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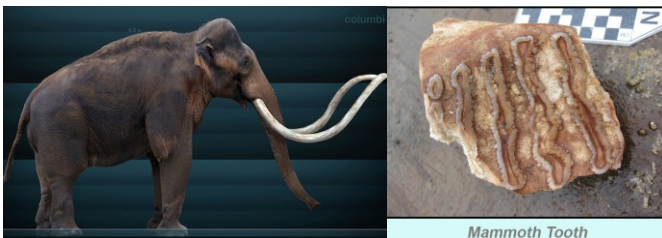
## September 9 Meeting: Mammoth Discoveries in Castroville!

At our next meeting, Foothill College Professor and State Archeologist Mark Hylkema will share with us the stories and photos of the Ice Age bones of two mammoths that were unearthed in a Castroville artichoke orchard in 2011. Over the last four years, local archeologists have been excavating the site, finding bones, teeth and even mammoth hair. Scientists from across the US, led and directed by our presenter, have come to excavate, analyze and preserve these amazing fossils.



Our speaker has over 33 years of experience teaching archaeology and Native American Culture. He has directed excavations throughout the greater San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas.

Come prepared to learn a lot from Mark as he shares his varied experience with excavation and research of this interesting local discovery.



The meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm, in the Community Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, 160 N. Main Street. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please join us!

As an added attraction, our Society's Treasurer, Joe Ehardt, will give a short talk about Fremont's Washington Township Museum of Local History, located in the Mission San Jose area near Ohlone College. The Museum of Local History showcases life in the Fremont area when it was a farming and ranching community and then changed to a suburban community.

You can see many unique local artifacts and photographs to discover how the families who moved here lived, worked, and established a thriving small-town community. We will be offering a field trip there on **Saturday, September 19**, which will coincide with a special Open House celebration for Fremont's Higuera Adobe that we will visit afterwards. There will be a tour of the park grounds and the adobe and, refreshments too.

Fremont's 1830s-era Fulgencio Higuera Adobe is located in Rancho Higuera Historical Park at the foot of Mission Peak in the Warm Springs area of Fremont. The structure consists of a large main room, two small bedrooms, and a stable. The Adobe was restored and furnished with handcrafted redwood furniture.



### The Fremont Higuera Adobe and the Fremont Washington Township Museum of Local History

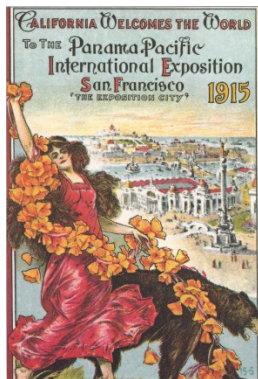
You can sign up for this field trip at the September meeting or show up at the Fremont Museum of Local History, 190 Anza St, Fremont at 10 am. Museum entrance fee is \$2. We will meet at Big 5 Sporting Goods, 757 E. Calaveras Blvd at 9:30 am to car pool to the museum. Bring a picnic lunch so we can all eat together at the Higuera Adobe, where we will go after our visit to the museum. We will return around 2:30 pm.

### Looking Forward to October: Filipino-American Heritage Month

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the grape strike led by Filipino American farm labor organizer Larry Itliong, there will be a showing of the "Delano Manongs" documentary at the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., on Saturday, October 10, 2-5 pm, which will be followed by music, dances, songs and more from 6 to 8 pm. Watch for more information in the October issue of this newsletter.

## For the October Meeting: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE)

At our June meeting, after the main program, we planned to have a brief Show and Tell about the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) by our Treasurer, Joe Ehardt. However, that June talk about Warm Springs was too interesting to cut short, so Joe decided to prepare a full-length presentation for our October 14 meeting about the wonders of the Panama Canal and the PPIE. Please join us.



One hundred years ago, after the Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906 that demolished major portions of San Francisco and damaged many Bay Area towns, the City hosted a huge World's Fair on 635 acres. With fabulous architectural displays and exhibits from forty-one nations, the 1915 PPIE had an estimated 250,000 visitors on opening day, February 20th, and it ran 288 days.

## Historical Society's Great Mall Display

The photo below shows the classic '57 Ford Skyliner in the Great Mall display of Milpitas historic artifacts, now greatly improved and cleaned up, and with better signage. This includes signs inviting folks to our monthly meetings as well as an illustrated description of the PPIE and our program celebrating it in October. Be sure to stop by the Great Mall just inside Entrance 4 to check it out!



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## Frontier Days Jail Rolls Again!

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Milpitas Historical Society had a booth at the City of Milpitas and the Chamber of Commerce International BBQ and Festival on South Milpitas Blvd. As it did last year, the Society's Frontier Days Rolling Jail, along with items from President Roger Skuse's collection of historic frontier artifacts, was the big attraction for the booth, at which we distributed information to the public about the Society and its meetings, sold copies of our local history books, and collected donations.



MHS Vice President Catherine Pelizzari and President Roger Skuse in costume with the Frontier Days Rolling Jail

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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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