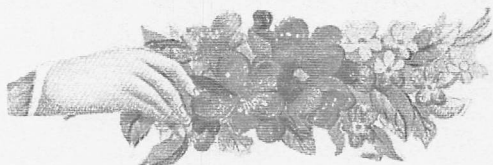
In the next 4-6 weeks, Mr. Mason will write a report of his visit and forward it to AAM, who will then send it on to us for our use. This analysis will provide information the Museum can use in its planning. The report, when received, will be available in the Museum, for your use.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PLANNING CONDUCTS TELEPHONE SURVEY TO MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

A committee of five, chaired by board members Sandra Basel and Don Steele, has been given the charge of Museum planning. Included will be an evaluation of progress made on the 1992-93 strategic goals, and identification of strengths and weaknesses of the Museum. In order to answer some of the questions arising about the future of the Museum and to involve Society members in the planning process, the committee will be conducting a telephone survey to members in February. Such issues as funding for the Museum, exhibitions, and what makes the Museum unique, will be among the questions. Your opinion about the future of the Museum is important. We hope you will help us by taking a few minutes to answer the survey questions.

CUPERTINO FINE ARTS LEAGUE JOINS THE MUSEUM IN THEME OF CHANGING LANDSCAPES

The members of the Cupertino Fine Arts League, established in 1963 by a local artist, A. Peter Emig (now deceased), have often focused on the local area, including drawings and paintings of historic buildings and sites. In conjunction with the Museum's upcoming exhibition, *Changing Landscapes*, which will highlight the many changes that have occurred in Cupertino in the past 150 years, the League members' art will have the theme of historic landscapes for their next show. Their works will be exhibited in the Quinlan Community Center, starting March 20, and will enhance the theme of the museum exhibition, which opens March 26 with a preview for members of the League, Historical Society and guests.



VALENTINES ON DISPLAY IN MUSEUM, FEBRUARY 10 - 27

"Good Morrow. 'tis Saint Valentine's Day,
All in the morning time,
And I a maid at your window,
To be your Valentine."
-William Shakespeare



Example of early Valentine, c. 1880

NEW WEEKLY NEWSPAPER TO INCLUDE A CUPERTINO HISTORY FEATURE

The Neighbor, a new weekly local newspaper plans its debut February 10. Its first issue and all subsequent issues will carry a little bit of Cupertino history. The first article is a brief history of early schools in Cupertino and includes a photo of Collins School classroom. Former editor of the *Cupertino Courier*, Carolyn Leal, now of *The Neighbor*, has asked the Society to provide a short article (2-3 paragraphs), with photo, for each weekly issue. If you are interested in assisting in writing and submitting these history articles, please contact Judith at 973-1495.

PROJECT OF D.R. BENNION TRUST FUND SEEKS EARLY VITICULTURAL FAMILIES FOR ORAL HISTORIES

Paula Quinterno, former president of the Society recently received correspondence from Mrs. David R. Bennion, regarding a recent grant made to Charles L. Sullivan (author of *Like Modern Edens*). Mr. Sullivan will be collecting histories from the pioneer families and their descendants, who were involved in the early winegrowing industry.

If you or your family are part of this important aspect of the area's history and would like to participate in this project, please contact Charles Sullivan (408/356-9957) or Mrs. David (Frances) Bennion (415/322-2685).

ARTICLE BY MEMBER MARY LOU LYON ON PACKING FOR THE HISTORIC JOURNEY WESTWARD AVAILABLE IN MUSEUM

Long time Society member, author, historian and teacher, Mary Lou Lyon, continues to write her lively articles on what preparation was necessary before the pioneers could safely head out for the West. Her latest article, published in the September/October 1992 issue of *The Californians*, is entitled "Packing Up for the Unknown: See Before You Start That You Have Forgotten Nothing".

If you are interested in learning these ever-so-handly tips for early travelers, reprints are available in the Museum for \$2.00 each. Copies are limited!

Kelly Farm Truck Relocated to New Home

Thanks to Bob Wahlquist and Keith Laird, the general management team at Vallco, our 1912 farm truck will again be on view to the community, and located next to our satellite museum.

Thanks also go to our own team of movers, who have so patiently and skillfully moved the truck from place to place in the past two years. Led by Fenton Hill, this team includes Bill Reed, Al Carter, Sam Lawson, and Warren Holt.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 1992-93

All Society members and members of the community will be invited to attend two events planned to help raise funds for the Museum programs. On **Sunday, April 18**, a Mother's Day Tea will be held. Featured attractions will be announced in the next newsletter.

The third annual flea market, at De Anza College, will be held on **Saturday, May 1**. A pre-sale for the "prime" items will also be held for members and guests. Please start collecting household items, toys, tools, jewelry, and collectibles **now!**

PRAISE DUE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee was officially organized in 1989 to help raise funds to open the Museum in March 1990. In less than one year, the committee members raised close to \$40,000, principally through a letter campaign and a community BBQ. Many of the early

committee members stayed on to continue to support the fundraising effort and have worked extraordinarily hard to hold special events, such as the flea market and Valentine Day Dinner/Dance, an annual letter campaign and various food sales. Currently the committee is working on three events to support the Museum educational programs and the operations. The members have changed over the past three years but their dedication has not. Members have included Ron Cali, Al Carter, Hazel Fretwell, Mathilda Sousa, Sandra Basel, Paula Quintero, Genevieve Ziegler, Barbara Rogers, Nancy Steele, and, as advisor, Allan Bidwell. The newest member of the committee is Betty Bidwell. Thank you to all the Fundraising Committee members for your efforts and your enthusiasm!

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February/March 1993 Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 19-21 "Ranchos to Rockets", Conf. of Calf. Hist. Societies. Call (209) 946-2169
- 2 2 "In Print In Person", Jean Dietz Sexton Sunnyvale Hist. Society. 749-0220
- 2 3 "Santa Clara Valley Indians", Austen Warburton. Cupertino Hist. Society
- 2 7 Audubon Education Day, McClellan Ranch 252-3747

MARCH

- 2 1 "Passionate Pastimes", For info. call Museum of American Heritage.
- 2 0 "Family History Fair", S.F. Concourse Exhibition Center. Call (415) 777-9936
- 2 6 "Changing Landscapes", preview to new exhibition at Cupertino Historical Museum

GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday February 23, 1993
Cupertino Union Church, Ivan Hall
Stevens Creek Blvd.
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:00 - Speaker: Austen Warburton, "Santa Clara Valley Indians"

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