

# FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**QUARTERLY POTLUCK - GENERAL MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 1999 — 6:00 PM  
SPEAKER: JOHANN AUGUSTUS SUTTER**

**FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE  
7997 CALIFORNIA AVENUE**  
*Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert  
to share with members and your recipe,  
if you are so inclined*  
.....this time, please add a little bit more to  
accommodate some special guests.....



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Steve Abbott**

I'm sorry to have missed the October meeting, but a family emergency called me away. I understand there was a good turnout and a great program. And it looks like we will have another great program for our January meeting, but Pete will undoubtedly have something to say about that!

A few things of note have occurred since last meeting. We recopied six important photographs, which includes getting negatives, new prints for exhibit, slides and reframing. The photos are on exhibit on the south wall of the Cemetery District Office along with the maps we did last year.

Last year we set as a goal the making of storage cabinets upon which we can set display cases. Bob Vogel, a local maker of fine cabinetry, volunteered to undertake this project and has discussed the styles we want and has taken measurement. So in the near future, this project will be underway.

During our Executive Board meeting, we lightly discussed some local issues of historical interest. First item of discussion was the sale of the Dewey house on Winding Way, one of the very earliest structures in the area, predating Fair Oaks by around twenty years. Second item was a possible road change at the corner of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Sunset Avenue. It has been hinted that the county may be looking at making this intersection four lanes for some distance. This would necessitate removal of early palms, a 200-year-old oak, and a stone wall which was built around 1900 as part of the George P. Robinson home place, "the Hideout". Last item of discussion is one we may be asked to voice an opinion about: the bluff overlook near the bridge. As many of you know, this piece of property, which for over a hundred years, has afforded the public a view of the valley, is at the heart of a legal dispute over ownership and use. On the one side is a group of property owners and developers who claim the land is theirs. On the other side is the state, the county, and a group of locals who claim that this area not only has historically been used by the public, but is, in fact, owned by the public.

**A judge has issued a tentative ruling, but will receive more information before a final ruling. A resolution may be offered for the opinion of the FOHS.**

**Perhaps our most important item of business will be one regarding our dues structure. As most of you know, our dues have not been raised in years. Though no one seems to know the original structure, it is possible that our dues have never been raised. Over the years the costs of many things which we require for our dinners have risen. We are looking at an additional cost for liability insurance whose premium at the time of this writing is uncertain, but likely to be about \$500. We are looking at the possibility of \$100 a year for the use of the Clubhouse as our meeting place. In the past, a few individuals have generated income through the creation of publications, but this income has mostly come to a halt. We have been spending money to buy display cases, refurbish our photograph collection, and have a funds-for-acquisitions when acquisitions become available. We have a reserve of between \$8000 to \$9000. But if we don't have a dues increase, we will have to dig into this during this year.**

**So your Executive Board is recommending a dues increase to cover the cost of these new expenses. This increase will about to \$400-\$600 total and involve a new dues structure which would appear as follows:**

<b>individual membership</b>	<b>from \$ 8.00</b>	<b>to \$ 12.00</b>
<b>family membership</b>	<b>from \$ 12.00</b>	<b>to \$ 16.00</b>
<b>sustaining membership</b>	<b>from \$ 25.00</b>	<b>to \$ 37.00</b>
<b>individual Life Membership</b>	<b>from \$100.00</b>	<b>to \$150.00</b>
<b>family Life Membership</b>	<b>from \$150.00</b>	<b>to \$225.00</b>

**While percentage-wise the rise seems significant, in actual dollars it is small and, I think, well within the dues structures of other historical societies. This will be on the agenda so be thinking about it and be ready to discuss this issue.**

**Last, I would like to welcome Elise Mattison, who has agreed to take over the important job of Ways and Means from Roseann Crandell, who has done such a great job. Be ready to volunteer raffle items when you are called, please.**

**Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting.....*Steve***

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**FROM THE VEEP.....**

**I'm not salting your mine or shorting your poke when I tell you that Johann Augustus Sutter is coming to the Fair Oaks Historical Society on January 26, 1999. He will give his personal history and recollections of the times.**

**Joe Waltz is a resident of Granite Bay and is currently the Chief of Criminal Investigation for the California Department of Education. He has been a docent at Sutter's Fort for 12 years.**

**It's been heard that Captain Sutter will be presented to the Society by a son and nephew of previous visitors.**

**Again, if you would like to dress in the period of the Gold Rush or the 1800's, please do. More importantly, please come!**

**.....*Pistol Packin' Pete***

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Follow these footsteps.....

to the kitchen of Adele Schmitt Gaetjens:

**"Mother's Old-fashioned Red Cabbage":**

**2 LB. HEAD RED CABBAGE** finely chopped

**2 OZ. LARD**

**1/4 CUP CIDER VINEGAR**

**1/4 CUP GRANULATED WHITE SUGAR**

**1 TSP. SALT**

**2 TART APPLES**-peeled, cored, and chopped

**1-2 TSP. Red coloring**

**Cook in a covered pot for 30 minutes or longer.**

*Thank you Adele Gaetjens Copeland for submitting this recipe from your mother, Adele Gaetjens, (born 1/21/1883; died 8/11/1973).*

To this kitchen for the following contribution taken from Meg Smart's mother's hand-written recipe collection, compiled about 1920:

**CHOW CHOW:**

**Chop each of the following separately — to one bucket of green tomatoes, use ten cts onions, ten cts chili peppers, ten cts green cabbage. Drain water off tomatoes. Add one tablespoon each of cloves, cinnamon, ginger, and red pepper. Mix in one teacup mustard, cover well with vinegar. Heat thoroughly and salt to taste. Seal in jars while hot.**

**COD FISH A-L-MODE:**

**Pick a cup of salt codfish very fine and freshen. Add two cups mashed potatoes, one pint of cream or milk, two beaten eggs, half cup butter, salt and pepper to taste, and mix well. Bake in earthenware baking dish, from 20-25 minutes. Serve in same dish, placed on a small platter.**

**CATSUP:**

**Boil together 50 pounds tomatoes, tablespoon each of cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. Add a teacup of mustard stirred with one cup vinegar and one tablespoon red pepper. Salt to taste. Boil until thick.**

*Meg adds: "needless to say, I never made any of them!" Thank you, Meg, for your submitting this contribution.*

Please welcome new members Alice Ainsworth and Marguerite Goddard and new Board Members Carol Baker, Membership Chairperson; Elise Mattison, Ways and Means.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee Scott

Balance as of 9-22-98			<b>\$2930.89</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$ 302.00</b>	
	<b>Books</b>	<b>10.00</b>	
	<b>Wine and Raffle</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>464.00</b>
			<b>\$3394.89</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>72.65</b>	
	<b>Office</b>	<b>10.18</b>	
	<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>26.89</b>	
	<b>Cancelled checks</b>	<b>17.00</b>	
	<b>Cal. Conf Dues</b>	<b>35.00</b>	
	<b>Museum work</b>	<b>528.48</b>	<b>- 690.20</b>
Balance of Check book (12-15-98)			<b>\$2704.69</b>
	<b>Investments in C.D.</b>	<b>\$5019.31</b>	
	<b>Investment in passbook</b>	<b>\$2023.78</b>	
	<b>Total balance of funds</b>	<b>\$9747.78</b>	

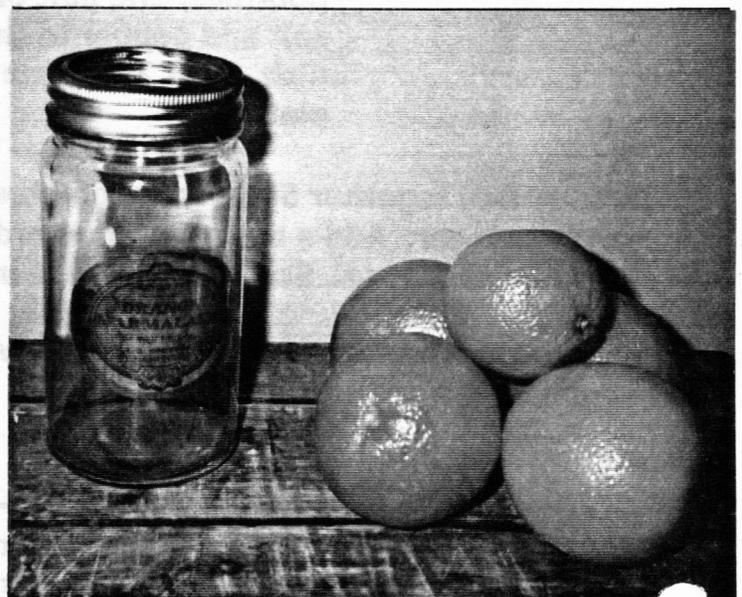
## DOCENTS' REPORT: Lois Frazier

Please ask me for a docents calendar or pick your month to help out. The Museum is in the administration building in the Fair Oaks Cemetery and is open from 1:00 — 4:00pm every second Sunday of the month. Please stop by and say "helloooooo"!

*Thank you to all those docents who have served this past year.*



Above:  
**Ripe San Juan Olives/Fair Oaks Fruit Co.**



Right:  
**Mountain View Orange Marmalade/  
J.O.Couture, Fair Oaks**

**FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OFFICERS**

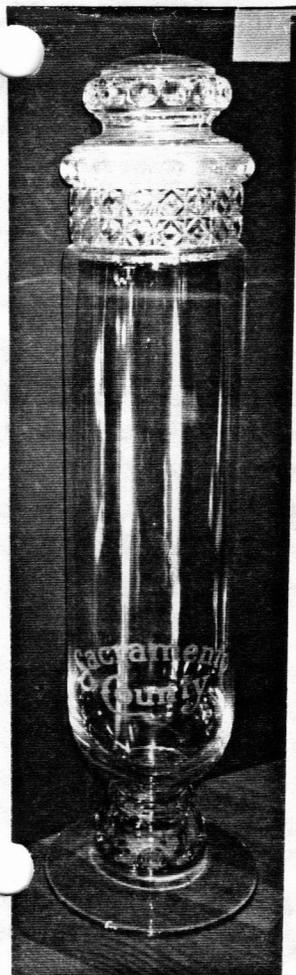
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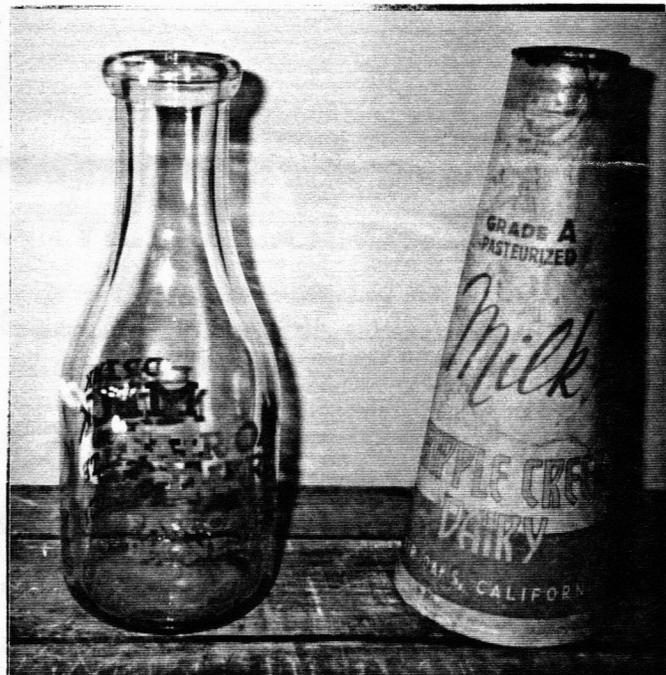


*Thank you,  
Steve, for the  
artifacts - T.M.*

Above:  
**San Juan Olive Oil/**  
**Fair Oaks Fruit Co.**

Left:  
**Display jar/Panama**  
**Pacific Exposition, S.F.-**  
used at State Fair to display  
products of Sacramento County.

Right:  
**Milk bottle/Fair Oaks Dairy-**  
Phone FO 35R;  
**Grade A Pasteurized Milk/**  
**Cripple Creek Dairy,**  
(Fair Oaks Bl. & Greenback Ln.).



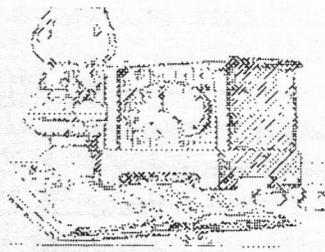
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**FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPLICATION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW / RENEWAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership fees for the fiscal year include:**

*Dues are payable on  
January 1 and shall  
become delinquent  
May 1 of each year.*

- Individual.....\$
- Family.....
- Supporting.....
- Single Life Member.....
- Family Life Member.....

**Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **for** \_\_\_\_\_ **number of persons.**

**Mail with check made out to Fair Oaks Historical Society c/o Carol Baker  
P O BOX 1177, Fair Oaks, CA95628**