

## Saratoga Historical Foundation

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Honoring Saratogans: Bob Cancellieri, Ernie Kraule, and Betty Peck on May 22—Be There!

The Saratoga Historical Foundation will honor Bob Cancellieri, Ernie Kraule and Betty Peck with a catered dinner on May 22. "Honoring Saratogans" will take place on Sunday May 22 from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Saratoga Foothill Club.

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."

The following are just snapshots of their contributions.



Bob Cancellieri, is the former owner of Saratoga Plaza Bakery on Big Basin Way that once specialized in a pastry called Almond Delights. He can recall when Actor/Director Orson Welles would come into the bakery 3-4 times a week to enjoy the pastries.

He has served the community of Saratoga as a volunteer fire fighter, been on the board of SASCC, Southwest YMCA, member of the Lions Club for 55 years and president four times as well as supported many other nonprofit organizations with his time and talent. Along with a group of singers called The Crew, his dulcet tones won first place in the Saratoga Got Talent show in 2012.



Ernie Kraule, is the former owner of Kraule's Jewelers once located on Big Basin Way but is best known for serving as the Chief of the Saratoga Fire District for over 34 years. Kraule has served on the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Saratoga Rotary Charitable

Foundation, Our Lady of Fatima Villa Board of Directors, and the Saratoga Historical Foundation Board of Directors. He is also presently a Fire Commissioner. Known as a problem solver, when he needs a "10,000 mile view of things" —he hops in his plane.

Betty Peck has been involved in teaching for over 40 years. She created the Community Garden in which over 6000 children enjoyed over a 15 year period; founded the Easterbrook Farm school; and is a noted author on various topics. She operated the Kindergarten Forum through the Santa Clara County Office of Education by motivating an supporting early childhood education through her teaching, articles and mentoring. Age is no barrier to learning, Peck went back to school at the age of 90 to get a PhD in education.



**Celebrate National Heritage  
Preservation Month!**

May is National Heritage Preservation Month and this year Saratogans can take advantage of some great opportunities to learn more about their community. On Saturday, May 20, Saratoga Historical Foundation Historian Ray Cosyn will give a presentation on "Saratoga: A Lumber Town" at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at the Saratoga Library. The Saratoga Library is located at 13650 Saratoga Ave in Saratoga with free parking.

Additionally, April Halberstadt will give a 15 minute presentation on the importance of preservation to the community. The Saratoga Historical Foundation is also offering three free docent-led walking tours of the Saratoga Village during the month of May.

**Free Presentation**

The presentation by Ray Cosyn "Saratoga: A Lumber Town," traces the history of Saratoga from the Ohlone Native Americans to the present historic village. The excitement of the once rollicking lumber town to the battle for incorporation is of interest to every Saratogan, young and old.

April Halberstadt's presentation will cover the benefits of preservation and some of the financial advantages.

**Free Walking Tours in Saratoga**

The Saratoga Historical Foundation will conduct three free docent-led walking tours of the Saratoga Village on the following dates: **May 6 at 1:00 PM, May 13 at 11:00 AM, and May 20 at 2:00 PM.** Take the tour and walk by buildings designed by famed

noted in front of the Saratoga History Museum which is located at 20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road in Saratoga. The tour takes about 1- 1 ½ hours. Both children and adults will enjoy the tour.

**About the Speakers**

Ray Cosyn has lived in Saratoga for the past 27 years.



He is a native Chicagoan and a graduate of York High School in Elmhurst Illinois. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard both on active duty and in the reserve. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree in History from San Jose State University. He has a passionate interest in the American experience from

the Civil War through World War II. He has developed a set of lectures which speak to topics that gives insight into this period including Prohibition, the Lincoln Funeral Train, the Peninsular Railroad (rise and fall of local mass transit), "Saratoga a Lumber Town" (Small California town in transition), and the Flying Tigers.

April Halberstadt is a Consulting historian, Santa Clara County Heritage Commissioner and author of

three books on Saratoga history.



**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; 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](http://www.saratogahistory.com).

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**Marion Street**

Marion Street is named after Matthew (August 6, 1822-August 7, 1896) and Rebecca (October 22, 1829-January 11, 1915) Marion who was a fruit orchardist. Family lore says Matthew was related to Francis Marion aka the Swamp Fox. Francis Marion fought in the American Revolutionary War and received that name due to his unorthodox fighting methods.

## UPCOMING Events

### March 10- July 9

New Exhibit: Open Wide—Painless Parker and the History of Dentistry, Saratoga History Museum

### May 17

Meet the E Clampus Vitus; Foothill Club, 6:30 potluck; 7:30 PM lecture

### May 21

Honoring Saratogans dinner, 4:30 PM, Foothill Club—be sure to register!

### August 12

Estate Sale, fundraiser at the museum, 9-3 PM

### October 1

Mid-Autumn Festival, Museum patio 1-4 PM free

### October 8

India Showcase, Museum patio, 1-4 PM free

### Open Wide—Painless Parker and the History of Dentistry--- Exhibit Runs until July 9— Bring Your Dentist!

The exhibit would be remiss if it didn't include information about the tooth fairy. The tooth fairy



legend has been around for some time and remains popular. The tale states that when children lose one of their baby

teeth they should place it underneath their pillow and the tooth fairy will visit while they sleep, replacing the lost tooth with a small payment. A recent survey found that the average child today in the United States receives \$3.70 per tooth, which is considerably more than what we used to get as children!

The tradition is almost universal in Spanish cultures, but takes different forms in different areas. The tooth mouse brings a small gift. In Italy the tooth fairy is a small mouse, named *Topolino*. In Scotland a white fairy rat purchases children's teeth with coins.

In some Asian countries such as India, China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam when a child loses a tooth, it is customary for him or her to throw it onto the roof if it

came from the lower jaw, or into the space beneath the floor if it came from the upper jaw. While doing this, the child shouts a request for the tooth to be replaced with the tooth of a mouse. This tradition is based on the fact that the teeth of mice grow for their entire lives.

### Estate Sale Fundraiser August 12

The Saratoga Historical Foundation will be holding an



estate sale fundraiser on August 12 with proceeds to benefit the construction of the blacksmith exhibit.

Vintage jewelry,

collectible artwork, antiques, garden items, plants, kitchenware, and more will be available to purchase.

Donations welcome. Call 408-867-4311 for more information.

### Upcoming Festivals

Don't miss these special festivals coming in October:



Mid-Autumn Festival, produced by the OCAUW, and sponsored by the Saratoga Historical Foundation takes place

October 1. Enjoy a free lecture, crafts for children, music, and dancing while

celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival.

India Showcase features crafts, dancing, music and history on October 8. Don't miss it!!

### Congratulations!

Reiko Iwanaga was recently inducted into the Hokka Nichibei Kai's Bunka Hall of Fame. "Hanayagi Reimichi" (her dancer's name) has been dancing Japanese Buyo (traditional dance) since she was three years old. Today, she is known as the leader of San Jose's Bon Obori as well as a choreographer.

Prolific author Audry Lynch received an Honorable Mention from the San Francisco Book Festival 2016, in the children's book category- with 'Ruben's Tales of the Amazon Jungle'.

Hard working volunteer Dick Angus was voted Citizen of the Year!!

Congratulations to Katie Alexander—she ran AND finished the Boston Marathon recently. The grueling 26 mile race had over 30,000 runners.

## The Forming of the Saratoga Historical Park

According to the late Saratoga Historian Willys Peck, "When the Saratoga Historical Foundation was formed, one of the long-range objectives was to establish a local history museum. In 1966, that objective seemed attainable. The Thomas E. Marsh house, dating back to the 1860s, was on the site of the planned Plaza del Roble commercial complex on Big



Basin Way and the developers willingly donated the house to the Historical Foundation with the understanding the structure would be moved off the property. With a nucleus of \$2,000 from the estate of Florence Cunningham, Saratoga's premier historian who had died, the Foundation set about raising additional funds and struck a deal with the city to locate the house in Wildwood Park and refurbish, even expand it, as a museum. It was a daunting task, delayed by heavy winter rains, but in January 1967, there the house was, sitting on blocks in Wildwood Park, waiting for a final site, being progressively vandalized and drawing the unfavorable attention of the county Sheriff's Department and Fire Marshal's Office. The upshot was that, with the reluctant concurrence of the Historical Foundation, the city had



the house demolished in the spring of 1968, paying as much for that job as the Foundation had paid for the moving.

The next project, in 1970, was the William Haun house at Fourth Street and Big Basin Way, dating at least to the 1860s and maybe earlier. Again there was a commercial complex proposed, a different

location on the property, where a museum would enhance the atmosphere. The question of such development became moot when the Haun house burned to the ground in 1971.

When the James McWilliams house on Big Basin Way appeared on the immediately-endangered species list, the twice burned, thrice-cautious Historical Foundation shied away from total involvement. However, most of the board members and many others in town got together to form the Saratoga Heritage Fund, which set about raising funds in 1973 to have the house moved to the city-owned site next to the Village Library. It was a heartening display of the kind of community support that resulted in the building of that library structure in 1927. The McWilliams house was moved, willing volunteers pitched in to do painting and repairs, and even the people who enforced codes were happy. Dedication ceremonies were held on July 4, 1975, and it was my privilege to offer some comments. Pointing out the pageant of history that had passed in front of that house, and then pointing to the house itself, I could think of no more appropriate observation than, "I give you, instant roots."

The building that housed Swanee Purcell's dress shop was in the same situation as the McWilliams house. This time, heartened by the city's decision to make the site a Historical Park as its Bicentennial Project, the Historical Foundation paid for the building's removal and refurbishing, and it was dedicated as a museum on July 4, 1976. The rest, as they say, is history."

Willys Peck, Stereopticon, August 14, 1996

In memorium

Remembering Pat McCaughey

And Elsie Riddle



**Adrienne Bonnet---**  
**Santa Cruz Mountain Pioneer**



Adrienne Bonnet came to San Francisco from his home in the Hautes-Alps in France at the age of 27. His first job was in Alviso, an important shipping point in the 1860s. Next he worked for farms and vineyards in San Jose.

Having earned enough money, he leased what is now

Wildwood Park from Peter Springer for four years and farmed the orchards. McCartysville was a lively town at that time with a paper mill on Sixth Street operated by the King brothers and a flour mill just outside of town operated by Charles Maclay. Loads of lumber pulled by oxen would roll through town each day.

Bonnet was one of the first to purchase land in the mountains above Saratoga. This land would later become Sanborn Park. After clearing the land of brush he planted an orchard and vineyard. As time passed he owned up to 600 acres. He sold this property and purchased 23 acres on Saratoga Avenue where once again he cleared the land of brush and planted an orchard and vineyard.

Bonnet married twice—his first wife Mary Corpstein died at a young age and with whom he had four children. At the age of 61, he married Caroline Nusebaum in 1901, a native of Switzerland.

Find out more about Bonnet and others by visiting the exhibit—Pioneers of the Santa Cruz Mountains – and Sanborn Park at the museum. The exhibit will run through the end of June 26. The museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 PM. Admittance is free.

**Remembering Mary Brown**

Historian Jean Libby recently invited people to celebrate and remember the life of Mary Ann Brown, wife of abolitionist John Brown at Madronia cemetery in Saratoga, CA.

During the celebration several commendations were presented including one from the city of Saratoga, State Senator John Simitian and others.

John Brown was an abolitionist who believed in the violent overthrow of the slavery system. He was unsuccessful in business but was able to rally people to his beliefs. With his death he became an anti-slavery icon.

After his death, Mary Brown moved to California in 1864 with three of her daughters and one of her sons. California represented an opportunity for a new life for the family. They settled first in Red Bluff, later



moved to Rhonerville and moved to Saratoga in 1881.

Mary Brown died in 1884 taking with her, her thoughts on her husband's activities. During her lifetime she remained reclusive with very little documentation existing of her personal beliefs.

A book documenting some of her activities as well as those of her daughters while living in California is an interesting read: *The Tie That Bound Us* by Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz. This book can be purchased from the Saratoga History Museum.

**On the Street Where You Live**



John W. Farwell moved to Saratoga in 1856 from New York City. He

had been in the mercantile business most of his life.

He and his wife, Nancy, had six children with only four reaching adulthood. They built a home in Saratoga and planted an orchard. John W. died shortly after moving to Saratoga.

Son Frank M. Farwell and daughter Jennie lived in Saratoga on the home ranch. Both remained single and were very active in the community serving on several boards. The diaries of Frank Farwell are considered important documents of life in Saratoga and Santa Clara County during the 1800s.

## Charles Tilden Exhibit Opens at Hakone Estate and Gardens

Major Charles Tilden is best known in the East Bay for



spearheading a system of regional parks in the East Bay. In the South Bay, however, he is known for purchasing Hakone Gardens as a summer home in 1932 from Isabel Stine.

His life and his impact on Hakone Gardens is documented in an exhibit that recently opened at Hakone Gardens.

Tilden was an attorney and businessman in the San Francisco Bay Area and lived in Alameda. He served on the first Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District with one of the first three parks in the district named for him—Tilden Regional Park.

He grew up in San Francisco during the 1860s. He graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1878. While attending college, he joined the California National Guard. He fought in the Spanish American War and left the Guards with the rank of major. He was often addressed as Major Tilden for the rest of his life.

Tilden married Lilly Mitchell on June 9, 1892. The couple lived in Alameda with their two daughters and son. Tilden Way is named for him. Their son, Charles Tilden, Junior was a member of the US Olympic rugby team in 1920 and won a gold medal in the 1920 and 1924 Olympics.

In 1932 Tilden purchased Hakone as a summer home. The home would be in use by his family until his death in 1950. He promptly hired a Japanese-trained landscape gardener James Sasaki. Sasaki began making improvements to the gardens as well as adding structures such as the mon gate, moon bridge, upper pavilion and wisteria arbor. Many of those improvements can be seen today.

Sasaki rapidly gained a reputation with landscape specialists coming to Hakone to see his work.

When World War II came, Sasaki, along with other Japanese residents were sent to relocation camps. At the end of internment, the Sasaki family returned to

Saratoga where Major Tilden's step daughter met the family at the train depot and drove them back to Hakone.

James Sasaki and his family continued to live and maintain the gardens for the Tilden family.

## Saratoga Celebrates 60 Years With a Hometown Parade

In 1956, the village of Saratoga was incorporated and officially became a city. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic event will be celebrated with a hometown parade on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10 AM.

The City of Saratoga 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hometown Parade Committee, formed with civic volunteers, invites organizations, groups and units to enter the parade. There is no entry fee and all are encouraged to participate.

Floats, musical groups, schools, car clubs, and civic organizations are some of the categories the committee hopes to attract. Interested organizations and individuals are asked to fill out an entry form and a liability disclaimer.

Forms are available by contacting Marlene Duffin by email: [MarlDuffin@aol.com](mailto:MarlDuffin@aol.com).

## Bordens Canned Condensed Milk Originated in the 1850s



Today's cooks use condensed milk for making special desserts not realizing the history of the product. In 1857 Gail Borden Junior founded a food company based on new technology, creating one of the first engineered foods in

American history.

Borden perfected the process by which cow's milk had most of the water removed and some sugar added. The sugar, combined with the heated canning process, gave condensed milk a shelf life of many years.

Sold as Eagle Brand, with a bald eagle spreading its wings with a bright red label to show the company's patriotism, Borden's condensed product developed a reputation for healthy milk. With the outbreak of the Civil War, the federal government bought quantities of the milk for field rations.

## "T for Two"

Allan Greenberg and his wife Lucy, enjoy their 1923 Ford Model T Touring car enormously. They drive the car on all Model T Club tours and other events or as Greenberg laughingly says, "We take it out on most weekends."

Long distance? No problem. They've driven the Model T to Yosemite, Fort Hunter Liggett and even Cambria from their home in Almaden Valley or about 180 miles each way. That means driving with no radio! No fuel gauge! And driving at a speed of about 40-45 MPH. Obviously this couple plans trips around the fuel



gauge and maps their route carefully.

According to Greenberg, "The Model T has a 4-cylinder engine with 20 horsepower. It has a two speed transmission with one pedal for low and high. It has a separate pedal for reverse. It only has brakes on the back wheels. The only gauge is the current meter. It has no fuel gauge. And when it came off the assembly line, it was black."

Car enthusiasts remember that Ford wrote in his autobiography in 1909 that he told his management team that in the future "Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black".

The Ford Model T (affectionately known as the Tin Lizzie, Model T, or T) is an automobile that was produced by Ford Motor Company from October 1, 1908, to May 26, 1927. It is generally regarded as the first affordable automobile and the car that opened travel to the common middle-class American. The Model T was Ford's first automobile mass-produced on moving assembly lines with completely interchangeable parts. The Ford Model T was named the most influential car of the 20th century in the 1999 Car of the Century competition, ahead of the BMC Mini, Citroën DS, and Volkswagen. With 16.5 million sold it stands eighth on the top ten list of the most sold cars of all time as of 2012

Greenberg worked on cars as a teenager and has always loved the look of antique autos. When his

children left home and he retired from IBM he decided to indulge in his love of cars. In addition to the 1923 Model T, he has a 1915 Model T Runabout and a 1926 Model T Speedster.

He and his wife have attended all four Saratoga Blossom Festivals and even some of the Mustard Festivals in Saratoga. They are shown in this photo with their 1923 Model T Touring car--- ready for their next driving adventure.

## George Cooper, Winemaker, Decorated WWII Pilot, Extraordinary NASA Pilot



George Cooper (1916-2016) passed away in April leaving a legacy of good wine, community service, and a loving family.

A lifetime member of the Saratoga Historical Foundation, he captivated members and the public with his

stories of World War II. His leadership and courage flying a P-47 Thunderbolt during the war was legendary. And he had the medals to prove it— although too modest to tell.

He enjoyed a long career with NASA as a post-war research test pilot, retiring in 1973. While working at NASA he garnered more awards and achievements – too many to list here. A street at NASA is named after him.

Like everything he touched, winemaking became another area of perfection after retirement. He sold his first commercial label in 1994 and the Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards was off and running. He could often be found in the tasting room, serving customers.

His wife, Louise Garrod, passed away in 2007 and is shown in the photo above. Their partnership in life was inspirational.

He leaves behind his daughter Barbara and sons Bill, James and David; 2 grandchildren; daughters-in-law Doris and Kathi; sister Marjorie Bougher; and many nieces and nephews. And many, many friends.



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**Looking For Something to Do  
This Summer?**

The Saratoga Historical Foundation offers many things you can do. Interested in history and want to get some exercise? Pick up a copy of one of our two self-guided walking tours. Each takes 1-2 hours to walk and see the sights. You can also download a copy from our website: [www.saratogahistory.com](http://www.saratogahistory.com). Or maybe you would like a docent-led tour—available for a small fee and always enjoyable. You can make a reservation by calling 408-867-4311.

Or maybe you would like to bicycle. We have a self-guided bicycle tour where you can pedal and see the exterior of many of the historic homes in Saratoga while learning about their history.

Interested in gardening? You can take the self-guided garden tour around the Saratoga Historical Park. Learn a little about the plants, some of which were created by the Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation during the 1950s.

Copies of the above are free and available at the museum. The museum is open 1-4 Friday-Sunday.

**Volunteer!**

Perhaps you have a few hours and would like to volunteer? We are always in need of volunteers to be museum docents or as education docents. Our museum docents are the face of the museum—opening and closing the museum each weekend. Education docents volunteer primarily during the week and teach pioneer living to young children. Both positions are provided with training.

There are other ways you can volunteer. We have a typing project that you could do in your home. Or if you have special skills and interests—we are always looking for a photographer for events. Just let us know your interest or skill—it is a great way to help us preserve Saratoga’s history and for you to give back to the community.

You can call 408-867-4311 or e-mail [info@saratogahistory.com](mailto:info@saratogahistory.com) with your interests!



