

Milpitas Muse

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Our Next Meeting is June 12th at 7:00 pm

The June meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society will begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 12th, in the auditorium of the Milpitas Library, 160 N. Main Street.

This month we welcome back Lorie Garcia, retired City of Santa Clara Historian and author of *A Place of Promise: The City of Santa Clara, 1852-2000*. She was a speaker on a previous occasion. Lorie will speak about photographer, artist, writer, and librarian Alice Hare, (1859-1942), best known for her photographs, many of which were used as postcards in her day.

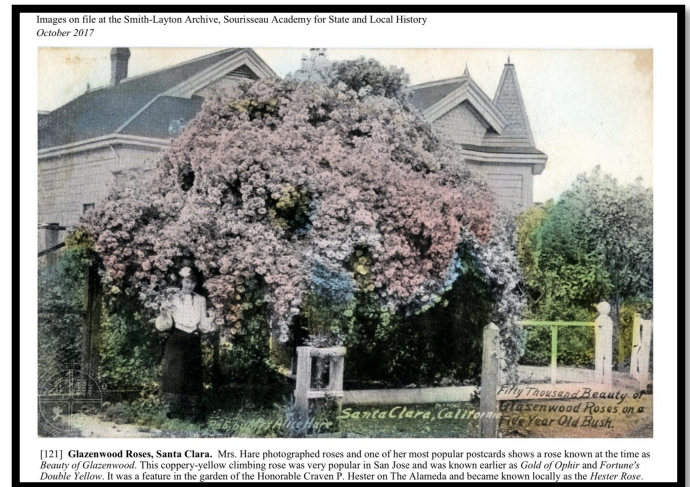


Alice Hare was a Santa Clara Valley photographer who had a photography studio at 1075 Madison St. in Santa Clara from the late 1890s until the early 1900s. She was born December 12, 1859, in New Geneva, Pennsylvania. She married James William Hare in 1877 and had four sons while living first in Pennsylvania and then Illinois.

In 1895 the family moved to Santa Clara, where Alice began her career first as an amateur and then a professional photographer. She sold many of her photographs to be used as postcards.



Alviso Adobe photographed by Alice Hare, early 1900s



[121] *Glazenwood Roses, Santa Clara.* Mrs. Hare photographed roses and one of her most popular postcards shows a rose known at the time as *Beauty of Glazenwood*. This coppery-yellow climbing rose was very popular in San Jose and was known earlier as *Gold of Ophir* and *Fortune's Double Yellow*. It was a feature in the garden of the Honorable Craven P. Hester on The Alameda and became known locally as the *Hester Rose*.

There will be time for questions and conversation afterwards (as we usually do after meetings), so you can catch up with friends and find out what's going on. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 17TH SUMMER BBQ
AT THE LAST WORD RANCH !!!**

SCCPA Awards Night

The Santa Clara County Preservation Alliance's third Preservation Awards night at History San Jose Park on Friday, May 17, was festive, informative, and featured several awardees who have some ties to the Milpitas Historical Society.

One of the presenters, interestingly, was *San Jose Mercury News* columnist Sal Pizarro, whose columns you may read if you get that newspaper and are interested in local events, history, and personalities.

An Outstanding Building Restoration Award went to Sue Cucuzza, who, upon becoming a trustee of the historic San Jose Landmark Ashworth/Remillard House at 755 Story Road, has ensured its protection, managed its repairs, and directed restoration projects, saving it from almost certain destruction for the benefit of future generations. Sue addressed the Milpitas Historical Society members at the Ashford Remillard house when we took a tour there.



Sue Cucuzza speaks to Santa Clara County Preservation Awards Night attendees about the joys and difficulties of preserving the Ashford/Remillard house and her gratitude for being honored for all she has done for it.

Another Distinguished Preservation Service Award was given to the Moffett Field Historical Society for its Outstanding Preservation and Educational Programs of Moffett Field's Aviation and Military history. The Milpitas Historical Society has toured the Moffett Field Historical Museum on one of its field trips.

And the Historical Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award, the crowning event of the evening, was given to Jim Zetterquist, for Historic Preservation Advancement, Service, and Promotion of San Jose History and Preservation Organizations. Jim is the author of the impressive history of his family and of early California, *California Connections*, and he spoke about it to the Milpitas Historical Society in September 2022.

He also addressed our Society in October 2016, when he and some of the fellow members of a group of local historians and film specialists -- members of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County known as the "Fruit Cocktail Gang" -- showed a collection of clips from old films of the iconic fruit orchards and other aspects of agriculture in the Santa Clara Valley.



Jim Zetterquist and his California Connections book

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