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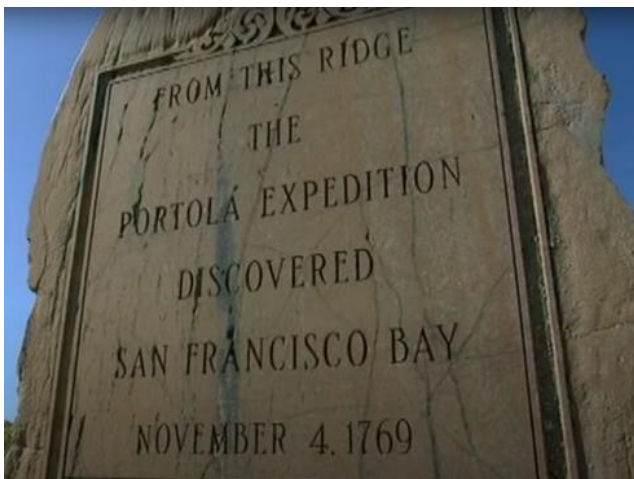
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January Zoom Meeting: Early History of San Francisco Bay

Our January meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 12th. Because our scheduled speaker needed to cancel, Bill Hare and Joseph Ehardt are preparing a special video condensed from a very informative and outstanding KQED 4-hour documentary. The theme of the original 2009 series of four 50-minute episodes is an ecological examination of the way in which the Bay estuary has changed over time.



Marker memorializing the first European discovery of the San Francisco Bay

If you are interested, you can purchase it in Blu-Ray or conventional DVD formats either from the savingthebay.org website or Amazon.com. Its full title is “Saving the Bay: The Story of San Francisco Bay,” featuring actor Robert Redford as the narrator.

Our special presentation will more narrowly focus on the “early” history of San Francisco Bay, with a brief retrospective of how it was formed (there were radical geological changes), and then a more extensive history of the influence of human habitation – the millenia of aboriginal natives followed by slow Spanish colonization and then the very sudden changes of the California Gold Rush.



Sailing ship of the kind that brought early settlers and then the Gold Rush population to the San Francisco Bay Area

To join this meeting from your Mac, PC, tablet, or smartphone, click on this link below and you will be connected!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8538460380?pwd=WXJMdGFKTWF1MkE5eU5JL3FOSFVxUT09>

OR use your browser to go to

milpitashistoricalsociety.org, and on the home page there will be a link to click that will automatically take you to the meeting.

We will have a social time afterwards (as we usually do after the meetings), so you can catch up with friends and find out what’s going on.

Safe Socializing is Returning! Milpitas Historical Society’s ChristmasPot Luck a Success

The Milpitas Historical Society came together for another wonderful Christmas party on Sunday, December 12, at the historic home of our gracious hosts Kim Parker and Peter Herrera and celebrated the season and the joys of being able to see one another in person again. Some of brave, masked-for-entrance, and vaccinated members who participated are shown in the photos on the next page.

Milpitas Historical Society Members Sharing the Holiday Spirit



Mike Pelizzari, Bill Hare, Carrie Kiphuth, Fred Zeise, Ann Zeise, Joanne Souza, and Daisy and Kansan Chu



Mark Tiernan, Carolyn Tiernan, Dan Cosper, Joe Ehardt, Bob Burrill, and Bob Keely

What about our Traditional Installation Dinner?

Our Society plans to hold an in-person traditional dinner for the installation of our 2022 officers on Thursday, February 17, but we are still negotiating the place and price for the dinner, and we've decided not to have a speaker this time, just the swearing-in ceremony and lots of time for socializing, after this long hiatus. Invitations will be mailed to you in February with specifics about the time, place, price, and safety requirements. Hope to actually see you then!

The Old Jail Rolls Out for Christmas!



The city-provided false snow falls on the Frontier Days Rolling Jail at the Holiday Magic site.

Our Society's historic rolling jail, from the 1960s Frontier Days, came rolling out once more, this time to help the city of Milpitas celebrate 15 days of Holiday Magic in the space underneath the Calaveras Blvd. overpass next to the library. This area was turned into a site for music, treats, ice skating, games, and other fun events, including one in which the Grinch was arrested (by Mayor Richard Tran, below left) and thrown into the Christmas-decorated Rolling Jail for stealing Christmas presents!



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