

Milpitas Muse

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The Milpitas Historical Society Newsletter

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January 14 Meeting: Jo Mora, Artist of the West

Our first meeting of 2015 will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 14, in the Auditorium (Community Room) of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street.

Our featured speaker will be our Milpitas Historical Society President, Roger Skuse, who will show and tell the story of Jo Mora (1876-1947), the Uruguayan-born cowboy, illustrator, artist, sculptor, photographer and writer who lived with the Hopi and whose art, writing, and documentation of the American West and Native American Culture have become invaluable piece of the history of our country. Among other local examples of his work is the dramatic Sphinx at the front of the San Jose Athletic Club (formerly the Scottish Rite Temple) at 196 North Third Street in San Jose.



Roger will show several of the treasured pieces of art that Jo Mora created (and a pair a chaps that belonged to him), as well as a few beautiful historic rarities from our gold rush forward, also representing the Spanish and Mexican traditions of our area.

Please join us to hear the stories and see these treasures of Western art. Meetings are free and all are welcome.

Milpitas Veterans Honored

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at the annual Veteran's Day celebration at Veteran's Plaza behind the City Hall, the Milpitas Veterans commission awarded the honor of Veteran of the Year to Arthur Ebright (below, left) with Denny Weisgerber, former Milpitas Mayor and Chairman of the Milpitas Veteran's Commission (right).



Also in attendance were Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves and his wife, Susan (left) and Milpitas Historical Society President Roger Skuse and his wife, Shirley (right).



Slate of Officers and Directors for 2015

At the Milpitas Historical Society's November meeting, the Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2015:

Officers

President: Roger Skuse

Vice President: Catherine Pelizzari

Secretary: Lela Ehardt

Treasurer: Joe Ehardt

Directors:

Archives and Landmarks: Steve Munzel

Historian: Mayvid Maclay

Hospitality: Joanne Souza

Membership: Joe Ehardt

Special Events: Harriett McGuire

Newsletter: Catherine Pelizzari

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission

Liaison: Steve Munzel.

The election will be held at the regular meeting of the Society on Wednesday, January 14.

February Installation Dinner

Instead of a regular meeting in February, the Milpitas Historical Society will hold its Installation Dinner at Zahir's Bistro, 579 South Main Street, on Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 pm. This year, the dinner will be a served meal, rather than a buffet. The menu will be included in your invitation.



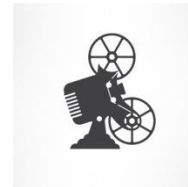
Long-time Mission San Jose docent, author, and community activist Lila Bringhurst will be the keynote speaker, and will have an interesting presentation about Mission San Jose, its history and the history of the surrounding neighborhood.

Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves will administer the oath of office. You will be receiving your official invitation to this event at the beginning of next month.

Happy RE-New Year!



It's a new year and the Milpitas Historical Society wishes all of our members and friends a wonderful 2015. We also need to remind you that this is the time to renew your Society membership. Just print out the attached or enclosed membership form and send it with your \$20 membership fee to: 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas CA, 95035. We hope to see you back!



Save Your Family's Old Home Movies

Do you have old home movies on film or tape that you'd like to be able to see again? The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County wants to preserve your home movies and provide you DVD copies. For information, contact them at (408)317-8249.

Milpitas Historical Society Contact Information

You can contact the Milpitas Historical Society:

- by phone at (408) 320-9587

- by mail at 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas CA 95035

- by email at: tmhs@milpitashistory.org.

The traditional Milpitas history web page is here:

<http://www.milpitashistory.org/historicalsociety/society.html>

Here's the new website for the Milpitas Historical Society:

<http://milpitashistoricalsociety.org>, with information about the society and upcoming events.

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