

Milpitas Muse

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January Meeting In-Person AND on Zoom: Richard Santos and His Connection to Alviso

Our first meeting in January will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11th at the Milpitas Library, and will feature a talk by Richard Santos, a Director of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, representing District 3, which includes Milpitas, Berryessa, and parts of San Jose, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara, and one of our longtime members.



Richard Santos, speaking at a previous MHS meeting

Richard Santos whose family connection with Alviso goes back more than a hundred years, will talk about his perspective of the events and changes in living in that historic place.



Alviso Marina County Park

Because this is a **very important meeting** at which the Milpitas Historical Society elects the Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year, we are hoping that **every member** will be able to join us, either in person (which is more fun) or online.

We are hoping that internet traffic in the library that night is light that so that Zoom participants can have the same experience of this delightful presentation as those who are there in person.

Here is the list of nominees that will be voted on at the January meeting

Nominations: 2023 Board of Directors:

President: Bill Hare.

Vice President: Catherine Pelizzari

Secretary: Carolyn Tiernan

Treasurer: Joe Ehardt

Hospitality: Unfilled position

Publicity: Harriett McGuire

History: Joanne Souza

Special Events: Danny Cosper

Membership: Jathin Ullal

Archives: Joe Ehardt

Educational Outreach Program: Joe Ehardt

Liaison to PRCRC: Joe Ehardt

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, although, sadly, the county is still forbidding food being served at these meetings.

We hope to see you there!

Keeping Our Members Safe and Healthy

The Milpitas Historical Society was very sorry to have to have canceled our traditional Christmas party and potluck luncheon this year, but the number of members and board members that were reporting being afflicted with COVID, although not particularly seriously, raised worries that attendees might not even know that they were infected and might endanger the health of others.



The level of infections in the county seems to be falling off, however, so we think that having an in-person meeting in January, for those who want to meet up, should be relatively safe. Attendees still need to wear masks; there will be plenty of distanced seating. Those who don't wish to meet in person will be able to attend using Zoom on their computers or phones.

Our Upcoming Installation Dinner

Our Society plans to hold our traditional in-person dinner for the installation of our 2023 officers on Thursday, February 15. We are planning have it once again at Gorgio's Italian Restaurant, where we met last year.

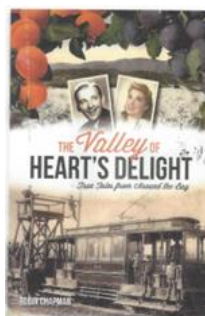


We've decided not to have a speaker again, just the swearing-in ceremony, this time by our newly elected mayor, Carmen Montano, so we will have lots of time for meeting and socializing.

Invitations will be mailed to you in February with specifics about Gorgio's specific location and address, the dinner price, and safety requirements. Hope to see you in person at this fun event!

Local Author Publishes New Book About Our Area

Local author Robin Chapman, who has previously spoken at our Milpitas Historical Society meetings, has just (last summer) published a new book on the fascinating history and pioneers of our Santa Clara Valley, in its early days known as The Valley of Heart's Delight.



California's first immigrants from Mexico were astonished by its beauty. The land is moist, and the hills have an abundance of rosemary and herbs, sunflowers in bloom, vines as plentiful as a vineyard, wrote one. From the movie stars of Hollywood's golden era who once came to play, to billionaires who grew apricots for pleasure, the valley has hosted orchards, electric railroads, Army camps and even a love-struck poet. Author and historian Robin Chapman uncovers here a great many true tales of this ever-changing place. We hope to have this author as a speaker at one of our meetings this year; she will no doubt bring copies of this book for purchase at that meeting.

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