



Saratoga Historical Foundation

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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

Ohlone Territory Lecture on May 23

Ann-Marie Sayers, the Tribal Chairperson of the Indian



Canyon Nation, will give a talk on "Ohlone Territory" on May 23 at 7:30 PM. Potluck will take place at 6:30 PM. Ann-Marie is also the Founder and Director of the Costanoan Indian Research, Inc., an author and an activist. The lecture is sponsored by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and will take place at the Saratoga Foothill Club at

20399 Park Place in Saratoga. As a Costanoan Ohlone, Sayers is a rare example of a Native woman who continues to live on her ancestral land. She grew up in Indian Canyon, the only federally recognized Indian country for over 300 miles from Sonoma to the coast of Santa Barbara. Sayers used the Allotment Act of 1887 to reclaim land that had been in her family for centuries in the Indian Canyon.

The potluck takes place at 6:30 PM—if you participate in the potluck, bring food to share and your own eating utensils. Coffee and tea will be provided.

The talk is free to Saratoga Historical Foundation members, \$5.00 for nonmembers. For more information go up to www.saratogahistory.com or call 408-867-4311.

See inside for information concerning:

Old Grandview Ranch Estate Benefit, May 19



Blossom Festival, June 23 from 10-4 PM



Honoring Saratogans, June 24 from 4:30-6:30 PM



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Jack
Mallory
Bill Gorman
Ann Walton-
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Marilyn
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Old Grandview Ranch Benefit

There is still an opportunity to go to the Old Grandview Ranch benefit planned for May 19. Either call 408-867-4311 to make a reservation or show up on the day of the event to make arrangements—bring your checkbook—money reserves your spot.

The latest activity added to the full afternoon is an opportunity to meet noted Sculptor Khachik Khachatouryan who created some of the art



commissioned by Dr. Head. The sculptor has a Masters of Fine Art from the New York Academy of Art. The award winning sculptor created statues of William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Achilles, Hector, Paris and Helen of Troy, and the Three Muses.

Other activities include seeing three art galleries, the sculpture garden and themed gardens. Ray Cosyn will be giving a short presentation on the history of the estate. Wine paired with food will be available to general admission attendees. Local wineries participating include Ridge, Testarossa, Mount Eden Vineyards,

House Family, Big Basin Vineyards, Kathryn Kennedy, Lexington Wine, Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards and Joseph George Fine Wines. The wine will be paired with JW Catering, the Napkin Ring, and Edible



Arrangements. Author Kirstin Jackson of “It’s Not You, It’s Brie” will be providing a tasty sampling of special cheese.

A harpist will be providing background music as people relax, sip and savor.

Sponsors at a level beginning at \$2500 will enjoy champagne and refreshments from The Plumed Horse as well as see NBC Anchor Laura



Garcia interview Dr. Head. The sponsors and VIP guests will also see the first floor of his home where more art is located.

This is the largest event produced by the Saratoga Historical Foundation. The money generated will enable the organization to make many improvements.

Our thanks to the Old Grandview Ranch Benefit committee members who worked to bring this event to fruition: Bob Himel, chair, Kathi Brown, Paula Cappello, Ray Cosyn, Gay Crawford, Linda Hagelin, Ernie and Paula Kraule, Dave and Bette Loomis, Marilyn Marchetti, Alexandra Nugent and Annette Stransky.

A legion of volunteers assisted—too many to list but each one important to the success of the event.

And a special thanks to sponsors: Gay Crawford, Donald Head, Atwood and Associates, Dave and Bette Loomis, William R. Walker, Mary Ellen Fox and Michael E. Fox Family Foundation, Dan Tellep, Star One Credit Union, Rene & John Saunders, Sherril and Jim Kenny, John and Polly Hillis, Marcia and John Tammel, Bill Gorman, Charmaine and Dan Warmenhoven, Bill Gorman, Steve McCarrick, Donald Lee and Sally Steadman (Lucas Foundation), Kathie Maxfield, Diane Brandenburg, Noelle and Dave Henderson, Saratoga Monte Sereno Community Foundation, Marcia Hall, Carol Mauldin, Jill Hunter, Adrienne Iwanaga, Jack and Sue Mallory, Cynthia Chang, Ann and Jim Sorden, and Laurel and Tony Perusa.

And an additional thanks to our VIP committee: Dr. Head, the Peck Family, and Bill and Doris Cooper.



Saratoga Historical Foundation

The mission of the Saratoga Historical Foundation is to preserve the unique history of Saratoga for the education and enjoyment of the community.

The Saratoga Historical Park is open from 1-4 Friday and Sunday and 10-4 on Saturday. It is located at 20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road in Saratoga. Call 408-867-4311 for more information or go up to www.saratogahistory.com. For comments or suggestions concerning the newsletter, e-mail the newsletter editor at annette@saratogahistory.com.

UPCOMING Events

February 16- June 28

Exhibit: The Ohlones—Then and Now at the Saratoga History Museum

May 1-31

Heritage Resource inventory photos on display at the library

May 19

Old Grandview Estate Benefit, 3-7 PM for sponsors; 4-7 PM for general admission. Must purchase ticket to attend.

May 23

“Ohlone Territory” lecture by Ann-Marie Sayers

May 26

Free docent-led walking tour at 1 PM in front of the Museum

June 23

The Blossom Festival, 10-4 PM at the Civic Center. Free.

June 24

Honoring Saratogans, 4:30 PM, dinner—be sure to buy a ticket!

July 4th

Stop by the Saratoga History Museum’s table and say hello!

patriotic music, singing, parade, popsicles and more add up to a fun, family event for all ages. Put on your best red, white and blue and join in!

The centerpiece of the program includes a “Give Thanks for Freedom” tableau created by Bill Allison and Christina Cagliostro. Famous patriotic speeches are highlighted including Thomas Jefferson, Clara Barton and John F. Kennedy. The free event is produced by volunteers thanks to a grant from the City of Saratoga.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) donning colorful costumes and portraying famous US figures such as Patrick Henry, George Washington and others will ring a bell representing the Liberty Bell in a formal presentation.

The McCartyville Volunteer Band will play a medley of patriotic songs beginning at 9:30AM. Members of the military are honored during a series of armed forces songs during the event. The band is



comprised of a group of brass/wood-wind and percussionists that perform once a year for the July 4th program. The band has from 35 to 60 musicians of all ages. The band's name honors Martin McCarty, a 19th century Irishman, who was one of the early settlers in Saratoga. For more information, please contact www.saratogajuly4.com.

Training to Become a Museum Docent

Ever considered becoming a museum docent? This important job is the “face of the museum.” The museum docent assists guests with a tour of the premises, answers questions, and helps keep the museum open. A training class will take place on June 16 at 10 AM. Along with the training you will receive a handy manual. If interested, call 408-867-4311 or e-mail info@saratogahistory.com. Last month we added two new docents: Peter Hamm and Nancy Shih—both said they had a great time!

Happy Independence Day!



Celebrate Independence Day as a community on Wednesday, July 4 from 9:30-11:00 AM at the Kevin Moran Park at 12415 Scully Avenue in Saratoga.

Mayor Mary-Lynne Bernald will give the welcome speech in this annual traditional event. Lively

May is Preservation Month – Celebrate by Visiting New Historical Markers, Display, and Going on a Walking Tour

The Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission launched National Heritage Month in May with a range of activities.



An educational display of structures on the Saratoga heritage inventory invites you to “Journey Into History With Heritage Preservation” and can be seen during this month in the Study Room of the Saratoga Library. Over 50 photos feature homes on the inventory, landmarks, and some that have National Register status. The history about each is included in the display. Heritage trees are also showcased along with a new category—point-of-interest markers. The display includes literature for listing your home, tree, or structure on the inventory or you can call members of the Heritage Preservation Commission for assistance.



Developer Craig Awbrey gave a presentation on May 6 on "From a circa 1890 Barn to an award winning office space" at the Saratoga Library. His presentation covered the repurposing of the Sam Cloud Feed and Warehouse plank by plank in the Saratoga Village. The 1890 building is now a successful commercial complex

called the Saratoga Barn. He noted that 49er Ronnie Lott was one of the first occupants and stayed for many years.

Two Point-of-Interest markers were unveiled during the Arbor Day celebration earlier in the month. This is a



new category for the Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission. The first two point-of-interest markers cover the Blossom Festival, an event that ran successfully for 41

years—from 1900-1941 and that is unique to Saratoga. The marker is on the corner of Park Place and Saratoga Avenue. The second marker commemorates the Theatre



of the Glade which took place in the 1930s. Productions produced by legendary producer Dorothea Johnston in the outdoor amphitheater helped launch the career of Joan Fontaine and Olivia deHavilland

among other Saratogans. It also helped position Saratoga as a cultural mecca. The marker is located at 14355 Saratoga Avenue—across the street from the Blossom Festival marker. Plans are to have two more markers this year.

Last but not least—take a free, docent-led walking tour of the Saratoga Village on May 26. Meet in front of the Saratoga History Museum (20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road) at 1 PM---no reservation needed. The tour is a great opportunity to learn a little more about the history of the community.

Heritage Preservation Commissioners serve a term of four years and are approved by the City Council. Thanks to these commissioners for their work: Annette Stransky, Chair; Marilyn Marchetti, Vice Chair; Paula Cappello, Alexander Nugent, and Rina Shah.

Honoring Saratogans on June 24

The Saratoga Historical Foundation will honor Bill Gorman, Jack Mallory, Ann Waltonsmith, and Marilyn White with a catered dinner on June 24. “Honoring Saratogans” will take place from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Saratoga Foothill Club.

The annual event will honor these Saratogans for making significant contributions in the areas of community service, local history, and service.

According to Saratoga Historical Foundation President Annette Stransky, “This dinner is one way we can recognize and celebrate the contributions made by individuals from all walks of life, across a range of areas that improves the community in which we live. It is a great way to thank these people who through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the community.”

Join us and find out more about these special people. The following are just a few highlights about each:



Bill Gorman, a native Californian, is not only the top sales person in real estate each year since the 1990s but is consistently the best liked by his clients. Bill received the JCI Senatorship award and was the 50th President of the San Jose Chapter. He has contributed financial support to a diverse number of organizations in the Saratoga

community including City Team Ministries, Saratoga Idol, Sacred Heart Carnival, Saratoga High School Robotics Club, Hindu New Year, Diwali, Saratoga Open House, Saratoga Parade and the list goes on. He also speaks Mandarin.

Jack Mallory, is sometimes called Mr. Saratoga, by his



wide range of friends. The former human resource manager for a high tech company is known for his networking. Once a Vice Mayor, Mallory has contributed in several areas of Saratoga—including organizing the celebration of Independence day for many years. He also has several personas besides Mr.

Saratoga, he can be seen as Thomas Paine for

Independence Day, Sunshine Williams for the Blossom Festival and Father Christmas during the holidays. You may not know that the native Pennsylvanian also has organized a local club for celebrating groundhog day and has an extensive collection of the critter.

Ann Waltonsmith, native Saratogan and former mayor, has earned a legacy of open space and trails during her time in office. The former psychologist has remained active in the community with volunteer and board work with the Saratoga Historical Foundation, Senior Center, Sister City, and Hakone Gardens and Estate. You may not know that Waltonsmith once



participated as Olympian Chis von Saltza for Heritage Day.

Marilyn White moved to Saratoga in 1955 and immediately jumped into community service. She’s received the honorary PTA Service Award, Citizen of the Year, and Soroptimist Award. She has served as the president of the Symphony Society, Chair of the Women’s Advisory Committee for West Valley College, President of the Parent’s Assistance League, organized the Networking Breakfast Club,

honorary member of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce....Saratoga taiko drummer at the age of 90..... and the list goes on!

Don’t delay—make a reservation today!

Make a reservation by purchasing a ticket for \$50 for Saratoga Historical Foundation members; \$55 for non-members. Send your check to Honoring Saratogans/Saratoga Historical Foundation at PO Box 172, Saratoga, CA 95071. Questions? Call 408-867-4311 or e-mail info@saratogahistory.com. Send your check today. Reservations will close June 18.

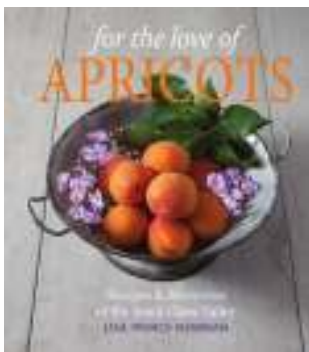
The Blossom Festival Returns!



Rained out in March, the Blossom Festival will be held June 23 with vigor and excitement. Once again the Saratoga taiko drums will pound an opening welcome at 10:30 AM in the Civic Center parking lot.

The festival has a wide range of things to see and do including over 100 crafts and local organizations, antique cars, old time films of Santa Clara Valley and live music that will take place at the Civic Center at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga. The free event is produced by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and sponsored by the City of Saratoga. The event includes free parking at parking lot 4 at West Valley College.

Activities for the young and old abound---meet Lisa



Newman who will be selling and autographing her new cookbook, "For the Love of Apricots: Recipes and Memories of the Santa Clara Valley" or buy original art from local artists or sit and enjoy old time films of the Santa Clara Valley.

Children's activities include a petting zoo, storytime with Saratoga librarians at the Warner Hutton house,



face painting and many free craft activities including origami, flower plate making and friendship bracelets by Girl Scout troop 6099. The Sunnyvale Rotary will sponsor the EZ Child ID program to prevent

identity theft

The SASCC (Saratoga Area Senior Center) will conduct a tasty pancake breakfast for just \$5.00 from 8:30- 11:30 AM and is within walking distance of the event at 19655 Allendale Avenue.

Have lunch from gourmet food trucks and sit and listen to a variety of music. The Saratoga Skillet Lickers provides country and western music, followed by the memorable songs of the Emphatics band. The jazz tunes of Toot Sweet will get everyone on their feet dancing. Other music includes Karen Fedor and Lovin' Ukes from the Saratoga Senior Center ukulele class, No Direction led by Tina Liddie, and the Celtic Harmony band will crank out some lively tunes. More information, www.saratogahistory.com or call 408-867-4311.

Buddha and the Blossoms

*I used to walk through the orchards
In spring sun, see the pink blossoms
So lovely, yet too soon they departed.
I wanted them to stay, but they didn't.
I wanted to catch them as they flew
Around me in the wind, but I couldn't.
They whispered something to me then.
They tried to warn me, but I could not
Listen, tried to show me, but I did not
See. Then one day, I awoke, wondered
Where they had gone-- all the blossoms,
All the orchards, and all the trees; and I
Realized Buddha was right when he said:
The problem is you think you have time.*

Written by Bill Peck

Celebrating Memorial Day by Remembering Those Who Served Our Country



“Terrill” Barco, Jr. (1917-1997) moved to Saratoga in 1963 with his wife Margaret (1918-2005) and two daughters.

He was born in 1917 in Albay, Philippines, where his father was an officer in the Philippine Constabulary. The family moved to the United States when he

was young but returned for several years after World War I.

Barco returned to the states and settled in Gainesville, FL where he went to college. In 1939 he was selected as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as an Army reserve officer in the field artillery. He entered active service that same year. Two years later he married Margaret.

During World War II, Barco participated in the amphibious invasion of Africa with the third Infantry Division and served as assistant anti-tank officer on General George Patton's staff. Barco also participated in the first assault wave on Sicily. He later served in four campaigns in France and Germany. For his war service, Barco received numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army of Occupation Medal and World War Victory Medal. Upon returning to the United States, Barco wrote the first comprehensive tank gunnery manual for the US Army. In various later military positions, he was senior American adviser to the Greek Army Corps, chief of supply and facilities for the U.S. Army Reserve and ROTC, commander of the 6th Tank Battalion in the Korean War and commander of the 2nd U.S. Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Knox, Ky. Following his Army retirement in 1963, Barco opened Barco Realty in Saratoga and was an active member of the community.

Margaret lived in many places around the United States and Asia as Terrill pursued his military career. A talented and versatile artist, she was an accomplished painter, sculptor, jeweler, seamstress and ceramicist. As

a young woman she studied to be a classical pianist and was offered a music scholarship to college, but instead studied fashion design. After her younger child went to college, Margaret worked for 10 years for the County of Santa Clara Juvenile Probation Department.



Camino Barco, off of Allendale, is named after Colonel Barco. The home where he and Margaret once lived is a 1925 historical home on the Saratoga Heritage

Resource inventory.

Celebrate Memorial Day May 28

The Saratoga Foothill Club's Memorial Day Observance



will mark the event's 90th year on May 28. To acknowledge the milestone, residents of Oak Street will decorate their homes with flags, red, white, and blue bunting and patriotic decorations.

Speakers this year for the well attended Memorial Day event are Saratogan Darryl Henderson and Prospect High School senior Tel Tautolo. The Prospect High School band and choir will be performing at the ceremony in Madronia cemetery. The service at the Memorial Arch will begin at 9:30 AM with the raising of the flag and laying of the wreath. People will then walk up Oak Street to Madronia cemetery. Those who cannot walk that far can drive to Madronia cemetery for the 10 AM event. Chairs are available.



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The Cat’s Meow

The Saratoga Utility Box Art Project has been popping up all over Saratoga. A total of seven utility box locations will showcase “works of art” by budding young artists. The project began in March after being approved by the City Council. The theme of each box is limited only by imagination. The proposed artwork is voted on by local residents. Many local



towns have been painting utility boxes in an effort to brighten up neighborhoods. This charming utility box with a cat and dog cuddling can be seen on Sunnyvale-Saratoga Avenue and has a theme of “friendship.”

Celebrating May Day

Some families celebrate May Day by secretly giving a basket of flowers or candy. Another tradition was that people were told that if they went outside early on May 1 and washed their face with dew, their skin would be more beautiful!

The Peck family has traditionally celebrated with strawberry shortcake, May Pole dance, crowning a May queen, singing and a short skit with Spring chasing Winter away. With all this sunny weather, it looks like it worked!

Friend Carolyn Armstrong decorated the statue of Willys and Betty Peck with a flower wreath in Blaney Plaza for the day. Here’s to tradition!



