



# Saratoga Historical Foundation

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June 2021

**July will bring a Celebration of Independence day at Kevin Moran Park; Re-opening of the Museum with ribbon cutting, lecture and kettlecorn on July 11; and David Mariani Author of "Poverty of Affluence" on July 26!**

## **"The Poverty of Affluence" on July 26 With David Mariani**

Continuing our series of lectures, our next speaker



will be David Mariani, the author of "The Poverty of Affluence. The lecture is the inside story of Silicon Valley taking root in the Valley of Hearts Delight or, known as Santa Clara Valley. His talk will provide a glimpse into the lives of four generations of the Mariani Family, pioneers in the development of

quality dried fruit, who witnessed the Valley as an agrarian community become the famous high tech mecca in the world.

Mariani has served on 27 corporate boards. His service includes but not limited to private corporate boards, industry agency boards, and public boards. His professional career

includes agri-business, venture capital, real estate development, and private and public banking. He has authored two books.

The lecture is sponsored by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and the Sunnyvale Historical Park and Museum.

Join Zoom Meeting

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## **"Remembering the Flying Tigers" on August 23**



According to SHF Historian Ray Cosyn, "What most Americans know about the Flying Tigers is what the movie starring John Wayne said on the subject. But there is so much more to the story. The Chinese-American community knows the Flying Tigers as a continuing effort by the American Air Corp in

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China that lasted throughout World War II. The heroic ventures of the American Expeditionary Force (Flying Tigers) and the 7th Air Force, kept the Japanese on the run. The Air Corp flew the hump to resupply China, and Doolittle's raid on Tokyo, which ended in China, had a major effect on Japanese home island defense." SHF Historian Ray Cosyn will cover these efforts and position the Flying Tigers in his lecture as a force which prevailed against the Japanese and as a result kept China in the war to its end.

"Remembering the Flying Tigers" is sponsored by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and the Organization of Chinese American Women/SV.

Join Zoom Meeting

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## **What's Happening at the Museum?**

The Saratoga Historical Foundation has been very busy. Recently the board of directors added two new people:

Marie Lopresto as Director-At-Large and Carole Hardy, Treasurer.



### **Contact Us!**

#### ***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 PM on Fridays and Sundays and from 10-4 PM on Saturday.

For more information, i.e. group tours, you can call 408-867-4311 or e-mail [info@saratogahistory.com](mailto:info@saratogahistory.com). Be sure to also check the website at [www.saratogahistory.com](http://www.saratogahistory.com) or see us on Facebook at [facebook.com/saratogahistory](https://facebook.com/saratogahistory).

Newsletter suggestions can be sent to the editor at: [info@saratogahistory.com](mailto:info@saratogahistory.com).

Marie has lived in Saratoga with her husband Bob since 1998. Graduated from the University of South Dakota and did graduate work at Tufts University. She retired from IBM Corporation after 25 years in Sales and Marketing. She has been on many Boards including: Ballet San Jose, Symphony San Jose, Gentry Magazine, and is the Co-Founder of the Go Red for Women of the American Heart Association. She is also a National Spokesperson for the American Heart Association. The San Jose Business Journal voted her Woman of the Year in 2020 for her work on Go Red for Women of the American Heart Association. She is an active participant on many committees-- including all Montalvo fund raisers.

Marie says, "I have a deep love of history in Saratoga and am so grateful for the opportunity to work as Commissioner on the Heritage Preservation Commission and now work with the Saratoga History Museum!"

Carole Hardy is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport in CT.

She has worked at a financial consultant firm located in the Waldorf Astoria, NYC.

She takes computer classes online through the Senior Center. She belongs to a local hiking group.

She has volunteered at the Butter Paddle for 13 years. Volunteered for the Newcomers Club, been a member of various book clubs, and volunteered with the PTA, soccer league while her children



were in school. She is presently volunteering at Montalvo Service Group as Hospitality co-chair which will end in December.

Marie is on the left and

Carole is on the right of the table. Both volunteered for Community Harvest day held on June 19.

## UPCOMING Events

### The Saratoga History Museum is opening July 2!!

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| July 4    | 10 AM Kevin Moran Park<br>Band Concert                                |
| July 11   | 1:30-4 at the Museum-- Grand Re-Opening & reception                   |
| July 26   | 7:00 PM Zoom<br>"Affluence of Poverty" David Mariani, see page 1      |
| August 23 | 7:00 PM Zoom<br>"Remembering the Flying Tigers" Ray Cosyn, see page 2 |

### Celebrate Independence Day!!!



Celebrate Independence Day with an old fashioned concert on Sunday, July 4 from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Kevin Moran Park at 12415 Scully Avenue in Saratoga. Mayor Yan Zhao will give the welcome speech. The McCartysville Volunteer Band will play a broad selection of patriotic songs.

Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and blue in celebration of the day. Limited chairs and shade are provided for seniors and the handicapped. Bring your own chairs or blankets for sitting on the lawn.

The McCartysville Volunteer Band will play a medley of patriotic songs. The band is comprised of

a group of brass/wood-wind and percussionists that perform once a year for the July 4th program. They have been providing music for the event since 2006.

### Then and Now



Villa Montalvo was built in 1912 as the home of Senator James Phelan. Montalvo was named for the popular 16th-century Spanish writer Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo, who coined the name "California." In one of his fables, Montalvo spoke of an island rich with gold and jewels, inhabited by Amazons. In his story, the Amazons rode griffins, "the winged guardians of precious treasure." To this day, griffin statues can still be found throughout Montalvo's grounds, standing guard over "one of California's true, precious treasures."

Here's how the entrance way looks today:



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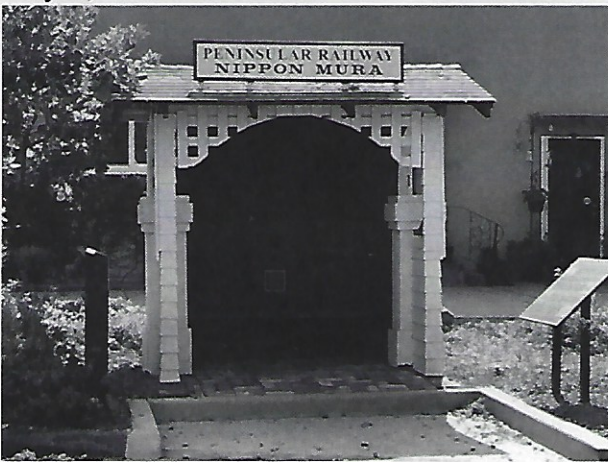
## **Celebrating the Museum re-Opening on July 11!!!**

The Saratoga History museum will have a ribbon cutting, lecture, and more on July 11 to celebrate the re-opening of the museum. The event will take place from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

SHF Historian Ray Cosyn will give a lecture



on "Ridin' the Rails" at 2:00 PM. The lecture will take place on the patio with chairs for the audience. Poet and Teacher Bill Peck will read a poem about the Interurban Rail as part of the event. A ribbon cutting for the Interurban Passenger Stop will take place with Saratoga Mayor, Yan Zhao.



The 100 year old Passenger Stop was donated by the Willys Peck family. It was originally located

in front of the Nippon Mura Resort on Saratoga-Los Gatos Road. Thanks to a grant by the Farrington Foundation, the Passenger Stop was spiffed up and returned to its original glory.

People can enjoy free admission to the museum, McWilliams House and one-room schoolhouse. The current special exhibit inside the museum covers the history of the Interurban Rail.



The Interurban Rail served as a bridge between horse-drawn carriages and the automobile and ran from 1903-1934. The rail connected local towns such as San Jose, Campbell, Los Gatos, Palo Alto and Cupertino.

There will be kettlecorn and cool drinks to "wet your whistle." Train whistles will be handed out to the first 50 children. And there may be a few other fun items!

The Saratoga History Museum closed in March of 2020 due to COVID. The facilities will be back to normal operating hours starting July 2. The normal hours are Friday and Sunday from 1-4 and Saturday from 10-4. Free admission. The museum will be closed on Sunday, July 4 due to the holiday.

The museum is located at 20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road in Saratoga. For more information go up to [www.saratogahistory.com](http://www.saratogahistory.com) or call 408-867-4311.

See you there!

## Coming Soon to the Historical Park----A New Blacksmith Exhibit

The old outdoor exhibit, created in 1982, is going to be replaced with a new blacksmith exhibit.

The old exhibit looked like:



Plans for the new exhibit:



Saratoga Architect Steve Benzing designed the false front building. SHF Vice President Ernie Kraule has been coordinating the project. The exhibit will show the breadth of the work of a blacksmith in the 1850s.

Some of the blacksmithing tools came from the



collection of Willys Peck as well as other residents. In addition to the collection of tools, the blacksmith exhibit will include the sounds and images of a blacksmith at work.

Plans are to have special programs demonstrating blacksmithing on the patio for the public to enjoy.

Work has already begun with the Federated



Church volunteer crew under the direction of Jerry Bruce. The Federated Church annually builds homes in Mexico as part of their volunteer work and has many experienced volunteers. Due to the pandemic they have been restricting their volunteer efforts locally.

The crew spent two days packing and storing the contents of the outdoor exhibit and tearing down the frame. Bricks, wood, and the iron frame were carefully salvaged for future use. The crew will also build the frame of the blacksmith exhibit at a later date. The foundation, electrical, and other work will be built by licensed contractors. All work will be inspected by the City of Saratoga.



Education Director Linda Hagelin says "I can't wait to add this to our Pioneer Living Program. Children will be thrilled."

The project should be completed by the end of the year.

## Community Harvest June 19-- And Volunteering

The Community Harvest took place on June 19 in the Heritage Orchard. This was the first year that residents could come and pick a gallon bucket of apricots. Organizations like the Saratoga Historical Foundation were also able to have an information table. And, as always, we needed people to "man" the table to bring awareness to the public about the museum, recruit volunteers and new members.



### *What do volunteers get out of volunteering?*

Gail Hunter (in the above photo blowing bubbles) volunteers as both a museum and education docent for the Saratoga Historical Foundation and says, "I have been a Saratoga Museum docent for several years and enjoy sharing Saratoga's wonderful history with our citizens and out-of-towners alike.

"Volunteering at the Saratoga Museum is a great way to give back to our community. Becoming a museum or education docent helps adults and schoolchildren learn about and appreciate the history of the early settlers and what they did to build the town of Saratoga. There are opportunities to participate in historic events, hear great speakers, and volunteer with other docents who love Saratoga and Santa Clara Valley history. Soon the Saratoga Museum will have its' own blacksmith exhibit where visitors can see the tools a blacksmith used with a forge to shape iron implements like horseshoes and other tools used by the early settlers in the old

days. Won't that be exciting to see?! Come and join the docent team at the Saratoga museum!"

Joe Wherry gives walking tours for the Saratoga History Museum, is a museum docent and volunteers for recruiting events for the museum!

According to Joe, "I have enjoyed learning about the history of Saratoga where we have now lived for more than 36 years, and also enjoy meeting other citizens and visitors to our town."



Jeannie Nguyen who works full time besides being a museum docent says, "I have been living in Saratoga for over 20 years-- I was busy raising my sons so I didn't know much about the town's history. When they were grown, I started looking around for volunteer opportunities. I wanted to know about the history of the town and meet new people. The history museum gives me all of that and includes events in the town. I love being a volunteer!"

Jeannie shares her love of history by inviting friends to the museum when she is a docent.



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Rina Shah (center) became a museum docent because of her admiration for Town Historian Willys Peck. Since then she has been on the board of directors as a membership director and a social director. She also works full time and is on the Heritage Preservation Commission. She is busy!



According to Rina, "I love Saratoga and enjoy the community that I live in and therefore I volunteer to give back to the community. It gives me great satisfaction and pleasure."

#### ***Friendship***

Shown with Rina are Marie Lopresto, director-at-large for the Saratoga Historical Foundation and Carole Hardy, new treasurer. Another good reason to volunteer is to spend time with long-time friends such as Carole and Marie!

#### ***Opportunities and Rewards***

Opportunities to contribute to the growth of the Saratoga Historical Foundation and museum are many.

You've heard of the rewards of being a museum or education docent. Maybe you have gone on a walking tour with us. How about volunteering for some of these other activities:

- writing an article for the newsletter
- typing files into excel

- manning a table when the museum is recruiting new members or volunteers
- helping set up events
- scheduling docents

If you have special skills, i.e. graphic design, photography, research-- those are very important, too. We need you!

#### ***How to Volunteer***

Whether you have an hour or more or an idea for something that could help:

write to [info@saratogahistory.com](mailto:info@saratogahistory.com) or call 408-867-4311. We would like to hear from you.

#### ***In Summary-- Keep Our Local History Alive***

Perhaps Museum Docent Nancy Shih says it best: "I want to volunteer to help keep our local history alive. Additionally, from volunteering at the museum and at various events, I get to meet different people from the community and make the connections."

Volunteer today!



#### ***In Memoriam***

*Harriet Lundquist*

*Denny Vawter Alff*

*Stanley Flowerdew*

*Kevil Smith*

*Rita McCarty*



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## Before and After



This photo was taken of Sam Cloud's home in 1896. Cloud also owned the Barn and Cloud's store. Of course today the home is the Bella Saratoga restaurant.

When Eugene Korsunsky purchased the Barn to house Intempus, he had a photo taken of his employees on the porch of Bella Saratoga. Welcome to Saratoga!

