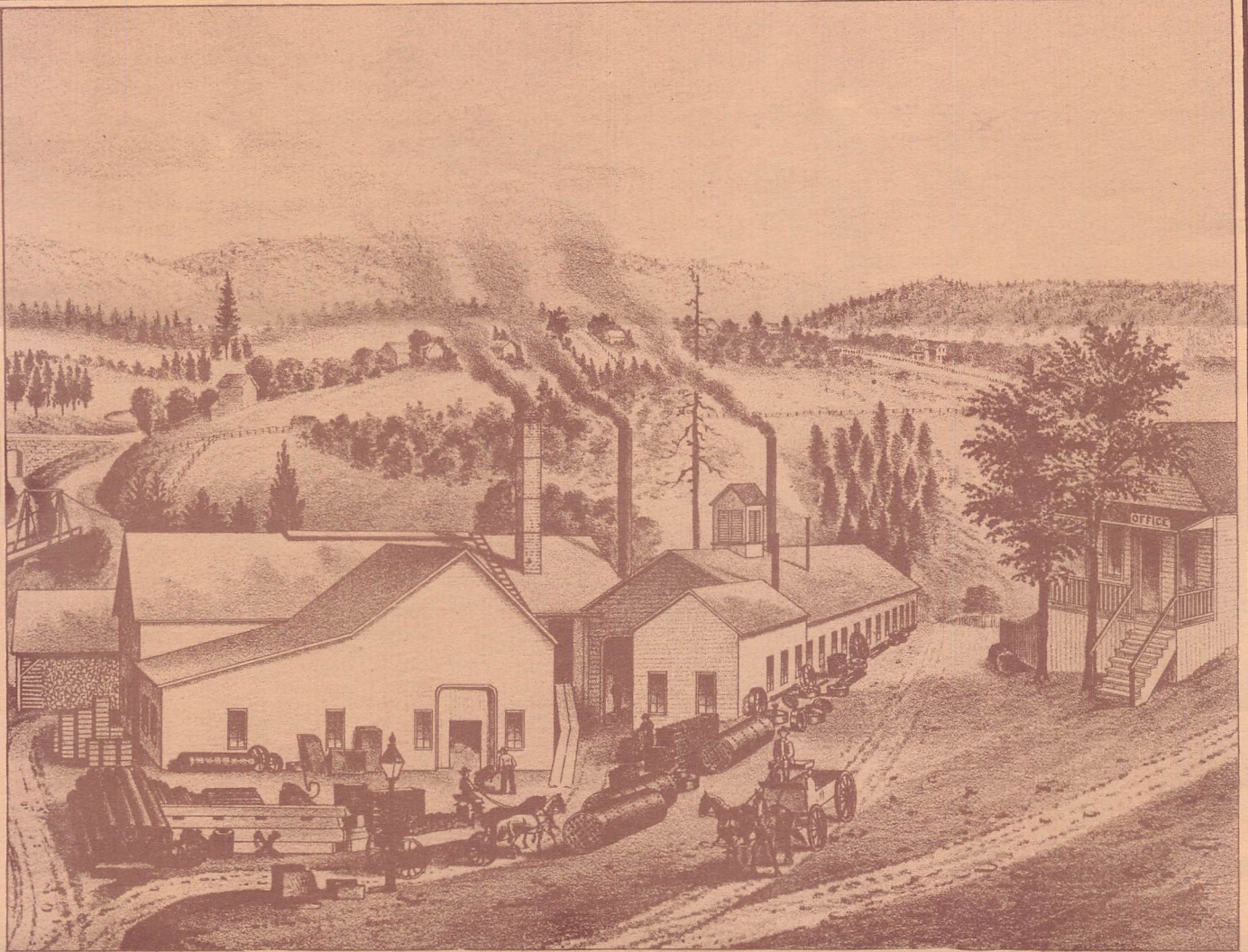


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“AFTER THE GOLDRUSH”

EXHIBIT OPENING — SATURDAY, APRIL 16 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The history of gold mining in California as seen through the eyes of the miners is chronicled in the unique exhibit “After the Goldrush”. Artifacts, excerpts from oral histories, and over 60 historic and contemporary photographs tell the story of the miners, focusing on the Grass Valley area of Nevada County and including the often neglected time period from the turn of the century to the 1950s. “After the Goldrush” is an original exhibit coordinated by Dianna Resinkov as a part of a multi-faceted project on the heritage of Nevada County, funded in part by grants from the California Council for the Humanities

and the Skaggs Foundation; the exhibit has not been shown previous to its opening at the California History Center. You are invited to celebrate the opening of this important exhibit from 1:00-4:00 at the California History Center Trianon Building. Opening events include gold panning and blacksmith demonstrations and a talk by historian J. S. Holliday (author of *The World Rushed In*), and guests will include several of the old-timers who were interviewed for the project. There is no charge for the event, but please make reservations by calling (408) 996-4712. Exhibit open through June 18.

Saturday – Sunday, April 23-24

GILDED PROMISES — GOLD MINING IN CALIFORNIA

Explore a variety of gold-mining techniques used in the mid-1800s through the present during a weekend of visits to mines, museums, and historical landmarks. De Anza instructor Lee Van Fossen will lead this tour to the Nevada City area. We will travel directly to Nevada City Saturday morning. Its streets, still following old miners' trails, are lined with Victorian homes and quaint shops. There will be time for lunch on your own and to check in at the motel before boarding the bus. Our afternoon trip takes us to Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park, where the North Bloomfield Mining and Gravel Co. operated a hydraulic gold mining project. The massive impact of this mining technique on the environment can be seen at the Malakoff Pit, which is 7000' long, 3000' wide and 600' deep. The surrounding park trails offer an opportunity to enjoy spring wildflowers during a nature walk led by Lee. We will return to Nevada City for a no-host dinner at the historic National Hotel or your choice of one of several nearby restaurants.

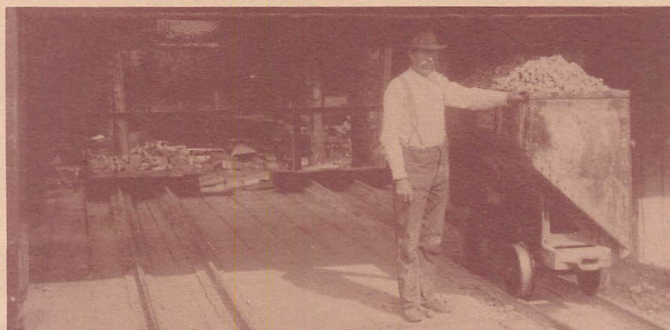


Photo courtesy of Empire Mine State Park

Sunday morning, after a no-host breakfast, we begin with a tour of the Empire Mine State Historic Park, the largest and richest California gold mine operated in the 1850s when hard-rock mining replaced gold panning. A lunch of Cornish pasties at the Empire Mine will be in the tradition of the Cornish immigrants whose skill made hard-rock mining a success. At our next stop at the nearby North Star Mine, you will see the machinery used in another hard-rock mining operation. The mine is the home of a 30-foot Pelton water wheel, the largest of its kind, installed in 1896 to power the mine. After touring the mine and museum, we will return to Cupertino. Join the California History Center for a weekend exploring a colorful and vivid part of California history.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and returns to De Anza at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

COSTS

Members \$85; non-members \$99. Includes transportation, double-occupancy lodging for one night, park fees, lunch on Sunday and honorarium. Reservation and payment due March 21.

Saturday, April 30

A WALK ACROSS CALIFORNIA — NATIVE PLANTS



Join Donna Zetterquist, former naturalist for the city of Cupertino, for a day discovering California's native plants. Your first stop at Tilden Regional Parks Botanic Garden provides a unique opportunity to "take a walk across California." The garden is situated in the beautiful Wildcat

Canyon of Tilden Regional Parks in the North Berkeley hills. All of the plants have been collected within California, and are arranged in sections according to habitats. Donna will guide you through this mini-tour of California's redwoods, meadows, deserts and the many other plant communities represented in the garden. During your garden walk, you'll learn how to identify plants using a field guide key, which will be yours to take home.

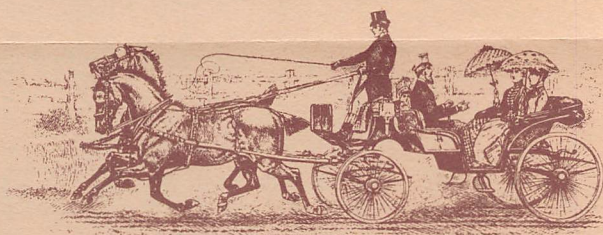
After lunch (bring a bag lunch from home), the afternoon will be spent hiking in the scenic natural setting of the Sunol Regional Wilderness. Bring your camera to capture the mood of the canyons, streams, meadows and oak woodlands you'll pass through on your moderate 4-5 mile hike. There will be stops for picture-taking and chances to use your plant key along the way. Sunol is an area rich in wildlife as well, and you may see yellow-billed magpies (found only in California) or a red-tailed hawk soaring on canyon air currents.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. for an orientation. Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 6:00 p.m.

COSTS

Members \$28; non-members \$35. Includes transportation, park fees, and honorarium. Reservation and payment due April 22.



Saturday, May 7

AN EXCURSION ON THE GEYSERVILLE STAGE

If you think you've done all the possible wine tasting tours California has to offer, join us for a special and unusual day in the Alexander Valley. Our destination is the historic stage stop town of Geyserville. Transportation to the coast and the Skaggs Springs and Geysers resorts was by stage in the 1880s.

When Col. A. C. Godwin took over the Geysers Resort Hotel, he transported his guests to their lodging by stage from the Geyserville stage stop, now the site of the Hope-Merrill Bed and Breakfast Inn. The original horse-drawn 1872 Studebaker stage, along with a Depot Express and Yellowstone Park Transportation stage will depart with our group from this stage stop site and take us through the vineyards. You'll visit a major-producing winery and two smaller family operated wineries. On your way, you'll hear stories of grape-growing, wine-making and local history. The stages will bring you to the Trentadue Winery Grape Arbor, where you will be treated to a gourmet picnic of fresh vegetables, fruits and berries, Sonoma County smoked meats, poultry, sausages, local cheese and prize-winning homemade breads.

On return to the stage stop site, we will tour the historic 1904 Hope-Bosworth House and Hope-Merrill House (circa 1870). Both homes are now restored and used as bed-and-breakfast inns. After our house tour, we will get a special private tour of the barns where the Belgian draft horses which pull the stages are kept. The house and barn were once part of a 5,000-acre Mexican land grant. The home was built in 1865, and the 100-year-old barn still has the original draft horse stalls. Owners Dick and Shellie Dillworth will share their private collection of horse-drawn vehicles, and you will get a behind-the-scenes view of draft-horse management. Join us for a unique and fun-filled experience.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 7:00 p.m.

COSTS

Members \$65, non-members \$75. Cost includes transportation, horse-drawn stage ride, gourmet picnic and all fees. Reservation and payment due April 20.

Friday, May 20

"THE WASHOE PEEPSTONE"

A seance conducted on the last evening of the nineteenth century by Eilly Orrum Bowers was begun for the benefit of Aaron Mackenzie, who sought a new bonanza in the played-out mines of the Comstock Lode. It ended with Mrs. Bowers inadvertently summoning the spirits of Mackenzie's dead



ancestors whose babbling interruptions trace 40 years of the westward march from the midwest to the gold and silver fields of California and Nevada, and whose bitter replays of bad judgements in the instant wealth weigh heavily on Mackenzie's conscience. "California on Stage", a production of professional actors, playwrights,

and directors, presents a reading of "The Washoe Peepstone", John Robinson's play based on the life of Eilly Orrum Bowers that combines the history of the Comstock Lode and its impact on Northern California with the fascination with spirituality that began in the late nineteenth century.

TIME/PLACE

7:30 p.m. on the De Anza College Campus.

COSTS

Cost for reserved seats: \$5 members, \$7 non-members; remaining tickets may be available at the door for \$7.



Sunday, June 5

DE ANZA DAY

The history center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on De Anza Day, the annual gala community event sponsored by De Anza College. Docent tours of the historic Trianon Building and the center's current exhibit "After the Goldrush" will be available. Special activities will take place throughout the day in keeping with the spirit of the gold mining exhibit. You're invited to try your hand at panning gold! Admission and activities at the center are free of charge, and all are welcome.

LEE VAN FOSSEN, author of *Guide to Big Basin State Park*, has taught biology at De Anza College for 20 years. His main interest in field biology and history has led him to organize and teach field courses in California and Hawaii for many years.

DONNA ZETTERQUIST has an M.A. in Biological Sciences from San Jose State University and has taught a short course on native trees at De Anza College. She has been field trip coordinator for the Native Plant Society and is presently on the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

LABOR HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

These lectures are offered as part of the Santa Clara Valley Labor History Project. For information, call (408) 996-4712. 4/13, San Jose State University: Glenna Matthews (U.C. Irvine)

4/20, De Anza College: Economist Don Garnel (SJSU)

4/27, San Jose State University: Robert Cherney (SFSU), Vicki Ruiz (U.C. Davis) and author David F. Selvin.

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) 996-4712.

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.

● 4/16 Exhibit Opening, "After the Goldrush"
_____ members, _____ non-members (no charge)

● 5/7 An Excursion on the Geyserville Stage
_____ members @ \$65, _____ non-members @ \$75. (due 4/20)

● 4/23-24 Gilded Promises — Gold Mining in California
_____ members @ \$85, _____ non-members @ \$99. (due 3/21)

● 5/20 "The Washoe Peepstone"
_____ members @ \$5, _____ non-members @ \$7.

● 4/30 A Walk Across California — Native Plants
_____ members @ \$28, _____ non-members @ \$35. (due 4/22)

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

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