



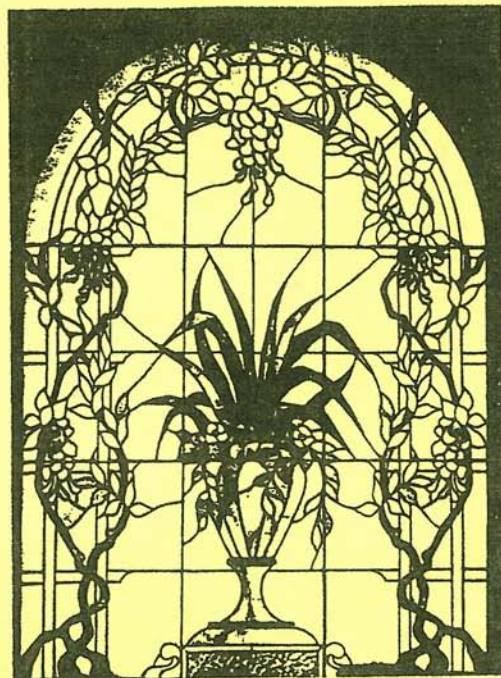
## Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

### CYPRESS LAWN ART BOOK DEBUT AT GUILD MEETING

Robert Robinson, director of marketing and vice president of *Cypress Lawn Memorial Park*, will be our guest speaker at the upcoming Guild meeting, **Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.**, at Doelger Center's multi-use room.

With stunning color slides, Mr. Robinson will trace the history of art in the park, as contained in a beautifully designed new volume, *Cypress Lawn, Guardian of California's Heritage*.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the meeting. Quoting from the fly-leaf: *"In this beautifully-designed new volume, stunning photographs, using only natural light,*



Henry Ohlandt Mausoleum Window  
Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

*linger on exquisite details and breathtaking panoramas of the marvelous art, architecture, and mature natural features that have transformed this Peninsula farmland to a place of grand beauty."* Priced at \$50/copy, the book is a magnificent addition to any home library.

### DIRECTOR TED BABOW PASSES

It is with the greatest of regret that we announce the passing of Guild director Ted Babow on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ted had been ill for a number of months, and following the death of his wife Roz last December 7<sup>th</sup>, had been generally confined to his home.

When the first meetings on behalf of the organization of a History Guild were held back

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



**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17th at 7:30 pm**



Cypress Lawn  
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A slide program by  
**Robert Robinson**  
of  
Cypress Lawn

Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room  
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City

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in 1982, the Babows were enthusiastic participants, followed by the formal structure of our Guild in 1986, with elected officers, by-laws, and regular meetings. Ted was an original director, and Roz our first treasurer.

Their partnership in marriage was admirable, full of great humor, high intelligence and a sense of community involvement that kept their lives full and rewarding. For many years they were volunteers at the South San Francisco Kaiser Hospital.

**Richard Babow**, their son, lived next door to his parents, and kept us informed of the status as it changed. He has been a pillar of strength in these times of sorrow. He maintains the computerized address lists for the Guild, and has volunteered to continue this most valuable activity.

Ted was a stalwart for the Guild, overseeing the table displays at the meetings, offering further explanation, always with a smile, a new joke, and the warmth of a big Teddy bear. The Guild has a great legacy in the memories left by the Babows

The Daly City Council adjourned their regular meeting in memory of Ted, and the County Board of Supervisors followed suit.

### THORNTON STORY WORKS WELL

Although it seems ages ago, the May 21st meeting had plenty of meat in it to keep alive the memories of how it was in the days of the first land-claiming pioneer of our area, **Robert Sheldon Thornton**.

With a comprehensive slide show, narrated by **Ken and Bunny Gillespie**, the history of the blacksmith/sailor from from the seaport of North Scituate, Connecticut, was traced.

Much research was involved in the story, trips to Redwood City's archives, telephone calls and letters to the East Coast to pin down the names, dates and places that were parts and parcels of the **Thornton Story**.

What came out of the research was a tale of a man who didn't rush up to the Mother Lode, but one who was mature (age 34 on arrival in California), and who followed his original training as a seaman in bay-sailing, and his further expertise as a blacksmith.

**Thornton** purchased some 160 acres that ran out to the ocean from near where Joe's of Westlake is now located. He was heavily involv-

ed in what later became known as the "Battle of Colma", where other pioneer residents were ousted from their properties by land-grabbing ruffians. He fought the rascals in all the courts available, including the Federal Supreme Court, finally winning total judgment for the settlers.

As a prominent resident, **Thornton** went into real estate, school administration and politics, naming the original Jefferson School District in 1858. The name is still used today. After his death in 1916, a school was named for him and later his coastside land was named Thornton State Beach.

A number of tables displayed stories and documents about **Thornton**. Of special interest was a beautifully maintained Kentucky rifle, of the type used by the settlers in defense of their properties. Member **Richard Hill** brought the rifle, and answered questions about its history.

**Betty Schultz**, Nominating Committee chair, made her report, and asked for if there were any further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she declared the nominations to be closed. The election was held and the following officers and directors were installed by DC Mayor (and member) **Carol Klatt** for the Guild year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

President	<b>Ken Gillespie</b>
Vice-President	<b>Mark Weinberger</b>
Secretary	<b>Bunny Gillespie</b>
Treasurer	<b>Russ Brabec</b>
Directors	<b>Ted Babow</b>
	<b>Marilyn Olcese</b>
	<b>Elaine Riney</b>
	<b>Walter Riney</b>

### AL TEGLIA APPOINTED DIRECTOR

The death of Director **Ted Babow** in July left a directorship vacant on the Board. Therefore, in compliance with the Guild By-Laws, we are pleased to announce that long-time member, former Mayor and Councilman of Daly City, **Al Teglia** has been appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of **Ted Babow**.

A real supporter of the Guild, he was an originating force, along with fellow councilman **Victor Kyriakis**, in the History, Arts & Science Commission, out of which our Guild became a permanent, ongoing unit.

Born on Collins Avenue in Colma, raised in small-town Daly City, deeply enmeshed in local and County government and educational activities, **Al Teglia** will bring a rich experience to the Board.

## THORNTON HOUSE DEMOLISHED

Continuing with "Thornton" news, his 1866 house that had been moved to Sullivan some years ago has been **demolished!** While the Guild had asked for the front door of the antique & historic building, we were not successful in acquiring it. At this writing, the Guild has **been promised** the old fashioned door bell ringer (the circular kind) by project developer John Tealdi. Member **Roger Vincent** has offered to polish up the piece of hardware before it goes on display at the Guild Mini-Museum. It won't take up much space, and it will be another tangible link to our past.

## NEW MASTHEAD FOR TATTLER

The new look for the Tattler has been created on the computer by **Andy Ramroth**, member and grandson of the Gillespies.

We are still struggling with the unbelievable complexities of the machine, but are generally satisfied that the clarity of type-setting, if not the content, is well-worth the investment of time and head-shaking in accompaniment.

The computer is hiding myriad lines of copy somewhere. We know we typed it...we just don't why it should be consumed with hardly a burp to show for our efforts.

## GATEWAY FESTIVAL DOINGS

The sixth annual Gateway Festival was held over the weekend of June 7-8, in the parking area of the Serra Bowl. The weather was fine, and the side-by-side history booths of the Guild and the Colma Historical Association were attractive to hordes of passers-by.

We had good member participation at the booth, including the **Gallaghers, Rineys, Gillespies, Schultzes, Winns, Mary Hutchings, Mark Weinberger, Marilyn Olcese** and **Don Manning**, who brought the display materials, the booth canopy and furniture in his pick-up.

The location of the Festival was very close to where **Robert Thornton** and other pioneer residents had built homes and businesses.

There was abundant entertainment, rides in PG&E cherry-pickers, many community displays, and a real chance to meet and greet our neighbors. A story about the life of **Robert Thornton** was written by the Gillespies for inclusion in the program, for which the Guild received free display space at the Festival.

Congratulations to the organizers of the Festival for another job well, well done!

## OH, GOODY, FOR YOU!

Our meetings are noted for their snazzy refreshments. In keeping with such tradition, the prospective goody-givers are listed below for the **September 17th** meeting at Doelger Center.

Chair **Mary Hutchings** will give you a call as a last-minute reminder, and her number is **756-0864** in case there's a problem.

**Esther Appleton**

**Selma Riba**

**Marian Mann**

**Doris Hill**

**Bernard & Audrey Winn**

**Patricia Craviotto**

**Evelyn Franco**

**Bianca Caserza**

**Julia Padreddi -**

**Rosa Veronello**

Many thanks for your continuing contributions to our appreciation of yum-yums!

## PRIZES SOUGHT FOR DRAWING

Good quality prizes for the Guild meeting drawing are solicited from members and Guild friends. Such prize awardings are always a lot of fun at the gatherings. Ticketmaster **Walter Riney** and his trusty staff of **Fran Bullard** and **Hartley Appleton** are real eager beavers at the hustling of the tickety-boos.

Prizes of wine, liquor, books, desirable artifacts, knickknacks, just about anything that can be eaten, drunk, read, or admired are really appreciated.

The lucky ticket-holders come up to the table and make selections in order of preference, happy in their luck and their contribution to the financial stability of the Guild!

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

<b>Ken Gillespie</b>	President	<b>755-5123</b>
<b>Mark Weinberger</b>	Vice-President	<b>755-0612</b>
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<b>Russ Brabec</b>	Treasurer	<b>583-4985</b>
<b>Marilyn Olcese</b>	Director	<b>755-5616</b>
<b>Elaine Riney</b>	Director	<b>992-4696</b>
<b>Walter Riney</b>	Director	<b>992-4696</b>
<b>Albert Teglia</b>	Director	<b>755-1792</b>

## VALUABLE ADDITIONS

Many thanks to the very generous friends who have contributed the following items to the collection:

**Bob Murray** - Four snapshots of family fun during the 1962 snowstorm in Daly City.

**Walter Schultz** - Art mat cutter, for display works of collection pictures.

**Tom Tringali** - Aerial map, 2'x3', centered over the former Meussdorffer estate. Taken in the 1960's.

**Marlene Espinoza Sheridan** - Newsletter of the Guadalupe Health Center, former tenants in the second DC City Hall on Wellington.

**Frank Maffei** - Railroad spike from the Ocean Shore Railway.

**Dr. George Riba** - Ephemera from early day History, Arts & Science Commission meetings, prior to the Guild as a separate entity.

**Marian Mann** - Daly City items of interest: Wedding Certificate, 1954; Business Lease, 1948; Bio of James Welsh, DCPD; Opening of Business Item, Al Garibaldi.

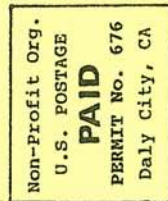
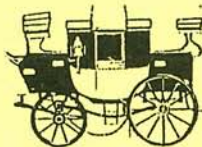
**Marilyn Olcese** - Large photograph of a cook in Colma. Who is this gentleman?

**Russ Brabec** - 8"x10" photo of the staff of the DC Public Works Department, 1962.

**Frank Francheschini** - 54 color prints of local DC and Colma sights of construction changes, Skyline Plaza, Serramonte Plaza, Lucky Chance Card Rooms in Colma, etc.

**Albina Ivani and Robert Ivani** - From the estate of Catherine Ivani Giacchino, via Marilyn Olcese: White Nursery Receipt Book, Colma Hardware Thermometer, JESD Handbook, 1966 and 1982 DC Post, WW II Agriculture and SSS Papers, etc.

**Adrienne** - via Marilyn Olcese, "Crab Is King" books by Bernard Averbuch, to sell for \$5, total benefit for the Guild (available at meetings and Mini-Museum).



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