

THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are prepared for a busy 1993 with the activities of the Society and the Museum. Coming up are some excellent programs at the monthly Society meetings, a new museum exhibit called "Changing Landscapes", some fundraising events, including a Flea Market in April and possibly a Mother's Day Tea in May, and a Literary Luncheon and a BBQ in the summer. Board members, the museum manager, and a member each from the Membership and Fundraising Committees have begun a planning process that will culminate in May with a new budget.

I look forward to seeing you and working with you to make 1993 a very successful year for the Society and Museum!

Bob Meyers, President

HISTORIC CALIFORNIA BOTTLES SUBJECT OF JANUARY MEETING

Share the fascinating finds of Paul Ackerman, bottle collector extraordinaire at the January 26 Society meeting. Paul became interested in bottle collecting in 1969. He focuses his attention to digs using historic geological survey maps. With an interest in early California history, both of the European peioneering period and the Native American period, Paul's degree in archaeology from University of California at Berkeley gives him a good background for his hobby.

If you have an interesting bottle you found but haven't identified, bring it to the meeting for some help in dating it. Please mark the bottle with your name. A table will be set up to display your bottle(s).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

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| • February 23 | - | "Indians of Santa Clara Valley" topic of noted local author-historian Austin Warburton. (To be held at Cupertino Union Church, Ivan Hall) |
| • March 23 | | TBA |
| • April 27 | - | Gracie Larson of the Lace Museum will speak and demonstrate the intricate art of lacemaking |

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

2ND ANNUAL AUDUBON EDUCATION DAY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27

Cecily Harris, Managing Director of Santa Valley Audubon Society announces this free day of nature/birding walks, bird-banding, story telling, and more.

Held at McClellan Ranch Park, the event will also have an historic angle. The Cupertino Historical Society has been invited to participate by providing historic walks along the creek front trail, to sell homemade food items, and to give tours and demonstrations of the blacksmith shop. Cupertino history baskets,

similar to those made up for the holidays, will also be available for a drawing.

If you are interested in helping with the history events of the day, please contact Judith at the Museum, 973-1495.

HAVE A HEART!

THE MUSEUM NEEDS YOUR OLD VALENTINE CARDS FOR A TEMPORARY DISPLAY OF VALENTINES. IF YOU DARE...BRING IN YOUR VALENTINES FROM YEARS PAST TO SHARE IN THIS FUN EXHIBIT PLEASE BRING IN BY FEBRUARY 1

P.S. NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!

MORE THAN 3500 PEOPLE VISITED THE MUSEUMS IN 1992

The staff at the satellite museum at Vallco and the Quinlan Center museum made a special effort in 1992 to keep statistics on the number of visitors the two museums had in this last year and were surprised to see the number had topped 3000. In an average month, more than 200 visit the QCC museum and more than 150 visit the Vallco museum. With an estimated attendance of 5000 (based on those who had registered in the visitors' log at the QCC museum) for 1990 and 1991 combined, that brings our visitorship up to approximately 8500.

Needed: Individuals interested in staffing the museums, both at Vallco and QCC. All we ask is one hour per week commitment to staff QCC and a 3 hour shift once a month, at Vallco. Contact Mathilda Sousa or Judith Carson-Croes.

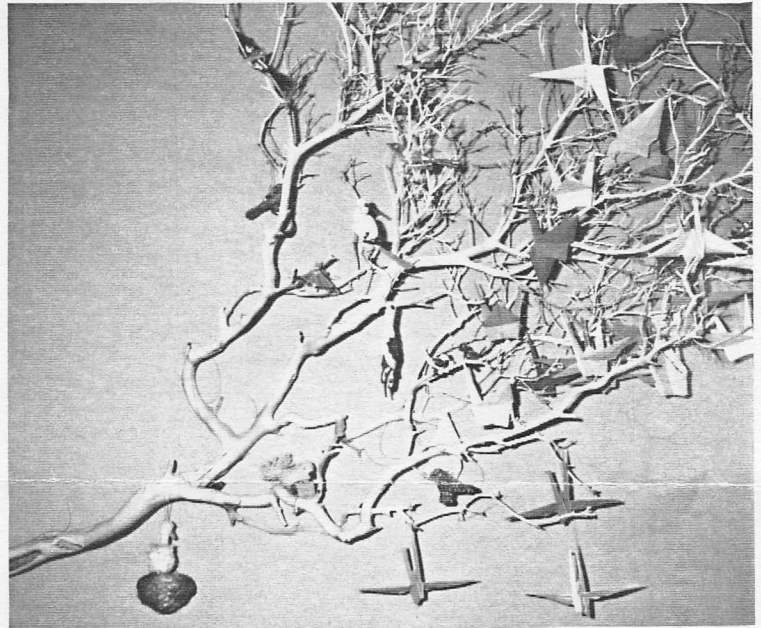
FLEA MARKET TO BE FIRST FUNDRAISER OF 1993

Coming on Saturday, April 3 at De Anza College Flea Market, will be the 3rd annual flea market held by the Society to raise funds for the operation of the Museum. The last two years were successful events, with your help.

This year brings a bigger and better flea market and a chance for us all to help the Society and Museum. Start putting your good, better, best household items, tools, toys, recreational equipment, and jewelry aside for our once a year sale.

This year, a special pre-sale will be held for members and invited guests to get that first chance to buy these fantastic items!

Look for more information on the Flea Market in your next issue of *The Cornerstone*.



Ornaments featured in the current museum exhibit, "Deck the Halls: A History of Holiday Ornaments". Exhibit will run through February 6.

MUSEUM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MAP) SURVEYOR TO VISIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM JANUARY 18-19

Mr. Glenn Mason, Director of the Cheney Cowles Memorial Museum, Spokane, Washington, will visit the Cupertino Historical Museum to participate in a MAP program coordinated by the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museum Services. The Museum, which qualified for the program and a grant from IMS to cover the costs of the visit, will be the subject of an assessment report, submitted by Mr. Mason after his visit here. While here, he will meet with Board members, chairs of committees, and docents and will observe the operations of the Museum.

The report will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the Museum and will provide us with a basis for evaluating goals for the Museum and for future planning.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE REACHES \$7,200 MARK OF ITS GOAL OF \$9,500

More than 100 donors, both individual and corporate, have been part of the annual mail campaign for fundraising this 1992-93 fiscal year. New donors account for almost 10% of the donations and the Society is pleased to welcome these new donors to its list of contributors. The Museum relies on the generosity of its Society members and the members of the community to help continue the services of tours, traveling trunk presentations, exhibits, and other educational programs on Cupertino history.

From the Society Program Coordinator Jeannie Ryder...

"We need HELP...HELP...HELP...for setting up and clearing the room for our monthly meeting. PLEASE volunteer for the upcoming March, April, and May meetings."

MIDPENINSULA HISTORY CONSORTIUM OFFERS MARCH PROGRAM ON COLLECTORS AND COLLECTIONS

The MidPeninsula History Consortium, a cooperative group of north county historical organizations, will present a fascinating program in March, called "Passionate Pastimes". Collectors of a variety of interesting items will relate their experiences on how they started collecting, why they collect, and what they collect.

Look for more information on this program in the February issue.

CUPERTINO HISTORICAL MUSEUM TO BE INCLUDED IN AN HISTORIC SITES BROCHURE

The Heritage Council of Santa Clara County is in the process of publishing a brochure of its member historic sites and museums. Each site or museum will have a photograph, brief

description, address, telephone number, and the hours it is open. Also included will be a map that locates the various sites and museums. The brochures will make excellent handouts in member museums, local Chambers of Commerce, and other visitors' centers. Members will receive a limited number of copies free.

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Cupertino Historical Society January - February 1993 Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 3 Joint meeting of Fundraising Committee and Membership Committee. Speaker: Kathy Mueller, S.J. Hist. Association
- 1 5 "The Mills Act". Workshop sponsored by The Heritage Council of Santa Clara Co. Held at the Quinlan Community Center
- 2 6 Cupertino Historical Society Meeting, Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
- 3 0 Annual Crab Fee. Sponsored by The Los Altos History House Museum. Call 415/948-9427.

FEBRUARY

- 1 9 Vietnamese Musicians featured at California History Center, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Call 408/864-8712
- 2 3 Cupertino Historical Society meeting Speaker: Austin Warburton. Held at Cupertino Union Church. 6:30 p.m.
- 2 7 Audubon Education Day, McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino. 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday JANUARY 26, 1993 Quinlan Community Center

10185 N. Stelling Rd.
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

8:00 - Speaker: PAUL ACKERMAN, "Early Bottles of Santa Clara Valley"

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