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Wednesday, October 11th In-Person Meeting: **New Earlier Time: 3pm** Historic Film about the Golden Gate Bridge

Our October meeting will take place at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 11, in the Multipurpose Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library to see if it is a more convenient time now that most of us are retired and perhaps not comfortable driving at night. We'll ask you about this at the meeting and see what you think about meeting at this new time.



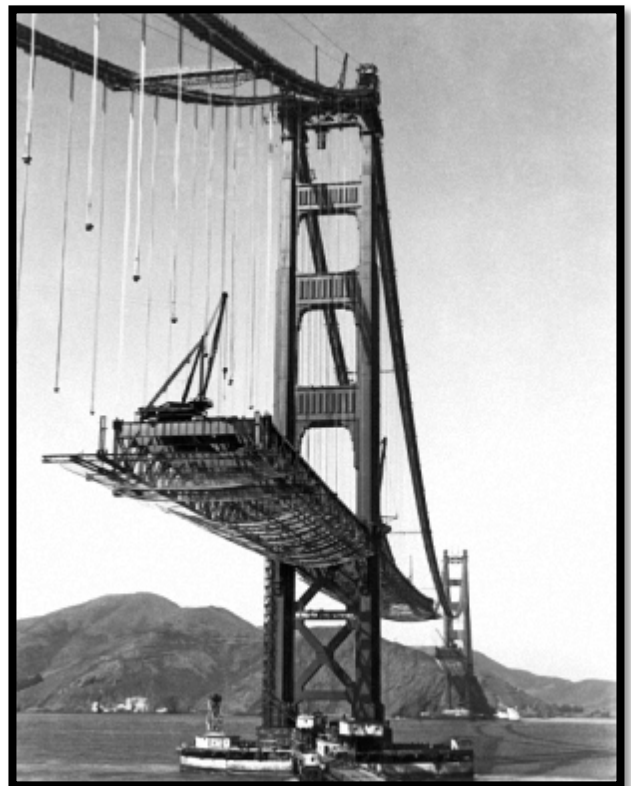
The Golden Gate Bridge on Opening Day, May 27th, 1937

Prior to the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, people living in the North Bay had to take ferries to cross over to San Francisco. The same can be said prior to the building of the Oakland Bay Bridge, which opened November 12th, 1936. Prior to that, everything -- people, cars, trucks and even trains -- was loaded onto ferries for the crossing into and out of the City.

So the construction of a bridge across such a large span of swiftly flowing water long referred to as "The Golden Gate" was a very bold conception, with the challenging goal of it being not only practical and functional but architecturally beautiful as well.



The two towers had to be incredibly strong and yet not appear to be bulky and ugly. Building the foundation of the tower on the San Francisco side especially was an extraordinary feat; the swift current through the Golden Gate restricted divers working underwater to very short slack tide intervals.



Once that was accomplished, the stringing of massive cables to carry the weight of the long suspension road started. Back and forth across the span, wire cables were pulled repeatedly and were bound together to form the final cables

Then the most dangerous work was undertaken -- laying out successive sections of road until the entire gap was spanned, as it appears today as shown below.



Please join us in the Milpitas Library to watch this wonderful film about how the iconic Golden Gate Bridge became a reality.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 28th



Once again, the City of Milpitas will be celebrating Pumpkins in the Park from 10 am to 2 pm at Cardoza Park (1351 Kennedy Dr. at North Park Victoria Dr.) on Saturday, October 28th.

The Milpitas Historical Society will bring its festively decorated Frontier Days Rolling Jail there for spooky Halloween surprises and photo opportunities. 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 many other treats, games, and music that this year's Pumpkins in the Park festival will offer.

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