

Often depending on the inclusion in the Pink Section of the Chronicle, attendance fluctuates from week to week, but the library patrons who see the signs upstairs are always warmly greeted by the Guild staffers.

Most of the displays are self-explanatory, and to introduce DC/Colma history is very rewarding. Don Manning has been coming quite regularly, and his local background is invaluable in producing answers to visitors' queries that other staffers don't have.

Sign up for a stint at the Mini-Museum; educational, chatty, and lots of fun. The two weeks before Christmas brought out 24 and 19 visitors during the 1½ hours we were open. Try it, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

GOODIES FOR THE 22nd

Goodies for the January 22nd Meeting have been volunteered by:

Trudy Ehrlich
Bob & Eleanor Smyth
Max & Elsa Ramos
Lou & Patricia Craviotto
Russ Brabec
Pat Hatfield

Thank you for your generosity. Hospitality Chair Mary Hutchings will contact you about a week prior to the meeting. Her number is 756-0864.

CURRENT COLLECTION CREDITS

Valuable additions to the collection have been made by:

Don Manning - great picture of Junipero Serra Blvd., about 1934, looking southward, near the rear entrance to Woodlawn Cemetery. Horse team is grading on west side of two-lane road.

Rochetta family - Vintage street maps of Daly City/Colma - 5 school pix of Colma School, various dates, 1911 and 1918 depicted, others guesswork - classic shot of the Wilke family home at 695 Florence Street (s. of East Market). Wilke's lived there from late 1890's until 1993.

Russ Brabec - working drawing of 1987 relocation project of Colma RR Station for BART extension...also each week's Other Times from the San Mateo Times.

These contributions are delightful, adding so much to our treasure trove of memorabilia. Keep it up!

THEATRE HISTORY INQUIRY

We've had inquiry from a theatre historian, a former resident of Daly City, regarding theatre buildings in our communities.

He's done extensive work in other areas (mainly Humboldt County), finding scores of theatres in small towns near Eureka, present and former locations.

Now he's returned to his old haunts and is soliciting info on any and all theatres that opened and closed on Mission from the days of the nickel-odeons near the county line, the top of the hill and down to San Pedro Road.

If you have any special knowledge of old theatres in our area, give Ken a call at 755-5123. Our collection shows only a few pictures, the back issues of the Record even less.

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JANUARY 22nd COLMA PARTY

Mark your calendars for the 13th ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY at the Colma Town Hall. The Guild will be celebrating 13 years of happy existence, accomplishments and service to our communities on SUNDAY, January 22nd, from 2 - 4 p.m. in Colma's beautiful Council Chambers in the Colma Town Hall, corner of El Camino Real and Serramonte Blvd.

There ain't anything else that afternoon...no playoff games, nothing to do with the '49ers and whomever they will be playing a week later. Y'all come now!

Because of space limitations, the party is for MEMBERS OF THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA. If you're on the mailing list (receiving this), but aren't a member...well, need we say more...hmmm?

Featured guest speakers will be Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett, noted local historians who produce the splendid history page, Other Times in the San Mateo Times each Friday afternoon. Michael and Shirley will be discussing the imminent publication of their brand-new book about the township of Colma, "CITY OF SOULS, San Francisco's Necropolis."

Commissioned by the township of Colma, the eagerly-awaited book will highlight the history of the unique area which grew out of San Francisco's turn-of-the-century decision to expel the several cemeteries which were using valuable real estate for burials.

There will be special refreshments and champagne...wahoo! Also, we'll have a great raffle, which always helps us get the financial year off to a good start.

We want to thank Michael and Shirley for the inclusion in their December 16th Other Times potpourri of The Great Daly City Historical Trivia Book. We had several requests for the book to be used as last minute Christmas presents.

W.W. II HOMEFRONT A HIT

Our November 16th meeting was a real smasher, concentrating on the Daly City homefront during the Second World War. Using bound volumes of the Daly City Record, slides were taken of activities depicted in the papers, and a script was devised by Bunny Gillespie and read by Bunny and Ken.

Adding to the interest were tables of military equipment from a number of members, souvenirs, badges, scrapbooks, medals, etc. There were several members present who had been included in the script, since the stories of going into the service, sending letters

home, sometimes getting wounded or being decorated for heroism had been printed in the Record.

It got tearful on occasion when notification would be printed of a G.I. killed overseas. The various campaigns were depicted, the progress of the war.

Among the souvenirs brought for display were Pat Hatfield's huge wad of tinfoil, saved for turn-in; Max Ramos's three scrapbooks of the Pacific war; Richard Hill's four rifles, covering several conflicts; John Owen's pristine veterans' organization flags; Lou Craviotto's campaign ribbons and medals; Ken Gillespie's Signalman semaphore flags.

Of special interest were 13 beautiful pictures of World War II aircraft, brought and displayed by our Parks & Rec friend Gabe Goulart. The pictures showed the planes in particular activities and were signed by certain participants in the combat situations.

Among those pictured or mentioned during the program, and in the audience were H.H. Smith, Jr., former DC Councilman, Bianca Caserza, shown in her graduation picture of 1944 from Jeff Hi, and Lou Craviotto, whose adventures in the ETO were well-chronicled in the Record.

Rod Pulsipher videotaped the proceedings for the tape library. We do appreciate his artistry.

The raffle brought out 9 lovely plants from ever-generous John Olcese, Guild notepaper sets and a bottle of champagne. Members responded in good style, and our Treasurer Roz Babow welcomed the receipts.

Splendid refreshments were served by Mary Hutchings and her expert crew of Marilyn Olcese and Enid and Bob & Enid Williams, with exceptionally well-decorated tables. Contributions of the goodies came from Esther Appleton, Angela Uccelli, Mary Chiappari, Lou Craviotto and Bianca Caserza.

Helping out at the registration

were Bunny Gillespie, Jane Powell and Roz Babow, while Ted Babow presided at the display tables. Fran Bullard and Walter Riney handled the raffle sales.

DUES NEWS

Enclosed with the January Tattler is the annual dues card and an envelope for returning your membership contribution. The monies received in the January sign-up are the mainstay of Guild finances for the year. finances for operating our organization.

Our dues structure is the least expensive of any comparable history group we know of. We shouldn't end the sentence with a preposition, but what a proposition is our dues renewal!

The great bulk of expenses during the year is for three items: Printing of the Tattler, postage for mailing, refreshments. Our mailing list now contains about 500 names. There are 5 and sometimes 6 mailings a year, all save January at bulk rates.

That is why every membership is so precious. More is spent to get the Tattler to you than we receive in dues. The difference is usually made up from our raffles at the meetings and larger than membership dues contributions. Many \$2.00 per year members will slip in a couple of extra bucks to sweeten the kitty. Merci beaucoup to all.

Continuing appreciation is extended to our computer whiz, Richard Babow, who keeps our address list current, producing alpha rosters and the zip code address labels...INVALUABLE!

MINI-MUSEUM MUSINGS

The every-Tuesday afternoon activity at the Mini-Museum continues in fine fashion, with host stalwarts Walt Schultz, Collins Orton, Bunny and Ken Gillespie in attendance, supplemented by sign-ups taken at the meetings, including Marilyn Olcese, Fran Bullard, and Eileen Ford recently.