

Fair Oaks Historical Society

Newsletter – October 2013 # 107

MEETING 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

7997 California Avenue

Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share.

Bring a friend or a Neighbor

Check out the latest on our website at: www.fairoakshistory.org

*****Soup Night Raffle Items Needed.** – We are in need of raffle items for soup night. Items needed are gift cards, gift baskets, fabric arts, wine, jewelry, etc. Live auction items, such as use of vacation homes, would also be greatly appreciated. If you have an item please call Trude at (916) 207-3166 or you may drop it off at the History Center. Please fill out a donation slip so we can have the information about the raffle item.

Program: Trude Vasquez “The Making of the History Center”

The Society will hold its third quarterly meeting and potluck dinner on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 6:00 PM. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. The price of admission is a casserole, salad or dessert to share with others, which makes this the best potluck in town!

The program for this meeting will be **“A Look at the Making of the History Center” a presentation by Warren Blomquist.** It will show all the work that was done to transform the old Buddies building into the History Center as it is today.

Bob Brugger will give us short snap-shot of the history of Negro Bar.

President’s Update Joe Dobrowolski

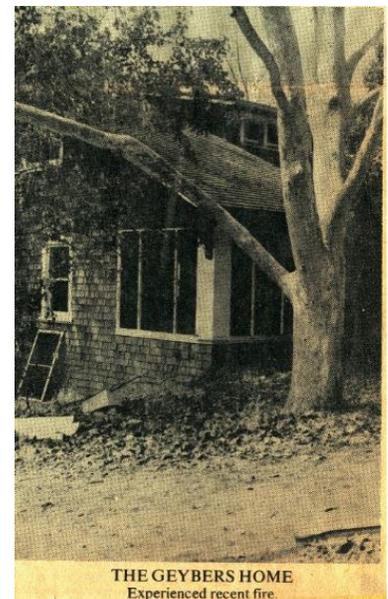
Since we opened the History Center in June, it has been open 5 days a week : Wed thru Sun, from 10AM to 4:00 PM. We have two employees: Elaine Luong, our primary attendant and Ashton Smith who fills in when Elaine is not available. We have not done very much advertising except in the community. We are getting a few visitors everyday.

Lois Frazier arranged to have docents be at the Center on the Saturday of the chicken festival. There were lots of visitors until the rains came. I appreciate the effort of members welcoming the visitors on those days. We are getting new Fair Oaks residents coming in to find out about the heritage of Fair Oaks as well as people who grew up in Fair Oaks and moved away. One recent visitor was Dirk Gysber who now lives in Davis California. He brought his kids and grandkids to the Center. The day Dirk visited, Bob Brugger was maintaining the outside of the Center. They both went to school together, so they had a little history moment. Dirk was raised in a house that is up the road, behind the Sunflower Drive-in. The only picture we have of the house is from the 1950s, and shows the house after a fire in the house.

Some visitors have donated artifacts they have found or they possessed.

Recently a person dropped off a Buffum trunk they found at a garage sale.

The trunk contained over 50 glass slides, probably dating from around 1895. The slides are being scanned by Jim Pearce. Because the glass slides are fragile and difficult to preserve the slides will be donated to the Sacramento County Archive.



NEWSLETTER: The cost of mailing the newsletter is very expensive. If you have email we would really like to deliver this newsletter by email. We would like to reserve mailing the newsletter to those who do not have email. If you have received this by US mail and have email please forward your email to me at joedobro@pacbell.net.

We are considering adding a \$5.00 charge to the annual membership for those who would like to receive their newsletter by mail.

Old Homes of Fair Oaks

Buffum House:

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Buffum's were one of the original families of Fair Oaks. They built one of the large houses in Fair Oaks and were leaders in the community. The house stood on the property between New York Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave and between Fair Oaks Blvd. and Magnolia Ave. The two pictures show the original house, with the front facing east, in the orchard and as it stood in the 1960s, after it had fallen into disrepair. It burnt to the ground in the late 1960s.

Last Meetings Historical Minute:

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Fair Oaks history



At our last meeting Warren Blomquist gave a wonderful description of the area south of the bluffs in what is now Gold River. The picture to the left shows the Natoma Vineyard, from the Fair Oaks Bluff, before the dredges moved in and starting mining gold in the area. At the time, the vineyard was the

second largest in the world. It extended almost to Elk Grove .

Monson House Additional Information

The last newsletter detailed the Monson house. We received some additional information regarding the family and the house.

When the Monson family subdivided their property in 1990, they kept some of the acreage for future family members. The lots on the east end of the property were made accessible from Rolling Green Way. The oldest of the third generation of the Monson family built a home in 1996. This new home is located on the same parcel as the family home built back in 1914 which faces Kenneth Avenue. They reside there to this day.

Minutes of the July General Meeting - Vicki Walter, Secretary –

The meeting opened with a video clip of the History Center, from the TV show, Good Morning Sacramento. Warenden Blomquist presented a historical moment.

Jim Pearce presented a chair from the Straith House refurbished by Bob Vogel.

Eight members volunteered to do monthly outside maintenance at the History Center . THANK YOU!

Don Yost and Larry Bushop were presented and approved for honorary memberships.

The Membership, Treasurer, Ways & Means and Soup Chairs made presentations.

Raffle and Wine Sales - Claudia Thorn-Tonight we made \$118 on wine and \$113 on raffle tickets. She is looking for volunteers to sell wine and raffle tickets at the October meeting (two people for each).

Raffle donations are needed.

Sales Soup Night - Claudia Thorn - Soup Night will be November 1st. The event is sold out

HELP NEEDED

HISTORY CENTER STAFF

MANAGER

A person who will oversee the staff working at the History Center.

Primary duties will be:

To get the hours worked from the time card twice a month and send to the payroll firm.

To be available to answer the staff's questions.

Periodically check on staff.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Prepare the newsletter four (4) times a year.

Put together the articles written by others into a newsletter.

Familiarity with Word or other word processor is needed.

Email a PDF copy to the printer

Email a copy to the person with the email listing

By-Laws Amendments

The Board has approved changes to the Society's By-Laws. However, a vote on the proposed changes will be delayed until the January meeting as the notice to members did not meet the 14 day notice requirement.

The most significant changes proposed are:

A supporting membership no longer will need approval by the Board nor the membership; clarifies the Honorary membership; clarifies duties of the treasurer and secretary; the parliamentarian is a member of the board without voting status; clarifies that the board must meet once a quarter; allows for the board to take vote on items by email: adds a standing committee –Recreation & Parks Liaison

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

2.5 To establish, operate and maintain a Fair Oaks History Center for the general public. ~~when possible.~~

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

3.2-1 Active Memberships (*Paragraphs are given a title as shown*)

(a) Individual—

(b) Family—

(c). Supporting--An organization or business applying for an active supporting membership may be accepted upon completion of application form and payment of annual dues, ~~and approved by the executive board and a majority vote of members present at a general meeting.~~ The group shall have all privileges, with only one vote, which may be cast by the president or owner or their representative.

(d) Active Life Memberships

1. Individual Life—

- 2. Family Life--.
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3.2-2 Honorary membership

(a) An honorary membership, which extends for the life of the individual, may be conferred upon a person who has rendered outstanding service to the Society, whether or not a member.

~~(d) An honorary member may also be an active individual member--(Unnecessary language)~~

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS 5.3-1

The president shall

(d) Establish ***temporary special*** committees and appoint a chair. ***Temporary Special*** committees shall serve during the fiscal year and may be reestablished by the president after January of each year.

~~(i) ***Secure insurance and hold the policy--*** (Moved to treasurer.)~~

5.3-3 The secretary shall

(b) Conduct the correspondence of the society by direction of the president, issue all notices required by the executive board ~~***and have available at each general membership and executive board meeting a current list of members whose dues have been paid.***~~

5.3-4 The treasurer shall

~~***(h) Secure insurance and hold the policy.***~~

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

(parliamentarian added as officer, clarified meeting 4 times a year & allow voting by email)

6.1 The membership and voting rights are

6.1-1 Members of the executive board shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, ***parliamentarian***, and the chairs of the standing committees.

6.1-2 They shall have one vote each, ***except the president and the parliamentarian***. Each committee shall have one vote.

6.2 Duties include

6.2-1 Meeting at least once ***a quarter***, no fewer than twenty four (24) days prior to a general meeting.

6.3-4 In between the required general membership and executive board meetings the president may poll the executive board members by phone ***or email*** to secure approval of actions or expenditures.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

7.1-4 Membership - roster maintenance, including names, phone numbers, addresses and emails, guest and new member sign-in sheet, and submitting of membership list to the secretary, treasurer, ***technology committee chair***, and newsletter committee chair ***and have available at each general membership and executive board meeting a current list of members whose dues have been paid.***

7.1-11 Recreation and Parks Liaison – attend meetings and functions of the Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District and report to this society.

SOUP NIGHT

We are SOLD OUT !!!!! If you are holding a ticket and discover you can't attend please call me immediately AT 961-8291, as I have a waiting list.

We have exciting new soups this year, one of which is Grandma's Corn Chowder. Also, Dianda's is donating their fabulous Minestrone Soup.

As usual, the center Pieces will be for sale. The cost will be \$20 and they are all hand made and each piece is very unique.

If you'd like to donate a case of wine please contact the Vogels. And I **desperately need** someone to help put the program together. I will work with you but I need someone to do the computer piece. Also, Sallie Miller will need someone to work at the desert table as she will not be able to attend the event.

Are you considering being a Spoon Sponsor? \$100 donation will earn you that privilege. Or you can be a Bowl Sponsor for \$50.00.

Businesses that Support the Society or have donated time/materials.

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10426 Fair Oaks Blvd. Suite A,

Fair Oaks, (916) 9619044

Dianda's Bakery and Café

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TO:

MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Dues are for the Calendar Year, January 1 to December 31, 2013.
Dues are payable on January 1, and become delinquent May 1.
Those joining after October 1 shall be considered paid for the following year.**

Please check one:

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

DUES PAYMENT

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership dues for 2013 are:

___ *Individual \$15* ___ *Family (2 Persons) \$20* ___ *Supporting \$40*

___ *Single Life Member \$150* ___ *Family Life Member \$225*

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check number _____ Date of check ___/___/___

**Please mail this form and check payable to "Fair Oaks Historical Society" to
P.O. BOX 2044, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 or remit at general meeting.**

For more information, please call Tel Labelle at 966-7732 (tels4@aol.com)