

# THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society  
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January 1992  
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Editor

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 1992. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays just as my family did. The Historical Society and Museum had many successes in 1991. Now begins the trek toward an even more successful 1992, starting with our special program on January 28 on local wineries.

In February, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with an evening called "A Flavor of Florence", which features a fabulous Italian dinner. The event will benefit the educational programs being developed by the Museum. I hope to see you all at both of these upcoming events.

*Bob Meyers, President*

## JANUARY PROGRAM ON AREA WINERIES

Mary Lester, contemporary historian, will speak about local wineries, their histories, and their owners at the January 28 general meeting of The Cupertino Historical Society.

A 30-year veteran of the California wine scene, Ms. Lester began her career at Almaden Vineyards as resident hostess and the world's first woman winery tour director. There she hosted international dignitaries and began her close friendship with founders and owners of Santa Clara Valley wineries.

Ms. Lester is currently a wine columnist, professional wine judge, wine consultant, teaches wine appreciation classes, and is author of "Hand Me That Corkscrew." Join us for her talk of "I Remember When..."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- **February** - "Cupertino Corners", a story of old Cupertino told by some of our pioneer family descendants
- **March** - The De Anza Trek and The De Anza National Trail will be presented.

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

## "FLAVOR OF FLORENCE" DINNER/DANCE WILL BENEFIT MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A pasta dinner, Italian folkdancing, music, and doorprizes are the highlights of an evening for those who wish to combine the romance of Valentine's Day with the interest in helping the Museum develop its educational programs with Cupertino schools.

Planned for Friday, February 14, at St. Joseph's of Cupertino Parish Hall, the dinner/dance benefit has a goal of \$2,500. Event Coordinator, Nancy Steele, invites everyone, couples and singles, to join in this fun evening. Tickets are available in the Museum starting January 3 and are priced at \$20 per person. Prepayment is required and the reservation deadline is February 7.

Notice to Board Members: The January meeting of the Board of Directors has been rescheduled for January 14, 7:30 p.m., Quinlan Community Center.

## HERITAGE TREES PROTECTED BY CITY ORDINANCE

On December 2, the City Council of Cupertino approved amendments to Ordinance No. 1573, an ordinance that will help protect and preserve specimen and heritage trees in Cupertino. According to the stated purpose of the ordinance, "In enacting this Ordinance, the City of Cupertino recognizes the substantial economic, environmental, and aesthetic importance of its tree population."

As a result of this action, tree removal permits will be a bit more difficult to get if the tree has been designated as heritage or specimen. The process will include an appeal to the Architectural and Site Approval Committee before it is granted.

Also, a Heritage Tree List will be created and amended by resolution and will serve as the basis for designating trees as heritage. Members of The Cupertino Historical Society with knowledge of heritage trees should write the name (type) of tree(s), exact location of tree(s), and a history of the tree(s) and submit the information to the Museum to send to the City for consideration for the Heritage Tree List. These suggestions will not be included automatically but will provide input on this very important issue.

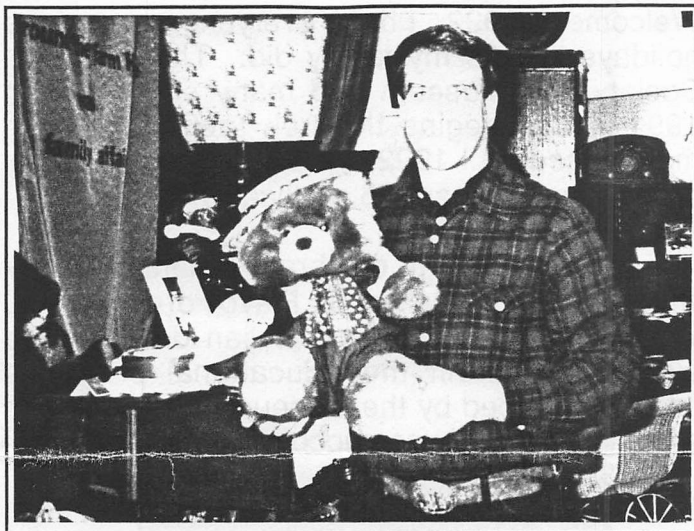


Sal, Andrew, and Nancy Noto enjoyed talking to "Grandpaw" bear at the December 6 preview for the *Bears of Cupertino* exhibit.

## ELISHA P. STEPHENS BEAR A WINNER FOR THE MUSEUM

Close to \$250 was raised for the Museum by the sale of tickets for the drawing of this special bear, named after the early Cupertino pioneer, Elisha P. Stephens. The bear was donated for the drawing by Allan Bidwell.

The winner of the pioneer bear, Mark Mariani, has promised to give it a good home, befitting a bear of this historic stature. A second prize of a book on the story of THE CINNAMON BEAR was awarded to Hector Picchetti.



Mark Mariani and Elisha P. Stephens Bear Get Acquainted

## MEMBERSHIP GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Give your friends and family a gift of heritage in 1992 with a membership in The Cupertino Historical Society. New to the Society, this attractive certificate comes in an envelope ready for giving. The gift membership prices are:

Individual	\$10
Contributor	\$25
Organization/Business	\$50
Patron	\$100
Life Member	\$250
Perpetual Group	\$1250
Student or child (under 18)	\$5

## IT'S COMING !! !! !!

Another exciting Flea Market sale!

Scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at De Anza College, the goal this year is \$3000. Last year's successful sale raised over \$2500.

How can you help? We need your 100% participation in donating new or used items to sell, especially...

- household items
- glassware/dishes
- jewelry
- books/records/videos
- wheel goods(bikes)
- tools
- toys
- sporting goods
- handicrafts
- collectibles

We will take just about anything except - **FOOD, FURNITURE, OLD CLOTHES** (except kid's clothing, which is a big seller).

### YOU NAME IT AND WE WILL SELL IT!

Please start that search through your closets, drawers, and garages now. We will start the collection in March 1. If all members could give at least one bag or one box of items it will help us reach that goal.

Your help is also wanted for sorting and pricing before the sale, and for selling on the day of the sale. Contact Event Coordinator, Mary Ann Herlihy, for more information. Or call the Museum at 973-1495.

## SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION FROM 1840's TO 1950's SUBJECT OF NEXT EXHIBIT

On March 28, the 2nd anniversary exhibition will open to the public. This exhibition will trace the history of the schools in Cupertino, the changes in the educational curriculum, and the social impact of the schools. It also will highlight some of the school experiences of students. Through photographs, artifacts, and personal stories the visitor will get a glimpse of the important role education has always played in Cupertino.

## WISH LIST FOR MUSEUM

- Easels
- VCR and Monitor
- Tape recorder with quality sound
- Macintosh software manuals for Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Works, and Filemaker
- Video camera
- 35mm camera
- Slide Projector and screen

### Cupertino Historical Society Board Members:

Sandra Basel	(92)
Don Frolich	(94) Treasurer
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Bob Meyers	(93) President
Helen Moran	(92) Secretary
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### Cupertino Historical Society January - February 1992 Calendar

#### JANUARY

- 11 Briggs-Stelling House Tour, Sunnyvale  
Call for information, 408/739-5004
- 28 Cupertino Historical Society General Meeting. Mary Lester, speaker.

#### FEBRUARY

- 14 "A Flavor of Florence" pasta dinner/dance  
Benefit for The Cupertino Historical Museum, St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish.  
Call for information, 408/973-1495
- 14-16 Conference of California Historical Societies Southern Symposium, San Pedro,  
Call for information 209/946-2169
- 25 Cupertino Historical Society General Meeting. Program: Families of Cupertino.

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**Quinlan Community Center**  
**10185 N. Stelling Road**  
**Potluck: 6:30 p.m.**

**PROGRAM: Wine Historian, Mary Lester, "I Remember When ..."**



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