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Fields of Dreams Luncheon an Extraordinary Success.

A special luncheon honoring the pioneering women of Cupertino, past and present was held March 15, celebrating the opening of *The Fields of Dreams* exhibit. Kathy Nellis, and her committee, Sharon Blaine and Barbara Rogers worked together to give the community an event for which the Society and Museum may take pride.

"Women of our past met the same basic demands of life in ways that differ from, but mirror, our lives today. Technology has changed the tools we use, but not the functions. We are creating history in our movements in the world; let us mark our own achievements and recognize our progress, as we see the closeness of our connection to the past."

The program *West Side's Living Treasures* featured three west side natives who spoke about their female relatives: mothers, grandmothers, and aunts. Barbara Baggerly, a relative of Cora Baggerly Older by marriage, gave personal insights into Cora Older's later life. Barbara spent many busy hours with Cora over the years. Beez Jones talked about her mother and grandmother Glendenning sharing their contributions to life in Cupertino. Mathilda Marani Sousa spoke of her mother and the love story of her mother and father. Our speakers held the audience spellbound. The Mariani family is one of the families featured in the exhibit.

We were fortunate to have photographs of each of the women discussed inside the Cupertino Room, and photographs of our own successful women, Lauralee Sorensen, and Barbara Kopple, on the entry table. Anna Eshoo had planned on attending, but was delayed. Her representative, Sallie Bennett, was welcomed.

Henrietta Marcotte, keeper of the *traveling trunk*, showed her artifacts and objects pertaining early women on a table just outside the dining room.

The delightful event ended with all the natives of the West Side and Cupertino standing and being acknowledged by those present.

The Fields of Dreams: Women of Cupertino, 1855-1925 was underwritten by generous contributions from:

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Individual luncheon contributions were received from:

**Barbara Baggerly
Audrey Butcher**

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers were called upon for help twice in early 1996. On Thursday, February 29, 1996, a reception was held in the lobby of the Quinlan Community Center to celebrate the opening of our new exhibit, *Fields of Dreams/Women of Cupertino 1855-1925*. Henrietta Marcotte was in charge of the food. She was supported by the Cupertino Federated Women's Club and the Philotesian-Rebekah Lodge, 145. Phil and Frances Bush were present to greet visitors to the gallery.

On Saturday, March 23, 1996, the 5th Annual Audubon Education Day took place at McClellan Ranch Park. The Cupertino Historical Society is a regular participant in this event. We sell cookies and "History." Delicious cookies were made by Charles Liggett, Frances Bush, Paula Quinterno, Faye Faulhaber, Donna Grce, Yvonne Holt, Henrietta Marcotte, Mary Jo Reece, and Jeannie Ryder. Proceeds were \$80.00. Manning the tables that day, along with myself, were Phil Bush, Henrietta Marcotte, and Paula Quinterno.

Once a year I like to list all the volunteers who regularly volunteer both at the main Museum and at the Valco Museum. The Cupertino Historical Society could not survive without them! They are:

Tish Picchetti, Mathilda Sousa, Yvonne Holt, June Huffman, Dorothy Mantor, Paula Quinterno, Joan Furusho, Florence Lindsey, Irene Perkov, Charles & Kathleen Calhan, Miriam Stelling, Frances & Phil Bush, Elena Kettler, Mary Jo Reece, Joanne Chen, Jeremy Chou, Henrietta Marcotte, Maxine Dixon.

And joining us just recently are *Lillie Reutlinger, Aileen Hertweck, Bob Rudden, and Steve Lin.*

To become a volunteer, please call me at the Museum (973-1495). Thank you!

Roberta Zentner/ Museum Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM---DONALD A. FROLICH

A good friend passed away April 7, 1996. A retired NASA engineer, an avid Cadillac collector, and a gifted jazz pianist, Don also was a dedicated and enthusiastic community leader. He served as City-Council member for two terms, and as Mayor. He participated over many years in the Cupertino Historical Society as well and was the Museum's first Treasurer. Don will be remembered for his community involvement and for his speaking ability, the hallmarks of which were excellent command of the English language and unfailing logic. Our sympathy to his family who meant so much to him: Rosalyn, his wife, Jill, his daughter, and Jim, his son.



Traveling trunk on the move.

Henrietta Marcotte, Phil and Frances Bush have had a very busy spring. Three trunk presentations have been made at West Valley Elementary School and four at Discovery Day at Sedgwick Elementary. Eisenhower School, Dilworth School, and a Brownie Troop presentation at the Museum round out a busy two months. This means three hundred and seventy-five students and teachers who have had a chance to share Cupertino History. Bravo!



Notes From Jeannie:

If you missed our last meeting, (which many of you did) you missed a wonderful program by De Anza Expedition decedents Phil Valdez and Paul Bernal. A marvelous display was put up by Heritage Trails, (courtesy Steve Haze Paul Bernal, and Joe Adamo. Joe and the Lancers, coming from all over our county, made an appearance reminding us of the 220th date of the Encampment in Cupertino. We want to thank all those who took off their busy time to make such a memorable program.

The April 23 program will be one of our most asked for speakers. Saratogan Willys Peck will again expand our interest with his talk "Dirigible County". Willys is well known for his interest in historical flights and will give us another perspective of Moffat Field.

This year we are paying particular attention to our neighbor Sunnyvale. Continuing this focus the program for our meeting on May 28 will be author Mary Jo Ignoffo. Her book "*Sunnyvale, from the City of Destiny to the Heart of Silicon Valley*" is newly issued. Mary Jo is much in demand as a speaker. I talked to her last August and this was her first open date.

I want to thank all who have done set up and table decorations for the meetings. Our tables have looked lovely. Our phone committee has done a great job and I appreciate the way they keep in touch with all our members. Special thanks to Esther Johnson for acting as coordinator, and to Roberta Zentner for overseeing the volunteer group.

Report from the President

Our new exhibit, *Fields of Dreams: Women of Cupertino, 1855-1925*, is drawing a lot of visitors to the museum. We are fortunate to have such a professional and beautiful display. The visitors to the museum are taking a great deal of time reading the labels and have favorable comments when leaving the exhibit area. As a volunteer, I find this very rewarding.

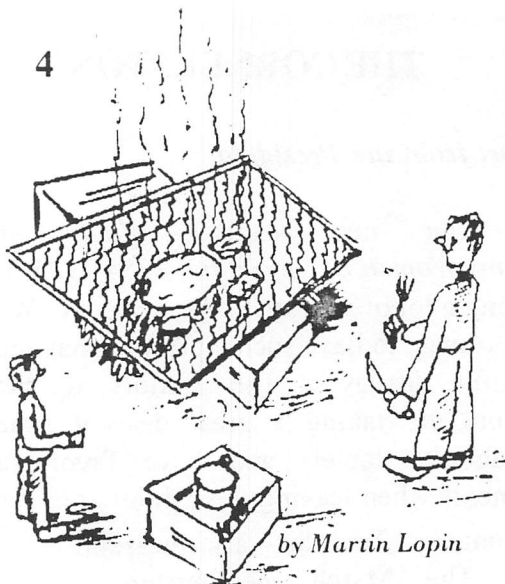
The March membership potluck meeting was a great success. There was a special presentation by the two guest speakers, Paul Bernal and Phil Valdez, covering the background of the De Anza Expedition including information about their family ties. Steve Haze, Joe Adamo, and Ham Ryder assembled an impressive display of pictures to accompany the talk.

The nominating committee is in full swing. The Society will be selecting six new members, among them a secretary and treasurer. Please give any input to me or the museum staff.

It was rewarding to have so many "cookie gobblers" at Audubon Education Day at McClellan Ranch, March 23. Cookies are the Society's annual contribution to the Day and gave us a small profit of \$80. Thank you to all who worked to make sooo many delicious cookies, not a crumb was left.

The Society needs a chairman to organize the June Barbecue. Each year we have this outdoor event at the picnic grounds behind the Quinlan Community Center. Many of the civic leaders look forward to this event. Please call me if you can help.

I am saddened to report that our staunch member and organizer of the Museum, Don Frolich, passed away April 7th. He was an important part of the Society and Museum for years. We will all miss him. Our condolences to his wife, Rosalyn, and his family.



CAN YOU HELP?

The Cupertino Historical Society is looking for a chairperson for the Annual Barbecue held on the forth Tuesday in June. This year the date will be June 25.

This small fundraising event is a time for all the members to get together for fun at a picnic and earn a few dollars for the Museum Educational Outreach Programs at the same time.

Jeannie Ryder has chaired this event for several years and cannot take on this responsibility again this year. It would be wonderful if a member who has not chaired an event could make this a smashing success. There is information available on who to contact for help, please call Jeannie at 257-9363 or Museum Office at 973-1495.



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MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

We are starting our new membership year with a stupendous renewal rate! My warmest "thank you" to each of you who renewed in July and August 1995 for the 95/96 year. The Museum increased its renewal and new member rate last year! If **"Each One Will Reach One"** this year we can increase our numbers even more. We are starting our year with 238 paid members.

The months of May and June are being named **NEW MEMBER MONTHS**. The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce helped us begin our New Member Campaign by including our corporate membership flier in its latest newsletter. Each of us can help in our new member campaign by bringing an interested person into the Museum to visit our new exhibit and explaining to them about our commitment to saving and sharing the history of Cupertino. We can also explain that museums provide unique opportunities for cultural education and exchange, and that our members have that opportunity through monthly membership meetings to expand that knowledge through fellowship.

Remember these will be **new members, friends and acquaintances who have not belonged to the Society and Museum**. Pick up our beautiful brochure at the Museum and carry it with you. Many a new member has shown interest when you least expect it. **Take the initiative, Membership is everyones' job!**

DATES TO REMEMBER**APRIL**

- 4 CHS Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Quinlan Community Center
- 6 VOLUNTEER MTG. 9 am, QCC
- 13,14 Cherry Blossom Festival at Memorial Park and Quinlan Ctr., 10am to 4pm
- 16 "William Weeks, Architect" IOOF Hall, Gilroy, call 236-2274
- 21 5th Annual Harris-Lass House Historical Day, 10am to 5pm, call 249-7905
- 22 Spring Banquet at The Historical Del Monte Bldg., 6:30pm, call 245-1184
- 23 GENERAL MTG. 6:30 pm, QCC
- 24 "Awake, The World Is Ending/1906", San Jose Historical Museum, 287-2290
- 27 Late Evening Owl Walk with John Mariani at Montebello Open Space Preserve, call 997-2066 (call early)
- 28 Quota Club of Cupt. Art Auction, 2pm, call 248-8410

MAY

- 2 CHS Board Mtg. 6:30 pm, QCC
- 4 VOLUNTEER Mtg. 9 am, QCC
- 28 GENERAL MTG. 6:30 pm, QCC
- 30 Thru June 2nd, California Preservation Conference at St. Claire Hotel, S.J. call 277-4017

JUNE

- 1 VOLUNTEER Mtg. 9 am, QCC
- 12 CHS Board Mtg. 6:30 pm, QCC
- 25 BBQ, MEMORIAL PARK PICNIC AREA 5 - 8 pm

NEW MEMBER

Lillie Reutlinger

MEMBER RENEWALS

Beez Jones

Edmund & Irene Jauch

Preston Chiappa

Malkah & Don Carothers

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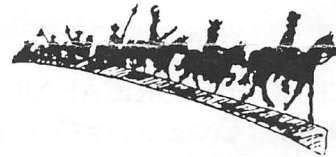
Linda Schultz for Helen Moran

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE UPDATE

The 1995-96 Annual Fund Drive was officially over March 30th, but we will accept donations through June 1996. The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum remains viable and maintains its programs through the support generated by the Annual Fund Drive. Thank you all for your donations. Recent donations to the fund drive have been made by:

Genevieve Ziegler, *Patron*
 Charles & Deborah Newman, *Patron*
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 Ruth M. Jackson, *Friend*
 Hazel Fretwell, *Friend*

Additional donors to the AFD were listed in the Winter 1996 CORNERSTONE. To make a donation to the Annual Fund Drive, donor envelopes are available at the Museum. Please call 973-1495 for additional information.

**Board Retreat Planned, April 20**

The CHS Board is meeting this month to clarify its mission and goals for the next three years. Recent events (such as the fate of the DeOro Club property) have thrust the CHS into a new role...it is important that at the same time that the board is leading the Society into the future it reflects the wishes and needs of its membership and other constituents.

If you, as a member, have any information that you feel the Board needs to have for this important meeting please call any Board member or the Museum staff. Your opinions are important.

The Board will be revisiting the Museum mission statement, determining the goals for the next three years, building on the existing strengths of the Board and determining how the membership and the Board can work together for the future health of the Museum.

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THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY-

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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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.

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