

# THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society  
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408/973-1495; Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Vallco Museum: Tuesday & Saturday, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

October 1993  
Judith Carson-Croes,  
Editor

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fascinating programs and exhibits have been planned for this year! I urge you all to come and to bring your friends, families, neighbors, any prospective new members. I, along with the other members of the Board, would like to increase the Society's membership and you can help.

I have often wondered how many living in the Cupertino area really know about its history and the interesting people who helped to make the community what it is today. I am sure many are reading "Roots", written by our own Henrietta Marcotte, and other articles in the local papers. I hope they will help spark some interest in the Cupertino Historical Society. However, when I talk to people, I find that few are aware of the museums in the Quinlan Center or at Vallco.

Let's each, as members, try to change that. Let's make it our project in 1993-94 to increase awareness about the past, the present, and the future of Cupertino. And let's ask the community to be part of that awareness by becoming members of the Society.

*Phil Bush, President*

## "A WALK THROUGH HISTORY THROUGH DOLLS" TOPIC OF OCTOBER PROGRAM

"The nature of toys is compounded of pleasure, fantasy and imitation. The history of toys is made up of contrasts, and lies somewhere between the needs of the child, the interest of the historian, the desire of the collector, and last, but not least, the involvement of the adult in his childhood - the magic world, from which he cannot bear to be excluded forever by the mere act of growing up."(1)

The speaker for the October 26 program, Ms. Arlene Norsworthy, will take program attendees on an interesting journey to the world of the history of dolls. Anyone who remembers fondly the childhood (or adulthood) pleasures of having dolls and toys will be interested in this journey. Arlene, a member of the Garden City Doll Club, will bring her expertise, as well as some lovely and unusual dolls to share with us.



Woodcut of a girl with a doll and doll's cradle, dating from about 1540. Reproduced from Antonia Fraser's *A History of Toys*, c. 1966.

If you have unusual, old, or even new dolls, bring them and find out more about your treasures. Invite your friends and family to do the same. This is a perfect time to bring a guest and introduce them to our Society and its fascinating programs.

(1) Antonia Fraser. *A History of Toys*. Delacorte Press, 1966.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

- **October 26** - Arlene Norsworthy, "Doll Making and Antique Doll Collecting"
- **November 23** - Diane Moreno-Ikeda, "The History of St. Joseph's Parish"
- **December** - **No Meeting**
- **January 25** - Premier of video "A Place Called Cupertino"

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

### CUPERTINO HOST LIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION TO MUSEUM FUND

At the September meeting of the Society a special presentation was made to Society president Phil Bush from the Lions Club president Bob Ferber and Joe Maddigan. A donation in the amount of \$1745.10 was made to the Society to continue its efforts in the preservation and presentation of Cupertino history. Chartered in November 1951, the Cupertino Host Lions Club was the first service club in the Cupertino area. Each year the Club makes close to \$50,000 in donations to youth and welfare programs. The Cupertino Historical Society is honored to be a recipient of this donation from the Cupertino Host Lions Club and welcomes this new partnership in community service.

### HISTORY FILMS AND HOME VIDEOS FEATURED AT SEVEN AUTHORS BOOKSTORE

The first of many evenings of Cupertino and local history films will be Friday, October 29, 7:30p.m.-9:00p.m. at Seven Authors Bookstore, in Cupertino Village. The first films to be shown will be "Valley of Heart's Delight", a view of rural 1920s life in the Valley and "A Fortune in 2 Trunks", a story of Louie Pellier and Sunsweet.

Bookstore proprietors John and Peggy Kimball are interested in the history of the area and have graciously opened their store for the showing of these films. Bring some friends to this casual evening of film, refreshments, and sharing of memories about this period of Cupertino and Valley history. Admission is free.

If you have home movies on film or video that show some of Cupertino history and are available for viewing, please call Judith at 973-1495.

### 'THE CORNERS' EXHIBITION NEEDS OBJECTS TO HELP DEPICT LIFE AT CUPERTINO CROSSROADS AT TURN-OF-THE CENTURY

The Museum is looking for objects, photographs, and your own personal or family memories and records of life at the crossroads for the upcoming exhibition on The Corners. If you have items that would have been carried in the General Store from 1890 - 1930, from the post office or library, from the blacksmith shop, auto mechanics garage, or photos of that immediate area (especially any photographs of the interiors), please contact Judith at 973-1495. The Museum would like to borrow these items from February 1994 - February 1995.

### FAMILY DAY AT THE MUSEUM SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL HISTORY AND THE MUSEUM

On Saturday, September 25 approximately 200 people, many families with young children, stopped by the Quinlan Community Center to participate in some of the day's activities. The most popular activity was the cornhusk and clothes pin doll making, ably and creatively staffed by Jeannie Ryder, who brought many of her own fabric remnants and lace. Another popular activity was the "Fishing for History" game, where at first cast the fisher could win a small prize, but then could win an additional prize if he/she correctly answered a history question.

The display of some of the classic cadillacs owned by Don Frolich and other members of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club drew lots of attention by children and adults and the presence of the cars gave an elegance to the concrete and grass landscape of the back patio. Many thanks go to the members of the Membership Committee, particularly Chairperson Jane Reed, docents, board members, and all of the volunteers who helped out that day. Thanks also go to Debby Liggett and other students from Monta Vista High School and former volunteers with that school's Interact Club.





## 1940 CUPERTINO DE ORO CLUB COOKBOOK TO BE REPRINTED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In December 1940 a small cookbook called "Recipes Tried and True" was published by members of the Cupertino De Oro Club. The cookbook is 19 pages of wonderful recipes that feature the crops that made Cupertino so well known during the early 1900s--the fruits of apricots, prunes, pears, and cherries. The book's recipes carry the names of those who submitted them and their names read like a list of many of the early pioneer families. Anne Calvert, Pauline Wilson, Nellie Craft, Frances Martin, Lydia Baer, Grace Sedgwick are among those ladies who offered their favorite recipes for this early publication.

The Cupertino De Oro Club is a social and cultural club that was organized in 1921 by many of these same women. The Club purchased the former Collins School and has met there for the past seventy two years. Recently, permission was granted by the membership of the Club to reproduce this historic cookbook. The cookbook will be on sale for the holidays, with a few copies available by the October 26 Society meeting.

**Tracing A Family** Does anyone have information on the family of Leandro Espinosa and wife Elvira? They moved from New Almaden to the west foothills of Santa Clara Valley in the late 1880s and started a soda water company. Leandro died in 1901. If you know of this family, please call Franklin Maggi, 295-4728

**WANTED!! HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO DECORATE TABLES FOR SOCIETY MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY. HAM AND I WILL ASSIST BUT WE NEED SOME OF YOU CREATIVE PEOPLE TO TAKE CHARGE! IT REALLY IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT! CALL JEANNIE AT 257-9363.**

### Cupertino Historical Board Members Term Expires

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### October/November 1993 Calendar

#### OCTOBER

- 3 - Exhibit: "Phylloxera: Crisis in the Jan 9 the Vineyard". Napa Valley Museum.
- 10 Annual House Tour, Victorian Alliance, San Francisco. (415) 626-1289.
- 16,17 Harvest Festival, Ardenwood Historic Farm. (510) 796-0663
- 23 Historic Home Tour, Victorian Preservation Association of S.C. Valley. 395-7375
- 26 Cupertino Historical Society meeting.
- 29 History Films, "Valley of Heart's Delight" "A Fortune in 2 Trunks", Seven Authors Bookstore. Free. 973-1495.

#### NOVEMBER

- 20 Holiday Crafts Faire. Quinlan Community Center. 865-1384.
- 23 Cupertino Historical Society Meeting. Program: "The History of St. Joseph's Parish".

**GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday October 26, 1993**  
**Cupertino Room, Quinlan Community Center**  
**6:30 p.m. - Potluck**  
**Program - Arlene Norsworthy, "A Walk through History through Dolls"**


**Welcome to New Members in 1993**

*Mark Burns  
Malkah & Don Carothers  
Warren LeRoi Cheney  
Theolyn Farley  
Betty Ferla Guidotti  
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Barbara Koppel  
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NOTICE! Whoever spoke to Pat Wooten at September meeting about Jack Patterson and school yearbook, please call Jeannie Ryder. 257-9363

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