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“The Ferro Family in Two Worlds – A History of Daly City”. Speaker: Neil Fahy

Neil Fahy, popular and informative, will return to Doelger Center as the guest speaker for the Wed., Nov. 17, 7:30 pm, meeting of the History Guild. Neil’s topic will be “The Ferro Family in Two Worlds – A History of Daly City.”

A charter member of the HG, and our initial Vice-President, Neil was one of the creators of the Guild’s current by-laws. Neil is the author of “The Italians: Ferro-Cafferata Family History”, which is in the SMC Library System, and many other published works including his geology and history sections in “A Flora of the San Bruno Mountains, San Mateo County.” He spends much of his time on the high seas sharing knowledge as an Enrichment Speaker for passengers on Crystal Line cruise ships. He maintains his Daly City residence. The Guild is fortunate to schedule him between voyages.

**HISTORY EVENING
WEDNESDAY,
Nov. 17, 2004,
7:30 P.M.
DOELGER CTR.
101 LAKE MERCED BL. DC**

Looking Towards
Holiday Gift Purchases

As in years past, former director **Diane Pitto**, will again staff a sales table at the November Guild meeting, offering such potential gift items as **Bernard Winn’s “From the Top of the Hill”**; **Sam Chandler’s “Gateway to the Peninsula”**; **Bunny Gillespie’s “Great Daly City Historical Trivia Brook”** and **“Images of Daly City”**; six-packs of stationery and envelopes with local scenes and **Westlake Bowl** souvenir (red glass) candy dishes. All are bargain prices and sold for the benefit of the HG Treasury. Cash is King, Checks OK.

Treat Donors

Those who signed up to bring finger food for the Nov. 17 meeting are: **Denise & Pat Kelly, Pat Hatfield, Elsa Ramos, Annette & Amber Hipona, Elsie Tonelli, and Bunny Gillespie.** Additional yummys are always welcomed by Chairperson **Eleanor Charleston.**



MINI-MUSEUM NEWS NOTES

HG director Marilyn Olcese, as overseer of activities at the Mini-Museum, is seeking volunteers for once-a-month shifts as Museum Hosts. On the job training, educational benefits. This is a nice way to serve your Guild, as well as visitors, Tuesdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at Serramonte Library, Gellert Park.

For recent donations to the HG's collection of historical photos, memorabilia, etc., thanks are extended to, and for, the following:

John Jacobson: 1939 DC Record scrap book from estate of DC Vol. Fireman Talcott Mather.

Cindi Oliver & Barbara Balbi: new Cavo-Silicani family info.

Gina Javier, DC City Hall aide: (2004) DC Volunteers coffee mug.

Ken & Bunny Gillespie: two mugs, re. DC Seniors and Westlake.

Marianne Petroni: program re JFK Sch.. Jr. Giants groundbreaking.

Adrienne Tissier & Mike Paccelli (Bay Relations Co.): five large DC aerial photos, in frames.

Richard Rocchetta: vintage brochures & newspaper pages.

Frank Franceschini: more (!) DC area progress photographs.

Russ Brabec: computer images of Louchen Garden token & Mission Bell Motel/Vern's Coffee Shop.

IF you're tempted to toss out something of local historical interest, please consider donating it to the HG Mini Museum. Contact person is Marilyn Olcese, 650-755-5616

Guild Gossip

Christiana Graham, prime organizer and first chairperson of The Guild, sends greetings to the Guild from her current home in Fullerton. The late **Mary Hutchings** was another volunteer of that HG era of

formation..... **W**hen the **Kerry Campaign** swept through Daly City, the candidate **WAS** armed with info about the territory he was to address at Westmoor High. He grabbed a bit about **John Daly** coming from Boston, and quipped "When **THAT**

John came west, you named your city for him!" To our knowledge, no such offer was made to the candidate, nor did he seek it. Several HGers went to

the rally.....**H**elp Wanted: A local theater historian (Guild member), is hoping to locate photos of the old **Crest Movie Theater**, on Mission St., Colma, near School St. Contact (650)755-5123 **IF** we may pass along your name and phone number to

him...**A**lso, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church** development director, **Ed Mahoney**, is looking for mailing list information re. past graduates/friends of OLPH. Contact EMah1965@aol.com.... **C**eremonies in September at JFK School, to the delight of the young student body, brought the great **Barry Bonds** to help dedicate JESD's new **Bobby Bonds Memorial Field**. HG people were among those happy to be there to see the record-setting baseball star arrive in his white Hummer!..... .



Datebook Possibilities

Nov. 17, 7:30 pm. Doelger Center,
"History Evening" program.

Jan. 16, 2005. 2 pm.-4 pm. Doelger
Ctr., annual Guild Birthday Party.

Victorian Day In Redwood City

Again this year, your Guild hosted a display of local history artifacts for the enjoyment of visitors to History Lane in the historic Old San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood on "Victorian Day", sponsored Aug. 28 by the San Mateo County Historical Association. Among Guild participants were **Marilyn Olcese, Richard Rocchetta, Michael Rocchetta, Mark Weinberger, Russ Brabec and Dana Smith**, who shared beautiful dahlias as a focal point. Ed's Note: The dahlia has often been suggested for adoption as Daly City's "Official Flower."

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NEW COLMA FILMS WERE EXCELLENT FARE

It's not every Guild meeting that hosts premier showings of two films of historic value, but also the headliner and other star performers of local screen fame. We're noting, of course, the fine HG program presented by **Pat Hatfield** on Sept. 15.

Introduced by the new Guild "veep" and Program Chair, **Richard Rocchetta**, it was a thrill to see **Pat, Colma Council Members and business people**, railroad expert **Frank Maffei, (plus others)** in a 12-minute film produced by Colma to celebrate its 80th anniversary of incorporation, plus a 28-minute video tour of the Colma's wonderful Hillside Blvd. Museum-in-Progress, hosted by **Carole Tanzy** and featuring sultry-voiced **Pat**. Hearty applause from the audience evidenced warm response.

Among those present and introduced were sitting DC Council Member **Carole Klatt**; Council election candidates **Denise Kelly** and **Judith Christensen**, all members of

the Guild, and first-time attendee **Norma Buell**, formerly of Broadmoor Village, now of Huntington Beach, an HG member-in-absentia for years.

HG Secretary **Dana Smith** reported on Victorian Day activity and a chance meeting with **John Daly**, from Ireland, hoping to find a family tie to "our" **John Daly**.

Walter Riney did the honors as Raffle Ticket Salesman for prizes donated by members and supervised by **Marion Mann**.

HG Memorial Book

Monetary Memorials honoring loved ones may be sent to the History Guild Memorial Fund, 40 Wembley Dr., DC. 94015. The fund is earmarked for the benefit of a proper Daly City/Colma History Museum. Donors and honorees are recorded in our beautiful Memorial Book, which may be viewed on request at the Mini-Museum.

Among Guild Members that have passed recently to their reward are Mrs. Vern Berkowitz and Mrs. John Connolly.



Images of America: Daly City

The book noted above was written by **Bunny Gillespie** and is offered for sale for the benefit of the HG treasury during Mini-Museum hours from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Serramonte Library. The HG price is \$20. (More at bookstores.) It embraces 128 pages, 234 local photos.

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