

Milpitas Muse

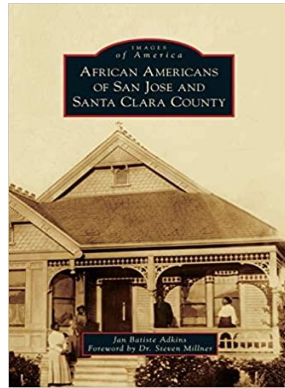
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October 12 Meeting: *In-Person Again*

This month, our meeting on will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12. Our speaker will be Jan Batiste Adkins, historian and author of several Images of America books about the important African Americans of our part of California, including *African Americans of San Francisco* (2012), *African Americans of Monterey County* (2015), and her most recent book, *African Americans of San Jose and Santa Clara County* (2019).



Jan Batiste Adkins

She will speak about those sometimes-overlooked African American citizens of our part of California who have contributed greatly to our locality and state.

We look forward to seeing those of you who can make it to this meeting and to sharing our own latest stories after the meeting. Sadly, coffee and treats are not yet being allowed in the meeting room, but we are looking forward to that being remedied soon. The library still requires you to wear a mask.

Discontinuing Zoom Access

At our May and June meetings we held hybrid events with in-person attendance and with remote access via Zoom, but we found that the library's network was not consistently fast enough to fully support our Zoom broadcasting in addition to satisfying the needs of other Library users. Consequently, this and future meetings will be in-person attendance only.

Pumpkins In the Park!

Save the Date: Saturday, October 22



Once again, the City of Milpitas will be celebrating Pumpkins in the Park from 10 am to 1 pm at Cardoza Park (1351 Kennedy Dr. at North Park Victoria Dr.)

The Historical Society will have the decorated Rolling Jail there for spooky Halloween surprises and photo opportunities and it will also have its booth at which kids can make Halloween crafts and treats.

We hope members can bring their families and enjoy these and the many other treats, games, and music that this year's Pumpkins in the Park festival will offer.



Last year's Craft Booth, where children enjoyed making their own Halloween objects, such as lollipop "ghosts."

Milpitas Historical Society's End-Of-Summer Picnic in a New Location Was a Great Success!

Because our usual picnic hosts, Kim Parker and Peter Herrera, were away on vacation at the time of our picnic, the Society held its end-of-summer potluck gathering at Milpitas's Martin Murphy Jr. Park. It turned out to be a very pleasant place for our picnic, cool and airy under the trees, good space for our shared dishes and plenty of places to sit. With lots of good food and interesting conversations, it was a great experience for the attendees, and should this situation occur in the future, we know we will have a great place to go for our picnics.



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Alviso Adobe Finally Ready for Visitors Indoors!



On Wednesday, October 26, at 5 pm, a special ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held with our Mayor and City Council to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished interior of Milpitas's iconic Alviso Adobe. The attending city dignitaries will then be given a special tour of the interior.

The Adobe's furnishings and displays have been under development for several years. When open to the public a few months from now, pre-scheduled reservations can be made with the EventBrite app or website. Guided tours of the interior will provide an immersive audio-visual experience of what adobe living was like during the mid-19th century, when it was built, as well as in the 1900s when the Cuciz family occupied it.

The slight delay in the opening for tours by the public is to ensure the AV presentations work as intended and to recruit and train more volunteer docents. If you want to become a docent on these tours, you can contact Joe Ehardt at joseph.hardt@comcast.net, who will coordinate this process with the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Our Society's Contact Information

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