A Full Plate of Fun

75th Annual Vintage Picnic was an event to remember

The 75th Annual Vintage Picnic was a grand affair, with more than 100 people attending. Guests enjoyed the delicious buffet lunch served by Monterey Bay Caterers, wandered the garden, looked at exhibits and enjoyed live music provided by the Tin Pan Alley Band.

The Young Historian Award was given to Molly DeCastrostrongrene, and the annex was officially named the Bernice Porter Annex to recognize her great efforts. Four PVHA volunteers role-played historical characters from the past and we had a Flag Trivia Quiz and a raffle.

Of particular interest were the vintage automobiles brought by Bill and Tanya Passey, David and Jenna Willoughby, Brian Herlamoff, and Linus Tremaine.

A lot of people pitched in to help. The sponsors were Dobler & Sons, Native Sons of the Golden West. Susan Jacobs, Ken Dobler and Celebrations.

Volunteers included Louis Arbanas, Lois Bacon, Marvin Byers, Sharon Bystran, Judy Campbell, Mimi Crumpton, Rosa Guerrero, Regan Huerta, Gayle Ivanovich, Susan & Ralph Jacobs, Shaz Lint, Gerry Martin, Zoe & May Martin-Parkinson, Lorraine Mathiesen, John Mello Claudia Mize, Casey Muzzi, Martha Muzzi, Niki Simmons, Phil Ybarra, and Chuck & Spomenka Zaninovich. Boy Scout Troop #505 and leader Paul Seymour set up tables and chairs. Thanks to all who helped.
Cataloguing the Pajaro Valley Historical Association’s expansive collection of textiles is quite a chore, but Gerry Martin, Mimi Crumpton, Gayle Ivanovich, Sharon Bystran, Claudia Mize, Rosa Guerrero, Martha Muzzi and Jeanette Crosetti are having a lot of fun and learning a lot while they work on it each Wednesday.

They unpack old boxes, see what’s inside and make any repairs if necessary. Each item is catalogued into a computer program called PastPerfect and then put back in an acid-free archival box.

They also get to decide what to set up on display inside the house — which dresses, gowns, suits and other items will be shown to the public.

“It’s like playing dress up every day. I love it,” said Gerry. “We have a great time and lots of material to work with. The displays are a lot of hard work, but we thoroughly enjoy it. And there’s all this wonderful stuff, from hats to shoes, bridal gowns and casual wear.”

Gerry has been focusing on reorganizing the wedding dresses so that anybody looking for a particular dress can find them by name or time period. She is also in charge of all the labels that go on the displays.

Claudia said all of it is very new to her and she really enjoys learning about the local history and how to take care of it.

“It’s a lot of fun,” she said. “You never know what you might find inside these boxes.”

Mimi said a beautiful green velvet dress from the 1800s was discovered just last year.

“We thought, ‘how did we ever miss this?’” Mimi said. “It had belonged to a store in Freedom called Schmidt’s. We just opened a box and found it. That’s part of the thrill.”

Money to purchase the acid-free boxes the women are using was donated and has been invaluable. Now that these local treasures are being stored properly, they can be rediscovered by future generations.

“We are very fortunate to have such a collection,” Mimi said. “It was mainly started by Bernice Porter when the organization got started. Since it was started in the 1940s, a lot of the really old dresses with bustles and old suits were still in peoples closets.”

There are hats, gloves, shoes, dolls, toys and much more. It may take years to properly catalogue it all, especially since more keeps coming in.

“Without Sharon Bystran, and Gayle Ivanovich this wouldn’t be happening. Rosa Guerrero has worked tirelessly on and off since she showed up several years ago and Martha

Volunteers at Work: Costumes, clothes and three ladies’ inquisitiveness
Items of Note

MEMORIALS
Roy Keiderling
William J and Cloy Codiga

Preston Ehm
Elizabeth Ehm Lobay

Siachi Kimoto
Ken and Anne Dobler

Herman Goon
Linda and James Campbell

Roberta Dodge
William J and Cloy Codiga

Ray Travers
William J and Cloy Codiga

Mickey Crumpton
David Baum

Irene Giacoma
Judy Campbell

Dixie Arns
Alice Montgomery
Jodi Frensley
Judy Campbell
Wally Greathouse
Shirley Spain

Bob Tindall
Alice Montgomery
Shirley Spain

Jenie O’Mera Sanitini
Hank and Catherine Schimpeler

Hedy Claus
Stan and Judy Nielsen

RENEWING MEMBERS
December and January
Jane Cobb
Lawrence Lease
Bonny Hawley
Judie Campbell
Jennifer and Eric Keiderling
June Pierce
Jim and Marian Rector
Susan Scurich
Jim and Shirley Spain
Diane Severin
Clint and Karen Miller
Richard Williams
Art Wagner
Mary Ellen Martinelli

February
Paul and Betty Bachan
Kathleen Dias
Bridget A. Driscoll
Donna Cornell
Eugene Friend
Norma Hansen
Mary Ellen Irons
Stella Jean Jagich
Ann Jenkins
Victoria Mulhall
Sally England Newbauer
JoAnn Petznick
Barney and Marlene Radovich
Kathleen Reynolds
Nancy R. Ruiz Depuy
Henry and Catherine Schimpeler
Filbert Valdez
Norman Atkins
Jim and Loraine Washington

March
Ann Backovich
Charlie and Mary Beth Bontadelli
Hans and Hedy Claus
John Espinoza
Frank and Loretta Estrada

Rev. Harry Freiernuth
Bill and Wilma George
Tom and Joyce Kalich
Ron and Gingi Kinninger
Josephine Lint
Tamia Marg
Terry Lock-Padden
Jan Onufray
Marcia Stevens
Fred Struve
Lynn Sullivan
Taylors Office Supply
Charles and Spomenka Zaninovich

April
Janet Bell
Clinton and Anne Gurnee
Frances Heick
Antoinette and John Lukrich
Kathy Moe
Stanley and Carli Ann Stevens
Karen Theriot Reader
Patrick and Pauahi Sheehy

May
Mary Altier
Jean Anderson
Judy Haden Barker
Robert and Jean Boeddeker
Erik and Kim Claus
Jane Cobb
Ken and Ann Dobler
Patricia Haden Dion
Don and Dolores French
Nita Gidzich
Donald and Diana Henrichsen
Patricia Johns
Olive T Johnson
Coleen Kramer
Betsy Ehm Lobay
Patricia Lockett

June
Rosellen Mastoris
Dan and Ann McGrath
Clint and Karen Miller
Kathleen Moore
Frank and Nancy Remde
Kerry Stringari
Samuel Wright

July
Louis Arbanas
David and Claire Baum
Alvin and Ruby Beilby
Betty and Allen Bjur
Nancy Buoy
Mable Cole
Barbara Corrigan
Robert Edwards
Jere Ann Hall
Laura Hofmeister
Jean Horner
Gayle Ivanovich
JoAnn and E. Leon Mattingley
Bill Murphy
JoAnn Vear

August
Mary Egan

NEW MEMBERS
Jeanette Crosetti
Dorrico (Skip) Oakes
Steve and Kerry Stringari
Laurie Sunderland
Eric and Kim Claus
Samuel Wright
L. Jean Horner

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Young Historian Award Goes to Writer of Paper on Kenny Sears

Molly DeCastongrene is the winner of this year’s Young Historian Award and the $500 prize.

Molly wrote a research paper on Ken Sears, born Aug. 17, 1933, a basketball star at Watsonville High School who went on to play professionally during the ‘50s and ‘60s. She wrote that it was important to honor local heroes “because it fosters a sense of community and shows kids growing up around here that anything is possible.”

After attending College at Santa Clara, Sears was drafted by the New York Knicks with fourth overall pick in the 1955 NBA draft. He was a two-time NBA All-Star and averaged 13.9 points a game. He was the first player to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine. He still lives locally.

“She outstanding presentation highlighting the factual information of his career, as well as her historical perspective of educating young people was deemed by the judging panel to fit all the criteria of the award.”

In addition, four other projects: a booklet of Watsonville apple labels by Max Bowman; Royal Oaks Park restoration by Nicholas Deleissegues; a booklet on Victorian homes by Vincent Irao; and a research project on the establishment of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Association by Roger Marin were each awarded $100.

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/projects 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.

1st Annual Mail In Fund Raiser

We value your support of our mission to preserve the history of the Pajaro Valley. This is our primary fundraiser for this year. We hope you will be generous and purchase many opportunities to win one or more of these fabulous prizes.

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We will fill in your name on the additional tickets purchased and place in the drawing for you.

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Celebrate 75 Years of keeping local history

For 75 years, information and materials that represent the history of the Pajaro Valley have been gathered, preserved, exhibited and shared by the PVHA.

We are offering Commemorative Totes for a donation of $5 and Commemorative Mugs for a donation of $7. The 75th Anniversary Book will be available for a donation of $12.50. The 75th Anniversary Plate will be available for a donation of less than $40. The order will be placed when we have gathered a pre-order commitment for 72 plates. Please contact us for more information and visit us for a display of our 75-year history.

Shed Remodeled for PVHA’s Tables and Chairs

Thanks to a project conceived, planned and coordinated by volunteer Martha Muzzi, The PVHA has a remodeled storage shed to keep our outdoor lawn and patio tables and chairs protected from the elements.

We would like to thank the many volunteers, community members and board members who contributed to make this important project a reality. A huge thanks to Martha, who saw a need and figured out a way to get the job done.

In Remembrance

Dixie Arns
April 1931- August 2015

PVHA bids a sad farewell to Dixie Arns, a dedicated volunteer who has worked tirelessly in our gardens for the past 12 years. She will be greatly missed.

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.

Save the Date!

Don’t miss the Holiday Tea on Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m.
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