

Winter Events

California History Center Foundation

1984



Mushroom Expedition and Faire

Jan. 16, 1984 - 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan. 21, 1984 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 22, 1984 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mushrooms are a successful and integral part of one of nature's most rudimentary systems, the decomposition cycle. Without mushrooms and their helpers (bacteria and soil creatures) our forests, grasslands and even gardens would be piled high with dead animals and plant material.

The main root-like body of a mushroom, the mycelium, lives underground, working its way into this dead material, catalyzing the decay process which returns the components of this debris to the soil in a form usable by plants.

In conjunction with the spring exhibit program co-sponsored with Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), we are joining the Coyote Point Museum and the Mycological Society of San Francisco for this unique and educational Mushroom Faire.

On Saturday morning, Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m. we will meet at the Center to carpool to Huddart Park in Woodside where a mycological Society member will lead a collecting expedition and share some favorite haunts with us as we gather mushrooms for the Faire.

Arriving at Coyote Point Museum on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 a.m. we will help unwrap, label, and place mushrooms on display tables. Following a complimentary "light" lunch at noon, the Faire will open to the public. The program will feature a special presentation by Dr. Harry Thiers, Professor at San Francisco State and Mycologist for the Faire. Demonstrations on identifying, cultivating, cooking and photographing mushrooms as well as using them for natural dyes will be presented throughout the afternoon.

To prepare us for the collecting expedition, Dr. William B. Freedman, past President of the Mycological Society will give a slide show presentation on Monday, Jan. 16th, 7:30 p.m. at the Center and tell us what equipment we need to bring.

Cost is \$15. for members, \$20. for non-members. Payment deadline is Jan. 13, 1984. Maps will be given to all participants.



Piper Sonoma

Saturday, Jan. 28, 1984

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

France's finest champagne producer, Piper Heidsieck and Renfield Importers of New York believe in the potential of the California wine market. So much so, they invested \$10 million to construct one of the world's most modern sparkling wine facilities near Windsor in the Sonoma Valley. The Marquis and Marquise d'Aulan, principles in the company, moved from Reims, France to California, where vineyard acreage appeared unlimited. Here they oversee the wine made, using Piper's classic tradition and techniques but adopted to California's light elegant style. Within a year of their opening in September 1982, wine critic Jerry Mead commented that the wine is "dry, pleasantly austere, perhaps the most French of California Sparkling Wines."

This year it became the choice of the Whitehouse and was served by President and Mrs. Reagan to Queen Elizabeth during her recent visit.

Departing De Anza College, Flint Center lot at 8:00 a.m., there will be a croissant and coffee stop halfway to Windsor. Upon arrival, Rodney Strong, winemaker for Piper Sonoma and selected "Winemaker of the Year" by the wine writers association, will discuss the birth of the "Franco-Californian Sparkling Wines."

A splendid four course gourmet lunch will be served in the Marquis Piper Room with a tasting of the Blanc de Noir. Private viewing of the art collection and tour will precede the return trip to De Anza.

Cost is \$29. for members and \$34. for non-members including transportation, lunch/tasting, and lecture-tour fees. Payment deadline is January 13, 1984.

15th Anniversary Celebration

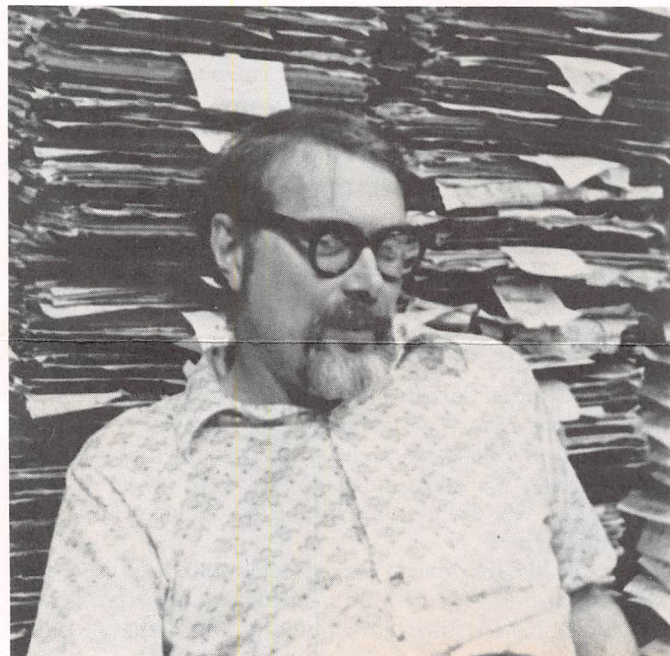
Saturday, February 4, 1984

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

In August 1968, the first collection of student researched papers of local history were published under the guidance of Founding Director, Dr. Walter G. Warren. Those papers were the cornerstone for 15 years of documentation, preservation, and teaching of local history by the California History Center. To date, 28 volumes of *Local History Studies* have been published; hundreds of courses have been offered; 11 major exhibits have been developed; and the half million dollar restoration of the Trianon has been completed. As we leave that period of our history and move toward new challenges and goals, it is important to reminisce and say "Thank You" to those who have shaped our history.

Staying with the traditional "Warren style" that built the Center, the anniversary celebration will be held at a lovely Pacific Heights penthouse which has a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay. The land this three-story Victorian, circa 1905, sits on was originally owned by the first editor of the San Francisco based newspaper, *The Argonaut*. Currently, it is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Warren and they have graciously offered to host the party.

A bus will leave De Anza, Flint Center lot at 6:00 p.m. Hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine and champagne will be served. Space is limited. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25. for non-members. Reservation deadline is January 20, 1984.



Walk in the Emigrants Track - The Donner Party Story

February 10, 11, and 12

Of the 87 men, women and children who were stranded in 1846 by a bitter Sierra winter, over half of them were lost to starvation and exposure.

Donner Memorial State Park named for this courageous pioneer group, has a monument on the site of one family's shack. The stone base is as high as the depth of snow that fateful winter - 27 feet.

If you've ever wondered how you might have fared as a California bound pioneer in the 1800s, bring snow shoes or cross country skis to follow part of the route taken 137 years ago.

Departing Friday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. from De Anza College, Flint Center lot, we will arrive at Donner Lake Village about 10:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner to eat enroute.

Saturday, the group will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tahoe-Donner Nordic Center to hear guest speaker, John Corbett, talk briefly about events surrounding the Donner expedition. As you begin your guided ski or snow shoe tour to scenic Cold Stream Canyon and the Donner Trail, you'll realize why snowfall in the Sierra's caused such hardship to the Donner party. After lunch, we will visit Donner Memorial State Park Museum where one of the Park Rangers will talk. Dinner at the Northwood Club House will be followed by a slide lecture by John Corbett, local historian and member of the Truckee Historical Society.

Sunday a.m. is free to do more cross country skiing, hiking or lounging with a cup of hot coffee and the Sunday paper. The bus will depart at 1:30 p.m. arriving at De Anza College about 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$150 members and \$175 non-members and includes transportation, 2 nights lodging (double-occupancy), lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lecture/tour fees. Reservation deposit of \$50 immediately, full payment due on 1/30/84.

Please *reserve* your own ski/snow equipment locally or call Tahoe Donner Nordic Center at (916) 587-2496.

Rental rates (approximate): Cross country skis, boots and poles - \$9.00 (all day) or \$6.00 1/2 day. Snow shoes - \$5.00





Tribute to Land Conservation Pioneers - Exhibit Opening

February 24 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The impact of post-World War II industrial and urban growth posed serious threats to the preservation of the Valley's unique natural environment. Co-sponsored with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), the CHC is proud to present the story of Santa Clara Valley's open space movement. The exhibit chronicles regional land conservation efforts resulting in 14,000 acre tax-supported park district. This member's preview evening will give special tribute to land conservation pioneers, those individuals instrumental in saving Valley foothills, baylands, and forests. Among honorees will be Wallace Stegner, noted author and Pulitzer Prize winner for his novel set in Santa Clara Valley, "Angle of Repose". This very special program is limited to members and invitees only. Refreshments will be served.

Please make reservations by February 20th.



Historic Benicia

Saturday, March 17, 1984

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Situated on the north shore of Carquinez Strait, the city of Benicia has preserved some of its historic buildings as museums, and adapted others creatively to serve useful purposes in the community today.

Explore Benicia's historic past and innovative current use of its architectural heritage in a special program presented by Mr. Harry Wassman, Charter President of both Benicia Historical Society and Benicia Historical Museum and Cultural Foundation.

The Benicia Historical Society will host a continental breakfast in the garden of Fischer-Hanlon house at 10 a.m. Fischer-Hanlon docents will then guide us through this typical California middle class home, circa 1858 and state park rangers will direct a tour through the former State Capitol building (1853-54). Both buildings are preserved as museums under the auspices of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

A self-guided walking tour of historic First Street will follow. At 12:30 p.m. the group will meet for a no-host lunch at the recently restored Union Hotel established in 1886. Our guest speaker, Mr. Wassman, will talk about the Camel Barns in the Benicia Arsenal.

The Benicia Arsenal, made of 4-foot thick native Benicia sandstone will be toured in the afternoon. It includes structures that once housed the camels of the U.S. Camel Corps, black powder magazine and clock tower which served as both fort and ordnance storage building.

The bus will leave De Anza College, Flint Center lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25. for members and \$30. for non-members including continental breakfast, walking tour map, transportation and lecture/tour fees.

Payment deadline is 2/17/84.

Capitola - The Gem of Monterey Bay

Friday - March 30, 1984 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday - March 31, 1984 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Capitola, the gem of the Bay of Monterey as described in 1892 when it was a summer resort, survived and thrives today mainly because of two pioneer promoter-developers, F. A. Hihn and H. Allen Rispin.

"Reaching from Park Avenue to 41st Avenue, Capitola is one of the most vigorous and identifiable cities in Santa Cruz County. The older section of Capitola is often compared to a Mediterranean fishing village lazily basking in the sun." Author, college instructor and our guest lecturer and tour leader, Mr. Edward "Sandy" Lydon wrote that in his book, *Soquel Landing to Capitola-by-the-Sea*. He continues: "Though the town seems to bask lazily in the sun, the restless spirit of Hihn and Rispin are pushing Capitola."

On Friday, March 30, Mr. Lydon will capture the spirit of independence that permeates the history of Capitola in a slide lecture at the History Center. The next morning, Saturday, March 31, Mr. Lydon will lead a walking tour of historic Capitola including rare visits to the 1890 El Salto resort on Depot Hill, the controversial Rispin Mansion, probably one of the oldest buildings in Capitola and Lodge Averon located on the original Soquel/Mexican land grant.

A delicious no-host lunch will follow at the charming Greenhouse restaurant at the Farm which originally was the Cunnison Family home built over a century ago. Today the milking barn has been converted to an antique shop and the old carriage shed remodeled to house the fresh produce and houseplants for the restaurant.

Cost for members is \$25 and \$30 for non-members including transportation, walking tour map, tour leader/lecture fees. On Saturday, March 31, the bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. from De Anza College Flint Center lot. Payment deadline is March 16, 1984.



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- TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Signed _____ Day phone # _____

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please, no phone reservations. Mail checks and form to CHC, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany all ticket requests. For program inquiries, call (408) 996-4712. Please note the payment/reservation deadline indicated for each tour. No refunds.

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