

Milpitas Muse

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January 10 Meeting: The History of the Grant Ranch Park and House

The Milpitas Historical Society's first 2019 meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9. This meeting will take place at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street.

Our speaker will be will Lisa Pappanastos, Park Ranger for Santa Clara Parks, who has been working with the Grant Ranch property for eighteen years and was instrumental in the house restoration. She will tell us the long and interesting history of the land that became Grant Ranch Park, which began as a land grant to a Spanish settler in 1839 and progressed through being a large mountainous ranch belonging to one pioneer family and later to the Grant family, who added more buildings, diversified crops, and made a working ranch into a gracious estate, with resources that you might be surprised to hear about and visitors that you will have heard about before.

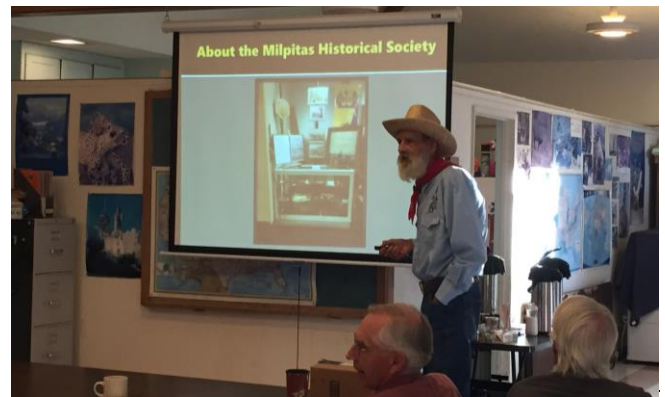


Grant Ranch Cook House, Tank House and Farm House

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

More Good Publicity for the Milpitas Historical Society!

On the first Saturday of this past November, the Milpitas Historical Society, represented by our Board Member Kraig Bunnell, gave a presentation about the Milpitas Historical Society, who we are, what we have accomplished, and what we hope to accomplish, to attendees of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association's monthly Community Breakfast at the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church on Dixon Road. The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association is a volunteer group of local homeowners and residents who actively work to improve the Sunnyhills neighborhood and the city of Milpitas through positive activities and programs.



Milpitas Historical Society Archives and School Programs Director Kraig Bunnell at the Sunnyhills Community Breakfast

Fun History Facts

Did you know that exactly 60 years ago, in 1959, Milpitas doubled its population, following a vote to annex Sunnyhills and Milford Village? You might remember the presentation given at our meeting in October 2017 about Milpitas's Sunnyhills neighborhood, the first planned integrated housing development in California, initiated by the building of the Ford manufacturing plant (in what is now the Great Mall) and the need for its workers to find housing that wasn't restricted to whites-only buyers, as was so often the case in the 1950s. Sunnyhills survived, thrived, and remains a safe, caring, multiracial multicultural neighborhood.

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2019

At the Milpitas Historical Society's meeting in November 2018, the Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2019:

Officers

President: Bill Hare
Vice President: Catherine Pelizzari
Secretary: Irma Munzel
Treasurer: Joe Ehardt

Directors

Archives and Head of Educational Outreach Programs:
Kraig Bunnell
Historian: Joanne Souza
Hospitality: Mary Ann Udoutch
Membership: Joe Ehardt
Programs and Publications: Catherine Pelizzari
Publicity and Public Relations: Harriett McGuire
Special Events: Linda Arbaugh
Landmarks: Steve Munzel

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 9, 2019.



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 on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm.

The program at the banquet this year will be a presentation by anthropologist and archeologist Mark Hylkema, who will speak about the history and culture of the Native Americans who lived in this area before it was settled by first the Spanish-speaking and then the English-speaking people who later became known as Americans.

Mark Hylkema is an Associate State Archeologist for the California Parks Department, teaches anthropology at Foothill College and has authored archeological survey reports.

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 2019. 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 Meetings

The Board will meet next on Monday, January 7th at 2:00 pm in 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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