

Milpitas Muse

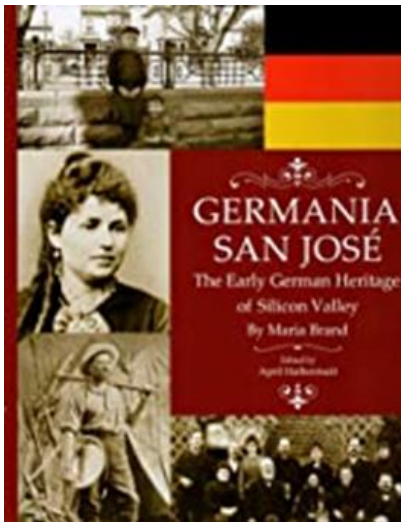
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January Meeting: Germania San Jose

The Milpitas Historical Society's January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street.



The January program topic will be *Germania San Jose*, the title and subject of a newly published book by Maria Brand, about the history of several families who emigrated from Germany around the time of the Gold Rush and their surprising influence in the newly growing city of San Jose. Our speakers will be the author, Maria Brand, and local historian April Halberstadt, who collaborated with the author as editor to produce this handsome book. We hope you can join us for this interesting presentation. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Please join us for this informative presentation and stay for treats and conversation afterwards. Meetings are free and all are welcome.

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2020

At the Milpitas Historical Society's meeting in November 2019, the Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2020:

Officers

President: Bill Hare

Vice President: Catherine Pelizzari

Secretary: Irma Munzel

Treasurer: Joe Ehardt

Directors

Historian: Joanne Souza

Hospitality: Mary Ann Udoutch

Membership: Danny Cosper

Programs and Publications: Catherine Pelizzari

Educational Outreach Programs: Joe Ehardt

Special Events: Harriett McGuire

Landmarks: Steve Munzel

Archives: Joe Ehardt

The election of the officers and directors will be held at the regular meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

February Installation Dinner

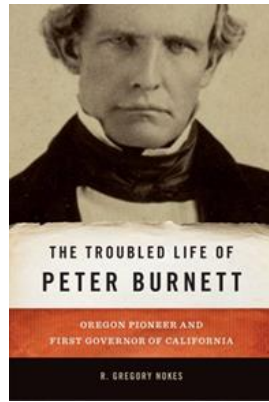
Instead of a regular meeting in February, the Milpitas Historical Society will hold its annual Officers and Directors Installation Dinner at the Summitpointe Golf Course Restaurant, 1500 Country Club Drive, Milpitas, CA on Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 pm.

Our program for this event will be presented by Gregory Nokes, a journalist who has traveled the world as a reporter for the Associated Press and a historian whose previous books include: *Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon* and *Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory*. He will speak about the subject of his new book, *The Troubled Life of Peter Burnett*.

Peter Burnett helped to organize the first major wagon train to the Oregon Country, was Oregon's first elected governor and fifth Supreme Judge of Oregon. He opened a wagon road from Oregon to California, worked with the young John Sutter to develop the new city of Sacramento and became California's first Governor. However, he resigned from most of his elected positions and was widely considered a failure at most of them. What was his problem?



Gregory Nokes



You may have read about the Peter Burnett Middle School in San Jose that was recently renamed

Ohlone Middle School (due to a staff and community protest about using the name of such an ill-principled politician for a school). Come and hear about Peter Burnett, his ill-advised policies and decisions, his local connections, and his final fate.

Members will be receiving their official invitation to this event later in January.

Happy RE-New Year!

The Milpitas Historical Society wishes all of our members and friends a wonderful 2020. We also need to remind you that January is the time to renew your membership. Just print out the attached or enclosed membership form and send it with your \$25 (our new annual rate) membership dues to: Milpitas Historical Society, 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas CA, 95035. We hope to see you back!

Milpitas Historical Society Board Meeting

The Board will meet next on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Milpitas Library Group Study Room A. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the newsletter for each month. Members are always welcome.

Our Society's Contact Information

You can contact the Milpitas Historical Society:

- by mail at 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas CA 95035
- by email to tmhs@milpitashistoricalsociety.org
- from our website:

www.milpitashistoricalsociety.org

You can see the traditional Milpitas history website here: www.milpitashistory.org/home/index.html

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