

OHLONE INDIANS ON MAY 19TH

The life and times of the Ohlone Indians will be topic for our next Guild meeting, **Wednesday, 7:30 pm, at Doelger Center**. An expert in the culture of the Ohlones, **Betsy Bogel**, will appear in the dress of the Ohlone woman, with facial makeup, artifacts, and a wonderful depiction of what life was like in the small clusters of Indians who populated what is now San Mateo County when the European settlers arrived more than 200 years ago.

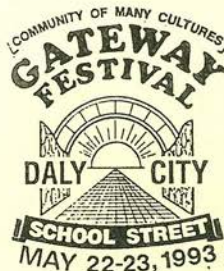
Betsy takes her Ohlone story to children of the County's schools on invitation, and gives a vivid portrait of the local Indians as they gathered acorns and nuts, berries, fished the ocean and the bays, hunted small game, and lived very peaceably before outside influences appeared on the scene.

A former schoolteacher, a current Director of the **San Mateo County Historical Association**, creator and chair for 11 years of the **History Buffs of SMCHA**, **Betsy** is a charming, humorous, thoroughly-skilled resource of history of our former local inhabitants.



Officers of the Guild will be named, elected and installed, all in one swell foop. This part of the meeting will be handled by the chair of the Nominating Committee, **Jane Powell**. The Committee's report was given at the March meeting, with the current slate of officers (see back page) re-nominated. There will still be opportunity for further nominations, if so desired.

GATEWAY FESTIVAL COMING TO SCHOOL ST. - MAY 22-23



The second annual **GATEWAY FESTIVAL** will take over School Street on the weekend of **May 22-23**, with continuous entertainment, arts & crafts booths, multi-cultural foods, clowns, a petting zoo, bowling, other childrens' activities...and...our **His-Guild Booth!**

We will set up our tables and display photos of the area when the little Colma School and the Southern Pacific railroad station were visible from the street they named **School** because of the proximity.

Last year's **GATEWAY FESTIVAL** was a fine kick-off, blessed by a sunny weekend and lots of attendees. This year's gala promises to be even more exciting, and we urge all members and friends to come on down to the street that used to have a spur track to bring fight and dog racing fans to the arena where Jeff High's athletic field is now located.

Volunteers to help staff the booth for 2-hour periods during the weekend, **10am to 6pm**, will be signed up at the **May 19th meeting**.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

We are grateful to the following for ~~generous~~ contributions to the Guild collection:

Joan Greene - photos and record books of what was called the **T.O.B. Club**, a group of Daly City women who carried on most worthwhile community projects. We are not privileged to reveal what the name means...sorry. **Ms. Greene** is the daughter of the late Guild member **Florence Hopman**.

Angelina Armanino Uccelli - Some 50 class photos from Crocker, Pershing and Vista Grande schools, mostly in the 1920's.

Valerie Barsotti Tribou - Photos of classes from Jefferson and R.S. Thornton schools, also in the 1920's.

Carolyn Fuchs Damonte - pictures of relatives, in Colma locations. These have been photographed and are in slide form.

MINI-MUSEUM NOTES

Greeter signups for the Mini-Museum since our last meeting were **Walter Schultz, Eileen Ford, Mary Redfearn, Bob & Enid Williams, Jane Powell, Ken Gillespie, Chuck Meagher, Esther & Mabel Vireno, Fran Bullard, Marilyn Olcese, Mary Hutchings, Elsie Martin, and Olga Tourkoff**.

Cataloguing activities continue each Tuesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30pm, with faithful **Walter & Elaine Riney, Bunny Gillespie, Collins Orton**.

Both functions are very pleasant, the greeters being on hand to open the Mini-Museum, which consists of turning on the display case lights, putting the two signs at the head of the Library stairs, and being welcomers to the visitors. The cataloguers clip old newspapers, file the articles, enter photographs in the collection. The system is not complicated, and we all learn by doing.

Call **Bunny** or **Ken** at 755-5123 if you'd like to participate. We guarantee that it's a very quick 1½ hours!

The lighting in one corner of Mini-Museum will be upgraded to permit much better viewing and cataloguing environment. Because of air-conditioning conduits which take up some of the ceiling light fixture space, supplementary lighting was deemed necessary. With the fine cooperation of the City's Electrical Department and **Linda Saltzer**, our Director of Library Services, we will soon have new track lighting to illuminate the area.

ARRESTING PROGRAM BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Our March meeting was a very fine affair, with about 100 members and friends attending. **Lieutenant Don Horsley**, of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, gave a most thorough history of his department, from its origin in the late 1850's, to its current wide-spread activities throughout the County.

Lt. Horsley brought several photos of previous Sheriffs, and brought the assemblage current information about the new prison facility being built near the County Buildings in Redwood City.

Jane Powell gave her report as chair of the Nominating Committee, that the current officers were willing to continue in their posts, and that no one else had indicated a desire to be an elected officer of the Guild.

Two Guild members who were the winners in the new category of the Poetry Guild, that of poems relative to Daly City or Colma, and who must be resident, were announced. **Olga Tourkoff**, 1st place, and **Elsie Martin**, 2nd place, read their compositions, delightful in form and in presentation. **Olga's** poem was titled "That's Daly City", while **Elsie's** was "Ain't it the Truth?" Both were very well done!

Guild member **Bianca Caserza** was in charge of the judging for this category of the Poetry Contest.

The continuing generosity of member **John Olcese** was evident in the contribution of 6 beautiful plants for the raffle. Other prizes were a \$20 gift certificate for Safeway, from Cypress Lawn, and a fine bottle of champagne, left from the January Guild party.

Goodies were provided by Ted Kirchner, Johanna Marinc, Anne Ingersoll, Dorothy Orton, Russ Brabec and Eda Giusti. Many thanks to all, and to Mary Hutchings, Marilyn Olcese, Enid and Bob Williams, who served the refreshments in fine, tasty fashion!

"UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" FILMS BLIMP STORY FOR MAY 12th!

Watch your TV Guide listing for **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES** for the week of **May 12th**. That's the date currently slated for broadcast of the segment on the **Mystery of the Ghost Blimp**, the airship which drifted over Daly City in August, 1942, to crash-land on Bellevue Avenue.

The gondola was empty, no sign of the two-officer crew which taken the blimp from Treasure Island 4½ hours earlier. There was no sign of any emergency. Nothing was missing that wasn't accounted for...save for the crew!

In April the last of the local filming of the segment was completed, in Oakland and Alameda. Previous work had been done in San Francisco and in Daly City, Treasure Island and Moffett Field. **Bunny Gillespie** was an eye-witness to the event, and with husband **Ken** was interviewed on camera. Local shots were taken at Thornton Beach, where blimp first came ashore, and on Bellevue Avenue, where the blimp crashed.

A very realistic gondola, with a part of the blimp's envelope, was constructed locally, and was filmed in several locations, with costumed actors and extras, depicting the strange story of the mystery that still has no end.

How much, if any, of the footage will be used, we know not. But, the episode is fascinating, and what we saw of the filming on the various locations was very thorough, and well-done. In any case, remember to watch the show, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 12th, on **KRON**.

A side-bar to the mystery blimp is the hanging of the commemorative plaque on the inside wall of the War Memorial Building at the top-of-the-hill. The plaque is nicely framed,

in a very visible location, and we do thank Guild member **Carol Klatt**, who received it on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Dept., and shepherded the installation.

MICHAEL SVANEVIK COMING TO CYPRESS LAWN...TO SPEAK!

Michael Svanevik, the County's most popular historian, will repeat his "**Grand Victorian Funeral**" at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park on **Sunday, May 16, 1pm**.

The program was given to a capacity crowd on April 25, sparking this repeat scheduling. The locale will be the **Newell Chapel**, no longer used for services, and becoming a depository for historic photos and documents.

Other lectures are planned. To be on the mailing list, or to reserve a seat for 5/16, call **755-0580, ext. 235**.

The Guild continues to be grateful to the Management of Cypress Lawn for gift certificates (redeemable at Safeway) given as raffle prizes at our recent meetings. Thanx again!

MAY 19TH COOKIE MONSTERS

Cookie volunteers for the **May 19th** meeting are listed below:

Helene Ramirez
Mary Truscott
Helen Nelson
Marian Rocchetta
Eileen Ford
Carolyn Damonte

Thank you so much for your generosity. **Mary Hutchings** will give you a reminder call before the meeting.

COW PALACE SEPTEMBER TOPIC

Looking forward to the **September 15th** meeting, we anticipate a fine program on the **History of our Famous Cow Palace**.

Our speaker will be **Mr. Ted Luff**, of the Cow Palace staff, who will take us on a great trip through the more than 50 years of exciting events at the world's largest Palace for Cows, from its 1941 opening, rodeos, rock concerts, political conventions, sporting events.

This will be a really delightful evening, and perhaps we'll all dress in western outfits in celebration. **Wahoo!**

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Notes from the May 19, 1933 Daly City Record:

Mr. A. Vireno, of Mission Street, spent last Monday afternoon in Redwood City on business.

Nazi students in Germany are agitating against books by Jewish authors and want to collect them from libraries and burn them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Barsi entertained a large number of friends at a house-warming in their newly-erected, beautiful house.

F.A. Keyworth, former publisher of the Daly City Record, and builder of the local Methodist Church, of which he was pastor for several years, passed away on Thursday, May 12.

Plans for rerouting the Ocean Shore highway so as to avoid use of the old Ocean Shore Railroad right-of-way over Pedro Mountain were outlined at Redwood City last Monday.

Local news 60 years ago was very much socially-oriented, but international fillers were used liberally, as well as County items. It's interesting to note that the last item is still being discussed, re-routing Highway 1 to avoid Devil's Slide.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
P A I D
Permit No. 676
Daly City, CA

HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA Officers and Directors

Ken Gillespie - president 755-5123
Neil Fahy - vice-president 756-2753
Bunny Gillespie - secretary 755-5123
Roz Babow - treasurer 994-7662
Ted Babow - director 994-7662
Yolanda Hardiman - director 589-0188
Elaine Riney - director 992-4696
Walter Riney - director 992-4696



DALY CITY ADVOCATES
HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA
40 Wembley Drive
Daly City, CA 94015