

Winter Events

California History Center Foundation

1989



Friday, March 3

WOMEN INVENTORS IN CALIFORNIA

The California History Center and the Women's Heritage Museum are co-sponsoring a presentation on women inventors. Mickey Karpas, curator in history at the Oakland Museum, will discuss the lives and projects of some of California's women inventors. The focus of her presentation is 19th- and early 20th-century inventors with an emphasis on the enduring quality and practicality of the inventions. The talk is entirely illustrated with slides and has humorous overtones and a surprise ending. Dessert and coffee will be served.

TIME/PLACE

7:00-9:00 p.m. at the California History Center Trianon Building on the De Anza College campus.

COST

\$3.00 per person. Reservation and payment due February 27.

LABOR EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 18

"By the Sweat of Thy Brow: The Story of Labor in Santa Clara Valley" will be on display at the California History Center Trianon Building through March 18. This original exhibit is the culmination of two years of research conducted as part of the Santa Clara Valley Labor History Project in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the organization now known as the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County, which co-sponsored the project with the CHCF. A collection of photographs, texts, documents, and artifacts chronicle a crucial yet often overlooked part of this valley's history. Items on display include an early century butcher block and tools, print type and wooden print blocks, and models showing a comparison of nineteenth and twentieth century construction and carpentry techniques. The history center is open 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.



Friday, January 13

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers of the California History Center provide invaluable support in all phases of the center's devotion to preservation of Santa Clara Valley's rich history. Volunteers serve as museum exhibit docents, receptionists and hosts, perform vital tasks in the Louis Stocklmeir Regional History Library, assist with exhibit preparation, prepare publicity, and assist with the making of oral and video taped histories. No special skills are needed; training is provided.

We welcome those who might be interested in becoming volunteers with the history center, and invite you to attend our January meeting and special reception, held at 1:30 p.m. in the restored historic Trianon Building on the De Anza campus. Join us for refreshments, look at what the volunteers of the history center have accomplished, meet some very fine people, and discover your place in history. For information and reservations, call (408) 996-4712.

COSTS

Members \$150.00; non-members \$172.00.

Includes transportation, honorarium, double-occupancy accommodations at the Napa Valley Lodge, Saturday evening's dinner at the Depot Hotel, continental breakfast at the Napa Valley Lodge, park and tour fees. Reservation and payment due January 13.



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Saturday, February 4

PENMANSHIP AS AN ART — EXPLORING SPENCERIAN SCRIPT

Spencerian script is named after Platt Roger Spencer, an 18th-century engraver whose graceful letter-forms will be the inspiration for this workshop. Join artist and calligrapher Carol Verbeeck for a look at the history and beauty of this elegant form of writing from earlier days. You will see examples of writing and letter-forms from the late 1800s, including examples taken from the archives of the San Jose Historical Museum. You will have a chance to try the letters yourself, with personal guidance from the instructor, and will be supplied with an oblique pen holder, nib, and all other materials needed for the day.

After a lunch break (bring your own bag lunch), there will be pastries, tea and coffee before trying your hand at producing a Victorian-styled Valentine. All participants will have their own pen, ink and calligraphy supplies — theirs to take home and continue practicing on their own with the aid of handouts given in class. No previous experience with calligraphy is necessary, just a desire to improve and beautify your handwriting.

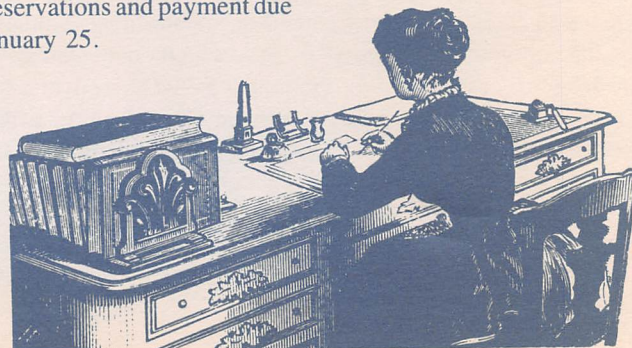
TIME/PLACE

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the California History Center (Le Petit Trianon) on the De Anza College Campus.

COSTS

Members \$18; non-members \$25. Includes honorarium, refreshments, and all supplies.

Reservations and payment due January 25.



Saturday and Sunday,
January 28-29

A WEEKEND IN NAPA VALLEY

The beautiful Napa Valley is the perfect weekend getaway destination for this tour led by De Anza instructor Lee Van

Fossen. Our chartered bus takes you through the California countryside to the Beringer Winery in St. Helena for a wine tasting to begin our excursion. Our next stop will be the charming town of Calistoga, where you will have time to explore on your own and enjoy a no-host lunch at a restaurant of your choice. The next stop will be the Petrified Forest, where naturalist Van Fossen will lead you through 6,000,000 year old redwoods. After the nature walk, relax as you ride an aerial tram up a Calistoga mountainside to Sterling Vineyards for a tour and tasting at this unique winery. We'll check into the Napa Valley Lodge in Yountville, and after a brief rest stop, the bus will take us to Sonoma for dinner at the famed Depot Hotel, built in 1870. The dinner, a gourmet delight, will feature soup or salad, an entree, dessert, tea or coffee and wine.

Sunday begins with a buffet Continental breakfast of fresh fruits, breads and beverages at the Napa Valley Lodge. Morning visits include the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, the site of the first grain mill in the valley and a historic landmark. You will depart for Sonoma, where the group will explore the Sonoma State Historic Park, including General Vallejo's home, the barracks and adobes that were built and occupied during an important part of early California history. You will have time for a no-host lunch at any of Sonoma's fine restaurants, and a chance to explore the town on your own before leaving for the return trip to Cupertino.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and returns to De Anza at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

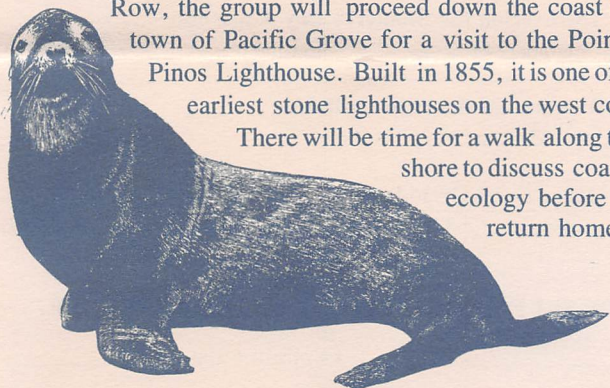
Saturday, February 25

DISCOVERING THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

Perhaps nowhere in California is the richness of the state's marine environment more evident than along the coast of Monterey Bay. Biologist Lee Van Fossen will lead an exploration of the area, beginning with a trip to the fascinating Monterey Bay Aquarium. Here you will see an extensive collection of native sealife, including fish, seals, birds, shellfish and sea otters maintained in natural environments. the \$40 million facility houses an aviary and over a hundred tanks fed by sea water, including a hands-on tank and a unique view of a kelp-bed from a diver's perspective. Following a no-host lunch in one of Monterey's fine restaurants along Cannery

Row, the group will proceed down the coast to the town of Pacific Grove for a visit to the Point Pinos Lighthouse. Built in 1855, it is one of the earliest stone lighthouses on the west coast.

There will be time for a walk along the shore to discuss coastal ecology before the return home.



DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 5:30 p.m. Participants should wear layered clothing, comfortable walking shoes, and plan for the possibility of rain.

COSTS

Members \$34; non-members \$44. Includes transportation, honorarium, and admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Reservations and payment due February 10.

Saturday, March 4

ESTATES AND ORCHIDS – A VISIT TO FILOLI AND ACRES OF ORCHIDS

Join horticulturist Claire-Norman Trine for an early spring day excursion that will be sure to inspire anyone with an interest in flowers and gardening. Our tour of the Filoli estate, built in the early 1900s, will include a walk through parts of the magnificent home, with its impressive architectural details and a tour of the extensive and varying gardens that surround the mansion. Participants will be treated to the display of early-spring flowering plants, such as the daffodils, narcissus and magnolias, as they walk through both for gardens that were planned and maintained with care.

After the tour of Filoli, there will be a delightful meal with an entree, dessert and beverage. We will continue on to the Rod McLellan Company's Acres of Orchids in San Francisco for a look at a large commercial nursery operation,



where flowers bloom all year long in any weather. Although the company has established its international reputation for its orchids, you will see other flowering plants as well. Their representative will tell our group the history of the nursery and floral fashions as well as show the cultivation and shipping operations of the many plants the company produces. After the tour, there will be an opportunity to browse through the flower and gift shop for those who would like to take home something special.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL

Bus departs from the Flint Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returns to De Anza at 5:30 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for rain.

COSTS

Members \$44.00; non-members \$54.00. Includes honorarium, lunch transportation and tour fees. Reservations and payment due February 17.

CLAIRE-NORMAN TRINE has a degree in horticulture and is employed in the commercial flower industry. She is also an enthusiastic docent at the Filoli estate.

LEE VAN FOSSEN has taught biology at De Anza for 20 years. His main interest in field biology and history has led him to organize and teach field courses in California and Hawaii.

CAROL VERBEECK is a free-lance artist who has taught several courses in calligraphy and penmanship. She has demonstrated and taught Spencerian Script for the past three years at the "Living History Days" event held by the San Jose Historical Museum.

Of special interest . . .

Friday, January 27th Marben Associates and the California History Center are co-sponsoring an all-day workshop on architectural restoration. The workshop is geared for architects, city planners, preservationists, and real estate agents, and will be held at the Trianon Building. For more information and reservations, call (408) 996-4712.

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April 21-23

Join Lee Van Fossen for a weekend exploring the history and natural wonders of one of California's most beautiful parks.

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.

1/13 Volunteer Recruitment Reception

_____ members, _____ non-members (no charge)

1/28-29 A Weekend in Napa Valley

_____ members @ \$150, _____ non-members @ \$172. (due 1/13)

2/4 Penmanship as an Art

_____ members @ \$18, _____ non-members @ \$25. (due 1/25)

2/25

2/25 Discovering the Monterey Bay Aquarium

_____ members @ \$34, _____ non-members @ \$44. (due 2/10)

3/3 Women Inventors in California

_____ @ \$3. (due 2/27)

3/4 Estates and Orchids

_____ members @ \$44, _____ non-members @ \$54. (due 2/17)

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 _____ State _____ Zip _____ Day phone _____

For overnight trips, please specify one: ☐ I plan to room with _____
☐ I am a smoker (name of roommate)
☐ I am a non-smoker



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