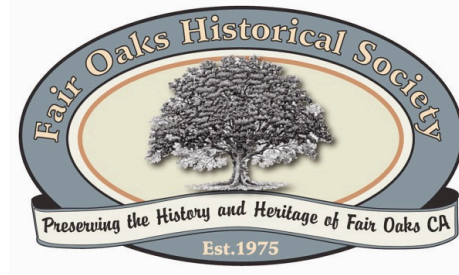


Something to Crow About

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QUARTERLY POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING

6 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Faith Lutheran Church

4000 San Juan Avenue, Fair Oaks

Please bring a main dish, casserole, salad, or dessert to share.

“The Orangevale History Project”

Mark Aring, President

Note of Appreciation

Ralph Carhart, Editor

I am taking my ‘editor’s opportunity’ to thank and compliment **Wendy Key** who has been Editor of this newsletter through the Covid pandemic. She is a great writer and editor and has done a terrific job. I appreciate Wendy for giving me a reprieve for a couple of years.

Despite the disruption Covid wrought on our quarterly potluck meetings, Soup Night and the History Center, we can thank the Society’s officers and volunteers for getting us through it, as strong as ever. We have adapted in creative ways— Bob Sours’s weekly blogs, the ‘virtual’ Soup Night, and the new Welcome Hours at the History Center are examples of these adaptations. As in earlier days of our community, we have met the challenge and emerged stronger.



Executive Message

Claudia Thorn, President

Carolyn Spotts, Vice President

2023 will be our best year yet! We start by thanking **Bob Sours and Chris Highsmith** for the incredible job they've done in bringing volunteers into the History Center. With that thought in mind, we plan to make 2023 our '**Year of Volunteerism**'. Please consider what you can do to support your Fair Oaks Historical Society.

Chris Highsmith will continue as our contact person for the History Center. He or Bob Sours are at the History Center on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 2 PM. Your commitment can be as simple as helping organize for events, working on projects at the History Center or more. We are a community that thrives and prospers when we all work together.

Soup night is Friday, February 10 at Faith Lutheran Church from 5:30 to 8 PM. It is our first in-house Soup Night since Covid, and it will be wonderful to celebrate in person. Tickets are currently on sale at the History Center on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 2 PM. Cash or check is the preferred form of payment. Tickets are \$35 per seat or \$280 per table (8 per table). Remember that this event is our major fundraiser for the History Center's operational budget.

As we reflect on what's new at the History Center we need to thank Sandra Navarro for the monthly coordination of our Welcome Hour presentations. January highlighted the Woman's Thursday Club, and February's will be about Fair Oaks olive oil production— an important part of our community's history.

A special thanks to Ralph Carhart for stepping up as our newsletter editor. And a special wish for his speedy recovery from his recent kidney surgery.

As President and Vice President we have talked about a more shared leadership role, so please reach out to either of us if you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the Historical Society, its History Center, its meetings and its events.

Thank you for your membership and support. Keep it coming; please volunteer for more.

College Scholarship Fund

Donations are being accepted from anyone wishing to contribute to the college scholarship fund. Donations can be left at the History Center with Chris Highsmith. Last year, the Fair Oaks Historical Society donated two scholarships that were distributed by the Woman's Thursday Club. This year, we will continue to coordinate the selection process with them, but this year the scholarships will be awarded from the Fair Oaks Historical Society rather than the Woman's Thursday Club. We'll invite the recipients to our summer quarterly meeting so you all can meet them. Please consider making a donation.

Sixteenth Annual Soup Night

Friday, February 10, 2023 – 5:30 to 8 pm

Claudia Thorn, Chair & Donations Facilitator



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The FOHS Annual Soup Night fundraiser
will be held on

Friday, February 10th, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
at the Faith Lutheran Church – 4000 San Juan Ave.

Tickets are \$35 each or \$280 for a table.
Dinner includes bread, salad, soup, and cookies.

Raffle tickets are \$20 for the first sheet and \$10 for
each additional sheet purchased at the same time.

Raffle and auction donations can be dropped off at the
History Center - 10340 Fair Oaks Blvd.
(open T, TH, SA 10 – 2) until February 4th.

Donation forms for tax purposes will be provided.

Please contact Claudia Thorn at (916) 747-1535 or
cjthorn17@comcast.net for more information.

Welcome Hour at History Center

Sandra Navarro

Olives, Olives, Olives in Old Fair Oaks

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 11:00 – Noon

Guest Experts, Children’s Table, Displays, History Center Store

Free Admission

The Fair Oaks History Center’s new interpretive history program is called Welcome Hour. Once each month, this dynamic program will feature an aspect of Fair Oaks Village’s past. Complete with the Society’s historians and docents, guest experts, a children’s activity table, video presentations, display boards, and thematic decorations, this hour-long “history party” will inform and entertain you and your family.

The History Center is located at 10340 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, next to Sunflower Drive-In, at the convergence of Fair Oaks Boulevard, Main Street and Sacramento Street.

There is no admission fee to visit the History Center or to attend the Welcome Hour. Come to browse the History Center’s permanent displays and items for purchase. (Please note that the History Center is in the process of updating its ability to accept credit and debit cards.)

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| Saturday, February 4, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Olives, Olives, Olives in Old Fair Oaks |
| Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls in Yesterday’s Fair Oaks |
| Saturday, April 1, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Team Sports in Yesterday’s Fair Oaks |
| Saturday, May 6, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Historic Houses of Our Fair Oaks Village |
| Saturday, June 3, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Weddings and Roses in Old Fair Oaks |



The January 7 Welcome Hour focused on The Fair Oaks Woman's Thursday Club



Our General Meeting Potluck – October 26, 2022...



At the October General Meeting Author Kevin Knauss presented “the **Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake and the North Fork Ditch,**” a very interesting and informative talk and slide show.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Pearce

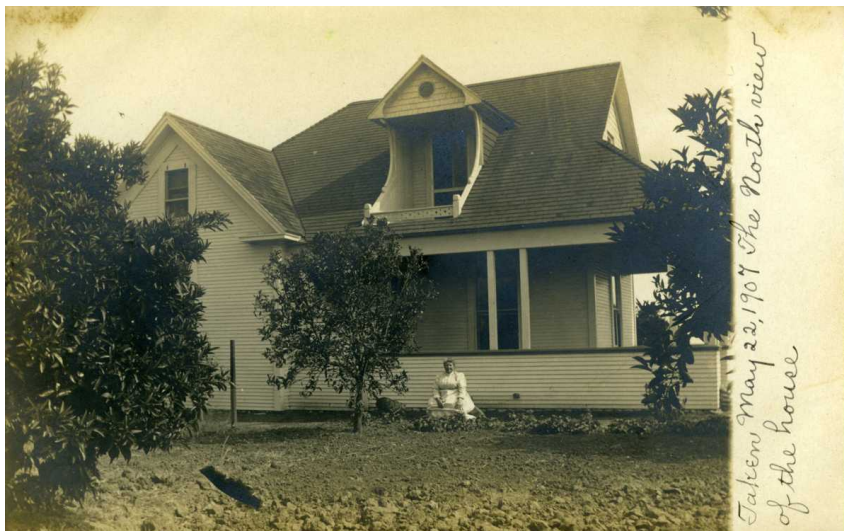
2022 was another up and down financial year with cancelled meetings, special events and uncertainties with the Parks department, but we managed to keep things rolling as far as income and expenses went. The checking account started with \$15,398 and ended with \$10,481 including planned community projects of \$5,700, so we basically broke even in spite of it all. We still have about \$20,000 in savings for sort-of-expected contingencies (new roof on the History Center, replacement of the heat-air unit) and about \$26,000 in the CD, so we're in good shape.

The Board will be considering the 2023 budget at the January Board meeting, and it looks like we'll be back to our pre-pandemic activities. We'll let you know.

Old Homes of Fair Oaks

Marshall House

Over the years, as we have developed our old homes sections, we still have several unidentified photos. This photo shows a house with a woman sitting in front. The only label on the photo is "Taken May 22, 1907, the north view of the house." There has been some speculation that it is Mary Tabor sitting in front of her boarding house near Fair Oaks Blvd. and Old Winding Way; but no conclusive evidence.



Recently, in going over our unidentified house photos, we enlarged the part with the woman and realized she appears in other photos, notably the photo of the Fowler – Marshall wedding at the Mayberry house at Capitola and Bridge.

When the Marshall descendants brought in the Marshall Diary, they also gave us copies of the wedding photos with all the individuals named. So, the buxom woman in front of the house and in the wedding photo is Ellen (Nell) Marshall, and the house is their second home built in 1906, just south of where Bob's Cycle Store is now located. One of our old timers remembers that it was derelict in the 1960's and burned down about 1968.

That revelation caused us to reexamine all of our records and find that Alfred Marshall did own the property in 1920 and 1930. A USGS map of the property in 1910 confirmed that there was a structure at that location. So, I think we can take all the evidence and move the house off our unknown list of old Fair Oaks homes.



2023 FOHS Membership Application / Renewal

If you are a new member or need to renew your membership, please fill out the form below and send your check to the following address:

Fair Oaks Historical Society
P.O. Box 2044
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

You may also use the PayPal system. The web address is: <https://fairoakshistory.org/>

Membership dues are: (circle one)

- Individual \$20, Family (2 Persons) \$25, Supporting (Business) \$50, Single Life Member \$200, and Family Life Member \$275.

Additional contributions:

- Add \$5.00 if you would like to receive a printed copy of the quarterly newsletter.
- Add additional funds in any amount if you would like to donate to the FOHS scholarship.

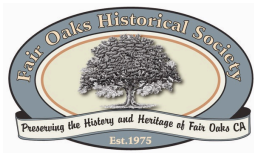
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For questions, please call Carolyn Spotts at (916) 342-1701 or carolyn.spotts@comcast.net.

Note: Dues are for the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st. Dues are payable on January 1st. New members joining after October 1st shall be considered paid for the following year.



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