

## Who Are We?

The purpose, goals, and mission of an organization is what attracts persons of common interests to come together. The founders of the Historical Society came up with three sentences that identified why the Society exists and what role it should play in our community.

As a reminder of what the Society stands for, here is Article II from our bylaws.

“To promote the preservation of the history and cultural heritage of the area now encompassed within the City of Milpitas and surrounding areas through the collection,

preservation, and dissemination of such material to its citizens and all interested parties so as to better understand our community.

“To encourage the preservation of buildings, sites, and trees deemed to be historically and architecturally significant to the City of Milpitas.

“To provide representation in regard to the City of Milpitas’ history and culture by means of oral, pictorial, or other methods prescribed by the Board of Directors, in an effort to provide an accurate and authentic interpretation of the history of Milpitas.”

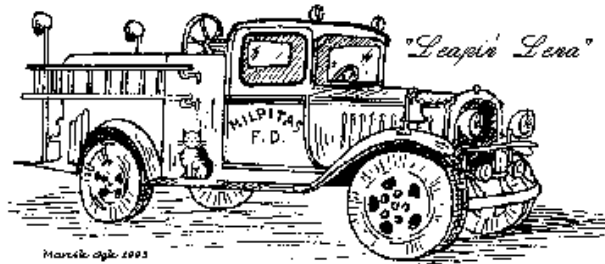


## The First Grammar School

This image to the left shows the first grammar school in Milpitas c. 1890. There were two doors, one for boys and one for girls to enter the one classroom. The building faced east and the children are standing in what is now called Winsor St. The railroad tracks are behind the camera.

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**First Class**



# Milpitas Muse

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## **“The Valley of Heart’s Delight” showing at January meeting**

Our January meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the Milpitas Public Library on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 7:00 to 8:45 PM.

Our January meeting will feature John Kimball, who has lived in the Valley since 1950, who will show a 1922 16-mm film about the Santa Clara Valley called The Valley of Heart’s Delight. This film was, produced by Clyde Arbuckle and KPIX. It shows Valley history in black and white from Alum Rock Park to the Saratoga Blossom Festival and from Palo Alto to Santa Cruz over old Highway 17.

If there is enough time, John will also show “Fortune in Two Trunks,” which was filmed in color by Sunsweet in 1957 and is the story of Louis Pellier, who introduced the French prune to the Valley, initiating the fruit industry; it shows the Valley in white blossom splendor as it was every Spring!

Light refreshments will follow the presentation.

## **Slate of Officers and Directors for 2011**

The newly adopted bylaws returned some Directorships to the Society and provided for elections to be held at the annual meeting.

President Harriett McGuire appointed a nominating committee of four members to fill the positions. The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2011:

### Officers

*President:* Steve Munzel

*Vice President:* Harriett McGuire

*Secretary:* Catherine Pelizzari

*Treasurer:* Kraig Bunnell

### Directors:

*Archives:* Bob Keely

*Historian:* Bob Burrill

*Hospitality:* Joanne Souza

*Landmarks:* Bill Hare

*Membership:* Peggy Horyza

*Public Relations/Publications:* Catherine Pelizzari

*Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources  
Commission Liaison:*

Rebecca Villalobos

*Program and Special Events:*

Harriett McGuire

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## **Holiday Celebration**

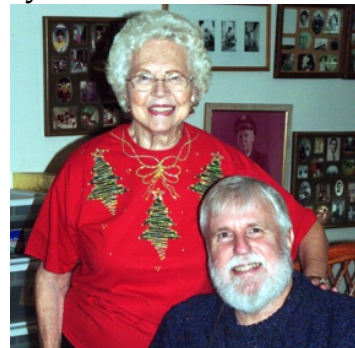


Photo Courtesy of Robert Burrell

Shown above are outgoing MHS President Harriett McGuire and incoming President Steve Munzell at the 2010 Historical Society Christmas Party held on December 13 at Kim Parker’s house. The society would like to thank Kim Parker and Peter Herrera for their wonderful hospitality, Bob Burrell, Bob Keely, and friend for providing the music, and to all who attended, brought food and brought good cheer to a successful holiday party.

## **In Memoriam**

We wish to remember Betty Burke, a longtime member of the Milpitas Historical Society, who died December 13, 2010. Betty was also a member of the Green thumb Garden Club, and the Golden Hills Art Association. She lived in Fremont and is survived by a son and daughter.