

FARMING SUBJECT OF SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING

Fall into FALL on September 21st, when the Vernal Equinox and our next Guild meeting will blend, 7:30 p.m., Doelger Center.

With an intriguing program title of FARMING, NOW AND THEN, our Guild looks forward to hearing San Mateo County's former Agricultural Commissioner George Ginilo expand on the changes that have occurred since the days of family farms in our North County.

A native of Colra, where his family leased growing fields from Holy Cross Cemetery, Mr. Ginilo went to work as an agricultural inspector when developers began to gobble up the County's prime flatlands.



Smiling George Ginilo, ready to address the Guild on September 21st

He served the County's agribusiness for 31 years, including 17 years as Agricultural Commissioner. His duties were varied, embracing appointment as sealer of weights and measures, and a doughty combatant of invasions of redfly, gypsy moths, Japanese beetles, Oriental fruit flies and snails. He retired March 31, 1993.

This should be a delightful evening for us all, and Guild members and friends are invited to bring for display and admiration their own prize home-grown vegetables, artistic vegetable displays,

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
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HISTORY EVENING!

WEDNESDAY, September 21st at 7:30 pm



FARMING Now & Then

GEORGE GINILO
FORMER SAN MATEO COUNTY
AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
and
Colra farmer

Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room
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or Cliff Claven-like potato head likenesses of celebrities.

GUILD AT TWO STEET FAIRS

The Guild had a booth at two local fairs, the Gateway Festival on the weekend of May 21-22, and the Festival of the Arts, in the Westlake Mall, June 11th.

Gateway was moved from its School Street location to 90th St., and the parking lot of City Hall. Our booth was immediately adjacent to the entertainment stage, was under the Guild's snazzy new pavilion canopy, and was a very busy hub.

Photo displays of the Civic Center area in olden times attracted much attention, including subdivision maps supplied through the City's Engineering Department.

Saturday was a very windy day, and booth occupants learned a lot about how to handle a side-less canopy in a gale. Keep the sides open...don't fence the booth in!

Guild staffers included Marilyn Olcese, Russ Brabec, Jane Powell, Betty Schultz, Les Balestra, Chuck Meager, Ken & Bunny Gillespie, Fran Bullard, Walter & Elaine Riney, and Mary Hutchings.

Former Mayor Eddie Dennis came by, offering tidbits of old DC and Colma history, and stage mc Jim Vossen brought his cordless mike to the booth for a bit of commentary by those there.

Two beautiful dried flower arrangements from member Joyce Olcese of Carmel were raffled off, and many thanks to Joyce.

Appropriate to the location of the Gateway Festival two City workers won the flower arrangements, Pat Saunders and member Russell Brabec!

The Gateway Festival was quite successful, busy, family-oriented, with lots of friends from church, lodges, the Guild, City Hall...fun!

Two weeks later the Guild set up shop in the Westlake Mall for the annual Festival of the Arts, where painters, sculptors, woodworkers and entertainers displayed their talents to the passersby.

Our booth, with displays that had some emphasis on the building of Westlake, was busy all day, with a good gang of members staffing. Included were Jane Powell, Betty Schultz, Marilyn Olcese, Fran Bullard and the Gillespies.

A "Westlake Memories" binder of pictures attracted much interest, especially from early Westlake residents and students. The progress of Westlake a-building was especi-

ally intriguing. We thank our good members and friends Eddie King of Doelger Enterprises and Susan West for much of the book's contents.

OCEAN SHORE RR RUNAWAY SUCCESS

Doelger Center really rocked at our May meeting, when the expertise of Ted Wurr took hold of the imagination and memory of an enthusiastic full house, crammed aboard the Ocean Shore Railroad.

Member Ted, whose father took him aboard locomotives as a wide-eyed youngster, gave a splendid account of the history of the ill-fated coastal route that once tooted through present-day Daly City, an echo-distance from our gathering spot, with a great selection of his railroad slides.

A highlight of the railroad displays brought by members was a beautiful locomotive steam whistle, formerly an SP fixture, lovingly presented by Frank Maffei. It was an elegantly-mounted display, all shiny and powerful-looking. Thanks to Frank for bringing the whistle and his continuing contributions to the work of the Guild!

Befitting the railroad theme of the night, an old couplet was read, entitled:

PUNCH, BROTHER, PUNCH WITH CARE!

Brother, when you receive a fare,
Punch in the presence of the passenger
A blue slip trip for an 8¢ fare,
A buff slip trip for a 6¢ fare,
A pink slip trip for a 3¢ fare,
Punch in the presence of the passenger
Punch, brother, punch with care,
Punch in the presence of the passenger

The couplet was written apparently by Mark Twain, and brought to the Guild by Ted and Roz Babow.

A Guild Certificate of Appreciation was presented to member Walt Schultz for his almost-every-week attendance as a host at the Mini-Museum. Another was prepared for

Collins Orton for his Mini-Museum attendance, but he wasn't present. .it was presented at the Mini-Museum later on.

Jane Powell presented the report of the Nominating Committee, wherein all incumbent members were asked if they would like to continue as officers and directors. All agreed, except Yolanda Hardiran, a director of the Guild from its organized inception in 1986. Jane then presented the name of Marilyn Olcese as a director candidate.

The slate was elected, and is as shown on the back page. The faithful service of Yolanda Hardiran was noted, and appreciation expressed by president Ken.

Goodies for the meeting were brought by Enid Williams, Fran Bullard, Juliette Lenkert (actually brought by Ray Hartran), Bianca Caserza, Angela Uccelli and Mary Chiappari. They were expertly served by Mary Hutchings, Marilyn Olcese, Bob & Enid Williams.

YOU BELONG IN A MUSEUM!

Recent volunteers at the Mini-Museum have been: Max & Elsa Raros, Don Stiewell, Collins Orton, Walter Schultz, Marilyn Olcese, Fran Bullard, Pat Hatfield, Irene Krueger, Bunny & Ken Gillespie.

Many thanks to all the above. The pleasantries of greeting visitors and pointing out the collection attributes are a great help, and the 1½ hour stints pass quickly.

Back in May we had a mass visit from the St. Francis chapter of "The Questers", when some 15 members of the seekers after knowledge group came to the Mini-Museum. They enjoyed their briefing, had a lot of questions and said they were glad they'd come.

Our member Betty Williams was their contact, and tells us the comments of her sister Questers were most complimentary about the Mini-Museum.

COLLECTION INCREASES

Great stuff for the collection has been received from the following DC/Colma history buffs:

Mason Tillman Assoc. - train station pictures
Russ Brabec - 15 BART station progress pictures
Collins Orton - Mini-Museum pictures
Walter Riney - 2 vintage auto license frames, local firm
Joe & Sue Green - John Marchbank memorabilia, pictures
Fran Bullard - Colma visor
Don Stiewell - Info re "mystery" house in Colma off Reiner St.
Max & Elsa Raros - 1988 SF Examiner clip re Southern Hills
John Owens - 1910 Colma School books and ephemera
Al Roraine - airship photo

GOODIES FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST

Goodies for the September 21st meeting at Doelger have been offered by the following nice people:

Kurt Poehleran
Irene Krueger
Betty Schultz
Fran Kelly
Russ Brabec

A reminder call from Mary Hutchings will be made prior to the meeting. Many thanks for your thoughtful generosity.

COLMA BUZZINGS

On August 14th last the Colma Historical Society celebrated its first birthday! Hoorah for the foothill folks on their brilliant first year, with splendid displays in the Colma Town Hall, the train station in process of renovation for a museum. Well done indeed!

On the 4th of July we always sit at our back window in St. Francis Heights and watch for the Colma fireworks display. This year it outdid itself, perhaps since this is an anniversary year for Colma, 70 years since its original incorporation as the township of Lawndale.

Congratulations to member **Mary Brodzin** on her election as a new Councilwoman in Colma. She takes the seat of the late Councilman **Charlie Gerrans**.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES READY

Membership badges have been made (and paid for) and are ready for the following:

Frances Arranino
Bill Arranino
Albert Mortara
Henry Calrels
Jeanne Nelson
Ronald Oxenhar
Christen Wegener
Evelyn Todd
John Harrison
Mary Truscott
Trudy Erlich
Bacci Rocchetta
Marian Rocchetta
Richard Rocchetta
Michael Rocchetta
Les Balestra
Adrienne Beaudreau
Bob Sryth
Gregory Beaudreau
Paul Beaudreau

The badges will be available at the Guild table at our meeting on September 21st at Doelger Center.

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