

Fall Events

California History Center Foundation

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A CENTURY OF CYCLING IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Exhibit reception

Saturday, October 7

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

If spokes could speak they'd spin a story of Santa Clara Valley in all its glory! Join us for the festive public opening of this original exhibit on the history of bicycles and cycling. A unique display of antique bicycles, cycling togs and paraphernalia, and historic photographs illustrate the transition of cycling from past to present. An inter-club bike tour sponsored by the Almaden Cycle Touring Club ends at the Trianon just before the festivities begin. The Wheelmen, Northern California Chapter, will ride some of their collection of historic cycles; light breakfast fare will be available for \$3. R.S.V.P. to 864-8712.

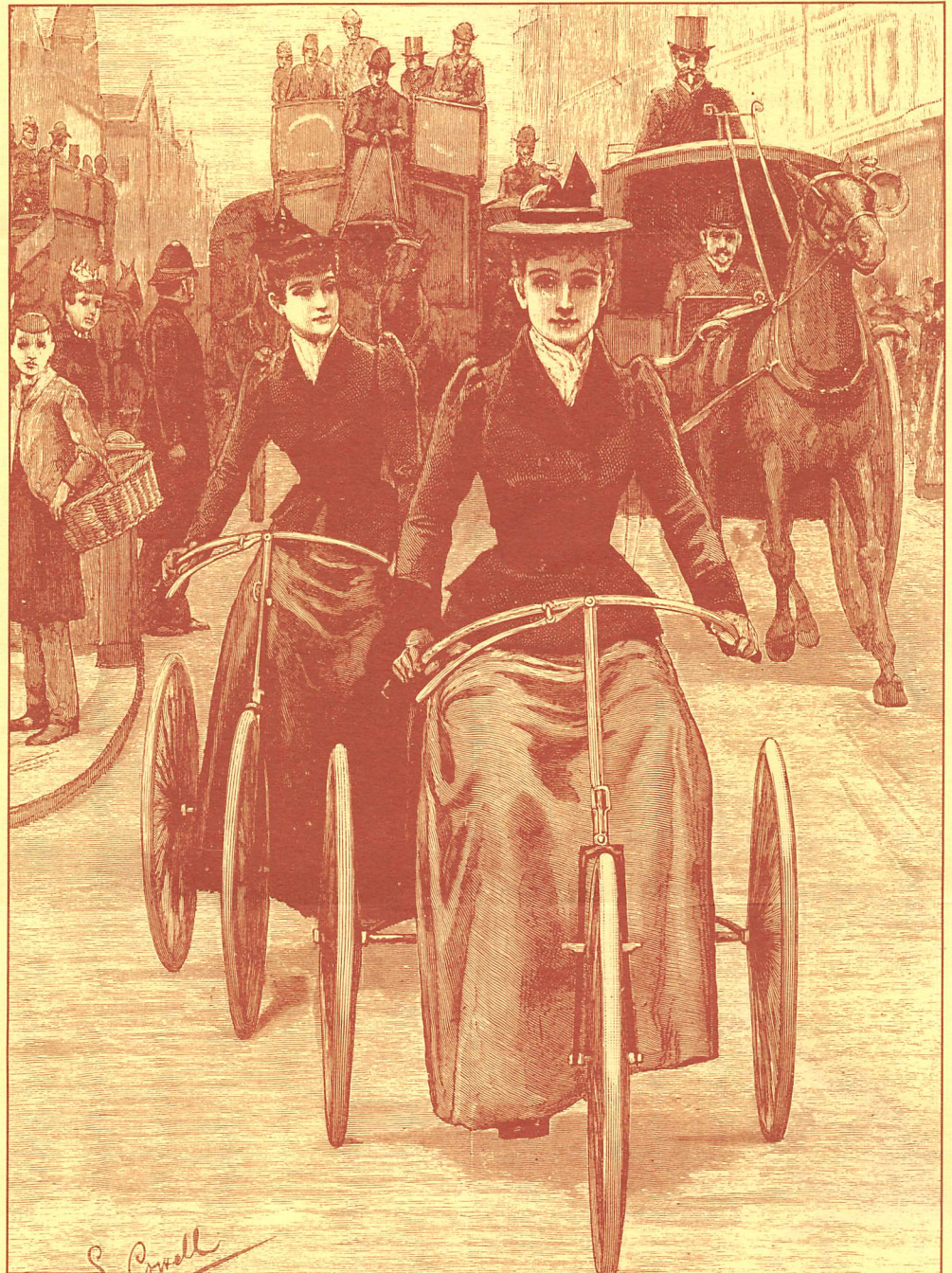
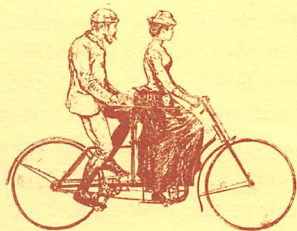


Exhibit on display at the Trianon Building through February 17th.

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WREATH DESIGN WITH FRAGRANT HERBS AND EVERLASTING FLOWERS

Join Virginia Saso for a morning creating an old-fashioned wreath made from unusual herbs and everlasting flowers. The wreath's materials will consist of old-time flowers and herbs such as love-in-the-mist, sweet Annie, unusual oregano blossoms, along with lacy German statice, colorful annual statice, fragrant lavender blossoms and more. This wreath will be created to delight all of the senses. The workshop will take place under an oak tree among the herbs of the Saso Garden in Saratoga. This garden features a large collection of herbs, with many different varieties of each type. Sample herb teas while enjoying the ambiance of this unique and beautiful garden. The techniques you will learn will enable you to make wreaths on your own after the workshop — perfect for holiday decorations and gifts. You will receive hand-outs which describe the history of the herbs in your wreath.

TIME/PLACE

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Saso Herb Garden, 14625 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga. A map will be sent to participants. You may want to harvest and dry favorite flowers and herbs from your own garden to incorporate into the wreath.

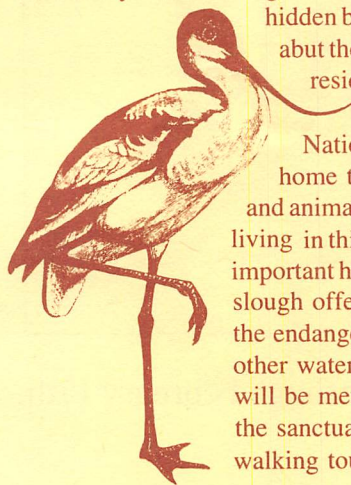
COSTS

Members \$40; non-members \$47. Costs include honorarium and all materials needed to create a 14" wreath. Reservation and payment due September 22.

Sunday, October 8

EXPLORING ELKHORN SLOUGH

The meeting of ocean and river water, with its tidal influences, provides a unique environment for the residents of an estuary. With biologist Lee Van Fossen, find signs of life hidden beneath the mudflats and learn about the year-round and seasonal residents that occupy the salt marsh. The Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Sanctuary is home to an amazing variety of plants and animals with special adaptations for living in this coastal environment. An important habitat for migrating birds, the slough offers an opportunity to glimpse the endangered brown pelican as well as other water and shore birds. Your group will be met by an interpretive guide from the sanctuary who will join you on your walking tour. Bring your camera and



binoculars to get a closer look at life in the estuary — the leisurely pace of the hike will allow time for pictures and bird identification. There will be time to stop at the visitor center to view exhibits about the history and ecology of the area.

After the walk, bring your own lunch and beverage to enjoy on the sand dunes of Moss Landing. This environment, different from the mud-flats and salt marshes of the sanctuary, is constantly changed by the action of wind and water. Discover the forces that sculpt the shifting sands and enjoy a fall day on the beach.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 4:00 p.m. Participants should wear layered clothing and hiking boots.

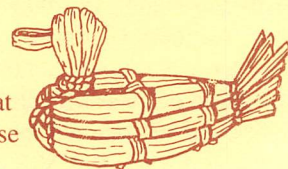
COSTS

Members \$30; non-members \$40. Cost includes transportation, fees and honorarium. Reservation and payment due September 25.

Saturday, October 21

NATIVE AMERICAN LIVING SKILLS – A SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT

Picture the shoreline of the San Francisco Bay two hundred years ago. Imagine the smell of the fresh salty air, and the sound of seals barking in the distance. Overhead a living cloud slides across the sun and the air is filled with the sound of a million wings as hundreds of thousands migrating ducks circle low and settle on the marsh to feed. The horizon is marked by curling wisps of smoke from the campfire of a village. This village, near the marsh border, is beside a stream that feeds into the bay where a plant grows that is important to these Native Americans. The tule that is still found here today is a tall green reed that grows in fresh or salt water. These local Indians, called the Ohlones,



used the tule to make boats for transportation, houses for shelter, mats for sleeping and sitting, and duck decoys for hunting. Their fires, important for cooking and producing steam for their sweat lodges, were started with a variety of different plant materials. Imagine using tree branches, dried grasses and bark and fibrous plant stems to create the wonder of fire. Come join naturalists Fran McTamaney and Mike Dickerson and step back in time for a few hours. By using the local marsh plant, the tule, you will make your own tule mat and duck decoy. While you eat your lunch you will enjoy some history and stories about the Ohlones. You will end the day by learning and practicing a primitive fire-making technique.

TIME/PLACE

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Le Petit Trianon on the De Anza College Campus. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Children ages 9-12 are welcome with the company of an adult; ages 13 and up may come on their own. All participants should wear old clothes (you will be working with wet tules) and bring a

pocket knife.

COSTS

Members \$18; non-members \$22. Adults who are not participating in the workshop but who are only accompanying younger children will be admitted at no charge. Costs include honorarium and materials. Reservation and payment due October 6.

Saturday, October 28

McCARTY'S TOLL-GATE TOWN: A WALK THROUGH SARATOGA

Once called Tollgate, McCartysville and Banks Mills, the town was christened "Saratoga" in 1865, named after Saratoga, New York, a popular mineral springs resort. Congress Springs, the mineral springs in town, was an exclusive resort where wealthy families could enjoy the benefits of the mineral waters as early as 1866. Local industries began with the harvesting of redwood trees in 1847 and was soon followed by other businesses, including a grist mill, tannery and paper mill. Join restorationist Norm Koepernik for a guided walking tour of this historic small town and a look at some of the remnants of these early years.

Your tour will begin at the Saratoga Historical Museum. Exhibits and a presentation by one of their docents will introduce you to the village and its history before your walk. Then, as you travel through the streets past cottages and gardens, Mr. Koepernik will share stories about the town's past, the people, and the homes built between the late 1800s and the early 1900s. You will stop at the Saratoga Foothill Club (a Julia Morgan design) as well as the library and Madronia Cemetery. As a special addition to this tour, a private mission-revival style home will be opened to our group, where the owner will discuss the history of the house, and her plans for its renovation.

Following the walking tour, there will be a group luncheon at the Country Store Cafe and Restaurant. You will have your choice of a half salad with a half turkey sandwich, or a chef salad. Both choices will be accompanied by freshly baked bread, coffee, tea or milk and homemade coffee cake for dessert. Please indicate your choice when you register.

TIME/PLACE

Participants will meet at the Saratoga Historical Museum at 9:30 a.m. A map will be sent to each participant which locates the museum and parking areas nearby. The tour lasts from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with lunch from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes; bring raingear if needed.

COSTS

Members \$24; non-members \$30. Cost includes tour, lunch, museum fees and honorarium. Reservation and payment due October 13.

Sunday, October 29

BAY DAY CRUISE

Discover the sense of anticipation felt by earlier visitors to San Francisco — waiting for space to dock as the steamboats and schooners competed for precious shoreline space. The skyline of San Francisco spread before them, where the characters and events that shaped the city into what it is today waited for their turn in history. Join Nancy Olmstead for a tour that offers a different perspective of the cultural and natural history of the bay as can only be experienced from the water. Once on board the 50' chartered boat, the "Delphinus," our group will depart from the South Basin Marina in San Francisco for a fascinating view of the San Francisco Bay.

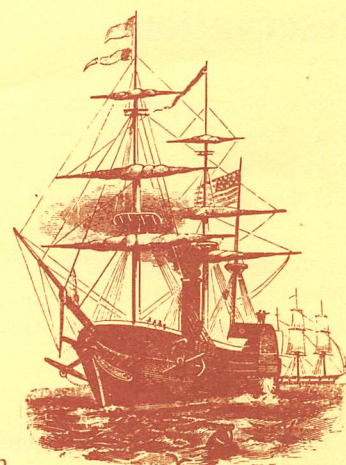
You will travel to China Basin along an old schooner route which brought goods and passengers from the southern parts of the bay, and pass under drawbridges designed by Strauss, architect of the Golden Gate Bridge. Nancy's lively accounts of San Francisco's colorful past will bring to life its earlier days as you hug the coastline, gliding past Telegraph Hill, Levi's Plaza and Fisherman's Wharf. Descriptions of the Native Americans, the gold rush and the changes that occurred as each group of people came to the area will help you imagine the evolution of this unique city. The "Delphinus" will take you on to Ft. Point, the Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito, and the Marin Headlands, with good opportunities to use your binoculars to get a close look at a passing gull or sea lion. You will learn about the history of the islands and lighthouses in the bay as you cruise by Alcatraz and Yerba Buena islands while heading back to the marina.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 4:30 p.m. The cruise is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunch and beverages. Coffee and tea will also be provided on the boat throughout the day. Wear layered clothing and include a windbreaker jacket or similar light coat.

COSTS

Members \$62; non-members \$73. Cost includes bus transportation, chartered boat and honorarium. Reservations and payment due October 13.



Reservations

Reservations are limited and are taken on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations cannot be made after the due dates listed below. Please, no phone reservations. Payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany all ticket requests. Make checks payable to CHCF, and send to CHCF, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, California 95014. We regret that we cannot offer refunds. Program inquiries: (408) 864-8712.

You are entitled to membership rates by enclosing \$25 for an individual membership or \$35 for a family membership. The California History Center Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports documentation and preservation of California history with an emphasis on the Bay Area.

☐ Enclosed is a check for membership. ☐ Please mail membership information.

10/7 Exhibit Reception, "A Century of Cycling"

_____ members, _____ non-members (R.S.V.P.)
_____ light breakfast(s) @ \$3.00.

10/7 Wreath Design with Herbs and Flowers

_____ members @ \$40, _____ non-members @ \$47. (due 9/22)

10/8 Exploring Elkhorn Slough

_____ members @ \$30, _____ non-members @ \$40. (due 9/25)

10/21 Native American Living Skills: Family Event

_____ members @ \$18, _____ non-members @ \$22. (due 10/6)

10/28 McCarty's Toll-gate Town

_____ members @ \$24, _____ non-members @ \$30. (due 10/13)

Please indicate lunch preference:

_____ Half salad with half turkey sandwich _____ Chef salad

10/29 Bay Day Cruise

_____ members @ \$62, _____ non-members @ \$73. (due 10/13)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____ . PLEASE INCLUDE SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Please charge to my VISA/MasterCard # _____ Expiration date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Names of each participant _____

Your address _____ City _____

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