

Milpitas Muse

Orphan Train History

The next meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 13, in the Children's Activity Room of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main St., where we will hear about a dramatic and often-forgotten part of American history.

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck and chance.

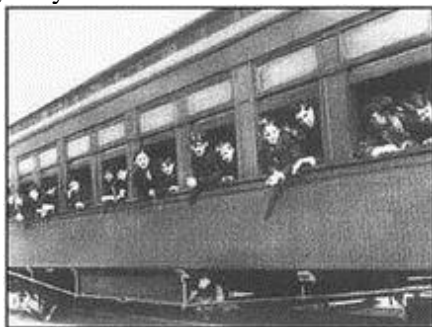


Jeanne MacVicar

Our speaker, Jeanne MacVicar, a prominent Los Altos realtor and civic contributor, grew up in Clyde, Kansas and has a lifelong interest in history, which led to her extensive research on the Orphan Train Movement. This was on a personal level as her Great-Aunt Adeline Trowbridge arrived in Clyde on an Orphan Train in 1911. Adeline was taken in at the age of 3 by Jeanne's Great-Grand- parents, George and

Sarah Trowbridge. Adeline lived in Clyde her whole life and is buried in the Clyde cemetery.

Jeanne MacVicar will tell us the greater story of the Orphan Train movement and of how her great aunt's life was changed by it.



Early 20th Century Orphan Train

Our meetings are free and all are welcome. Hope you can join us then.

Milpitas Historical Society 2018 Community Historical Tour, Saturday, June 23

The Milpitas Historical Society is conducting this year's tour (free and open to the public) on Saturday, June 23rd. This reserved-seat bus tour is designed to acquaint the community with historic sites in Milpitas. Check-in time of the tour is 9:00 am at the Great Mall of the Bay Area, Entrance 4 (in the middle on the east side of the Mall).

A multi-page color brochure of this year's historic sites will be provided to all participants, and docents will speak at each location.

The tour begins with a discussion of the Society's exhibit of Milpitas historical items at the Great Mall, after which everyone will board the bus to visit sites along historic Main Street (the former Mission Road). After this, the tour will visit two historic adobes -- the Jose Higuera Adobe on North Park Victoria Drive at Wessex Place, and the Jose Alviso Adobe on Piedmont Road. After this, the bus will make a short jaunt to the two final sites so that participants can choose to visit either the 1902 St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery (where many pioneers are buried) or the 60-year-old working Silva apricot ranch to learn how apricots are processed. Finally, the bus will bring everyone back to the Great Mall by about 1:30 pm.



Jose Higuera Adobe

Seating on the bus is first-come, first-served. To guarantee your place in the tour and/or to obtain additional information, please call 408-489-7657.

The itinerary of the tour's stops and approximate times for each place will be sent out in a bulletin to Society members in mid-June and will be available to everyone else through announcements in the Milpitas Post. The tour is free and open to all.

Martial Cottle Park Field Trip

On May 12, some members of the Milpitas Historical Society enjoyed a full tour of San Jose's newest park, as Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Program Manager (and our speaker in April) showed us the educational center and historical exhibits, the fresh produce fields run by Jacobs farm, the Community Gardens, the 4-H projects, and the greenhouse areas.



Pictured above are Bill Hare, Catherine Pelizzari, Mike Pelizzari, and Mary Ann Udoutch, who were joined by Jennie Hare, who took this photograph, and Mayvid McClay, who met us at the park.

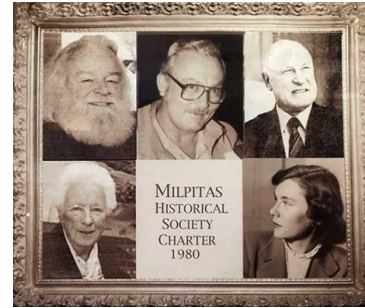


Historical Society Summer Picnic

On Sunday, August 12, the Historical Society's summer picnic will be graciously hosted by Kim Parker and Peter Herrera at their Last Word Ranch (the historic Belshaw house) at 430 Evans Road, from 12 noon until 4:00 pm. We will be sending out invitations later this summer so that you can RSVP with the food that you will be bringing.

Our Historical Founders

Ed Cavallini, one of the founders of the Milpitas Historical Society, recently sent us this photo of five of the original organizing members of the Society.



Top, L to R : Ed Cavallini, Bob McGuire, Leo Murphy;
Bottom, L to R: Patricia Loomis, Elaine Levine.

Ed just turned 95 last week; we certainly wish him a happy birthday and express many thanks for his work!

And Remember Our Yard Sale This Fall

The Milpitas Historical Society is continuing our revived tradition of a yard sale in front of (once again) Kim Parker's Last Word Ranch on Evans Road. This one will be on Saturday, September 15, 8 am - 2 pm. So save those treasures that you've been thinking about getting rid of for our fund-raising event.

Milpitas Historical Society Board Meetings

The Society's June Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, at 2:00 pm in Group Study Room A at the Milpitas Library. 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 at tmhs@milpitashistoricalsociety.org

Here's the new website for the Milpitas Historical Society: <http://milpitashistoricalsociety.org>, with information about the society and upcoming events.

The traditional Milpitas history web page is here:

<http://www.milpitashistory.org/home/index.html>

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