

Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

Musical Comedy Featured at January Guild Meeting

The day is **Sunday, January 18th**, the place is the **Colma Town Hall**, the function is the annual **Guild Birthday Bash**, the hours are **2-4 pm**.

Our Guild will celebrate its **16th birthday**, with the traditional feast of special goodies, cake, champagne, all of which will follow a special program, the production in radio style (*scripts at microphones*) of a locally-centered musical comedy entitled "**Dear Old Colma!**"

The musical was written and produced back in 1960 as an entertainment feature at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church on 87th St. in Colma. Without giving away too much of the plot, we'll just say that it follows the recent history of our area in the 1950's, when much of the local farm land became up for sale to real estate developers.


Several members of the Guild are featured, **Russ and Eunice Brabec, Lee Robinson, Bob Salazar, Mark Weinberger, Ken and Bunny Gillespie**. Others from Broadmoor Presbyterian include **Doug and Bonny Cobb, Marian Hardin, Del Severy, Shirley Love and Kirk Kelly**.

Some were in the original cast, and in other productions over the years. The last previous airing was in 1983, however. It'll be a lot of fun, and we urge all members to turn out for their party!


Reckamember! This is a members only do, and seating in the lovely council chamber of Colma Town Hall is very limited. Sooooo....get there at a reasonable time for a good seat.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENT!



SUNDAY, JAN. 18th, 2:00pm.



MEMBERS' PARTY

Musical Play
"DEAR OLD COLMA"

at COLMA TOWN HALL

ADMISSION FREE!

Donations Gratefully Accepted • Phone 755-5123 for Information

"Pig" Turnout for Hog Rancher Program in November

Almost all of the 150 chairs set up for the November meeting were occupied by an enthusiastic gathering of members and friends, who re-collected with exquisite detail much of their lives in the Colma/Daly City area as participants in, or neighbors to, the raising of pigs for profit.

Twenty-one individuals who had been noted as former hog ranchers were invited to the meeting and several joined in a panel discussion at the mik These included **Al Arata, Tom Callan, Vincent Cilia, Orlando Cortopassi, Al Sereni, Mariann Petroni, and Patricia DalPorto**.

Flanked by intriguing hog ranch pictures which had been supplied by **Marilyn Olcese**, the veteran hog hustlers gave graphic descriptions of the economics and logistics of the business, the sources of swill for feed, the health and nurture of the hogs, the competition among the farmers, the oh so hard work involved, and the gradual changes that came about as subdivisions pushed the porkers away from the land.

It was great fun to see a group of enthusiastic hog fanciers huddled over an enlarged map of the Daly City/Colma area, which had been brought by Director **Russ Brabec**, outlining former hog raising boundaries and attaching identification labels. **Lou Craviotto** and **Frank Maffei** were especially busy.

It was a splendid evening of "I was there" information, and the jam-packed meeting was a most rewarding experience for all.

The "Do's" of Dues!

You will notice that this **Tattler** includes the annual dues information, the card for category of membership, and the return envelope for mailing.

Our dues structure is minimal, compared to similar history-related groups, and often does not cover the cost of printing and postage. There is a significant number of addressees who have been on the mailing list since 1994 and have not returned any dues at all. A red dot will appear beside these names, and, if there isn't any membership received by March 1, 1998, the names will be deleted.

Some generous souls have already paid their 1998 dues, and are identified by a green dot, and need not return any additional dues, and lastly, there are others who have a blue dot, indicating that their membership does not require money sent. These are for reciprocal memberships, media outlets, political information, etc.

"**Family**" enrollees are asked to note their number. (We try to count members. Are you three ,six or ?)

Aside from the generous contributions made for the drawings at our **Guild** meetings, and periodic above and beyond donations, some print items, membership name badges, etc., we don't have any other regular sources of income.

We are grateful to the City of Daly City and the Township of Colma for their generosity in providing space for our meetings and Mini-Museum. Without such help we could not exist in our current status.

Vintage Street Signs to be Auctioned

A supply of vintage Daly City street signs that have been replaced has been received by the **Guild** and are listed below. The Board has voted to auction the signs at the January meeting, with a minimum opening bid of \$25, and raises of \$1.

The signs, used between 1965 and 1995, are in varying degrees of condition, and each will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity from the **Guild**. They certainly would make a unique gift for trivia collectors.

The signs are for:

**Alemany - Eastmoor - Garibaldi -
Junipero Serra - John Daly -
Mission (with Palisades on back) -
Olcese (with Olympic on back) -
and Station**

Goodies for the Gathering

Yummies for the tummies have been offered by the following caterers, on behalf of the **BirthDay Bash** on **January 18th**, and for which we are "drooly grateful!"

**Doris Goldberg
Helen Asplund
Mary Chiappari
Manuel/Elba Urbina
Madolyn Agrimonti
Carol Klatt**

Many thanks for the continuing generosity of our volunteers. Hospitality chair **Mary Hutchings** will phone shortly before the meeting to confirm, and if there's any problem, her telephone number is 756-0864.

Guild Director Elaine Riney Passes

The **Guild** suffered the loss of a dear and long-time friend and co-worker when Director **Elaine Riney** passed away last November after an extended illness.

She was one of our original directors, and had served for nearly 12 years, since the formal organization of the **Guild**. Together with husband **Walter**, the **Rineys** formed a loyal team, working faithfully on the first formidable task of cataloguing the photograph file and clipping the newspaper articles into logical categories.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family. **Elaine's** gracious smile and lovely presence at all our functions and her many contributions as an active officer will be sorely missed.

Prizes Sought for Drawing at January Meeting

Now that the Holiday Season is over, and our houses have been graced by a multitude of gadgets and gee-gaws, it's time to look forward to our meeting on **January 18th**, when some of those gift items might be brought to **Colma Town Hall** to be used as prizes in our traditional "drawing".

Since we can't have what is generally known as a "raffle", we smooth it over with the snazzy title of "drawing", and cover the same need. We look for prizes that you know someone else would just looove to acquire, new stuff, to eat, drink, to admire and use, you know. So, bring it along and

enjoy how your donation will be snapped up by others, and how you'll find goodies yourself!

Many, Many Thanks to Richard

The continuing task of providing address labels and membership lists for the **Guild** is being carried on by **Richard Babow**, who formerly worked alongside his mom and dad, **Roz** and **Ted**, now deceased.

Updating is a constant necessity, and **Rich** cheerfully removes and adds, so that membership chair **Bunny Gillespie** knows who's who, what's what and where they are. It's a never-ending task for both of them, and we want to express sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Al Gee, our Happy Printer

Five issues of the Tattler, envelopes and membership cards, and other miscellaneous needs in the printing field are produced by our good **Ben Franklin** of Daly City's Central Services, **Al Gee**.

The print shop on Niantic is a real hive of activity, where much of the DC needs are met, including our own **Guild** printing. We are grateful to **Al** for his prompt and efficient work, making our often-ragtag originals look like works of art.

We are privileged to be billed at regular City rates, competitive with the "outside", but moreso to receive such splendid cooperation from the ever-pleasant printing pal **Al Gee**!

More Good Stuff Received

Additions to the collection have come from the following good souls:

Russ Brabec - Copies of coastal outfall sewer systems, North San Mateo Sanitation Dist. Dark blue Daly City official T-shirt.

Marlene Harris - Photos of Ed Freyer and John Daly via Marilyn Olcese.

Mark Weinberger - Woolworth cash bag and Westlake Subdivision Improvement Association steel engravings, 2 rubber stamps

Bill Clarke - Horse leathers, harnesses, reins, miscellaneous plow iron pieces (*found under floor of now-demolished house on Sullivan near the Robert Thornton property*). 1953 receipts for plow work, 1944 electioneering materials.

Marianne Petroni - Photo of Jefferson Elementary School, showing R.L. Crane, Supt. of JESD, and M. Pauline Brown, Teacher. Date is uncertain.

Frank Maffei - Daly City Annual Report for the year 1955.

Dr. Robert Chandler (historian for Wells Fargo Bank) - Photocopy of advertisement for a dance at Ryan's Hall, DC, February 1916.

For all the generous contributions the **Guild** is most grateful.

The collection continues to grow, slowly, but surely. When you're going through your own stuff periodically, the photos that are unlabeled need an i.d., that poster or election flyer is most valuable. Let us have a shot at what you're about to chuck out.

We continue to be optimistic about having a museum space suitable for an expanded depiction of Daly City/Colma history. **Happy New Year!**

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**And What About a Bit
About the Guild, Hmmm?**



*forget not
the threads
of yesterday...
they are woven
into the
rich fabric
of today...*

The motto of our **Guild** and a logo appear on a flyer that we distribute at the Mini-Museum and any public function, as seen above.

It's interesting to look through the binder of Secretary **Bunny Gillespie** to see what's been on-going since the first program back in February of 1982. There was only a steering committee that worked together with grant-subsidized employee who put out a city-wide newsletter on behalf of the newborn History, Arts and Science Commission. That lasted until the grant monies ran out, and the **Guild** became a self-dependent entity, with by-laws and elected officers in 1986.

Over the years there have been 82 separate subject evenings, besides the activities at Victorian Days in the Park, street fairs such as the Gateway Festival, Westlake festival days, etc., at which the **Guild** has presented information booths.

The Mini-Museum was dedicated in the Serramonte Library in September of 1992, and has been in operation each Tuesday afternoon that the Library is open, always with a staff that includes the following faithful: **Dick Larsen** and friend **Bernice, Collins Orton, Don Manning, Walter Schultz, Bunny and Ken Gillespie**.