

History Lives Here

News and Activities of the
Pajaro Valley Historical Association
May 2015

Annual Luncheon Sates Mind, Body

Fantastic Speaker, Wonderful Food, Fellowship at Big Event

The Monterey Bay Area looked a lot different 6,000 years ago, with huge mammals, including Columbian mammoths, roaming the land until people arrived to hunt them, according to Mark Hylkema, associated state archeologist for the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Hylkema talked about the region's distant history during the Pajaro Valley Historical Association's annual meeting and luncheon on March 8 at Heritage Hall inside the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. The region had a vastly different landscape, he said, with the ocean 300 feet below its current level. Land bridges allowed human migration and the new residents hunted the huge mammals.

More than 100 people attended the event, including Watsonville Mayor Nancy Bilicich, who also said a few words about the importance of the PVHA in documenting the region's history, and how, after 75 years, the effort was really just under way and more important than ever.

"This is the beginning, the start," the mayor said.

PVHA President John Mello was the master of ceremonies for the event, which was catered by Monterey Bay Caterers.



Clockwise from top right: (1) Ken Schwann (center) and David Tirri. (2) Gerianne Simmons receives a service award from President John Mello. (3) Mark Hylkema with President Mello and Mayor Nancy Bilicich. (4) Alan Mohlo, Rita Pope, Mary Ellen Irons and Nita Gizdich. (5) Mas Hashimoto, Harry Wiggins, Trina Coffman-Gomez and husband Tony Gomez.

Deadline for Young Historian Award is Fast Approaching

Calling all Youths! The deadline for applications to the Pajaro Valley Historical Association's Young Historian Award is May 28.

Each year an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the study, conservation/preservation, or enhancement of the history of the Pajaro Valley is given \$500.

The scope of appropriate activities/proj-

ects may include regions adjacent to the Pajaro Valley, as long as it is demonstrated how they impact the Pajaro Valley, and may be broadly interpreted to include a variety of efforts, including research papers, volunteer work for an organization, being a docent, restoration of objects or a site, public performance or re-enactments, art or exhibits depicting local history, oral histories, genealogical

studies or digital documentaries.

The award is in respectful memory of Betty Lewis, Alzora Snyder, Margaret Hayes, Hubert Wyckoff, Bernice Porter and others who have illuminated our heritage as the foundation of the future for the Pajaro Valley.

For more about requirements and eligibility for the award, go to the PVHA's website at www.pajarovalleyhistory.org.



Rent the Beautiful Bockius-Orr Grounds for Your Next Event

If you would like to rent our beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces for a private event, please contact our Rental Manager, Mrs. Alice Bankhead at (831)722-2087 or email her at alicebankhead@aol.com.

She will be happy to answer any questions that you may have and book the event for you.



Don't Miss These Dates

- June 27** Vintage Picnic
- Sept. 16-20** PVHA Booth at the SC Fair
- Oct. 23** Halloween Haunting
- Dec. 6** Christmas Tea

Pajaro Valley Historical Association Matching Grant Opportunity

A friend of PVHA has generously offered to provide a matching grant for up to \$10,000 for the creation of a "Historic Preservation Endowment Fund."

This is a wonderful opportunity to assist with the future needs of PVHA, to help ensure the legacy that began 75 years ago, and further our mission "to preserve the history of the Greater Pajaro Valley."

So far, we have made it a little more than half way to our goal of the full \$10,000.

Please cut this out and mail your check and this story to:

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Items of Note

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- PW and Karen Bachan
- Jim and Shirley Spain
- William J. Codiga Family Foundation

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- Ralph and Susan Jacobs
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- Jeanette Crosetti
- Carl and Frances Dobler
- R.E. and Susan Jacobs

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- Gayle Ivanovich and Elizabeth
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- Gayle and Elizabeth Ivanovich

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- Elsie Staley
- Stan and Judy Nielsen
- Ken and Anne Dobler
- Judy Campbell
- Geri Ann Simmons
- Ida Akimoto
- Alice and Stephen Bankhead

Kay Gurnee

- Clinton and Lois Anne Gurnee

NEW MEMBERS

- Vic Lewis
- John Kovarik
- Frances McGrath Kovarik
- Helen Harness
- John Mello
- Lori Sunderland
- Margaret Kristich
- Patricia Smith
- Carol and John Tietz
- Sheila Prader

DONATIONS

- Stephen and Alice Bankhead
- Caroline Rodgers
- Jo Marie Lake
- Hal and Dorothy Hyde
- Jennifer and Nic Keiderling
- Sharon Gray
- Douglas and Noris Anderson
- Rowland and Patricia Rebele
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- David Vincent
- Resurrection Church
- Jeri A. Striegel (For the garden)

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- Doug and Noris Anderson
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- Mary Beth Bontadelli
- Ellen Mann Christie
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- Sharon Gray
- Christine Grul
- Helen Harness
- Frances Heick
- Helen Hoffman
- Hal and Dorothy Hyde
- Marilyn Hyde
- Jennifer Keiderling
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- Rowland and Pat Rebele
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- Steven and Kristin Smith
- Art Wagner
- Rachel Wedeen

IN HONOR OF Ken & Anne Dobler (50th Anniversary)

- Angelo and Cynthia Cagnacci
- Edward and Jeanne Kelly
- Ralph and Susan Jacobs
- Stan and Judy Nielsen

Gerry Martin

- Silicon Valley Community Foundation \$1,000

Frank & Loretta Estrada

- Melanie Kett Wirtanen

*Pajaro Valley Historical Association 75th Anniversary Proclamation**Pajaro Valley Historical Association**March 8, 2015*

Mayor Presents Proclamation to Honor PVHA

Watsonville Mayor Nancy Bilicich presented a Proclamation to the Pajaro Valley Historical Association in honor of its 75th anniversary.

The Proclamation was given the seal of the City of Watsonville on March 8, 2015. It documents the PVHA's long history, dating to a historical society meeting in the Masonic Hall in 1882, the organization first being named the PVHA in 1940, and even the recent addition of the Borina Archive. The following is the complete text:

Whereas: The Pajaro Valley Historical Association has roots that go back to 1882 when a historical society began meeting in the Masonic Hall; continued with the Chamber of Commerce's annual Old-Timers Fourth of July Meetings starting in 1920; the first formal history-gathering committee being formed in 1930 by the Watsonville Woman's Club; and which was superseded by the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1940 when the organization was named the Pajaro Valley Historical Association.

Whereas: The Association was given the use of an exhibit room in Watsonville City Hall in 1950 and incorporated in 1956.

Whereas: The dedication of the Association's first house museum took place in 1965 after the historic 1901 Richard Pearson home was donated to them by the former Mrs. William Volck and became known as the William H. Volck Memorial Museum.

Whereas: Zoe Ann Orr Marcus donated the historic 1870 Bockjuss-Orr House and grounds to the Association in 1990, permitting them to move to a much larger facility where they could greatly expand their collection, house an archive and hold public events.

Whereas: A successful capital campaign resulted in the construction of the new Borina Archive, which opened in 2013.

Whereas: The Association continues to promote interest in the history of the Pajaro Valley; it collects, documents, preserves and interprets a wide variety of historic objects, textiles, documents and photographs; provides tours and assists with a multitude of research requests.

Now, therefore, I, Nancy Bilicich, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, do hereby commend the Pajaro Valley Historical Association for their outstanding service to the local community and the world and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 8th day of March, two thousand fifteen.

Pajaro Valley Historical Association
Invites the entire Family to a

Vintage Picnic

Saturday, June 27th., 2015
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
332 E. Beach Street

Buffet Lunch by Monterey Bay Caterers
No-Host Bar ~ Seating Limited to 125 pre-paid Guests
\$25 for Adults / \$12 for Kids under 12

Program:
Live Music by the "Tin Pan Alley Cats"
Local Living History Reenactment - Trivia Games - Raffle

Tickets at 831-722-0305 or email: info@pajarovalleyhistory.org



Left: Gayle Ivanovich Velma Rose, Shelly Rodriques and Janice Shaffer. Below: Richard Hernandez and Marvin Byers.

A Wonderful Christmas Tea

The Pajaro Valley Historical Association welcomed in the Holiday Season with the Traditional Holiday Tea and Archive Open House held on Dec. 7.

The celebration kicked off the PVHA's 75th anniversary celebration. The event was free to the public and everyone was welcome.



Above: Mimi Crumpton and Gerry Martin. Right: Christmas Tea goodies

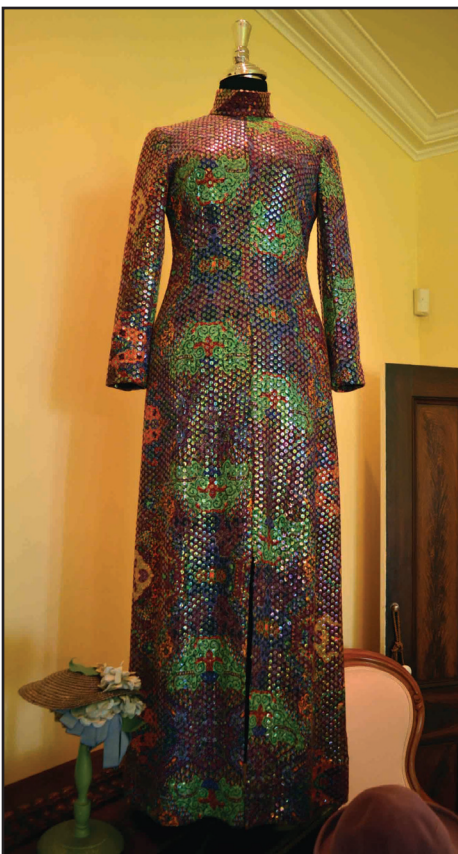


Recently on Display at the Bockius-Orr House

These two beautiful gowns have been on display in the Bockius-Orr House, the two of them creating a wonderful juxtapose with each other.

On the left is a 1960s formal dress made of wool. This multi-colored, paisley dress is embellished all over with iridescent sequins and is a wonderful example of '60s attire. It was donated by Launne Niebling in 1997.

On the right is an 1880s tafetta wedding dress used by Amalia Jacobsen Myers. This two-piece bustle gown with train is dyed magenta with aniline. There is ruching on the jacket and skirt, lace-trimmed sleeves and hem. The hand-painted buttons were possibly done by Josie Rodgers for her mother's 1887 marriage to Jacob Myers. It was donated by Florence Rodgers Waugaman



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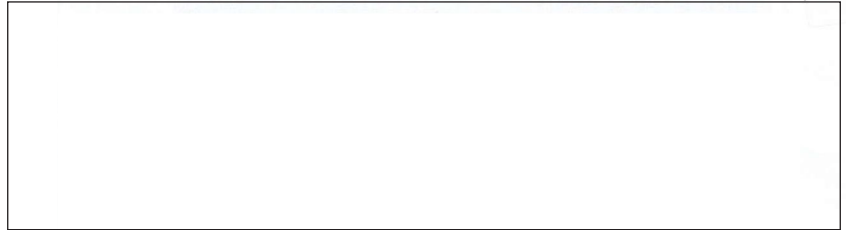
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We'd love to have you become a member of PVHA

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Ways to Donate

- Become a Member
- Upgrade your Membership Level
- Make a general donation to the PVHA
- Make a donation to our endowment funds: Historic Preservation (endowment fund in formation) or Archive (endowment fund established at The Community Foundation)

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