

THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our last general membership meeting prior to our June picnic is May 25. We will have a busy evening with elections of new board members, who will replace Linda Schultz, Fenton Hill, and myself. The nominees were presented at the April meeting; Phil Bush, Sally Brennan, and Charles Liggett. Nominations may also be presented from the floor.

Additionally, the board will ask for membership confirmation of the new dues structure as accepted by the board on May 4. The new dues will be: Student (\$10); Individual (\$15); Family (\$30); Contributor (individual or family) (\$50); Patron (individual or family) (\$125); Business, Club, Organization (\$75); Individual Life Member (\$1000). The proposed 1993/94 budget for the Society and Museum will be presented also for information and confirmation. Topping off our evening will be our featured speaker, author and educator Gloria Hom.

Our annual BBQ is coming up on Tuesday, June 22 and will be held in Memorial Park. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Bob Meyers, President

AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR GLORIA HOM FEATURED SPEAKER FOR MAY PROGRAM

The May 25 Society meeting will welcome Dr. Gloria Hom as the special guest speaker. Dr. Hom is a well known educator and is presently Professor and Chair of the Economics Department of Mission College. She has been named "Outstanding Educator of America" and has been on many education boards statewide. She currently serves as president of Palo Alto Rotary and is hard at work on her book "Echos of the East: A Mirror of Chinese Culture in the

West". Dr. Hom's topic will be the Chinese in Santa Clara County, and most particularly her mother's family, who founded Bayside Cannery in Alviso. Be sure to bring a guest to this interesting program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- June 22 - Annual BBQ/Picnic, MEMORIAL PARK
(No meetings held July and August)
- September 28 - TBA

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

TEA AND FASHION SHOW A DELIGHTFUL BLEND

More than 70 guests attended the afternoon tea and fashion show on April 18. A wonderful array of tea cookies, cakes, sandwiches, and strawberries accompanied the tea served in silver service and guests were entertained by harpist Dan Levitan and the intriguing fashions, that ranged from bridal gowns to contemporary evening wear. A highlight of the day was the fashion show, with models coming from Monta Vista High School Interact Club, a student volunteer group. The event raised over \$2000 for the Museum's programs.

Event coordinator, Barbara Rogers, would like to thank the following volunteers to the tea: Members of the Development Committee, Jeannie Ryder for her help with the fashion show and the loan of her wonderful costumes, some of which she made herself, Ham Ryder, Allan and Betty Bidwell, J. C. Penney Company for providing many of the fashions, Ron Cali for sponsorship of the harpist, Cupertino Community Services, California History Center Foundation, Don Allen, Jane Asher, Frances Bush, Faye Faulhaber, Linda Griffin, Winkie Hill, Trudi Horrocks, Gail Hugger, Esther Johnson, Donna Lawler, Nicole Lea, Nicol Le Duc, Henrietta Marcotte for her beautiful floral arrangements, Carol McDowell, Jackie Schiller, Neil Schwartz, B. J. Stolpman, Mathilda Sousa, Paula Quintero, Linda Walker, and Genevieve Ziegler.

Generous thanks also go to the models from Monta Vista High School: Carol Choi, Sally Chou, Edwin Chuong, Amy Ha, Havjeet Hansra, Jeff Kuo, Arthur Lee, James Lee, Jocelyn McGee, Abhijay Prakash, Sophia Shia, Ritesh Somani, Adela Tam, Vicky Wang, and Grace Yang.

A limited number of *The Little Book of English Teas*, published by Chronicle Books are available in the Museum for \$6.95. Buy yours now for stocking stuffers!



Students from Monta Vista High School Interact Club model for the Fashion Show and Tea

SOCIETY MEMBERS TO BE HONORED WITH 1993 CREST AWARDS

The City of Cupertino announced recently the recipients of its annual award, now called the CREST (Cupertino Recognises Extra Steps Taken). Among the eight awardees are three Society members; Henrietta Marcotte, Barbara Rogers, and Linda Walker. The board of the Society nominated Henrietta in recognition of her many years of work with the Society, specifically in writing the monthly "Roots" column for the *Cupertino Scene*. Henrietta has spent countless hours researching family histories, dwellings, and sites to write a column that helps inform all Cupertino residents about their local history. Henrietta is also a docent for the Museum and makes many of the Traveling Trunk presentations to schools. *The awards ceremony will be held, Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Quinlan community Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.*

MAY 1 FLEA MARKET SUCCESSFULLY RAISES \$2300+ TO ASSIST MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

With effective and efficient coordination by Chair Mary Ann Herlihy and her co-coordinators, Betty Bidwell, Jeannie Ryder, Sharon Blaine, and Paula Quinterno, the pre-sale and flea market went off without a hitch on May 1. Although inventory and sales were down from last year's event, the amount raised will help the coordination of museum exhibits and other public programming.

Thanks go to the many volunteers who helped in the collecting, pricing, staffing, carting, or selling at this year's flea market. Among those helping were Allan Bidwell, Jacque Butler, Jeremy Chou, Al Carter, John Herlihy, Shannon Herlihy, Gail Hugger, Warren Holt, Mildred Gagliasso, Barbara Koppel, Barbara Hill, Carol and Bud McDowell, Bob Meyers, Paula Quinterno, Linda Schultz, Nancy Steele, Martin Sorensen, and Sue Trudeau.

TWO STUDIES TO HELP WITH MUSEUM PLANNING

As the Society and Museum moves into their next stage of development and looks to the future, a vision for the Museum and some long range planning will be essential to its success. In the past five months two separate studies were made of the Museum, the results of which will provide valuable information to the Board and staff in planning; a survey was conducted of all Society members asking their perceptions of the Museum and Society and their ideas for moving ahead and an independent study was made of the operations of the Museum and Society by a MAP (Museum Assessment Program) surveyor, through the American Association of Museums.

Former board member, Sandra Basel, has completed the tabulation and analysis of the members' survey and it will be submitted to the Board at its June meeting. The MAP report has also been received and distributed to Board members, docents, and members of the Development and Membership Committees.

Both of these studies will be available in the Museum to all Society members by June 9. Copies of the MAP report can be checked out for a 2-week period.

MASTER PLAN FOR MCCLELLAN RANCH PARK TO BE PRESENTED MAY 19

All Society members and the general public are welcome to attend a presentation by members of the McClellan Ranch Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. at McClellan Ranch Park.

The Committee of community members, the Museum manager, and City staff was formed in 1991 to develop a master plan for the site. Meeting twice a month for the past 2 1/2 years, the committee has written the goals, objectives and the activities needed to carry out the mission of the Park. Included is a Building and Site Use Plan, which outlines the various recommended uses of the site and its buildings and any improvements needed to meet that use. Various aspects of the plan will be highlighted in the presentation and tour of the Park.

A Goodbye to Catherine Gasich

Catherine Pavisio Gasich, a long time Cupertino resident, Society member, a vital part of Cupertino community, and a vital link to the community's past, died in her home April 23 at the age of 92. Catherine was the friend of many and all who knew her will miss her sweet smile, her twinkling eyes, and her eagerness for loving and living. She brought sunshine into many lives. Fittingly, Catherine last served the Society in the position of "Sunshine Reporter", sending cards to those ill and reporting on the condition of society members at the monthly meeting. A little bit of sunshine has left the Society with Catherine's passing.

The Museum would like to collect your personal reminiscences of Catherine. If you have memories to share, please record them or write them down and send them to the Museum for its family archives.

ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) SUBJECT FOR HERITAGE COUNCIL PROGRAM JUNE 10 AT FALLON HOUSE

The Heritage Council of Santa Clara County presents a day-long program on the ADA legislation, at the Fallon House, San Jose, Thursday, June 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Act, which became effective in 1992 calls for new accessibility requirements for most buildings, including historic buildings, parks and museums. Striving to understand and meet these requirements, museums and historic houses are looking closely at how they design not only their facilities but their

exhibitions. This program is designed to answer some of the questions about ADA and what it means to museums and historic buildings.

Presenters will include Ellen Lieber, President of ACCESS/ABILITIES, Mill Valley and Joanne Mohr, currently consulting with Museum of Ophthalmology, San Francisco, on programs for visually impaired. The day will include a tour of the newly restored Fallon House by hosts from the San Jose Historical Museum Association.

Cupertino Historical Board Members Term Expires

President	Bob Meyers	93
Vice President	Jeannie Ryder	94
Historian	Fenton Hill	93
Treasurer	Don Frolich	94
Secretary	Linda Schultz	93
Member	Gail Hugger	95
Member	Marty Mathiesen	95
Member	Martin Sorensen	94
Member	Don Steele	95

May/June 1993 Calendar

MAY

- 1 Flea Market Fundraiser for Cupertino Historical Museum, De Anza College.
- 1 6 8th Annual Arts Fest, Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. 241-6596
- 1 8 Tea at Rengsdorff House. 415/903-6392
- 2 5 Cupertino Historical Society General Mtg.
- 2 7 CREST Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.,
Quinlan Community Center

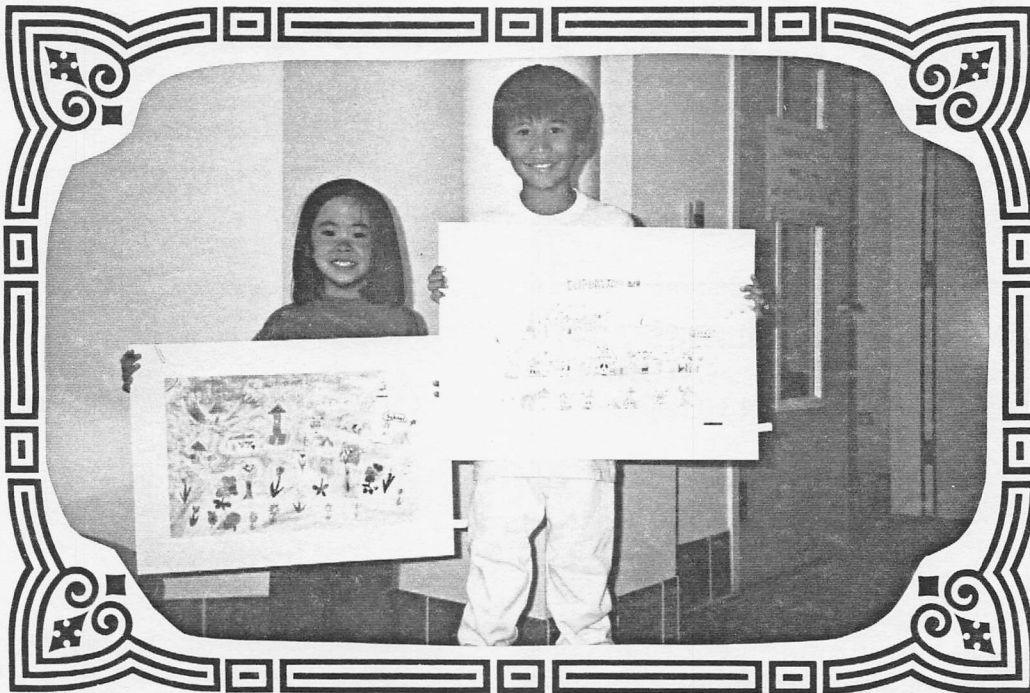
JUNE

- 2 2 BBQ, Cupertino Historical Society,
Memorial Park
- 26,27 Living History Days, Kelley Park,
San Jose Historical Museum

GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday May 25, 1993
Cupertino Room, Quinlan Community Center
6:30 p.m. - Potluck
8:00 - Speaker: Dr. Gloria Hom, "The History of the Chinese Community in Santa Clara Valley"

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Tiffany Gee, 2nd Grader, with her entry in the art contest and Vincent Gee, winner of the 3rd Grade Level. The 2nd annual art contest was held April 24 and had 117 contestants. The winning artwork in each grade will be exhibited in the Museum through November.