

## GUILD BIRTHDAY PARTY AT COLMA TOWN HALL, JAN. 23

Once a year our Guild visits the beautiful Council Chambers of the Township of Colma to celebrate the **BIRTHDAY OF THE GUILD!** Complete with a splendid speaker, champagne, special goodies, cake and lots of fun, the 12th Year of Formal Existence of the Guild will be celebrated on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd**, from 2:00p to 4:00p.

This is always a very special time, and that's why we don't publicize it in the papers, for it is for **MEMBERS ONLY.** This is mostly due to the limited seating capacity in the Council Chambers...100 chairs, plus a little standing room around the edges.

Our speaker for the day will be **Kent Seavey**, who has recently completed an **Historic Resources Inventory** for the Township of Colma. In cooperation with the San Mateo County Historical Association, and the Township, **Mr. Seavey** has made a most comprehensive study of the architectural assets of Colma, depicted them in their historical perspective, and published the results in a workman-like report.


His methodology, evaluation criteria, descriptions and significances will be highlighted during his presentation.

We might note that **Kent** has made an investigation along parallel lines in Daly City via extensive conversations and a thorough windshield tour, where many of the divergent and historical sites of DC were covered.


**Mr. Seavey** received his formal education at San Francisco State and Stanford Universities. A museum professional, historical coordinator, teacher of local history (including art and architecture), he has made historic preservation studies for communities of San Juan Batista, Salinas, San Carlos, Belmont and Colma.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA  
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# HISTORY EVENT!



**SUNDAY, Jan. 23 ,2:00pm.**



## MEMBERS' PARTY

Colma's  
Architectural  
Survey  
with  
**MR. KENT SEAVEY**

**at COLMA TOWN HALL**

**ADMISSION FREE!**

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Appreciation is given to the City of Daly City for the loan each year of 50 chairs for the Birthday Party, with the splendid cooperation of the Parks & Recreation Department.

## BUFFS VISIT 2 DC MUSEUMS

**THE BUFFS**, outing arm of the San Mateo County Historical Association, will make a visit to Daly City's twin museums on **Sunday, January 16th**, from 2:00p to 4:00p. The twin display areas are our own **MINI-MUSEUM** at Serramonte Library and its neighbor, the **Daly City Fire Museum**, located down the block on Wembley Avenue, DC.

Gathering for a howdy-doo in the Community Room of Serramonte Library, **THE BUFFS** will have a brief overview from the host, **Ken Gillespie**, after which the group will split into two groups, one to be guided to our **Mini-**

Museum adjoining the Community Room, the other walking down to the Fire Museum at the Fire Station next door. Don Ciucci, Training Officer for the DCFD, will act as host and expositor of the Fire Museum.

After visiting the Fire Museum, the group will return to the Mini-Museum, switching with the first group.

Refreshments, provided through our Guild, will be served at the conclusion of the visits to the museums.

We are very grateful to Linda Salzer, Director of Library Services for Daly City, for enabling THE BUFFS to visit Serramonte Library on a Sunday.

THE BUFFS meet quarterly in compass areas of San Mateo County, under the auspices of local Directors of the San Mateo County Historical Association.

### **MAYOR BOB ST. CLAIR KNOCKS 'EM COLD!**

It was a grand night for S.F. '49er football fans last November 17th, when former tackle, #79, Bob St. Clair was present to reminisce about bruising days as captain of the '49ers and Mayor of Daly City at the same time.

Mayor Bob was a delight, reliving the challenges he met on the field and at the Council Table in the '50s and '60s. He regaled the 80+ members and friends in attendance at the Guild meeting at Doelger Center with inside information about politics and professional football.

Former DC mayors were in attendance, Ed Dennis, who ran on the same ticket as St. Clair, and Jane Powell. Also present was former Pacifica mayor Gerry Schumacher, who was ousted by St. Clair as the County's youngest mayor.

There were many '49er jackets and hats in evidence as stories of the old '49er days were told...how Bob's nose was broken each year, and never set, since it would be broken soon again... the introduction of a single-band face protector, which was used as a very efficient handle to try to wrench the head off...of Bob drafted into a boxing program in college when he'd never been

in the ring before...of his penchant for eating raw meat...his resultant nickname "The Geek!" Oh, it was a fun, start to finish.

Goodies were supplied by Barbara O'Brien, Angela Uccelli, Mary Chiappari, Betty Schultz, and Elsa Ramos. They were delicious, served by Mary Hutchings, Bob and Enid Williams, Marilyn Olcese and Jean Gallagher.

The raffle prizes included beautiful flowers from John Olcese, placemats from the late Ann Ingersoll, a cookbook from Bunny Gillespie, holiday napkins from Marilyn Olcese.

Newly-appointed DC Councilwoman Carol Klatt attended, congratulating the Guild on its continued progress.

### **GOODIE DONORS FOR JAN. 23**

Treat donors for our January 23rd birthday bash at Colma Town Hall are:

Helen Hayes  
Russ Brabec  
Elinor Charleston  
Marian Rocchetta  
Helen Nelson  
Jean Gallagher

Thanks to all the above for their generous participation. Hospital chair Mary Hutchings will contact prior to the meeting as a further confirmation. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 756-0864.

### **MINI-MUSEUM ATTENDANCE**

You might be curious as to the numbers of visitors to our Daly City History Mini-Museum in the first 16 months of existence, since September 8, 1992 through Dec. 21, 1993.

Open on Tuesdays only, 1:30p to 4:00p, we have greeted 695 guests who have signed the Guest Book. This works out to about 10 visitors each week.

While this doesn't seem overwhelming, we must remember that the open hours are limited, 1½ hours weekly, during school hours. Originally it was hoped that school groups would be hosted, but the local schools are precluded from having anyone except family members

driving their children on field trips, and there isn't money for hiring buses, so the attendance from schoolchildren has been limited.

Obviously the answer is to have more volunteers from the Guild to act as greeters for visitors on extended or differing days of the week.

We are proud, however, of our first year plus of existence, and look forward to increased service to the community.

### GUILD BOOTH AT NOODLE FEST

The 2nd Annual Colma Noodle Fest was held on the weekend of October 24-25th on Junipero Serra Blvd., south of the San Pedro Road. The Guild was present with a beautifully-decorated booth, courtesy of the Noodle Fest, and chaired by Marilyn Olcese. Pictorial displays of Colma-related subjects were highlighted, and a splendid group of Guild members staffed the booth.

Special thanks to Mike Giusti for arriving at 7:30am on Saturday to set up the booth, a frame affair with a top cover, corn-stalk decorations, augmented by Joyce Olcese's garlands of grape leaves, dried Fall flowers, giving a great Halloween effect.

Two beautiful pasta and noodle arrangements, created by Joyce Olcese were raffled off, Bob Williams doing a great job as raffle ticket barker.

An additional draw was a special display of the Sbrana Colma Farm pictures. A good sign-up of people who wished to be put on the Guild mailing list was made, and many good comments were received. A sincere *molto bene* to Marilyn for her leadership, and to the following volunteers:

Frances Bullard  
Neil Fahy  
Bob and Enid Williams  
Les Balestra  
Ted and Roz Babow  
Louis Craviotto  
Mary Hutchings  
Ralph Jordan  
Mike Giusti  
Joyce Olcese

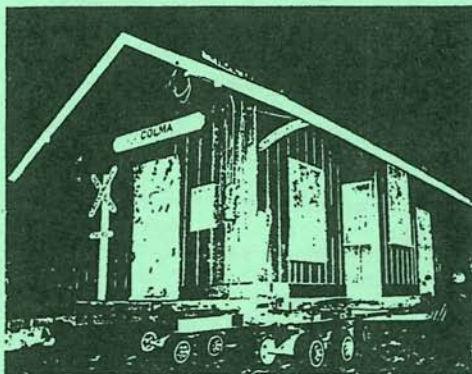
### POETRY CONTEST FEB. 4

The 13th annual Daly City Poetry and Short Story Competition awards ceremony will be held in the Community Room of Serramonte Library on Saturday, February 5th, at 2:00 pm.

Under the original and continuing leadership of Ruth Hoppin, the contest draws entrants from all over the nation, and includes a category sponsored by our own Guild.

Restricted to Daly City/Colma residents, poems relating to life in our communities have been solicited for this category. Guild member Bianca Caserza heads the judging committee.

### COLMA TRAIN STATION MOVED



The Depot on Wheels

The old Colma r.r. station, formerly off Washington St. on the now-BART right-of-way, has been moved to Serramonte and El Camino, to serve in the future as a museum for the new Colma Historical Society.

### WHOO-DE-DOO, YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

With this edition of *The Tattler* our members' dues are due. The enclosed envelope is for your use, and we usually receive splendid response.

Remember that the dues, other gifts and the raffle ticket sales are our ONLY SOURCES OF REVENUE to run our Guild. Our dues structure is the most modest of any similar organization,

and we feel very proud to be able to have 5 meetings yearly, send **The Tattler** to nearly 600 addresses, and still come out ahead on the balance sheet each year.

We would note the generous contributions of our **Patron Members**, and those who send in more than their dues category listings. Each year the great smiling memory of **George Gaggero** is evidenced by a special donation from his good friend in Berkeley **Sharon Rogers**. Such memorials are very meaningful, to the Guild and to the donor, keeping fresh the relationships, the interest that was shared by donor and honoree.

If we ever hope to get a proper-scope museum for our area, it will most probably come from contribution(s) of property or memorial funds. It's a good thing to keep in mind when making financial plans for the future.

When the Guild sponsors booths at the **Gateway Festival**, **Victorian Days in the Park**, the **Noodle Fest**, etc., sign-up sheets are always there, and people do evince interest.

Those signups are sent **The Tattler** for the rest of the year, and for the following year, should they choose not to become members this January. If by the next January they don't respond, they are removed from the list. We are happy to state that most of those who sign up do indeed become members. So we say "hoorah for all of us!"

**HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA  
Officers and Directors**

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**COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions of pictures and ...ta for the collection are most appreciated, and are listed below:

**Curtis Rezendes** - Three videotapes of Daly City parades, 1941 and 1961, with interesting backgrounds.

**Kenneth Fuller** - Two pictures of the 1942 blimp crash on Bellevue.

**Mary Hutchings** - Two pictures of an old Colma house, formerly occupied by **Emma Varni**, located off Hillside Blvd. where the **La Boucherie Dairy** (Domecus) was.

**Neil Fahy** - Sales promotion literature for Franciscan Heights, off Eastmoor, east of Westmoor High. - Souvenir card from Farrell's Ice Cream, Serramonte - Mayfair Market ID card - Membership cards, Westlake Catholic Women, 1972-75 - Menu, Bunker Room cafe at Cypress Hills Golf Course (now Licata's, and perhaps closing due to change of usage)

**Ted Wurm** - Article on the Ocean Shore R.R. written by **Ted**, from "Inside Track, Summer 1993."

**Russ Brabec** - Autographed group picture of 1954 '49er team, signatures of **Bob St. Clair**, **Nomellini** and **Art Michalik**.

**Ed Dennis** - Handwritten note about DC in the '20s, with data about the Mission Bell Motel.

**T.D. Osbourne** - Pic of the r.r. undercrossing at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, showing cemetery car.

**Marilyn Short** - From Burlingame Historical Society, through a donor anonymous, 1946 Directory of Residents, Daly City and Colma.

**Dave Rowe**, **Mike Wilson** - DC City Hall, framed certificates of past civic awards to the DC government.