

# THE CORNERSTONE

Newsletter of The Cupertino Historical Society  
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Valco Museum: Tuesday & Saturday, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

September 1993  
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Editor

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from your new president!

I am excited about this coming year and look forward to working with the other board members, committees, and the supporting members.

There will be interesting meetings to enjoy from September through May, our annual BBQ in June, new museum exhibitions and many more activities and events. Through these activities, I know we will be richer, and our Cupertino heritage greatly enriched. This is a great community to live in and knowing its history makes it an even better place for all of us.

I hope to see all of you on the 28th of September at our first meeting this fall.

*Phil Bush, President*

## PAT WOOTEN TO SPEAK ABOUT ARDENWOOD FARMS AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

The mission of Ardenwood Historic Farm is to preserve the farming heritage of the East Bay. To fulfill this mission, The East Bay Regional Park District, the City of Fremont, and volunteers from Ardenwood Partners have developed some ambitious long range plans that include a modern demonstration farm and an historic turn-of-the-century farm, programs in the 1800s George Patterson house, and a Living History Center.

The volunteers at Ardenwood are called upon to do everything from making lace, to cooking on a woodburning stove--and driving teams of horses!

Pat Wooten will speak about the programs at Ardenwood as well as the important role volunteers play in the success of these programs. Join us in hearing about the interesting programs at Ardenwood.

Ardenwood Historic Farm will be the site of the upcoming Conference of California Historical Societies, Northern Symposium, October 1 - 3. For information on attending that symposium call Alameda County Historical Society, (510) 523-2881.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

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| • September 28 | - | Pat Wooten, "Ardenwood Farms", Fremont, CA.<br>Annual Volunteer Recognition Night |
| • October 26   | - | Arleen Norsworthy, "Doll Making and Antique Doll Collecting"                      |
| • November 23  | - | Diane Moreno-Ikeda, "The History of St. Joseph's Parish"                          |

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

## OPPORTUNITY TABLE WILL START AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

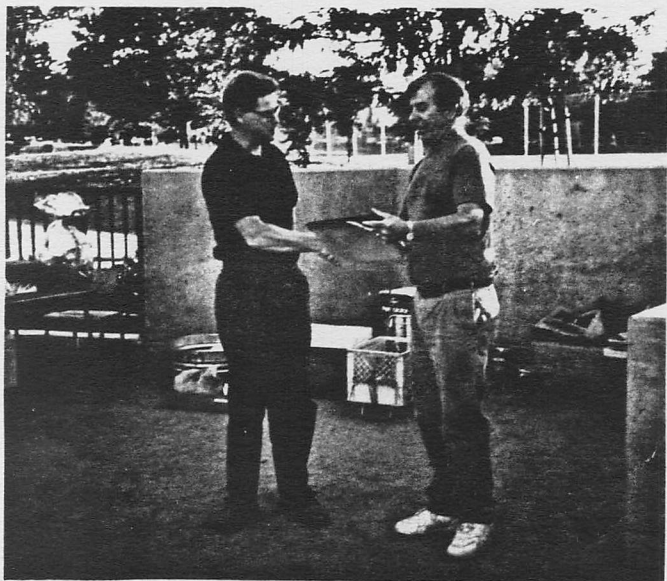
The president of the Society, Phil Bush, will initiate a new fundraising concept at the monthly Society meeting. A table will be set up where members and guests may bring surplus fruits, vegetables, walnuts, quality pieces of "white elephants", or handicrafts to sell to members and guests at the meetings. The proceeds will go toward the Society operating fund. The first attempt at this was in a meeting last spring, where fresh oranges were sold and netted \$30 for the fund.

If you have items you could contribute to the "opportunity table", please bring them in appropriate containers and priced reasonably. If you have questions regarding this idea, please call Phil Bush at 252-0665.

## **MUSEUM AND SOCIETY ACTIVE OVER SUMMER MONTHS**

During the summer months, volunteers of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum, actively promoted Cupertino heritage. In June, the Society and Museum were represented at the San Jose Living History Days at Kelley Park and drew attention to Cupertino history by the display of dozens of box heads of fruit packers, growers and canners. Docents Mathilda and Henrietta introduced early farm life to children through a "Wash Day" program and many other docents worked hard keeping the Vallco Museum open on a regular basis. The Museum and Society also had a booth at the annual Country Festival, held in August by the Chamber of Commerce. Hundreds of visitors to the Festival learned about the Museum and a little about Cupertino history.

Other summer activities include another move of the Kelly truck, this time from Vallco to the home of Society member, Ann Zarko, who has generously allowed us to store the truck in her garage. A current activity is a backlog cataloging project of the museum collection. The Museum is closed from September 1 through September 11 for this project.



Steve Dowling, Director of Parks and Recreation, receiving first annual Service Award from outgoing Society president, Bob Meyers. Presented at June 1993 BBQ.

## **NEW EXHIBITION 'THE CORNERS' TO DEPICT LIFE AT CUPERTINO CROSSROADS AT TURN-OF-THE CENTURY**

The anniversary exhibition to open next March 1994 will take a close look at the activities that took place at the crossroads and around the lives of the people who lived here around 1910 -1930. At that time, the Cupertino General Store had just transferred to local ownership, a mechanics shop had replaced the blacksmith shop, the Union Church of Cupertino and St. Josephs Church were the only two churches in the community, the Peninsular Interurban Railroad ran between Palo Alto and San Jose, Cali Bros. Feed and Grain had just started operations on Highway 9, and the homes of many of the Cupertino pioneers were centered there.

To enhance the exhibition, the Museum is looking for objects, photographs, family accounts from any of the homes and businesses located in the crossroads area of Cupertino from 1890 to 1930. If you have items you would be willing to loan for one year for this exhibition, please contact Judith at 973-1495.

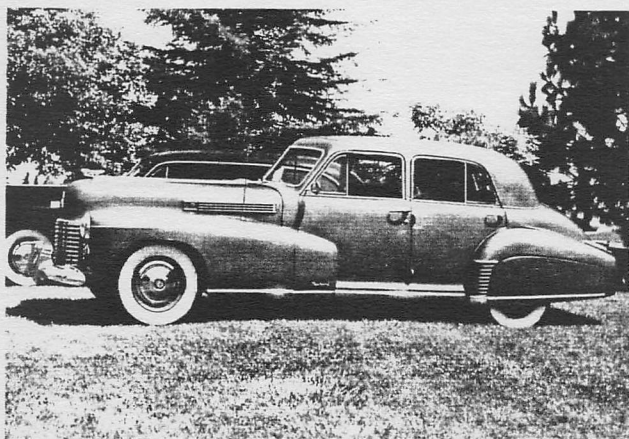
## **"CADILLAC-LASALLE CLUB" TO DISPLAY CLASSIC CADILLACS AT FAMILY DAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

The Cupertino Historical Society is sponsoring a family day at the Museum. The day, which is free to visitors, will include some craft activities such as corn husk doll making, construction of kazoos and 'comic strip' hats, a chance to win a cake in the old-fashioned fun of cakewalks, and joining in on washing clothes with wash tubs, wash boards and plungers. On sale will be freshly popped popcorn and beverages.

A special attraction of the day will be the display of some of the classic cadillacs owned by members of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club. This national nonprofit organization was founded in the late 1950s to encourage the maintenance, preservation, restoration, and historical documentation of all Cadillacs and LaSalles, from 1903 to the present. The Club currently lists over 5000 members. Local members have agreed to exhibit some of their cars to the public at this event. Some of the cars to be displayed will be a 1941 Cadillac Series 60S Fleetwood



sedan, a 1948 Cadillac Series 62 sedan, a 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible coupe, and a 1931 Cadillac V-12 Touring Car.



1941 Cadillac 60S Fleetwood Sedan, owned by Don Frolich, will be one of cars on display at "Cars, Cakewalks, Kids and Kazoos", September 25 at Quinlan Community Center.

## ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT PART OF PROGRAM FOR SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 28

Over the past year thousands of hours have been dedicated to the operations and programs of the Cupertino Historical Society Museum by volunteers. They held teas, flea markets, and food sales; they baked, worked in the Museum, led tours and gave presentations to school children. They kept track of the financial accounts, researched and installed exhibits, and they helped spread the word throughout the community that the Museum was here and that it had something special to offer--a share in Cupertino heritage. Volunteers kept the Museum operating through their dedication of time, energy, and commitment.

On September 28, these volunteers will be honored with a special tribute to their efforts. Member and nonmember volunteers are invited to attend the potluck and program at the first fall meeting of the Society.

**WANTED!!** Henrietta Marcotte is looking for a man's old-fashioned buttoned union suit and man's flannel night gown to add to the Traveling Trunk collection. If you have such things, give Henrietta a call at 245-2179.

## Cupertino Historical Board Members Term Expires

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	Charles Liggett	96
Member	Gail Hugger	95
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## September/October 1993 Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 8 Heritage Day Parade, Cupertino
- 1 9 Art poster goes on sale for Cupertino Friends of the Arts.
- 2 5 "Cars, Cakewalks, Kids, and Kazoos". Family Day at Cupertino Historical Museum. Free. 973-1495
- 2 8 Cupertino Historical Society Meeting. Program: Pat Wooten, Ardenwood Historic Farm
- 2 8 "The Ohlones - From San Francisco". Sunnyvale Historical Society. 749-0220
- 3 0 "Paradox in Paradise"/ 1993 Annual Conference of the Calif. Historical Society (415) 567-1848

### OCTOBER

- 1 - 3 Conference of California Historical Societies, Northern Symposium, Ardenwood Historic Farm. (510) 523-2881
- 1 0 Annual House Tour, Victorian Alliance, San Francisco. (415) 626-1289.
- 2 3 Historic Home Tour, Victorian Preservation Association of S.C. Valley. 395-7375
- 2 6 Cupertino Historical Society meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday September 28, 1993**  
 Cupertino Room, Quinlan Community Center  
 6:30 p.m. - Potluck  
 Program - Pat Wooten, Ardenwood Historic Farm



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