



# Milpitas Muse

## June Milpitas Historical Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11, in the Community Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street.

Our featured guest will be Mary Haven Thompson, a long-time Milpitas resident and Historical Society member who will be treating us to songs relating to history from many times and places.

Ms. Thompson grew up in Connecticut and moved to California in 1944, finished high school in Mill Valley, graduated from UC Berkeley, and moved to Milpitas in 1955. She taught school for thirty years, and both as a student and a teacher, availed herself of every opportunity to sing and to share the joy of singing with students, day-campers, Girl Scouts, and with adults, such as the group shown below, who called themselves the Oleana Singers, and who got together for hootenannies at friends' houses and at a Milpitas talent program.



**Haven Thompson (left) with fellow singers Jerry Williams, then of the city public works department; Mort Levine, Post publisher, Warren Schmid, then city manager, and Jim Connolly, then community development manager (around 1960).**

Photo courtesy of the Milpitas Post.

Haven Thompson will be presenting songs of historical significance, involving events in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, France, Russia, Germany, and Spain.

Meetings are free and all are welcome. Hope to see you there!



## Milpitas Community Tour

The Milpitas Historical Society is again organizing a Community Tour this summer, on Saturday, June 28.

The tour will include visits with docents to the beautifully renovated Alviso Adobe Park, the Silva Apricot Ranch (with an opportunity to buy fresh local apricots at their peak), the old St. John's Cemetery across the street from the Silva Apricot ranch, and the original Laguna Schoolhouse up on Calaveras Road. The tour will finish up with a picnic lunch (bring your own) back at the Alviso Adobe Park.



**Historic St. John's Cemetery on Piedmont Road**

The itinerary of the tour and the locations and meeting times for each place will be sent out again in a bulletin to Society members toward the end of June and will be available to everyone else through an announcement in the *Milpitas Post*. The tour is free and open to all.



### **Providing Legal Protection for Board Members**

The Milpitas Historical Society's Officers and Board of Directors have been discussing the need for an addition to the bylaws of the Society that would provide protection against lawsuits. This is a very rare occurrence, but one that many other community organizations have been adding to their by-laws on a just-in-case basis, feeling that it is better to be safe than sorry.

This proposed addition to the bylaws, reprinted in the paragraph below, will be brought up for a vote in the business part of the June 11 meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society. The word "Corporation" in the text refers to the Milpitas Historical Society. We hope you will have read this before you come, so that you are familiar with the issue. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

#### ***Indemnification***

*The Corporation shall, to the maximum extent permitted by the Law, indemnify each of its directors, officers, employees, and agents against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding arising by reason*

*of the fact that any such person is or was a director, officer, or agent of the Corporation, and shall advance to such person expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding to the maximum extent permitted by the Law. For purposes of this Section, a "director," "officer," "employee," or "agent" of the Corporation includes any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation.*

### **Historical Society's Summer Vacation**

The Milpitas Historical Society is taking its usual summer vacation, so there will be no Society meetings or newsletters in July or August.

Members are invited to the traditional summer picnic, which this year will be held in September, instead of August. A notice will be sent out to all members, giving date, time, and place, as soon as the exact date is settled.

And please don't forget to come back again for our first fall meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at which docent Christie Dentry will tell us about the historic Patterson House in Fremont, a part of the Ardenwood Farm, a Regional Historic Landmark. You can sign up for one of the wonderful Patterson House Christmas tours.

### **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](mailto:tmhs@milpitashistory.org).

There is new website for the Milpitas Historical Society: <http://milpitashistoricalociety.org>, with information about the society and upcoming events.

The traditional Milpitas history web page here: <http://www.milpitashistory.org/historicalsociety/society.html>  
And there's a YouTube Channel with videos of tours and other historical information about Milpitas you can see here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/MilpitasHistory>

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