

THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cupertino Historical Society is off to a good start with the fall season. First, with an outstanding September meeting with attendance at about 70. This was followed by our participation in the Cupertino Heritage Parade, just four days later, where we were well represented with three vehicles, our 1942 White fire truck, Ann Zarko's 1912 Model "T" Ford and a 1912 White 4-door touring car. We had 17 participants, as well. Thanks to everyone for their support on both occasions. This month Vice President Jeannie Ryder has another fine program lined up for us, so please come on out and continue your support of the Society with your presence on Tuesday, October 27.

Bob Meyers, President

HOW TO CREATE FAMILY MEMORIES AND APPROPRIATELY CONSERVE THEM WILL BE FEATURED AT OCTOBER PROGRAM

Jacqueline Brady, who has been researching her family history for 20 years, 15 of them while librarian at the Family History Library in Santa Clara, will draw from her vast experience, when speaking about not only creating family memories by saving photos, letters, and other family documents but also conserving them by using appropriate conservation materials. Ms. Brady also teaches beginning genealogy and helps with seminars on genealogical research.

Join us for an informative evening. Potluck starts at 6:30 and business meeting and program at 7:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- **November 24** - Harry Farrell, author of "Swift Justice" and former S.J. Mercury News reporter, will speak about his recent account of the Brooke Hart kidnapping, murder, and San Jose lynchings.
- **January 26** - "Bottles of Early California" topic of speaker Paul Ackerman, who will share his collection and knowledge of this fascinating hobby.

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

DOCENTS ATTEND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DOCENT COUNCIL IN SACRAMENTO

Docents Tish Picchetti and Mathilda Sousa attended annual meeting of museum docents on October 5, this year held at the Crocker Art Museum, and have brought back some great ideas for our own Docent Group and for recruiting and retaining new docents and other volunteers.

Along with hundreds of other docents representing 61 different organizations, Tish and Mathilda gained some insight into docent issues. One of many contemporary issues for docents discussed was the importance of outreach to various cultural groups. As an example, in Oakland schools there are many

different cultures, with 69 different languages spoken. To facilitate the docent tours to the Oakland Museum, a video is made of the tour and sent to teachers who review the video and translate it, where necessary, before the students come to the Museum. This helps prepare the teachers and the students for the information they will get on the tour.

Speaking of volunteer recruitment...

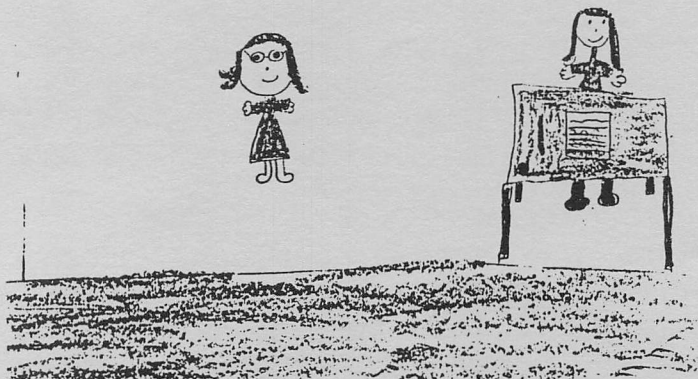
Mathilda and Tish ask you..."Can you volunteer for any of the following?"

- 1 Hour any Wednesday - Saturday, to staff Museum at QCC.
- 3 Hours any Tuesday or Saturday, to help staff VALLCO Museum.
- 1-2 Hours on October 22, 23, 24, or 25 to help staff information table at our display of Kelly Truck at VALLCO Arts and Crafts Festival.

If your answer is "Yes", call Tish or Mathilda at the Museum at 973-1495.

STUDENTS GET FEEL OF COUNTRY SCHOOL THROUGH TOURS OF SCHOOL EXHIBIT

A record number of 3rd grade students toured the Museum, heard the Traveling Trunk presentation, or washed clothes the old-fashioned way. between September 29 and October 1. More than 160 students from Regnart School in Cupertino and Saratoga School, were given tours by docents Mathilda Sousa, Hazel Fretwell, Helen Moran, and Henrietta Marcotte.



Drawing of Teacher and Student in an Old Country School, by Regnart School student, Vi Nguyen, after a recent tour of Museum.

"DECK THE HALLS: A HISTORY OF HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS" EXHIBIT SET FOR DECEMBER

The Cupertino Historical Museum wants the community to join in a holiday exhibition, by loaning a favorite family ornament for display. The importance of ornaments varies from culture to culture and family to family. The loan of the family treasure should be accompanied by a personal recollection or story about that importance. Cupertino schools and artists will be invited to take part in the exhibit by making ornaments, paper chains, origami cranes, or personal creations of their culture or favorite period. Members' preview for the exhibit will be Friday, December 4. The exhibit will open to the public Saturday, December 5 and run through January 1993.

If you have ornaments, lights, or other holiday decorations you would like to loan or if you would like to make an ornament for display, please contact Judith at 973-1495.

THIRD ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE UNDER WAY

As of October 1, more than 600 personalized letters have been sent to members, previous donors, and prospective donors with the goal of raising funds to continue to provide educational programs, exhibitions, publications, and other activities which promote the preservation and sharing of Cupertino history. The Fundraising Committee has included this activity as one of several in its annual fundraising campaign to meet the budgetary needs of the organization. The plan also calls for special events, such as the Flea Market, and for grants and proposals.

3RD ANNUAL DONOR RECEPTION NOVEMBER 6

Donors to the Museum in the past year will be honored at the annual donor reception planned for Friday, November 6 at the Quinlan Community Center. Guests will be entertained by the music of the Monta Vista High School String Ensemble and will enjoy the many wonderful homemade desserts that have become traditional fare at this reception. Donors in the past year gave over \$8,000 in

restricted and unrestricted donations. Restricted donations went toward the purchase of an office copier, office supplies, exhibits, and the photo archives project.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR 1993 ON SALE BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS MUSEUM FUNDRAISER. GREAT BUY FOR \$40! Call 973-1495 for information.

Historical Society and Cupertino Community Honors Nancy Hertert

Nancy Hertert, a staunch ally of the community of Cupertino, of its environment, history, and the quality of life for its residents, died September 4, after a brief illness. Nancy will be missed for her total, unselfish commitment to the land and to the important place history holds in our life. Among her many accomplishments, for almost 30 years, Nancy worked to create a nature preserve at McClellan Ranch Park...and succeeded. Shortly after the City bought the ranch in 1974 an ordinance passed to ensure its protection as a nature preserve. Today a master plan is being drawn up to further protect the site. In Nancy's honor, a garden of native plants will be planted in the front of the ranch house.

VALLCO MUSEUM NEWS

- All time high visitorship was recorded at VALLCO museum--with 132 stopping by in September to glimpse Cupertino history.
- The satellite museum was given a reprieve recently from closing. Pleased with its presence in the mall, the management has assured the Society that it will remain open through 1992.
- For a three-day period, October 22-25, the 1912 Kelly Farm Truck currently in the QCC lobby, will be on display in the lower level of VALLCO Shopping Center.
- Cupertino Historical Museum II has new hours, now open 12 noon - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday & Saturday.

Needed: Clean, washed 100% cotton sheets to use in storage of historical costumes. Please bring in to Museum. Thanks!

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	Sandra Basel	95
Member	Marty Mathiesen	95
Member	Martin Sorensen	94
Member	Don Steele	95

CALENDAR

October

- 25 Harvest Tea & Tour of 1918 House, Los Altos History House. Call 948-7436.
- 25 Alamo Square, San Francisco, House Tour. S.F. Victorian Alliance. Call 415/431-9443.
- 27 Cupertino Historical Society Meeting.

November

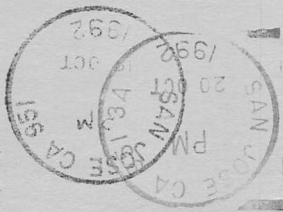
- 1 "De Anza Odyssey: The First Quarter Century". Reception for commemorative exhibit, California History Center. RSVP 408/864-8717.
- 6 3rd Annual Donor Reception, Cupertino Historical Museum, QCC, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 7&8 "Homes for the Symphony", tour of 4 vintage homes. S.J. Symphony Auxiliary. Call 354-0773.
- 24 Cupertino Historical Society Meeting

December

- 4 "Deck the Halls" Holiday Exhibit Members' and Exhibitors' Preview, Cupertino Historical Museum.

GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday October 27, 1992
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Rd.
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

8:00 - Speaker: Jacqueline Brady, "Creating Your Family Memories"



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Regnart School
October 6, 1992

Dear Mrs. Moran,

I liked the old fashion desk
and the old fashion books. I think Miss
Williams was very nice. I liked seeing
the old schools like Collins School. I also
liked the ink well. I wished we could use
it at school but somebody invented pencils.
Thank you for showing me the Historical
Museum.

Your friend,

Christina Liu