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Cupertino Historical Society

Winter 1996

NEW EXHIBIT: *FIELDS OF DREAMS*, SLATED TO OPEN MARCH FIRST

Fields of Dreams: Women of Cupertino, 1855-1925, will open to the public March 1st in honor of Women's History Month. After sifting through many records, clothes, photographs and paintings owned by the Society, the curator Laura Bajuk has come up with material to document the role played by women in early Cupertino. Laura, who is completing her Masters of Museum Studies, was hired in July, 1995. She has been working diligently with the California History Center and Society members who remember how things were in the 1920's.

To quote Laura, *"First, let me say that I have enjoyed the research for this exhibit. My idealist tendencies have mellowed by a greater understanding of the real life lived by our grandmothers and great-grandmothers. Second, I have recognized that what women do has not changed all that much over time--how they do it has. My goal for the exhibit is to create in the viewer a realization that the difficulties we experience today, as men and women, in balancing career and family is not new. We just meet those demands using different tools."*

The exhibit will be organized into three parts; Biographical: spotlighting individual women, letting their personal stories speak; Chronologically: showing periods and the lives of "average" women in that time; With Artifacts: illustrating the changes in aspects of female life through the assemblage of artifacts with similar purpose, i.e. shoes from 1850-1920.

There will be a catalogue published to document fully the stories of the women featured in the exhibit.

EXHIBIT CATALOGUE AWARDED SOURISSEAU GRANT

The Sourisseau Academy for Local and State History has awarded the History Museum a \$500 Grant to publish the catalogue, *Field of Dreams: Women of Cupertino, 1855-1925*, to accompany the new exhibit. We feel the publication will have long-range significance as an ongoing educational tool for use in local schools, libraries and colleges. Since no publication of this kind is in existence. It will be saleable in specialty areas such as museums, book stores and through museum catalogues.

In the short-range it will enhance the exhibit for which it was printed. And, as many museums have found, it will be used for research by those seeking information about a group of persons never before documented. We all need a reference to the past to understand the present.

There has been a great deal written about male pioneers of Cupertino. Now we can all read about the major role women played in that time. This documented history of women of Cupertino will give everyone who reads it a sense of how the existence of these women shaped the community as it is today.

I am sure many will ask, *"What is the Sourisseau Academy?"* The non-profit agency promotes local history, sponsoring research, educational programs, and publications. Several small grants are awarded each semester to further scholarly research by graduate students and individuals in the historical community. The Academy is actively engaged in the rescue of endangered archival documents and acts as a clearing house for the placement of archival collections in appropriate repositories. The Academy maintains small archives of documents and historical photographs.

Jeannie's Corner

The **January 23rd** membership meeting featured the history of the Collins School. Audrey Butcher, long-time resident of Butcher's Corners in Sunnyvale, brought along slides to enhance her excellent presentation.

Audrey covered the transition from the school to the present De Oro Club, bringing the history up to date. Her wealth of knowledge was enlightening to many Historical Society members and guests who were present.

Audrey is on the Board of the California History Center and is past president of the De Oro Club. She has been a dedicated historian for many years.

February 27 brings George Payton, an avid post card collector, to speak to the Historical Society. George, a member of the Post Card Club of Santa Clara County, is author of five books on criminal law, patrol operations and a "how to" book on passing police exams. His special interests, aside from collecting post cards, are criminal justice and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Please call Jeannie Ryder, 257-9363, if you have post cards you would like to share February 27.

March 26 is a very important date for Cupertino. This date commemorates the 220 year anniversary of the first encampment of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition at Arroyo de St. Joseph de Cupertino. Descendant Paul Bernal will be our speaker. A local attorney, Paul is active with the National Parks de Anza Trail implementation. We hope the de Anza Lancers will come out of the past and honor us with a visit!



Thank you Frances and Phil Bush who have provided table decorations, set-up and clean-up for the last three meetings. **Volunteers please sign up for one or more membership meetings. Help needed with set-up and clean-up.**

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Volunteer News: by Roberta Zentner

Volunteers have been busy these past fall months. We have had two garage sales, one on Sept. 30th at the home of Linda and Roger Schultz, and one on Dec. 9th at the home of Jeannie and Ham Ryder.

On October 7th, we took part in the Cupertino Community Parade. Henrietta Marcotte was the parade's Grand Marshall. Volunteers and members rode in various vehicles, including our Fire truck, the Kelly Truck, and two of Anne Zarko's vintage cars.

On Saturday, November 18th, we had extra help here at the museum so we could participate in the Holiday Crafts Faire that Cupertino Parks and rec Dept. was hosting. We had our display set up just outside the gallery doors. Many people stopped to visit the Museum that day.

On Sunday, December 3rd at 6pm, we opened our doors so that everyone here for the Annual Cupertino Tree-Lighting Ceremony could stop by to visit and take a tour of the Museum.

Our plans for 1996 include participation in the 5th annual Audubon Education Day on Saturday, March 23, 1996 and taking part in the de Anza trail March event.

Our volunteers are indispensable to the Society and Museum. They keep both Museums staffed at Quinlan Center and at Vallco Fashion Park, and are ready to greet visitors and help the Director. This month we will staff Vallco Gallery on two Thursdays in addition to the regular Tuesday and Saturday times.

We keep an ongoing count of all volunteer hours to be used when applying for grants.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS-- please join us at our monthly volunteer meeting (first Saturday) or call us at (408)-973-1495 to volunteer. Thank you!

In Memoriam

Helen Moran will be missed by many people, and especially by me here at the Museum. She was a good friend to all of us. She volunteered many hours since she joined the Cupertino Historical Society in 1989. Those hours included staffing our two museums, taking part in all of our fund-raising and community events, and being on the Phone Committee. She even gave a presentation at one of our general meetings.

I particularly remember Helen when she would come in on Saturdays to staff the gallery. We would have some really great talks together. She would preface her comments by saying, "Listen, let me tell you something.....". I can still hear her voice saying that! I was always the recipient of very interesting dialogue. That came from her long and very full life.

And how can I forget Helen's spiffy way of dressing. She was a sharp dresser. I particularly admired her navy jacket with the epaulettes!

The Cupertino Historical Society was lucky to have known her.

by Roberta Zentner/Museum Coordinator



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President's Message

Thank you to all members for renewing your memberships. Twenty-eight percent of our revenue is derived from your dues.

We are grateful to our volunteers who have put in 1930.5 hours in 1995 for the benefit of the Society and Museum. We always have room for more volunteers. Please consider donating some of your time as a docent at Quinlan Center or the Vallico Gallery. Our dedicated volunteers, Henrietta Marcotte, June Huffman, Florence Lindsey, Loretta Bassman, Frances Bush and I have been working on the collected newspaper clippings. They are being put into acetate sleeves and then filed chronologically into binders for future research. These clippings will be valuable to history students who use our reference material regularly.

The Traveling Trunk has been active this fall with presentations to Women's groups, Brownies, Cub Scouts and school classes. Henrietta gave a Truck Showing to the membership in October that was great fun. Frances and I are now accompanying Henrietta and assisting with the presentations.



We remember our dear-departed friends:

Sam Anderson
Henry Calloway
Helen Moran
Vaughn Wolfe

Elain Boeger
Capt. Sam Jones
Robert Sutro
Bill Ziegler

Memorial donations have been made to the Museum in their names by: *Henrietta Marcotte, Marty Mathieson, Miriam Stelling, Julia Pearson, Helen Moran, Bill Lester, Hazel Lester, Florence Lindsey, Donna Grce, Roberta Zentner.*

HISTORIC DE ANZA KNOLL CELEBRATION

On November 4, 1995, over 150 people attended what was called a "Celebration on the de Anza Knoll" conducted next to Rancho San Antonio County Park in Cupertino. The celebration was sponsored by the Historical Society in conjunction with the National Parks Service, the Heritage Trails Fund, Amigos de Anza, the Los Altos Horsemen's Association, and the Friends of the Stephens Creek Trail Committee. The purpose of the event was to celebrate California's heritage and the advent of the San Jose Diocese dedicating open space for the public as part of Rancho San Antonio County Park.

The celebration was the first time the public was allowed to experience the future of de Anza Knoll open space area. This area is part of the historic overland route used by Juan Bautista de Anza, his contingent of soldiers, and a party of 240 civilians, including women and children, in 1775-76. The ultimate objective of the celebration and future efforts is to establish the overland route as the International Juan Bautista de Anza Trail that starts in Hermosillo, Mexico and ends at the Presidio in San Francisco.



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A high point of the day's celebration included a reenactment of the sighting of San Francisco Bay from the knoll that was performed by the de Anza Lancers led by **Joe Adamo**, President of the Lancers and a Society member. The Contingent included Society member **Ham Ryder** and featured local descendant **Paul Bernal** as Captain de Anza--all were on horseback in full 18th century regalia as *Soldados de Cueros*. Additionally, Society Board member **Jeannie Ryder**, who designed the Lancer uniforms for the 1976 Bicentennial reenactment, was dressed in full costume as well.

Mr. Alejandro Aguilar Zeleny, Director of the National Institute of Anthropology and History, Hermosillo, Mexico was honored. **George Cardinet**, Director of the Heritage Trails Fund, was Mr. Zeleny's host. Historical Society President, **Phil Bush**, gave a speech welcoming Mr. Zeleny to Cupertino. Society Board member **Steve Haze** presented Mr. Zeleny with framed letters in Spanish and English on behalf of Merideth Kaplan, National Park Service, acknowledging the significance of his visit. Mr. Zeleny's visit is the beginning of the internationalization of the de Anza Trail as part of Hands Across the Boarder Campaign. Also participating was **Phil Valdez**, a de Anza descendant. Phil Valdez was recognized as the individual who was instrumental in discovering the historic significance of the knoll and de Anza's sightings of San Francisco Bay on March 16, 1776. Both Phil Valdez and Paul Bernal read excerpts from the diaries of de Anza and Friar Pedrus Font in Spanish and in English of that historic day.

The ceremony ended with an interfaith blessing of the historic lands conducted by Father McCabe, St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Cupertino and Father Michael Mitchell, Vicar General of the San Jose Diocese. Phil Valdez then closed with a prayer in Spanish as Father Pedrus Font would have begun the day on that historic morning.

It is apparent that a considerable amount of effort went into the organization of a very special day of celebration. Many organizations and individuals worked diligently to secure, for the public's benefit, a significant historic site in Cupertino. The Historical Society members played an important role in that organization.

Doni Hubbard, a Director of the California History Center at de Anza College spoke on the significance of the de Anza Expedition in 1775-76. As California Coordinator, Doni managed the successful development of the national Park Service's Comprehensive Plan that will be implementing the de Anza trail in Arizona and California. (Early in 1995, the Historical Society hosted the first public unveiling of the plan.) Doni generously hosted a reception at the California History Center in honor of Mr. Zeleny's visit.

Excerpts from paper by Steven Haze
November 4, 1995

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Dates to Remember

February

- 14 CHS Board Meeting at **Quinlan Community Center**
- 26 *Orchard Memories* presented by the Sunnyvale Historical Society, Murphy Park Building, 7:30 pm
- 27 General Meeting 6:30 pm at the **Union Church of Cupertino (Ivan Hall)**

March

- 1 New exhibit open to the public---*Fields of Dreams: Women of Cupertino 1855-1925* at QCC (Wednesday thru Saturday 10 am to 4 pm)
- 2 Volunteer Mtg. 9 am at QCC
- 13 CHS Board Meeting at QCC
- 15 **Exhibit Luncheon**, Noon - 2 pm, **Cupertino Room at QCC, Reservations required---Call 973-1495**
- 23 5th Annual Audubon Education Day at McClellan Ranch Pk. 10 am - 2 pm
- 26 General Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC



1995/96 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

UNDERWAY

Each year the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum asks its members to support the general operating costs of the Museum. Last year no such request was made, consequently our operating funds became depleted.

With the exception of the Institute of Museum Services Grant of 1993/94 all financial support of the Museum has been non-Federal. Twenty-eight percent of the revenue is provided by membership dues and eight percent from our stores at Quinlan Center and Vallco. A few grants have been written and small amounts of money have been received. Only one-third of the revenue could ever be expected to come from grants as most grants are awarded for specific projects. As an example, the new exhibit has been sponsored by Cupertino National Bank and Kaiser Cement. This makes up for about two-thirds of the general operating costs; individual donations and special events must make up the balance. This is just a little background for the understanding of our Annual Fund Drive. This year our Annual Fund Drive has brought in approximately \$5,485.00. This is under our \$10,000.00 goal, but I am confident that by the time the campaign is over, March 1st, we will have reached our goal.

Many thanks to the following persons who have contributed to the Annual Fund as of 1/25/96.

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Please join us for a special luncheon honoring the pioneering women of Cupertino, past and present.

Fields of Dreams

Women of Cupertino, 1855-1925

Friday, March 15, 1996

*Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Room
10185 North Stelling, at Stevens Creek Boulevard*

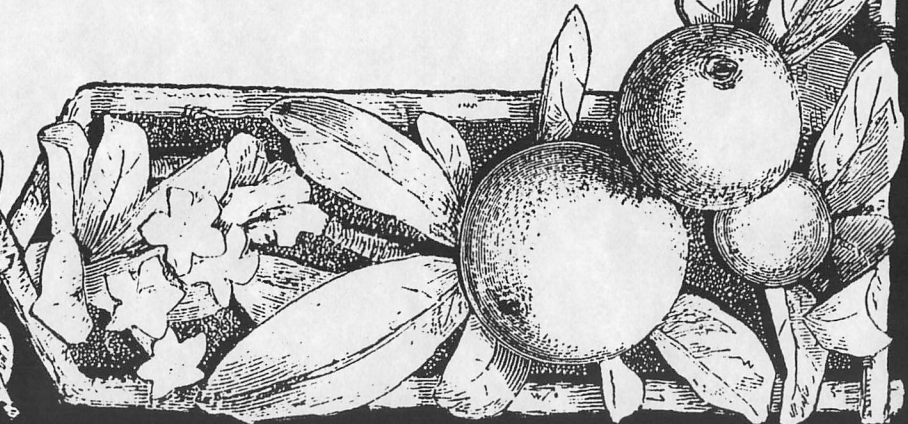
11:00 - Curator's Tour

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Program: "West Side's Living Treasures"

Donation: \$20.00

RSVP to the Cupertino History Museum by March 11, at 408.973.1495



THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and the surrounding region. We operate our main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd. Museum hours are 10-4pm, Wednesday thru Saturday. Our Vallco site is open on Tuesday and Saturday from noon -3pm. Both museums are open to the public, and admission is free. General meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month and are preceded by a potluck dinner. For additional information on the Society or the Museums call 973-1495.

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A VOLUNTEER TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE NEWSLETTER, QUARTERLY

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exhibit invitations.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Cupertino Historical Society needs volunteers to greet visitors at our main museum located at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino and at our satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd.

CALL 973-1495 FOR DETAILS

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