

# History Lives Here

News and Activities of the Pajaro Valley Historical Association

May 2016

## The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested

The Ladies of the Bockius-Orr House Cordially Invite You To View Our Spring Wedding Exhibit



**Bride's dress:** Worn by Sydney Pampilon in 1968. Donor: Sydney Jackson. **Groom's tuxedo:** Worn by Richard Kessell. Donor: Doris Kessell

Two recently wed couples and their guests from the 1960s are partying in the living room.

Our couple, on the left is looking smart. The bride is wearing a cream colored, raw silk wedding dress with cap sleeves, seed pearls on sleeves and yoke. The long skirt has a full length train. Dress by Bianchi designed for I. Magnin, San Francisco. The groom is wearing a Boyd's black wool tuxedo with a satin stripe on pants.

The bride, on the right, has donned a 1960s wedding dress made of ivory taffeta with lace and pearl embellishments on the long sleeve bodice and skirt. This dress has a long cathedral train. The groom is wearing a 1988 West Point Summer Cadet Uniform. Lt. Buzza wore this uniform in 1988. Donor: Shirley Spain.

Bridal gowns worn by Pajaro Valley residents through the years are the focal point of this exhibit. Groom and wedding guest attire, jewelry, historic wedding photographs and memorabilia are also on display throughout the house.



**Bride's dress:** bride unknown. Donor: Jim Negus. **West Point Cadet Uniform:** Worn by Windsor Shane Buzza, class of '88. Donor: Shirley Spain

## Visitor from Germany Takes PVHA staff on a Tour

By Louis Arbanas

Meet Sven Kannengiesser from Germany. He arrived at the archive in the early afternoon of April 12 with camera(s) in hand looking like a typical tourist. We meet as he was snapping images

of the front of the Bockius-Orr house and Oak trees.

From the onset it was clear that this was a very bright and articulate 30-something-year-old who, I later learned, spoke 10 languages fluently. Sven greeted

me in Croatian thinking that was what was spoken at the Museum and in the town. He had noticed the buildings on Main Street with Croatian names. He had

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# A Big 'Thank You' To All Our Many Volunteers and Board Members

**By Judy Doering-Nielsen**

PVHA Volunteers and Board Members have been busy over the past several months. Activities included: large gardening and grounds projects were completed; the annual meeting was held in the archive; presentations have been given to community groups; in-house tours of the house and archive have been on-going and the archive continues to be a wonderful source of information for researchers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and board members and celebrate their generosity of time, money, energy and commitment. Board members have sent crews of men to PVHA to completely reset the brickwork surrounding the Bockius-Orr House and complete major trimming, weeding, pruning and cutting, in the gardens, as well as,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

handling property management, equating to over \$7,750 in actual labor costs.

Additionally, in the first quarter, House, Archive and Garden volunteers have donated in excess of 2,021 hours. These donations of labor, time and cash contributions for various items amounted to \$30,320. We are indeed fortunate to have such an outstanding group of volunteers and board members (who are also volunteers). Needless to say, without their generous and caring spirit, we could not exist. Thank you.



Restoration of the brick walkway



Gerry Martin gives a tour for local students.



Archive volunteers

# Exploring Our Archives: The velocipede fad in Santa Cruz County

By Claudia Mize

What great things we find at the Borina Archive. I came across a little book titled "Pedal Pushers." It covers 100 years of cycling in the Watsonville and Santa Cruz area beginning in 1860s before it became popular in the 1890s.



in Watsonville to teach people to ride. It was open both day and night. A short time later, the school was moved to Santa Cruz. Eighteen velocipedes of various sizes were available for riders.

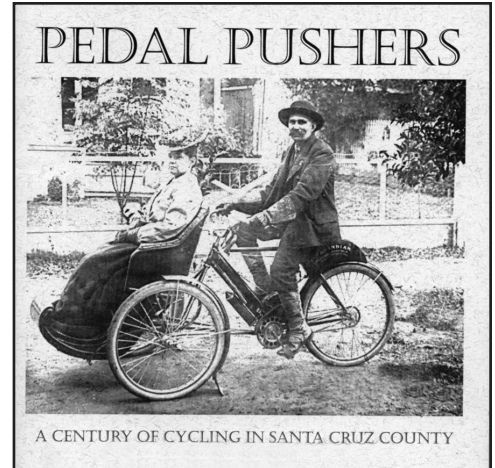
I enjoyed the articles quoted from the local Watsonville and Santa Cruz papers describing the pitfalls of those learning to ride.

Apparently just three months later, the popularity of the velocipede was over.

"...many of our citizens; who in attempting to master the animal had succeeded in allowing the animal to master them. The rage is over and we are thankful for it...That they are practically of no value to the rider will be admitted by the mass of people who have indulged their appetite for riding them, and have got their fill."

The forerunner to the bicycle was the velocipede. It originated in France and first came to Watsonville in March 1869. Mr. J. Waugerman "hitched" it against a tree and while he was gone, several people "mounted the mustang" and tried their skill. It was said to be "hard to manage and difficult to tell whether we rode the velocipede or the velocipede rode us."

In April, H. F. Lawrence opened a school



This book was written by Rick Hyman, Betty Lewis, and Piet Canin and published in 1994. It is has terrific pictures and is a fun and informative read.

## HELP WANTED

Calling all nimble fingered history lovers! The newly invigorated Oral History Committee is looking for anyone who would

like to help in carrying out the mission of PVHA to record the history of the Pajaro Valley. Due to the backlog of work and the addition of newer technologies help is needed on the technical end and especially the transcribing of existing interviews.

If you are interested in learning some new skills or brushing up on your existing "typing", contact a member of the committee — Ann Jenkins, Nancy Roark DePuy or Gerry Martin. You can also leave a message with Jodi in the office (831-722-0305).



# Please join us for Pajaro Valley Historical Association's Annual Vintage Picnic

Saturday, June 25th, 2016

11:30 am to 3:00 pm

No Host Bar

Buffet Lunch by Monterey Bay Caterers

Served from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Advance tickets \$25 for Adults;

\$12 for Children under 12;

\$30 at door if not sold out ~ Program: 1:30pm

Call 831.722.0305 or

Send checks to PVHA, P.O. BOX 623, Watsonville, CA 95077-0623



# Items of Note

August through October

## HONORARIUMS

### Judy Campbell

Sharon and Ed Bystran

## MEMORIALS

### Judy Campbell

Jo Marie Lake  
Stan and Judy Nielsen  
Scott and Jodi Frensley  
Lori Sunderland  
Clint and Karen Miller  
Stan and Judy Nielsen  
Dominic and Martha Muzzi  
Mona Passey  
Genevieve Garcia  
Hank and Catherine Schimpeler  
Arne and Pauline Thirup  
Mark and Karen Sambrailo  
Janet Meidl  
Tony Scurich  
Frances Heick  
Hans, Eric and Kim Claus  
Hubert and Patricia Hudson  
Gregory B. and Diana Lynne  
Miller Cornell  
Sandy Jurach  
Terry Locke- Padden  
Patricia Davis  
Shirley Spain  
Gayle and Elizabeth Ivanovich  
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Fabrications, Inc

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Ken and Anne Dobler  
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### Bob Tindall

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### Dixie Arns

Jeri Striegel

### The Dossche Family

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### Lillie Hillman

Judith Steen and Joe Michalak

### Kathryn Capriviza

Carl and Fran Dobler

### Senna B. Frost

John and Judith Eiskamp

### Eugene D. Moore

Emmet Linder

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Shirley Kane  
David and Susan Bellone  
John Stevenson Dufour  
William Bagnall  
William and Cloy Codiga

## IN HONOR OF Judy Campbell

*Years of service to the PVHA  
and the Pajaro Valley*

Ed and Sharon Bystran

## Stan and Judy Nielsen

*Lifetime Achievement  
Award from PV Chamber*  
Ken and Ann Dobler

## In Honor of Stan Nielsen's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ed and Jean Kelly

## RENEWING MEMBERS

### In November

Sharon and Ed Bystran  
Jeff and Karen Kane  
Susan Avril Schneider  
Mark and Karen Sambrailo  
Lynn Clough  
Patricia Novakovich  
Bill and Karen Bachan  
Bob Katz and Leola Lapidis  
Lynn Clough

Patricia Novakovich  
John and Maria Carvahlo  
Melanie Kett Wirtanen  
Helen M. Ukestad  
Peter Navarro  
Scurich Insurance  
Donna Manfre  
Jocelyn Mel  
Harry Wiggins  
A.L. Lease  
Jean Anderson

### In December

Mary Ellen Martinelli  
Phil Ybarra  
Dean Robbins  
Luann Lauesen  
Anthony and Betty Bobeda  
James and Lorraine Washington  
Janet Meidl  
Kathleen Byrne  
Guy George & Teri Wempe  
Ricardo Rocha  
Art and Mary Jean Wagner  
Walter and Patricia Phillips Jr.  
June Ivelich Pierce  
Jim and Marian Rector  
Clint and Karen Miller  
Pedro and Rosa Guerrero  
Tom and Susan Johnson

### In January

Hans Claus  
Dr. Clifford and Linda Leong  
Doug and Diane Severin  
Doug and Noris Anderson  
Bill and Karen Moncovich  
Erik and Kimberly Claus  
Marshall and Kathryn Miller  
Dobie and Ann Jenkins

### In February

Allan Molho  
Gerry Martin  
William and Sally Neubauer  
Norma Hansen  
Nancy Ruiz DePuy  
Marilyn Hyde  
Kathleen G. Reynolds  
Mr. and Mrs. Barney Radovich  
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Norman Atkins  
Alex and Patricia Solano  
Bridget Driscoll  
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Marcia Stevens  
Jeffery and Judy Malmin  
Jennifer and Nic Keiderling  
JoAnn Petznick  
Terry Locke-Paddon

Janice Onufray  
Ed and Kathy Banks

### In March

John Espinoza  
Frank and Loretta Estrada  
Josephine Lint  
Patricia Johns  
Shirley Kane  
Charles and Marybeth Bontadelli  
William and Shirley Jankowski  
Donn Marinovich  
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Patty Lockett  
Dr. Janet Bell  
Arnold and Colleen Brunetti  
Frances Heick  
Frank and Grace Ann Verduzco  
Susan Scurich

## NEW MEMBERS

### From Nov. 1 to Present

Stephen Smith  
Ralph Jacobs  
Dan and Sarah Chauvet  
Billie Jean Sorensen  
Mary Eves  
David J. Rock  
Donn Marinovich & Sherrin Grout  
Chuck and Ramona Allen  
Bill Beecher  
Daniel and Shelly Shafer Hammer  
Patrick Carey  
Jodi Frensley

## DOCENTS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to learn about the History of the Bockius-Orr House and Volk Museum and lead tours when needed. Training would involve a commitment of a few hours at your convenience.

If interested please call Jodi at PVHA on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Things Are Happening in the Garden and Elsewhere, So Join In

By Judy Doering Nielsen

## New Gardening Committee

We have a new group of volunteers who are busily digging in the garden on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. We would love to have you help keep our historic garden blooming and beautiful. If you can't commit to both days, or the hours noted, please join us when you can; we are grateful for whatever you can do, if only for an hour. Please bring your gloves and join us.

## Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting was held this year on Feb. 1 in the Archive. Highlights of the past year were reviewed, including:

- The 2015 Annual Meeting
- The Annual Summer Vintage Picnic
- The naming of the Bernice Porter Annex in recognition of her generous support
- The completion of a new storage shed for outdoor tables and chairs
- The First Annual Mail-In-Raffle Fundraiser
- Being a venue for the Annual Ag-Focus Graduation and The Annual Christmas Tea.

We also got some new business done.

- The Board Treasurer presented a detailed financial report.
- The House/Costume Committee presented current activities and goals for 2016



From left to right: Collen Brunetti , Judy Nielson, Clairice Wiggins and Bill Paterson.

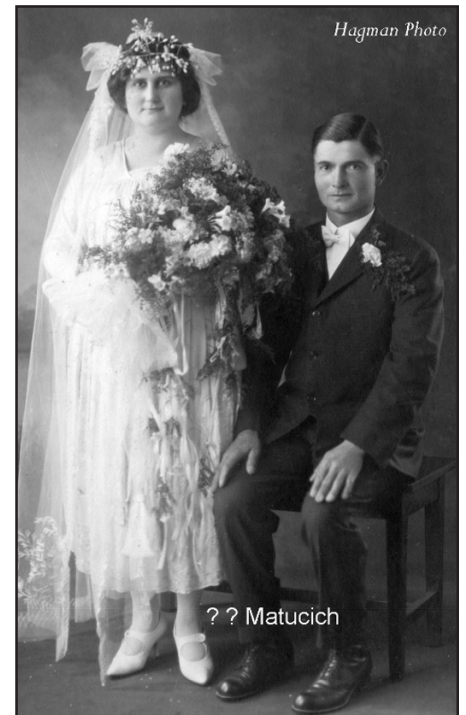
- The Archive Committee presented 2016 activities and goals. The Board goals for 2016 included:
- Strategic Planning;
- Presentation from the Community Foundation
- Increase Membership
- Work on completing an Interpretive Plan
- Increase volunteers for all committees
- Increase visibility in the community
- Open the archive one Saturday per month.

## Visitor: Continued from Front Page

just arrived from Germany several days prior and was making a Silicon Valley business stop for his company, SAP, which writes software for business.

While here, he wanted to visit cousins on his mother's side (Croatian) in Stockton, Santa Clara and Long Beach. His Mother's maiden name is Matucich. He did not expect to find the two pictures we had on file, and is going to pursue (with his mother when back in Germany) the relationship they might have with the families. Like all of our visitors who discover family treasures, Sven was very appreciative.

With the skill of a software engineer using one of our computers, Sven took us on a tour of Croatia pointing out to those volunteers present their family's ancestral homes (Pat Carey, Susan, Judy N., and myself). Using Google maps he flew us into Cilipi Airport and for the next two hours took us on a 3-D tour of the country. Sven recommended us to use a website a cousin of his has been developing called Geni.com. It specializes in Croatian surnames. Sven left as quickly as he arrived, wanting to make it to Big Sur before sunset to spend the night there on his way to Long Beach.



Hagman Photo

The two photos of the Matucich family that Sven Kannangiesser found in our archives.

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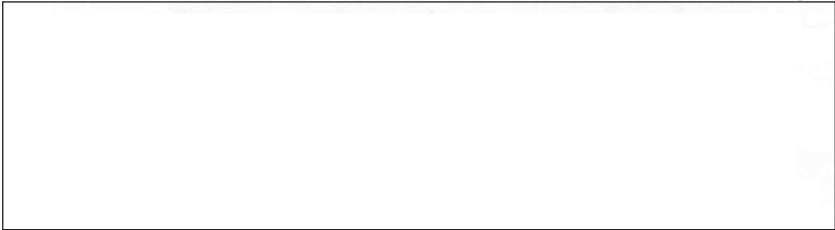
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