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CUPERTINO-COPERTINO

By Helene Davis



Sign in Copertino city park to greet us
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Donna Austin and I recently traveled with an adult delegation to visit one of Cupertino's sister cities, Copertino, Italy. The sister city relationship with Copertino is the longest running and dates back over 50 years. The purpose of sister cities is to promote friendship and mutual understanding between cultures. In 2013, Copertino Council Member Mauro Valentino and Copertino English teacher, Azzura Martina, traveled to Cupertino for a visit. We wanted to keep the momentum going with a reciprocal visit and with an eye to continuing adult delegations every four to five years as well as starting a student exchange on an annual basis.

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Mass in Copertino for the Feast Day of St. Joseph

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Helene Davis, President



I wish I could say fall is in the air as I write this president's letter but the days just march on sunny and warm as we approach November. Here's hoping El Niño will kick in soon!

Speaking of fall, the Cupertino Historical Society just participated in the Harvest Festival, put on by the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department, at Blackberry Farm. Four board members, Donna Austin, Sharon Bryan, Gail Hugger and myself, thoroughly enjoyed the many families with young children that attended the event (some in Halloween costume), enjoying the pumpkin patch, the creatures from the nature museum, various craft activities and our own historical society booth (see Sharon's article).

CHS looks forward to more collaboration with the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department. In my last president's letter I outlined three goals, two of which were in conjunction with the department, the Harvest Festival and history walks along the Stevens Creek Trail. I'm happy to report that we finally have a history walk on their schedule and we are very excited about it. It has been a long time dream of ours. I hope you will consider signing up for this most informative walk and get some exercise in the process! We are working on our third goal, a geocaching app and historical sites brochure that will possibly include a bike route portion.

We appreciate your continuing support. We are always looking for new members, volunteers, and board members so if you have any interest, please contact us at cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net.

Helene Davis

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HISTORY WALK

McClellan Ranch Preserve Environmental Education Center: Learn about local history on a leisurely walk through the Stevens Creek Corridor. Discover what was happening here at different periods in the past.

REGISTER on-line at <http://cupertino.org/register> or visit the Quinlan Community Center at 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

By Sharon Bryan

Harvesting goodwill in the community, The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum was invited by the City of Cupertino to participate in the second annual Harvest Festival at Blackberry Farm on Saturday, October 24. The weather was great, the park was filled with families, and we had the opportunity to speak to residents, many of whom were not aware that there was a museum in Cupertino!

Working the booth with me were Gail Fretwell-Hugger, Donna Austin and Helene Davis. We brought out our popular “Guess the Fruit” game, where the player reaches into a bag without looking and guess, by shape, the fruit inside. Guessing correctly, they won stickers, a piece of all-natural fruit juice candy, and a stamp on the back of their hand. Our youngest visitors with tiny hands had only to name the fruit we held in our hand. For older children – and some adults – there was a “Welcome Fall” word search they could take home.

We were also holding a raffle for new members with the prize being the cookbook “Recipes Across America”. Although we had no new members sign up that day, everyone was welcome to take home a flyer from CHS&M with a recipe for Holiday Fruit Soup out of that cookbook.

The park had many great activities that harkened back to festivals and fairs that would have occurred here in the Valley for generations – a pumpkin patch, live music, arts and crafts, popcorn and cotton candy and the opportunity for visitors to interact with snakes and lizards in the safest way possible – with the staff from McClellan Ranch Preserve.

We all agreed that this was an event that suited CHS&M well, and we will be adding it to our calendars again next year. We hope you will all come out and enjoy it with us!

Holiday Fruit Soup (Swedish Tradition)

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 1 hour Makes 8-10 Servings

- 1 pound mixed dried fruit (about 4 cups)
- ¾ cup small pearl tapioca
- 6 cups water, divided
- 5 apples, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup sugar
- Ground cinnamon

1. In a large saucepan, combine the fruit, tapioca and 4 cups water. Cover and let stand overnight.

2. Stir in the apples, sugar and remaining water; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour or until tapioca is transparent.

Add additional water if necessary.

Serve warm or cold with a dash of cinnamon.



Festival booth volunteers Donna Austin, Gail Fretwell-Hugger, Helene Davis



Donna Austin helping a child to play “Guess the Fruit” game



Welcome Fall Word Search

X Q P S U R Y C V I C V E D I G L P Y R
 Z I K T K O G V G J L E A A W U R V W N
 D Z I H C R O O G M F F V P Z G D F C K
 P N P P N L J E H G R K F A R H R G V X
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- Words List**
- Pumpkins
 - Apples
 - Pies
 - Cocoa
 - Cider
 - Sweaters
 - Hayrides
 - Halloween
 - Thanksgiving
 - Orange
 - Gold
 - Brown
 - Frost
 - Leaves
 - Scarecrows
 - Harvest
 - October
 - November
 - Fireplaces
 - Family
 - Chilly

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There is a special connection with Copertino since Cupertino receives its name from St. Joseph of Cupertino, a Franciscan priest from the 17th Century who was born in Copertino

(Copertino changed its name from Cupertino to Copertino in the late 1800's). Father Font, diarist and cartographer for Spanish explorer Don Juan Bautista de Anza, named the creek near their encampment in present day Cupertino, Arroyo of St. Joseph of Cupertino (now Stevens Creek), and our city eventually adopted the name.

Cupertino is in the Puglia region of Italy, in the heel of the boot, nestled between the Adriatic and Ionian Seas. It is primarily an agricultural area known for its olive trees and vineyards.



Greetings in Brindisi



Lightshow to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day

The visit occurred during the annual celebration of St. Joseph in Copertino. This three-day celebration honoring the saint includes festivities in the historic center of town, magnificent light displays, and fireworks. Highlights of the trip included a special feast day mass at the cathedral in the historic center, a visit to the local elementary school and the local high school, a meeting with Copertino Mayor Sandrina Schito and other city dignitaries at Copertino Castle, breakfast with Franciscans at the Santa Maria de Grottella and attendance at a Rotary meeting.

Donna and I enjoyed great food, wine, and culture, and made friendships to last a lifetime. Our visit strengthened the ties between Cupertino and Copertino to more than just our names. We believe we achieved the sister cities goal of promoting friendship and mutual understanding between our two cultures!



Visit to a local school



THANK YOU !

Boris Stanley was the first attorney the city hired to write up the incorporation papers for the committee. Warner Wilson and Don Bandle worked with Boris Stanley in the early beginnings of the city. Today Dr. Stanley lives in Florida and remembers fondly the early days of Cupertino. He visited our museum and donated the early papers incorporating the City of Cupertino. Pictured is Donna Austin, Dr. Boris Stanley, Darcy Paul and Anjali Kausar.

DEDICATION CELEBRATION

By Gail Fretwell-Hugger



Ribbon cutting by Mayor Rod Sinks

On Thursday Oct. 28, the new Environmental Education Center at McClellan Ranch Park was dedicated by Cupertino City officials. Also on display was the newly renovated Charlie Baer blacksmith shop. It was a happy and excited crowd that gathered in front of the lovely new buildings to listen to a few words from Mayor Rod Sinks, other dignitaries and McClellan naturalist, Barbara Banfield. Then ribbons were cut and people paraded in and out of the buildings, admiring the nature exhibits and displays - including live snakes and lizards being handled carefully by park personnel.

A near life-size cutout of Elisha Stephens (also an early blacksmith) stood in the Baer shop, guarding the many and varied tools of the blacksmithing trade, carefully preserved for so many years and now on walls and shelves, along with early forges standing ready for future demonstrations (hopefully).

A 94 year old local artist, Zoe Thompson, donated a lovely painting of Charlie Baer at his forge. She had visited Charlie at his place on Stevens Creek many years ago and sketched many of his tools. A booklet showing her sketches was given out as a souvenir to guests at the dedication. Two of her daughters came and got to meet a granddaughter of Charlie Baer, who also attended the opening and donated historical photos and articles about



Elisha Stephens

McClellan Ranch Preserve Environmental Education Center & Blacksmith Shop

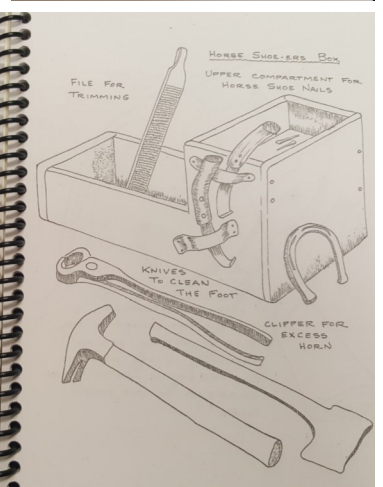
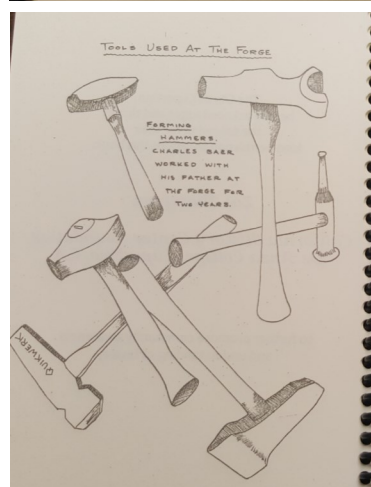
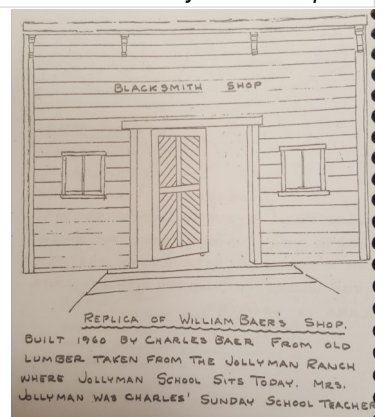
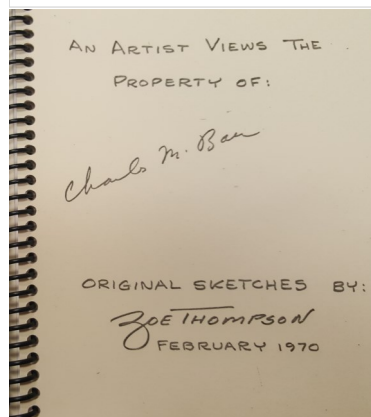


Grand opening of newly renovated Blacksmith Shop

William and Charlie Baer and the Baer family. The ladies visited and shared memories.

The Environmental & Education Center and Baer blacksmith shop are a wonderful addition to McClellan Park and well worth visiting. Tasty refreshments were served and a wonderful time was had by all!

Sketches by Zoe Thompson



ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum, by preserving, presenting and actively connecting people and the community with its past, is passing the gift of history on to future generations.

Whether you are a resident of Cupertino or have a business here, you are a part of Cupertino history. Your help is needed to keep that history alive.

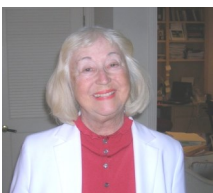
Our hope is that you will respond with a commitment that will help keep the Cupertino Historical Society viable and the Museum open and continuing to provide community service.

Please send your gift this year toward the annual fund - a gift that gives back to the community the riches of our local history.

Please make checks payable to the Cupertino Historical Society and mail to:
Cupertino Historical Society & Museum, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014

Thank you for your support!

IN MEMORIAM



Patricia Jackson
November 10, 1934 - September 13, 2015

Pat Jackson died peacefully in her sleep on September 13, 2015 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jim Jackson, and three children, Sr. Teresa Jackson of the St. Gertrude Benedictine Community of Cottonwood, ID, Dr. Christopher Jackson of Berkeley, CA and Dr. Steven Jackson of State College, PA. Also surviving are grandchildren Shelagh Jackson of Indiana PA and Benjamin Jackson of Berkeley.

She was a graduate of Missouri State University, Springfield, MO and received a Master's in Education from San Jose State University. She was an educator for most of her adult life, having taught all 8 grades in a rural school in Missouri, and elementary schools in Springfield, MO and Denver, CO. In California she was a speech therapist, special education administrator and Assistant Superintendent at the Whisman School

District in Mountain View. She was realtor from 1984 until retirement in 2009.

She was active in community affairs, having been the President of the Whisman Education Association, President of the Santa Clara County Speech and Hearing Association, President of the Cupertino Women in Business, President of the Cupertino Quota club, President of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and President of the Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation. She served on the Cupertino Library Commission and the Cupertino Architectural and Site Approval Committee. She loved books and was active in two book clubs, loved golf, travel, attending Opera San Jose, Symphony Silicon Valley and Ballet San Jose.

She came from a family of educators with her father, grandfather, grandmother and two sons as educators. She and Jim Jackson have created a scholarship through the Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation for De Anza students wishing to attend a four year college and major in education.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

August 2015 thru October 2015

RENEWING MEMBERS

Joann Andrushko
Richard and Sharon Blaine
Corinna Dixon
Mary Egan
Michael Foulkes
Violet Humphrey
Esther Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Beverly Lenihan

Mary Lou Lyon
Stacey and Wes Morse
Charlotte Niemeyer
Letizia Picchetti
William and Jane Reed
Barbara Stockmeir
Bob Vitro

NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Warren
Mette Christensen
Dennis and Penny Whittaker
Thomas and Ping Pian



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



I am Don Sun, VP of Membership development this year. Thank you for being here to support our organization. I am writing this letter to ask for your help to accomplish the following tasks:

- 1: Write two or three paragraphs on your thoughts about Cupertino, such as communities, friends, families, and landmarks, etc.
- 2: Bring your friends to our events this year.
- 3: Find a new person to ask to join our organization this year.

To show my appreciation for your help, I will give you a small gift - A Cupertino handkerchief.

Thank you,

Don Sun,
VP Membership
Development
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We would like our members to send in interesting information about Cupertino and/or California heritage to share with others: stories, incidents, facts, articles, poems... We will be happy to print them in our newsletter. Please

Send to: Cupertino Historical Society & Museum
10185 N Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014. Or
email to: cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net

MEMBERSHIP GIFTS

Memberships to the CHS&M provide a base of support for programs, services and general operating costs. We appreciate the support and generosity of new and renewing members. The benefits of being a member of the CHS&M are many:

- Store discounts
- Quarterly newsletter
- Special events invitation
- Access to museum library

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The time a volunteer spends at the CHS&M is often just as rewarding to him or her as it is to us. If you have a love for the community, please help show off Cupertino's past and present. Our volunteers help keep our museum open! If you are available to volunteer for a two-hour shift, **Wednesday through Saturday** between the hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., please contact the Museum at 408-973-1495 or email us at cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net.

THE TRAVELING TRUNK

The Traveling Trunk Educational Program offers a unique opportunity to share your love of Cupertino history with children and adults in schools and senior centers. Our show-and-tell program teaches the history of many items used in homes and orchards around 1900 to young audiences in local schools and adults in senior centers. Our presentations are always warmly received and it is so rewarding to open up that bygone era to a new generation. The children are amazed at what life was like before electricity and how dressy the clothes were.

If you think you might like to volunteer with this program, please contact Ragini Sangameswara at the CHS office at cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net for additional information. Feel free to "shadow" us to see if this is a good fit for you.



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Museum Hours:
 Located in the Quinlan Community Center, the museum is open to the public **Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Admission is FREE.

BOD Meeting,
 Wednesday, November 18, 2015. 5:30 p.m. Cupertino Room, QCC

Holidays: QCC closed
 Wednesday, November 11, 2015, Veteran's Day.
 Friday November 27-29, 2015, Thanksgiving Weekend
 December 24 - 31, 2015, Christmas Holidays
 January 1, 2 & 3, 2016, New Year's Weekend.

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