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## EXHIBIT: GADGETS GALORE!

**Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household** is a collaboration between Exhibit Envoy and the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum. It will be on display from February 7<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The exhibit tells the story of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century home life - from chores to personal care to entertainment - through the evolution of household tools, machines, and gadgets. Come see the ancestors of many of the gadgets you know and rely on today.

Learn more about the invention cycle, mechanization, advertising, communication, entertainment, music, cameras, lighting, kitchen appliances, washing and cleaning, personal care habits, and more!

Items on display include a treadle sewing machine, Kodak Brownie camera, stereopticon (the ancestor of VR goggles), phonograph, Radiola 20 broadcast receiver, antique Maytag ringer washer, antique toaster, and other intriguing tools, gadgets, and artifacts.

Stay tuned for an article accompanying the exhibit, giving more information about the items, their uses, and their histories.

See more pictures, information, & upcoming article:  
[cupertinomuseum.org/museumExhibits.html](http://cupertinomuseum.org/museumExhibits.html)



toaster



phonograph & Nipper



camera



radio exhibit, with stereopticon (bottom right)



treadle sewing machine and supplies

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## CUPERTINO SCENE

Since the 1970s, the City of Cupertino has published a newsletter, *Cupertino Scene*, describing the goings-on of the city and city council, which provides a great record of the modern history of Cupertino. In the interest of documenting this history, we are conducting an inventory of our collection of the *Scene*. Our collection is largely complete, although some years are quite spotty.

We welcome donations of missing copies from the following years, which would contribute to a more complete collection in our archives:

1970–76, 1978–81, Apr & May 1992, Oct 1994, 1997, April & Oct 1999, 2001

We have issues from all other years not mentioned above.

If you are interested in donating missing copies or would like to research CHSM's collection of the *Scene*, please contact [staff@cupertinomuseum.org](mailto:staff@cupertinomuseum.org).

Digital copies of the *Cupertino Scene* 2002-present can be viewed at the Cupertino City Website.

[cupertino.gov/Your-City/Divisions/Communications/Cupertino-Scene-Newsletter](http://cupertino.gov/Your-City/Divisions/Communications/Cupertino-Scene-Newsletter)



## RECURRING EVENT: BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATION



*Blacksmith Lester Markarian explains his techniques (right, image by Alyssa Yang, El Estoque)*

As part of a long-term partnership with McClellan Ranch Park, the restored Baer Blacksmith Shop at McClellan Ranch has most of CHSM's collection of blacksmithing artifacts. Blacksmithing demonstrations are usually scheduled for the last Saturday of every month, weather permitting. While the blacksmith works, docents from CHSM speak to visitors about Cupertino/Monta Vista history with a display of photos and texts on a table outside the shop.

Join us and learn a bit about early local history and the craft of blacksmithing. Free admission & free parking. The following dates have been posted:

January 25, 2025	11 AM – 3 PM
February 22, 2025	11 AM – 3 PM
March 29, 2025	11 AM – 3 PM

McClellan Ranch, 22221 McClellan Rd, Cupertino

If you like talking to people about local history, we would greatly appreciate your participation as a docent. We have 2 permanent volunteers but need substitutes willing to take a 2-hour shift on an occasional last Saturday of the month. One of the permanent docents will spend a 2-hour shift with you to get you started. If interested, please email Gail Fretwell-Hugger at [gailhugger80@gmail.com](mailto:gailhugger80@gmail.com).



*Blacksmith Lester Markarian at the anvil*



## RECENT EVENTS: FOLGER ESTATE TOUR



*Folger Paddock (above) and Folger Stables (below)*



*Lauren befriends a horse*



*Group in front of stables*

In November 2024, CHSM members and guests visited the Folger Estate. We toured the property, saw the paddock and stables, and learned the rich history of this location and its inhabitants. Thank you to Kim Teppo, our fantastic guide and executive director of Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Park, and to Folger Estate Stables for hosting our tour!

[smcgov.org/parks/folger-stable-historic-site](https://smcgov.org/parks/folger-stable-historic-site)

See more images from the tour at:

[cupertinomuseum.org/events2024.html](https://cupertinomuseum.org/events2024.html)

## TRAVELING TRUNK

CHSM's Traveling Trunk program is a free educational program, that teaches early local history by showcasing artifacts, telling stories, and inviting observation and inquiry from the audience. CHSM Traveling Trunk has recently presented at Sedgwick School, Cupertino's Morningstar and Live Oak Adult Care Center at St. Jude's. To learn more, visit [cupertinomuseum.org/ttschool.html](https://cupertinomuseum.org/ttschool.html) or send a message to [tt@cupertinomuseum.org](mailto:tt@cupertinomuseum.org).



*Some of the artifacts featured in the presentation (above)*

## SNYDER HAMMOND HOUSE

CHSM extends our sincere gratitude to Nick Amaral, a concerned Cupertino citizen and handyman, who has volunteered to help keep the Snyder Hammond property attractive – free of weeds and graffiti. He has a business called Amaral's Pro Service and Repair.



[nextdoor.com/pages/](https://nextdoor.com/pages/)

[amarals-pro-service-repair-cupertino-ca/](https://amarals-pro-service-repair-cupertino-ca/)



*Snyder Hammond House (front entrance, north side)*

# UPCOMING EVENT: GADGETS EXHIBIT OPENING

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Cupertino Historical Museum  
10185 North Stelling Road, Cupertino  
(located inside the Quinlan Community Center)

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