

HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On Wednesday, September 19th, our next Guild meeting will be held, kicking off the Fall season. The 7:30 pm meeting at Doelger Center will feature the Director of the National Archives, Pacific Sierra Region (San Bruno), Ms. Waverly Lowell, bringing an illustrated look into her charge at San Bruno, under the title of "The National Archives at San Bruno...What's in It for Me?"

Ms. Lowell has served as Curator of Manuscripts at the California Historical Society, Archivist and Curator of Historic Documents at the National Maritime Museum, and as an archival consultant for clients such as Stanford University, National Park Service, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and the California Academy of Sciences.

We've been privileged to receive a behind-the-stacks tour of her facility at San Bruno, coming away staggered by the collection afforded there.

Knowing the great interest in the subject of genealogy, and the extensive use of the San Bruno archives for such purposes, we anticipate a lively evening of how-to-for-what-result from Ms. Lowell.

RANCHO DAY AT SANCHEZ ADOBE

We're all invited to celebrate life as it was lived at the Sanchez Adobe County Historic Site on Saturday, September 29th. Located at 1000 Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica, the Rancho Day is from 12 noon to 4 p.m., featuring recreations of grinding corn, making adobe bricks, stamping leather, dipping candles, roping the bull, pressing apple juice, making dolls and toys.

The Sanchez Adobe is operated under the auspices of the San Mateo County Historical Association, with a fine corps of volunteer docents. AND...IT'S ALL FREE!



Waverly Lowell, Director of the National Archives, Pacific Sierra Region (San Bruno).

GOODY VOLUNTEERS

Goodies for our meeting on September 19th have been volunteered by:

Enid Williams
Ed and Olive Smith
Bianca Caserza
Chuck Meagher
Barbara O'Brien

Thank you for your generosity. Mary Hutchings will confirm before the next meeting.

VICTORIAN DAYS A DOOZY!

Victorian Days in the Park, held in San Mateo's Central Park over the weekend of August 25-26, was again a rousing success, with 120+ booths of arts, crafts, refreshment, etc. Add the splendid stage entertainment, the stagecoach rides, Civil War encampment with cannon fire and musketry drill, fire-bucket drills and safety demonstrations by local and County officers,

plus History Row, and you have the ingredients for a happy weekend.

Our Guild was well-represented on History Row, with our gimmick of the spritz bottle of "Daly City Air" providing a lot of laughs to sprayed passersby. Hosting our centrally-located booth were Yolanda Hardiman, Mary Hutchings, Olga Tourkoff, Ted & Roz Babow, and Chuck Meagher, who was very helpful in dismantling our display and carrying parts back to the Gillespies' car.

Among Guilders stopping by the Guild tables were George Ciarlo, Ted & Lydia Kirschner, Walt & Elaine Riney, Audrey Fabrini, Doris Hill, Al Teglia, Betsy Bogel, Lola Garcia, Ray Harman, Marilyn Olcese, who came both days, and Evelyn Martin.

Sixteen people indicated interest in receiving our bulletin, after chatting and examining the exhibits which were displayed. Since KPIX had done a news feature on the Blimp Mystery of Daly City just a week before, commemorating the 48th anniversary of the August 16, 1942 crash on Bellevue Ave., we had prepared a special table with blimp remnants and pictures. This, plus spritz publicity in the papers, evoked a lot of interest.

The annual event, a fund-raiser for the San Mateo County Historical Association, brought History Row booths from South San Francisco, Burlingame, Pacifica, Menlo Park, Belmont, the Project 2472 (reconditioning of railroad engine and equipment), Peninsula DAR, Woodside Store, Sanchez Adobe, Mountain Watch. It's a grand way to meet the members of other history groups and see how they operate.

A special thank you to member John Olcese of Colma, who brought a box of beautiful New Zealand impatiens plants for the beautification of our display area. They were just lovely, and is part of the continuing generosity of our good friend John!

Incidentally, a chap stopped by, smiled at Ken Gillespie, and asked, "You don't remember me, do you?" Ken replied, "Of course I do, you're John from Shell Development in 1942, and we went into the service then, and I have not seen you since then!" Indeed, it

was friend from youth, John Lewis, a Burlingame resident, who'd seen the pic about the spritz bottle in the newspaper.

RECREATED DUEL A BIG BANG

The re-enactment of the BRODERICK/TERRY DUEL, held on Sunday, July 15th, was an historic and dramatic success. Held at the site near the County Line, the duel was a function of the History Buffs of the San Mateo County Historical Association, hosted and performed by our Guild on the Buffs' behalf.

About 150 attended the duel, prefaced in the park glade off Cliffside Drive by introductory remarks from Dr. Robert Chandler, History Officer of Wells Fargo Bank. The weather was super, and excitement rose as events leading to the actual duel were related by Dr. Chandler.

The crowd followed the duelers, played to the hilt by Guild members Richard Hill (David Broderick) and Geno Fambrini (David Terry). Dressed in authentic period dress, top hats, frock coats, vests, etc., and armed with impressive dueling pistols, the pair went through the historic sequence of events that made up the etiquette of the duel.

Held in San Mateo County because duels were forbidden in San Francisco, the encounter became the last legal duel in the state of California. The pair watched the toss of coin, won by David Terry, who chose his weapon. They were pat searched, to preclude armor or secondary weapons, and paced off the required 10 paces.

The crowd was enthralled as the duelers turned, and waited for the count. Regulations stated that three count would be given, but none could fire before two, or after the third. Broderick raised his pistol and it discharged prematurely on the upswing, the bullet in 1859 going into the dirt a few paces in front of him. Terry took careful aim and fired. The bullet struck Broderick in the right chest, and the heart, fatally wounding him.

The crowd included a number of children, who, as Terry/Fambrini took careful aim and shot at the helpless

Broderick/Hill called out, "That's not fair!!"

Broderick slumped to the ground, a red blood capsule oozing very authentic-looking gore onto his pleated white shirt front. His moans were most real. If the Oscars were to be awarded for "best faking of a mortal wound received in Westlake on July 15th, prior to punch and cookies," Dick Hill would win, bloody hands down!

Rules of Dueling, and badges proclaiming "I attended the Broderick/Terry Duel" were distributed for the enthusiastic crowd. There was also newspaper coverage from the Oakland Tribune, which printed a good story the next day, with a snazzy picture.

Refreshments were provided by our always-on-the-ball Refreshment Committee, Mary Hutchings and Marilyn Olcese, who also brought beautiful dahlias for the refreshment table.

RECENT GUILD DONATION

A recent donation to the Guild from Clara Sirex of Sunnyvale, who was formerly Clara Poket, is a copy of a cartoon which was printed in a local paper, possibly very early in Daly City history.

Ms. Sirex's grandfather was Israel Poket, who owned the Mission Bar at the top of the hill, and which later became the Relish Bakery. That old-time Daly City landmark, at the corner of Mission and Los Banos, was established by her father and mother, James and Clara Biebel Poket, and an aunt, Lucy Kennedy.

The cartoon shows a ship with a sail labeled "PROGRESS", with armed sailors repelling boarders. Aboard the ship the sailors are labeled "Landini", "Ross", "Moran", all names of pioneer DC politicians, while a man on a box floating nearby is asking, "May I come aboard?" His box is labeled "Daly City Record."

Shown walking the plank are those labeled as "Castle", "O'Rourke", "Meussdorfer" and "Wess."

This is truly a collector's item, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Sirex.

ELECTION HELP NEEDED

Election time is coming up on November 6th, and the County Clerk is looking again for willing workers for the polls in our area. Many of our members have worked the elections for years, and find the day a most rewarding activity. Each year, however, the need seems to increase.

If you are interested in serving as an election officer, simply call 573-2989. That's the Registration-Elections Office for San Mateo County.

You don't have to serve out of your area, and husbands and wives can serve on the same precinct. The work is very easy, but the day is long, from 6:30 am to probably 10:00 pm, but with two one-hour meal breaks.

It's enjoyable, you get to meet your fellow citizens, and...they pay you very well...\$50 for Judges, the regular precinct workers. There is a training session schedule for first-timers, for which \$10 is paid after the election.

As a sidebar, while working at the Cataloguing Project, Bunny G saw an advertisement in a 1950's paper, displaying the "brand-new voting machines..." to be used in San Mateo County, the first in the state to be used. She sent the ad to Warren Slocum, County Clerk-Recorder, and he has having it framed, to hang in the lobby of the Elections Board in Belmont.

This coming election, we understand, might be the last use of said voting machines, due to be phased out, replaced by some more advanced system.

GREETINGS FROM JOHN SULLIVAN

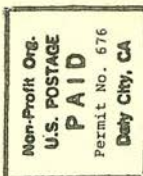
We've received a happy postcard from John Sullivan, our Daly City former Librarian, retired earlier this year, who greets History Guild members thusly:

"The past and present co-exist very comfortably here in Port Townsend (Washington). You'd all love the carefully preserved old buildings, and the small, but crammed-full-of-artifacts local museum."

BADGES READY FOR PICK-UP

Membership badges have been made, and can be picked up at our next meeting on September 19th, for these good members:

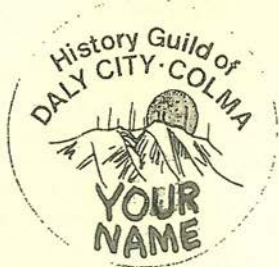
Nick Nano
Bea & Mark Marquez
Julie Lenkert
Elinor Charleston
Elsie Martin
Ed Fish
Ray Harman
Betty Lyle
Christen Wegener



WOULD YOU LIKE A BADGE?

Membership badges of the Guild are available from Ken Gillespie, who purchased a button-making machine, and has been having lots of fun making individual buttons for particular projects.

Buttons are as represented below, with names lettered, are 2½" in diameter, and can be ordered at \$1.00 each, with 75¢ going to the Guild treasury.



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