



Fair Oaks Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

Preserving and Perpetuating the Heritage of Fair Oaks, California

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Bob Blymer to Show Transit History and Future

PRESIDENTS CORNER

We were so happy to see so many old friends at our January meeting. It was our largest meeting ever! We hope to see all of you at the April meeting on Tuesday, April 28. Remember to ask a friend or neighbor to come.

A big 'thank you' to Bob McCafferty for all his work in producing the video. It was wonderful! What a great way to preserve our history. We are selling copies of the video, so if you're interested please let us know at the April meeting.

The April meeting will be at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse as usual. The Park District was able to reschedule classes and put us back into their calendar. A big 'thank you' goes to June Melvin for meeting with the Park and Recreation District to assure our meeting time and place.

We're real excited about our calendar project. Gayle Anita has selected the photographs and we're ready to start working on the drafts. Some of the photographs will be on display at the April meeting.

We're looking forward to an interesting meeting this month. Our vice president Ralph Carhart has arranged for us to hear Bob Blymer, who will present a program about the bridges of California.

See you on April 28!

Warren McWilliams, jr.

P.S.

Why not attend the Grange Breakfast on 2nd Sundays and then drop over to the History Center to see the latest photos and artifacts.

QUARTERLY POTLUCK / GENERAL MEETING

April 28

Bob Blymer, of the Sacramento Regional Transit's Public Relations team, will do a slide presentation of the area's past, present, and future public transportation systems. Ranging from pre-World War II trolley lines through the growth, decline and rebirth of bus transit, and the resurrection of rail service in the 80's.

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks

Lower Level Dining Room

Phone 965-9887

Social Hour 6 p.m. - Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Bring a casserole, salad or dessert and join us for an evening of informative fun.

HISTORY CENTER MEMO

Marge Dave has generously donated some very interesting items for our History Center. Of particular note is an iron potbellied stove that used to be at the old railway station which once was south of the Fair Oaks Bridge.

She has also given us a chair that made its journey across the Sierra in the covered wagon of the Dave family. We are truly grateful to Marge for her many contributions. If anyone has a glass display case they aren't using, we can make good use of it at our History Center.

Gayle Anita

**Don't Forget! The History Center will be open Sunday afternoon,
April 12, May 12, June 14, and July 12.**

**Tell your family, friends and neighbors about it.
Come and look at the wonderful display of photos of old Fair Oaks.**

Fair Oaks Historical Society

Post Office Box 2044

Fair Oaks California 95628

A non-profit educational corporation established to develop, preserve and share Fair Oaks community history.

Public attendance is encouraged at Meetings, held quarterly; on the fourth Tuesday in January, April, July and October. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. with a social period, followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., an educational presentation related to local history, and concluding with a brief business meeting. The meetings are open to the public. Persons planning to attend are requested to bring a potluck dinner dish.

Any person may also attend Executive Board meetings, by contacting the President for information regarding time, place, and agenda of meetings.

Membership is open to any person interested in Fair Oaks regional history. Information regarding enrollment is available elsewhere in this document, at the general meetings, or by calling any of the officers listed below.

Officers:

President Warren McWilliams, 961-9012
Vice President Ralph Carhart, 961-6301
Secretary Donald Kenmonth, 920-0531
Treasurer Charlie Hull, 965-6210 (962-3194)
Parliamentarian Theo. L. Olson, 967-5538

Committee Chairpersons:

Amenities/Social Hour (Pending)
Auditor Dorothy Dykeman, 967-6713
Budget Gayle Anita, 961-6912
Decorations Leigh Landes, 967-5593
Docents Lois Frazier, 967-2967
Historian Robert L. Massey, 967-6197
History Center Gayle Anita, 961-6912
Hospitality (Pending)
Membership June Melvin, 967-5605
Newsletter Editor (Pending)
Program Ralph Carhart, 961-6301
Publicity (Pending)
Refreshments/Dinner Lois Frazier, 967-2967
Registration Jennifer Miller, 920-0531
Ways and Means (Pending)

The Newsletter is published quarterly, preceding each regular meeting, and distributed by mail. Subscription, included in membership dues, is available to non-members upon prepayment of Two Dollars per year.

The Newsletter welcomes articles and items for publication. Articles must relate to history of the Fair Oaks region or of general interest to the membership, and must be submitted to the Editor no later than the First of January, April, July or October to be considered for publication in those months' issues. The Editor reserves the right to amend or omit items. Material submitted with stamped return-addressed envelopes will be returned to the sender.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Summary of the Executive Meeting, March 10, 1992:

Present: Gail Anita, Ralph Carhart, Charles Hull, D Kenmonth, Bob Massey, June Melvin, Ted Olson, Janet McWilliams, Warren McWilliams, jr.

The Bill McPhail Adopt-A-Calendar Project needs a volunteer to help Gail Anita with composing the final product. The Board has suggested adding to the Calendar dates of various Fair Oaks organizations and events. Gail needs someone to gather information about their events from interested parties.

The question was raised as to whether the Society's support of the Save the American River Association should be continued in view of that groups political activism against the proposed Auburn dam. Since we are by charter apolitical, the Board decided to put the matter to a vote of the members at the April 28 general meeting.

The videotape "Fair Oaks: The Way It Was" is ready for sale in May. We will have 36 copies available.

The insurance issue appears resolved. The Cemetary Board has offered a proposal that will cover our liability insurance in exchange for donation of cleanup and maintenance work by Society members at the Cemetary

The next General Meeting will be April 28.

Don Kenmonth

Bulletin Board

California Gold. Video cassette series. 12 tapes plus a guide. Available from the California State Library Foundation. \$100 plus shipping. Order from the Calif. State Library Assoc., P.O. Box 942837 Sacramento CA 94237-0001. The tapes are a hands-on lesson in California's history, geography, natural wonders, and cultural diversity. Endorsed by the California Teachers, California Library, and the California School Boards Associations.

Workshops. Offered by the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center, 551 Sequoia Blvd., Sacramento. Ph. 264-7072.

April 22; Oral History Workshop - How to prepare for and conduct oral history interviews.

May 10; Photo Preservation Workshop - Restoration, preservation, conservation, and duplication.

The Witter Ranch has been designated a Sacramento City Historic Site. For tours or visits call 927-4116.

Genealogical and Historical Conference. May 16, 9am-3:30pm. at Cordova Church of Christ, 10577 Coloma Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Phone Verl Weight (483-5617) or Joyce Buckland (332-4359).

Calif. Historical Society Annual Mtg Sept. 17-19. Call Robert LaPerriere (481-4525).

Don Kenmonth

MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues must be paid at the April 28 meeting or mailed in by May 1 to maintain active membership. We hope each member will want to rejoin and renew dedication to the promotion, preservation and interpretation of local history and protection of Fair Oaks' identity. We've had a good year. Our Society is showing progress by meeting our goal to make our history known through the History Center.

Our General Meetings are successful: attendance is good; the program presentations have been informative and entertaining; a great opportunity to meet and know our area residents.

We need to inform our friends, neighbors and family who love Fair Oaks about our Society, and to encourage their membership and involvement. Invite them to the General Meeting on April 28!

June Melvin
Membership Chairman

Annual Dues:

Individual	\$ 8.00
Family	12.00
Supporting	25.00
Life	100.00

Mail to:

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Attention: Treasurer
P. O. Box 2044
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