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The Peopling of Silicon Valley--- Lecture by Author Tim Stanley--- Join Us on March 28

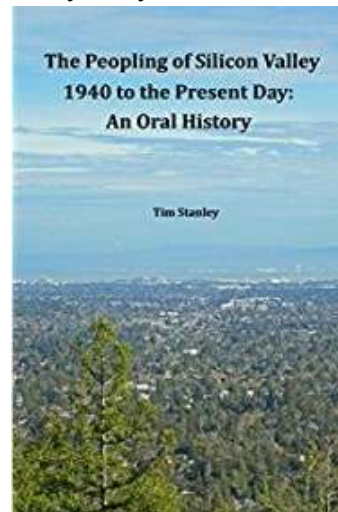
The Saratoga Historical Foundation will launch the second in a series of three lectures on local history with "The Peopling of Silicon Valley, 1940 to the Present Day: An Oral History" by Author Tim Stanley. The lecture is based on his book with the same title. Stanley puts a human face on Silicon Valley. This is a personal history of a cross section of the people who have settled here and of the place they call home and includes the story about technology.

The lecture encompasses the five major migrations to the Valley since World War II: the GIs, Lockheed, the chip makers, the minicomputer people, and the software and web developers. Each is, if not the dominant group, at least a group representative of a particular period that lasted fifteen years or more. Each wave of people brought with it both increased economic prosperity and social change. This is their story, told as much as possible in their own words.

Potluck will be at 6:30 PM and the lecture at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 28. If you participate in the potluck bring food to share, your own utensils and cups. Coffee or hot water for tea will be provided. The lecture is free for members, \$5.00 donation asked for nonmembers. The lecture will be held at the Saratoga Foothill Club at 20399 Park Place in Saratoga, CA. For more information go to www.sartogahistory.com or call 408-867-4311.

Tim Stanley grew up in the Santa Clara Valley of California before it was known as Silicon Valley. His first jobs were cutting apricots and picking prunes, which is what kids did there before they started writing code at age 12. The lessons learned while working for an old farmer on his fruit farm left a lasting impression on him. In fact he wrote a book about his experience

called, *The Last of the Prune Pickers: A Pre-Silicon Valley Story*.



After raising two children with his wife Deborah and running a construction business for more than 30 years, Stanley has been devoting most of his time to writing.

Stanley has written four books. The latest is titled *The Peopling of Silicon Valley, 1940 to the Present Day: An Oral History*. It is a sequel to his popular

local history titled *The Last of the Prune Pickers: A Pre-Silicon Valley Story*. He has also written a collection of bird poems and stories and a health book. Stanley and his wife live in Irvine, California. His web site is www.2timothypublishing.com.

Saratoga—Aristocratic Village in the Prune Belt

Olivia de Havilland is back in the news at 101 years of age. Best of luck to her as she seeks to protect her name and reputation from being misused. While not by name, Saratoga gets an oblique mention in the New York Times piece regarding de Havilland's case:

"She was 28, a brunet ingénue from English stock, raised in what she has wryly called "the most aristocratic village in the prune belt" of Northern California."

Help Save Long Bridge

We need your help to save Long Bridge, a bridge eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and in danger of being torn down.

According to Caltrans, they are proposing a project to replace or retrofit the Saratoga Creek Bridge (Long Bridge) on State Route (SR-) 9. The bridge crosses Sanborn Creek just west of the City of Saratoga at post mile 4.9. The complete report can be seen at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/envdocs.htm>

Unsatisfactory Options Presented

The four options presented by Caltrans mostly support the removal of Long Bridge (Saratoga Creek Bridge) as it is known locally.

One option not considered is to keep the historic bridge and use it as a pedestrian and cyclist bridge with a second bridge built to handle heavier traffic.

History Worth Saving

Long Bridge is:

- historic—built in 1902 it replaced a wooden bridge that at the time was the longest and highest bridge in Santa Clara County, hence the name “Long Bridge.” The wooden bridge was replaced by this stone bridge in 1902 and still stands today with a span of 60 feet and length of 165 feet.
- the 1902 picturesque bridge was quarried from material found near the bridge site and has



successfully withstood the earthquakes of 1906 and 1989

- part of the ambience of scenic Highway 9 (state scenic highway system since October 1979) with its towering Redwood trees and tranquil streams that wind their way through the canyon canopy of trees
- next to Saratoga Springs, the location of William Campbell’s sawmill in 1848 and that provided Saratoga and the area lumber for building homes. At one time sawmill workers trundled across the bridge heavily laden with loads of lumber. The men who drove the rough road would stop and water their animals under the bridge before continuing their journey. Horse and buggy traffic brought guests to nearby Saratoga Springs to escape the valley heat.
- enjoyed by 80,000 plus visitors each year to the Saratoga Springs campground of which Long Bridge is a backdrop. Many weddings at Saratoga Springs use the bridge for photo opportunities.
- Saratoga Springs is the Bay Area's oldest, continually operating picnic facility. Family owned since 1876. The Giannini family (owners of Saratoga Springs campgrounds) would be financially penalized by having to close during the 3-4 years it would take to build a replacement bridge.
- part of a historic corridor that includes Sanborn Park; Savannah Chappelle – Santa Cruz mountains appellation for wineries –one of the first in the state; Saratoga Toll Road; and is part of historic landmark #435 (Saratoga).

What You Can Do to Help

Write a letter to Brian Gassner and Noray-Ann Spradling, California Department of Transportation, PO Box 23660 Oakland, Ca 94632 or send an e-mail to SaratogaCreekBridge@dot.ca.gov and express your support of keeping the bridge. Letters need to be sent by **March 28, 2018**.



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 Saraoga History Museum

March 24

The Blossom Festival, 10-4 PM at the Civic Center and Heritage Orchard. Free. See pages 4-5.

March 28

Lecture: “the Peopling of Silicon Valley” by Author Tim Stanley, 6:30 Potluck; 7:30 lecture Saratoga Foothill Club, see page 2.

May 19

Old Grandview Estate Benefit, 3-7 PM for sponsors; 4-7 PM for general admission. Must purchase ticket to attend. See pages 6-7.

May 23

Lecture #3, membership meeting

June 24

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

Honoring Saratogans Takes Place June 24

The Saratoga Historical Foundation will honor Bill Gorman, Jack Mallory, Ann Waltons-Smith, and Marilyn White with a catered dinner on June 24 from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Saratoga Foothill Club.

The event will honor these Saratogans for making significant contributions in the areas of community service, local history, and service. Join us in celebrating and thanking them for their work in keeping our community special.

Tickets are on sale now—members are \$50.00 each; nonmembers, \$55.00. Please send a check to: Saratoga Historical Foundation, PO Box 172, Saratoga, CA 95070. Put on the check subject line the number of tickets you are purchasing. Don't delay—this will be a sellout.

Congratulations Laurel Perusa!!

Congratulations to Laurel Perusa who has recently been recognized for her volunteer work in Saratoga. In January the Los Gatos chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Perusa with its first ever Community Service Award. Since 2005, Perusa, a retired teacher has been a member of the Village Gardeners, an active member of the Saratoga Village Development Council and the Saratoga Foothill Club. As part of those groups, she has helped organize Witchy Walk-A-Bout, the St. Paddy's Day celebration and the Heritage Day, Love Notes, and Fourth of July events. She has organized the historical figures for the Blossom Festival and for several years even played the role of Olivia de Havilland, the Academy Award-winning actress who lived in Saratoga and attended local schools.



On March 9 State Senator Jim Beall recognized Perusa as one of six women recognized for their work and civic involvement as part of an annual Women of the Year event. Beall chose Perusa for her community service in Saratoga. Perusa is focused on increasing awareness about human trafficking in Santa Clara County. And she is also active in several local organizations, including the Village Gardeners.

In Memorium



Architect Warren Heid died recently but his legacy of designing over 300 buildings will live

on. Warren was active in the community with leadership roles in many key organizations.

Sixth Annual Blossom Festival Rocks on March 24 in Saratoga

Highlights of the upcoming Blossom Festival include a presentation by Anne-Marie Sayers on “Ohlone Territory;” original poem by Bill Peck son of Historian Willys Peck; and the sounds of rock and roll with Old School Rock N Roll band.

Over 100 Organizations and Craftspeople

The festival will have a wide range of things to see and do including over 100 crafts and local organizations, antique cars, history, and live music taking place at the blossoming Saratoga Heritage Orchard and Civic Center at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga. The event is produced by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and sponsored by the City of Saratoga. The free event also includes free parking at parking lot 4 at West Valley College.

Pancake Breakfast for \$5.00

The SASCC (Saratoga Area Senior Center) will be conducting 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.

Lecture on Ohlone Territory

Anne-Marie Sayers, Tribal Chairwoman of Indian Canyon will give a presentation in the Warner Hutton



house from 12-2 on Ohlone Territory. The popular speaker is known for actively working to revitalize the Ohlone culture. Ann Marie Sayers

used the Indian Allotment Act of 1887 to reclaim land that had been in her family for at least 3600 years. She now resides on the same site as her great grandfather and his grandmother and her grandmothers in Indian Canyon.

Book Signing

Other interesting events include a book signing by Saratogan Tim Stanley of his new book, “the Peopling of Silicon Valley” which covers the transition period from the agriculture of the Valley of

Hearts Delight to high tech when the valley became known as Silicon Valley.

Original Poem by Bill Peck

Poet and Educator Bill Peck, son of the late historian Willys Peck, will read an original poem about the Blossom Festival to open the event. The Saratoga Taiko Drums will follow with their crisp performance under the direction of Aki Okuno.

Children’s Activities



A wide range of children’s activities including a petting zoo, story time 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 will be available. The Sunnyvale Rotary will sponsor the EZ Child ID program to prevent identity theft.

Music for all Tastes

Come sit and listen to a variety of music. The Saratoga Skillet Lickers provides country and western flavor music, followed by the memorable songs of the Old School Rock n Roll 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, members of the Spirit of Sunnyvale Community jazz band, and the Celtic Harmony band.

Antique Cars

Chuck Schoppe has organized a variety of cars and old time motors for the festival. The Santa Clara Valley Model A Ford Club, Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and San Jose Chevy Club will showcase their shiny cars. The Early Days Gas Engine and Tractor Association will also provide an assortment of old time engines and farm equipment.

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Learn About Local Organizations

Daughters of the American Revolution, Saratoga Rotary, Hakone Estate and Garden, Organization of Chinese American University Women, Saratoga Toastmasters or the Saratoga History Museum. All offer interesting programs and areas to volunteer.



City Organizations on Display

The City of Saratoga will offer brochures covering offerings of the parks and recreation department as well as other information about the city. The Heritage Preservation Commission will have literature and information on heritage homes and trees. The Youth Commission will offer face painting.

Learn About Local History Through Film & People

Learn about local history by meeting the 23 costumed historical figures walking around. Laurel Perusa has organized 20 costumed historical figures for you to ask questions or have your photo taken with. Take the orchard walk with Michael Whalen or stop by the Warner Hutton house and see aerial photos of Saratoga. You will also find a selection of local history books to purchase. Take a minute out



And sit and enjoy seeing old films of the 1920s of the area from 2-4 PM. The San Lorenzo museum and eClampus Vitus organizations will also be on hand to answer questions about local history. Lisa Newman will also be promoting her cookbook on apricots.



Fire Department on Hand

The Santa Clara Fire Department will also be in attendance and will include the Saratoga 1926 fire engine.

Gourmet Food Trucks for Varied Tastes

Asian Fusion and Hawaiian food will be offered by Three Brothers food trucks, try Capelo's Barbecue, and sample Cookies n Cream food trucks.

History of the Festival

The Blossom Festival was first produced in Saratoga in 1900. The event was produced after several years of drought ended and a good crop was predicted. Sunshine Williams, the originator of the event, invited people from around the area to come to Saratoga to see the blossoming orchards and to enjoy the hospitality of Saratoga. Thousands attended the popular event which grew to include governors giving key note speeches, the Vice President being invited, ballet companies performing and the San Francisco Symphony. The event was so successful it was held each year until World War II.

In Memoriam
Marilyn Gardner

A Grand Event in May

A big event is taking place on May 19---the marriage of Harry and Meghan in England? National Alarm System day? Nope!! It is a benefit for the Saratoga Historical Foundation.

If you enjoy history or would like to see one of the



largest privately owned art collections in the West—then you must attend this event! Located in the hills of Saratoga, Old Grandview Ranch contains three art galleries featuring renowned artists, 22 acres of sculptures and themed gardens and is just waiting for your visit.

Tickets and Sponsorships Available Now

Old Grandview Ranch, owned by Dr. W. Donald Head, is the site for this exceptional afternoon. Tickets and sponsorships to attend the event are available now. Reservations for the 4-7 PM event are \$175 each until April 20 and \$200 each after April 20. Sponsorships for the 3:00 PM reception in Dr. Head's home start at \$2500. For tickets or more information, call 408-867-4311 or go up to www.saratogahistory.com. Still not convinced? Go to the website and see a preview of the grounds.

Three Stunning Art Galleries

One gallery has an extraordinary collection of Imari, Meissen and Flora Danica porcelain; Lalique and Steuben glass. Items crafted from jade, silver, celadon and more are also on display. Beautiful antique Japanese screens can be seen throughout the gallery.

One sculpture in particular is stunning. It is by Art Glass Sculptor Christopher Ries and is of a sunflower made from 3000 pound crystal. The sunflower is mesmerizing as it offers a different image when seen from different viewing angles.

Another gallery reflects Dr. Head's background and interest in 19th century literature and American

writers. He started collecting nineteenth-century California artists and later began focusing on early twentieth-century artists. Plein air painters are also represented and includes two of the Society of Six. His collection also includes other well known artists besides California painters.

Beauty of the View

Living up to its name of Grandview--the sweeping view is, well, grand, from a view of Saratoga Village to the entire peninsula. And everywhere on the grounds—you can see unique sculptures and themed garden space.

Sculpted Grounds

Sculpture can be found both indoors and outdoors. The sculptures are a mix of old such as Fletcher Benton, David Middlebrook and famed Costa Rican-born Mexican sculptor Francisco Zuniga and new as well as some commissioned by Dr. Head. Dr. Head, who has written several books, is particularly proud of the Romantic Garden, where three 17- foot tall bronze statues of Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and William Shakespeare stand and that he had commissioned.



Two majestic fountains carved in China under the direction of Parisian artist Max LeClerc command attention. The Grand Fountain features four maidens in the center with two bowls overflowing with water. Four mermen woo the maidens on separate islands. The Fountain of the Tritons is a replica of the Pyramid Fountain at Versailles with frolicking mermen, dolphins and lobsters.

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Behind the Fountain of the Tritons is a loggia with 20 columns of solid marble and three bronze sculptures of muses. The ceiling of the loggia is painted with beautiful frescos.



The classical garden includes sculptures from the Iliad with life-size statues of Helen, Hector, Paris and Achilles.



History of the Estate

Old Grandview Ranch was originally built in 1928 by Percy Mortimer Pike as a summer home. Pike gained his wealth from founding the Republic Supply Company of California which he eventually merged with Fluor Corporation. While living in Saratoga he was friends with his neighbor Vintner Paul Masson. After his death, Pike left his estate to Stanford University, which sold the property in parcels in the 60's. Dr. Head purchased the original 22-room French Normandy main house and land and spent the next 10 years purchasing as much of the original estate as possible. He created museums both within the main house and the nearby galleries to house his expanding collection of art. SHF Director Ray Cosyn will give an overview of the history of Old Grandview Ranch at 5:30 PM at the event.

The Man Behind the Museums

Dr. Head became interested in collecting as a child growing up in San Marino in Southern California. He spent almost every Saturday visiting the Huntington Library and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where his enthusiasm for art grew.

He taught English at San Jose State University for 25 years with 19th century authors as his specialty. Later he managed medical and legal offices, which helped finance his love of art.



Attend the Event

The event takes place on Saturday, May 19. General Admission is \$175 through April 20 and \$200 after. Luxury buses will provide transportation from Saratoga High School to the event as there is no parking at the venue. There will be a Pre-Party for Sponsors, starting at 3:00 in Dr. Head's home. Sponsors will be transported from Saratoga High School, compliments of Lexus of Stevens Creek.

The 4-7 PM reservation includes seeing the three art galleries and the grounds with wine and food served on the lawn. Wines, including those from Ridge, Testarossa, House Family, Mount Eden and Big Basin, will be paired with food from JW Catering, The Napkin Ring and Edible Floral Arrangements.

Sponsors who pay \$2500 or more, will receive a number of tickets including the opportunity to attend the 3:00 Pre-Party in Dr. Head's home. The popular Michelin starred restaurant Plumed Horse restaurant in Saratoga will cater the 3:00 Sponsor Reception and Laura Garcia, NBC morning anchor, will interview Dr. Head about his art and home. The ticket also includes visits to the three art galleries and the grounds.

Visit www.saratogahistory.com/grandview or call 408-867-4311 for more information or sponsorship opportunities.



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Remembering the Past

SHF member Marshall Seymour shared these two stories about growing up: “Although my parents (and I) did not settle in Saratoga until the 1950s, our ancestors were among the "pioneers" in Calistoga, where we still own the tiny property and continue to nurture grapes on the acreage they bought in 1882.

Two fruit stories: Judy Hartman and I used to take her brother's quarter horses out and ride them in the orchards between Douglass Lane and Fruitvale. We pretended we were cutting cattle, as we whipped around the trees, slalom-like. We also rode those horses up the dry creek beds to the area above Saratoga where Gary pastured his cattle.

In Warsaw, Poland, Christmas of 1975, I was in a sparsely stocked shop selling root veggies. There was a long line, snaking out the door. I had no idea what it was for, but the rule was, get in a line and buy whatever it is, because it must be rare, and it must be good. When I finally got to the front of the line, there was a

wooden crate labelled "California prunes". Naturally, I bought some, tears rolling down my cheeks. This was my third winter in Poland, and the first time I had seen prunes. For Christmas Eve dinner in Poland one must have a set number of dishes, and each was special. Those prunes meant the world to the people in line. For me, they triggered a sudden bout of homesickness.”



