

# The Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative

Welcome To

## **Moving Days**

**The Japanese American Experience  
in the Santa Clara Valley, 1942-2012**

Cupertino Community Hall  
September 30, 2012

# The Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative (SCVHC)

## A community Collaboration of :

- \* The Cupertino Historical Society
- \* The Santa Clara County Library
- \* The Cupertino Library Foundation



# SCVHC

## A Unique Collaboration

- \* The Cupertino Library has the California Western Americana collection,
- \* The Cupertino Historical Society has access to a wonderful collection of artifacts and ephemera,
- \* The Cupertino Library Foundation has been the catalyst in getting the collection catalogued, housed and displayed.



# SCVHC

## A Unique Collaboration

- \* Features a periodic display while encouraging further dialog
- \* Decades of special purchases and donations preserved for future generations
- \* More info at :  
[www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org/History  
Collaborative](http://www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org/History_Collaborative)



# SCVHC Moving Days: Special Thanks to These Groups

- \* The Japanese American Museum of San Jose



JAMsJ

JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SAN JOSE

- \* The California History Center  
De Anza College



- \* The Friends of the  
Cupertino Library



# SCVHC

## Moving Days: Featuring Two Special Panels

### \* **September 30, 2012**

- Local Japanese Americans Remember World War II



### \* **November 18, 2012**

- Civil Liberties and Japanese American Experience – What lessons We Learn from the World War II Incarceration for today?
- Springboard for Further Discussions

# SCVHC

## Moving Days: September 30, 2012 - Agenda

- \* 12:45 Public Reception
- \* 1:30 Welcome and Introductions  
Mark Fink, Cupertino Community Librarian
- \* 1:45 Panel Discussion  
“Local Japanese Americans Remember World War II”  
*Moderator:* Darcy Paul  
*Panelists:* Aki Okuno, Tom Taniguchi and Its Uenaka
- \* 3:00 Formal Program Concludes  
Public Invited to View the Moving Days Exhibit  
Library, Second Floor

# SCVHC

Darcy Paul

- \* Moved to Cupertino in 2005
- \* Married and with a young Daughter
- \* Practicing Attorney
- \* Member of the
  - City's Parks & Recreation Commission
  - Cupertino Historical Society
  - Chamber of Commerce

- \* Born in Gilroy California, where her father farmed. Aki was 15 when her family was sent to Poston internment camp in Arizona for the duration of World War II. After the war she spent time in San Francisco and Richmond before moving to the South Bay.

- \* Grew up in Winters, California where his family did farming. He and his family were sent to an internment camp in Gila River, Arizona. Tom was drafted into the US Army out of camp and eventually ended up in the US Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and was sent to be trained in preparation for the invasion of Japan. With the end of the War he was sent to Japan as part of the US Occupation Forces. He has lived in Cupertino since 1958.

# SCVHC

## Its Uenaka

- \* Grew up in Hayward where his family was in the cut-flower business. When Its was 11, he and his family were imprisoned in camps at Topaz, Utah and later at Tule Lake, California. After the war his family started a nursery business in Cupertino where Its eventually started and ran his own successful business for many years.

- \* Executive Director of the California History Center at De Anza College where he has coordinated the Center's educational programs including exhibition presentations, publication projects, local history courses, and campus forums for the past 18 years. Tom has been active in the San Jose Japanese American community for many years and was involved in the movement for redress and reparations for the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans.

- \* Director of the Korematsu Institute which is dedicated to the promotion of pan-ethnic civil and human rights through education. The Institute gets its name and inspiration from Fred Korematsu, one of the Japanese Americans who challenged the Constitutionality of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans in the famous landmark Supreme Court cases. Ling is an accomplished print and broadcast journalist who has reported for TIME in Hong Kong and CCTV in Beijing. She continues to write provocative articles and speak out in defense of civil liberties for the institute which was founded in 2010.

# Outstanding Library

- Library system ranked #2 in the United States
- Average of 2,400 visitors per day
- Almost 3 million items borrowed annually
- Find more information about events, resources, and programs at:

[www.sccl.org/cupertino](http://www.sccl.org/cupertino)



# Cupertino Library Foundation

## Recent Activities

- Tech Toolbar (Coming Late Fall 2012!)
- Cupertino Library 2012 Arts Series Fall 2012
- New Reading Room
- Annual Silicon Valley Reads in Cupertino
- S3 Super Science Searches: Middle Schools
- PlaneTree Health Information Center
- Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative
- Display Walls – Art on Display
- Teen Room Enhancement (May 2010!)

More info at : [www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org](http://www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org)

# Cupertino Historical Society

- \* The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum (CHS&M) is dedicated to ensuring that the heritage of Cupertino stays alive for all to understand and share,
- \* Current Exhibit: *When Chrysanthemum was King*
- \* More info at:  
[www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org)



# More Information

- \* Cupertino Library Foundation  
[www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org](http://www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org)
- \* Santa Clara County Library  
[www.sccl.org/cupertino](http://www.sccl.org/cupertino)
- \* Cupertino Historical Society  
[www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cupertinohistoricalsociety.org)

