

T H E C O R N E R S T O N E

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society
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Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is upon us ... it is time to not only think about our fall meeting, it is time to COME to the fall CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting and potluck on Tuesday, September 24. This is our first meeting since the election of the new board members and will feature the installation of the new officers. The installation will be performed by Mary Lou Lyon and I'm sure we will all be in for a treat. The new officers are:

President - Bob Meyers; Vice-President - Jeanne Ryder; Historian - Linda Schultz; Treasurer - Don Frolich; and Secretary - Helen Moran. Other board members are Fenton Hill, Martin Sorenson, and Don Steele. Board member, John Plungy, submitted his resignation effective end of August. We are sorry to see him go, but he is the new president of the Fremont Education Association and it will require many more hours than he first expected. We thank John for his efforts this past year.

We are happy to welcome a new board member - Sandra Basel. Sandra has been a member of the Society for the past six years and helped get the first Museum Fundraising Committee organized. Her expertise in fundraising will be welcome.

We also will be honoring the outgoing members of the Board, Faye Faulhaber, Don McLean, and Judy Marchi. We all owe a great deal of thanks for a job well done to these three. A special 'thank you' goes to Don McLean for his outstanding ten years of service as Treasurer.

Bob Meyers, President

FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL AN 'HONORABLE AFFAIR'

Not only will our first meeting of the year honor the new officers of the board of directors, but this meeting will also mark the first annual Recognition Day for Museum Volunteers.

Volunteers are the life-blood of any nonprofit organization. They not only work hard but they provide the necessary ingredients of belief and commitment to the purpose of the organization. All of the volunteers who have given their time and talents to organizing the Museum, giving tours, providing refreshments for events, staffing festivals, serving on committees, and most importantly, publicizing the Museum, have given the Cupertino Historical Museum the life it needs to successfully fulfill its mission. We thank you!

More than thirty museum volunteers will be honored with a special presentation at the general meeting of The Cupertino Historical Society, September 24.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS ACTIVE IN BI-CENTENNIAL AND HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, September 28 marks the closing of five years of celebration of the Constitutional Bi-Centennial Observation with a Heritage parade during the day and a gala dinner-dance in the evening. Cupertino, as the only Bi-Centennial city in Santa Clara County will close the festivities with these two events.

Historical Society member Nancy Steele is in charge of the re-enactment of this gala Colonial dance, with dance masters costumed in eighteenth century dress and vintage orchestra. Guests are also encouraged to attend in Colonial Dress. Other music provided for the festivities will be a massed choir from the Cupertino Churches, an effort organized by Society member Genevieve Ziegler.

As part of the closing events a Bi-Centennial Poster Contest was held among the Cupertino schools - students submitting their special artistic representation of the Constitution - and the winner's art has become the poster for these 'finale' events. Jeanne Ryder, new Board member, and long time Society member ably coordinated the poster contest.

Society member Barbara Rogers has been the driving force behind the entire five-year celebration, as Chair of the Cupertino Bi-Centennial Commission. The Cupertino Historical Society has been very active in this celebration.

Remember!

Heritage Parade:
Saturday, September 28, 1991

Bi-Centennial Dinner-Dance, September 28,
7:00 p.m. Reservations are required for the
dinner-dance. Call City Hall, 408-252-4505 for
information. Deadline for reservations is
September 20.

HARVEST DAY A 'LIVING' EXPERIENCE AT HISTORIC MCCLELLAN RANCH

Joining together to celebrate some activities that surround fall in a rural community, The Cupertino Historical Society and The Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department invite the public to a special harvest day at this 1900s ranch. The ranch formerly belonging to William T. McClellan, was also the site of Elisha P. Stephens' homestead and only a few hundred feet away from the encampment by Juan Bautista de Anza in 1776.

The day, scheduled for **Sunday, October 6, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.**, will feature blacksmithing demonstrations by the

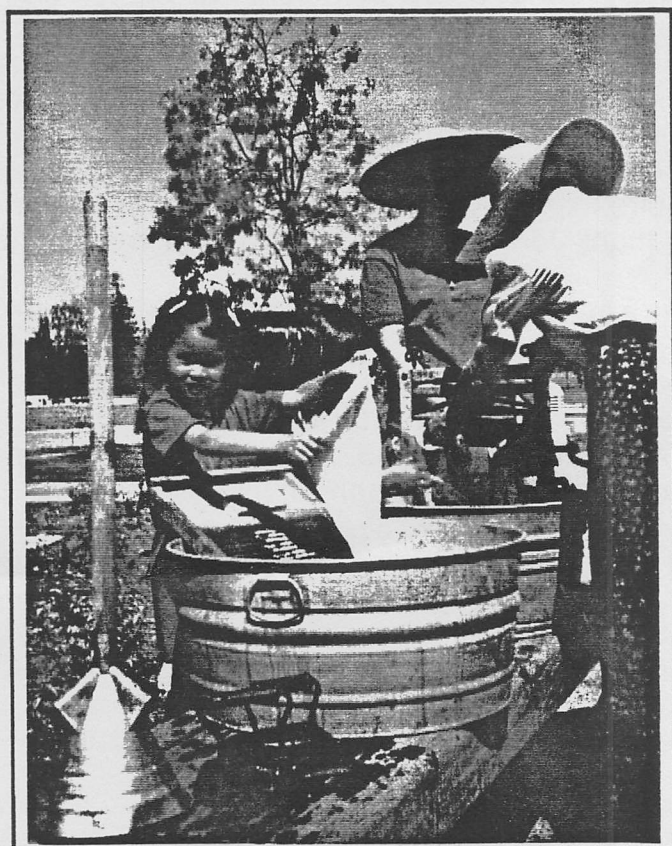
Professional Farriers and Blacksmiths Association, spinners, cornhusk doll making, hikes along the nature trails, and homemade pies, cookies, cakes, and breads on sale by Historical Society members.

For you and your family to join in the day's festivities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at the Quinlan Community Center, or call 408/865-1384. The cost is \$6.00 for Cupertino residents 13 years or older, \$4.00 for Cupertino children 6-12. Non-resident fee is \$8.00, age 13 and older and \$5.00, ages 6-12.

HAVE FUN AND HELP THE MUSEUM BY PROVIDING YOUR SPECIALTY TO THE HARVEST FESTIVAL BAKE SALE

Your baking skills are needed to provide those special cakes, pies, cookies, fruit breads and brownies that can go on sale at the upcoming Harvest Festival. The Cupertino Historical Museum will be selling baked goodies and apple cider at the October 6 event at McClellan Ranch to help the Museum fund additional educational programs and exhibitions.

If you can help out, please call Judith at 408/973-1495.



Hazel Fretwell and 'Wash Day' helpers, July 1991

'BEARS OF CUPERTINO' TO BE A SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBIT IN MUSEUM

A letter of invitation will go out soon for Cupertino bear owners to loan them for a temporary holiday exhibition called "The Bears of Cupertino". If your bear has a story to tell, he/she can participate in this exhibit. A focus of the exhibit will be forty or more hand-crafted custom bears by Bearer of Joy, Joy McDowell, who makes her very special bears from her personal wardrobe or that of her family. Each bear has a personality all its own!

In the past, Joy has exhibited her bears in a Fremont library, but this year they will come to Cupertino for the holidays. Storytelling by bear experts will also be part of the activities associated with exhibit.

Suggested admission for visitors will be toys, dolls, and *bears* that will be donated to Cupertino Community Services and The Food Basket Program sponsored by The Cupertino/Fremont Council of PTAs to give to local children for their holidays.

Members' Preview of 'The Bears of Cupertino' is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 1991.

SILICON KIDS' VISIT TO THE CUPERTINO MUSEUM TELECAST IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

'Silicon Kids', a special half-hour magazine format children's television program, will telecast on cable channels a visit of Kids' interviewer Dale Livezey to the Museum last fall. Linda Grodt, producer of "Silicon Kids", describes the program as one " ... to inform children and the community that there are free, fun, and interesting and educational places to visit in the Cupertino area ... " The show will air on the following cable stations and dates:

September 18, 25, and October 2 - 5:00 p.m.

•Channel 30 and Channel 36B

September 19 - 6:30 p.m.

•Channel 20B, Channel 29, and Channel 50

CALIFORNIA HISTORY CENTER NEW EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Opening October 7 at the California History Center is an exhibit of many of the historic properties included in the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) conducted by Santa Clara County. Among them are private homes, agricultural structures, such as Woodhills and The New Almaden Mine, and commercial and public use buildings. Several Cupertino structures were included in the original survey, including Collins School and The Picchetti Winery.

To reflect the broad representation of the various cities in the show, a 1992 calendar will be published, which will feature many of the HABS drawings. The calendar will include events offered by many of the historical organizations in the area and can be sold in the museums and by historical societies, and others.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS NEEDED!

If you have any good ideas for programs for the Historical Society general membership meetings, contact Jeanne Ryder at 408/257-9363. Cupertino history, California history, heritage preservation, music, films, our own members ... all make wonderful programs. Call now with your ideas!

Also wanted are your talents in decorating the tables for the meetings. We are looking for volunteers (you can work singly, in pairs, or more) to make our meetings a little more festive with flowers or other table decorations. Call Jeanne, if you are interested.

If you have historical events or stories to include in *The Cornerstone*, please send by the 1st of the month to Editor, *The Cornerstone*, Cupertino Historical Society, 10185 N. Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014.

WE WANT YOUR UNDERWEAR!

Strange, but true ... We are gathering old-fashioned underwear for an upcoming 'fashion' event. If you have underwear of any sort - including corsets, stockings, chemises, camisoles - fancy or plain - men's and children's underwear, we want it. You may have to dig deep into that trunk but it will be worth it. These can be loans or donations to the Museum. Call Linda Schultz at 415/964-5899 evenings for pickup or arrange to leave at the Museum.



From Grandma Trooley's Old Fashioned Picture Book, Chandler Press, 1988

WISH LIST STARTED FOR MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Museum activities are expanding ... and with growth comes new needs. The following is a small list of some of the things that would help in the organization of archives, programs, exhibits, oral history, and other activities. If you can help with any of these items, please call Judith at 408/973-1495.

- Shelving for books and magazines (very important!)
- VCR and Monitor
- Tape recorder with quality sound
- Macintosh software manuals for Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Works, and Filemaker
- Video camera
- 35mm camera

Cupertino Historical Society Board Members:

Sandra Basel	(93)
Don Frolich	(93) Treasurer
Fenton Hill	(93)
Bob Meyers	(93) President
Helen Moran	(92) Secretary
Jeanne Ryder	(93) Vice President
Linda Schultz	(93) Historian
Martin Sorenson	(93)
Don Steele	(92) Vice President

Cupertino Historical Society September-October 1991 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Bread of Life store Grand Opening, Wolfe and Homestead Road. Cupertino Historical Society will be there with historical display.
- 23 "History Beyond Sunnyvale" with historian Frances L. Fox, Sunnyvale Historical Society meeting, Sunnyvale Library, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 First Fall meeting for Cupertino Historical Society, Installation of Officers and "Volunteer Recognition Day" ceremonies, Potluck 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Heritage Day Parade and Colonial Dinner-Dance conclude Bi-Centennial Celebrations.

OCTOBER

- 4 Cupertino Historical Museum hosts the Fall meeting of the Heritage Council of Santa Clara County. Panel of experts will discuss the who's, what's, and how's of heritage preservation in Santa Clara County. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00, includes lunch.
- 5 San Jose's Historic Business District Architecture/History Tour. Sponsored by Preservation Action Council. Call 408/971-0940 for information.
- 6 Harvest Day at McClellan Ranch, co-sponsored, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Cupertino, and The Cupertino Historical Society/Museum. 12 noon - 4:00 p.m.. For reservation, call Quinlan Community Center, 408/865-1384.

GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPT. 24
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Road
Potluck: 6:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: Installation of New Board Officers
"Volunteer Recognition Day"