

THE CORNERSTONE

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the time of year we conclude our Society meetings for the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation in the operation of the Society and the Museum in 1991-92. It is your willingness to give - of time, energy, and dollars - that will ensure that we fulfill our mission of preserving the heritage of Cupertino.

This is also a time of membership renewal. This is a chance to retain current members as well as an opportunity to recruit new members in the Society. In the past 15 years membership has grown from less than 100 to close to 200 and we would like to see even more growth. The history of Cupertino belongs to all of the community. Please help the membership committee in its recruiting effort by inviting a friend or family member to join in the support of the Society and the Museum. And please renew your own membership! Thanks.

I look forward to seeing you all at our traditional annual BBQ, Friday June 26, at Portal Park!

Bob Meyers, President

CALIFORNIA COUNTRY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR MAY

The May program on the history of rural schools in California will feature well-known California educator, Ina Cokeley. Ms. Cokeley was raised in San Francisco and has lived there all of her life. She graduated from San Francisco State University and was an elementary school teacher in San Francisco schools for 23 years and an elementary school principal for 20 years.

Ms. Cokeley retired in 1971 and worked with the University of San Francisco for a short time, assisting in teacher training programs. Some of her many positions have been president of the San Francisco Retired Teachers, president of California Retired Teachers Association, member of California Historical Society, Historian for the California Retired Teachers Association, member of the Board of Grace Cathedral School for Boys and member of the Board of FACT (Foundation to Assist California Teachers).

Ms. Cokeley is very interested in our members sharing their memories and photos of their rural school experiences. A table will be set up for a display. Please mark your photos with your name if you include them in the display.



From Almost Forgotten, by Ralph Rambo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- **June 26** - Annual BBQ will be held at Portal Park, Cupertino
- **September 22** - First Society meeting of the fall.

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

MUSEUM IN VALLCO SHOPPING CENTER OPENS

A showcase for Cupertino history, the new mini-museum opened on Saturday, May 2 in the lower level of VALLCO Fashion Center without fanfare, but with interest by merchants and mall shoppers. With the signage and brochures provided by the management of VALLCO, the Cupertino Historical Museum II, presents a slice of Cupertino past to a broad community.

The Museum will be open on Tuesdays and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and on special occasions. If you are interested in helping greet visitors in the museum in the mall, we are signing up volunteers for the month of June. Please call 973-1495 for information.

Old History in New Books

Earthquakes, land development, and time have taken their toll on the historic buildings of Santa Clara Valley, but Phyllis Butler in her new edition of her guide to historic buildings of the Valley, from Palo Alto to Gilroy, takes heart. She notes that at least in the passage of 16 years between her first edition and this edition, "...of the more than 400 buildings surveyed...only a dozen or so are gone--none of the 46 featured structures." Ms. Butler's book is full of not only buildings, but stories and photos of the life of the Valley.

Ask your Librarian for:

Old Santa Clara Valley: A Guide to Historic Buildings from Palo Alto to Gilroy, by Phyllis Filiberti Butler. Wide World Publishing/Tetra, 1991.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER YUGOSLAV BARBECUE COMING UP FOR KIWANIS CLUB

The Cupertino Kiwanis Club, an organizational member of the Historical Society, and a Museum Patron (\$100-499 category), is holding its annual fundraising Yugoslav BBQ on May 17, 1992 at Napredah Hall. The event starts with no host cocktails at 12:30 and a dinner of rack of lamb, chicken and all of the trimmings is at 2:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by Veseli Seljaci Tamburitza.

Some of many raffle prizes that will be awarded are a 2-day trip to San Diego with a stay at Embassy Suites Hotel, 49er tickets, stay at a condo in Lake Tahoe, dinners in local and San Francisco restaurants, and many more.

Dinner tickets are \$30 each; raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, 13 for \$12, or 30 for \$20. Call Fenton Hill at 252-4328 or Al Carter at 252-5782 for tickets or more information.



Present for the ceremony marking the first Heritage Tree are (l to r) Henrietta Marcotte, Mayor Lauralee Sorensen, resident Diane Reeder, Nancy Hertert, Mildred Martin, and resident Dennis Reeder.

THE CITY OF CUPERTINO DEDICATES FIRST FIVE HERITAGE TREES

(Excerpts reprinted from article by Rob Bhatt, The Cupertino Courier, April 29, 1992)

Canadian emigre Samuel Williams was deeded 50 acres of land in 1876 for clearing and planting grape vines on a 100-acre parcel of land approaching the western Santa Clara foothills. Williams then planted a row of almond trees, later grafted to prune, around his property, and the foliage became known as "the Old Row", the legend goes.

Commercial and residential development have long since replaced the Williams family living quarters and winery. However, the city designated one of the Old Row, which stands on what has become Orange Avenue, as a heritage tree during April 16 ceremonies in its efforts to preserve Cupertino's greenery.

The Old Row almond was one of the first five to earn the Heritage Tree distinction since the city

enacted its tree protection ordinance last December.

These and future heritage trees can't be cut or pruned without city approval, the ordinance states, intended to maintain the economic, environmental and aesthetic benefits the trees can provide.

Working with the City on the heritage tree designation have been Henrietta Marcotte and Nancy Hertert.

ANNUAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BARBECUE A SOCIAL EVENT THIS YEAR

June heralds the end of the 1991-92 fundraising year for the Museum. In celebration, this year the annual barbecue will be an event dedicated to the successful events of the past year. It will be an evening of socializing and good food and will mark the beginning of summer break from Society meetings. The meetings will begin again in September.

The BBQ will be held at Portal Park, N. Portal Ave. and begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner served around 7:00 p.m. More details on the time and the dinner menu will be in the June issue of *The Cornerstone*. Price is \$5 to cover cost of BBQ meat.

PONY EXPRESS 1992 RUN

There will be a commemorative rerun of the Pony Express, beginning in Sacramento, Thursday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. The ride will culminate in a delivery of a letter-filled mochila to Pattee House in St. Joseph, Missouri at 2:00 p.m., June 20.

If you want a letter delivered by this historic method, contact National Pony Express Association of California, P.O. Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726.

Cupertino Historical Society Board Members:

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Cupertino Historical Society May - June 1992 Calendar

MAY

- 15 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.
- 17 "Arts Fest '92". City of Santa Clara celebration at Headen-Inman House, Warburton Avenue. 1-4 p.m.
- 23 "Your Old House '92 - Victorians to Eichlers". Workshop of restoring and upgrading older homes. PAST, Call 415/854-6415 for information
- 26 Educator Ina Cokeley speaks about Early California Schools, Cupertino Historical Society Meeting, Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
- 31 "Cut from the Same Cloth", display of NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at De Anza College.

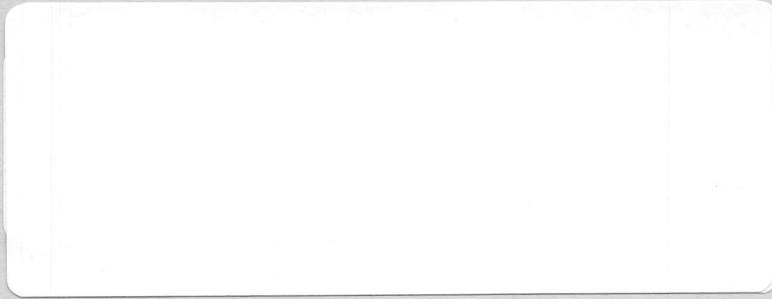
JUNE

- 1-2 Display of NAMES Memorial Quilt continues
- 25-28 Conference of California Historical Societies 1992 Annual Meeting, Riverside, CA. (209)946-2169 for information.
- 26 Annual BBQ, Cupertino Historical Society, Portal Park, \$5.00.

GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, May 26
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Road
Potluck: 6:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: California Country Schools, with educator Ms. Ina Cokeley.

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