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*True Tales from*

## THE VALLEY OF HEARTS DELIGHT

### *Our Winter 2023 Membership Meeting*

Did you know that director Alfred Hitchcock once had a home in the Santa Cruz Mountains where events not far from his estate helped inspire the classic horror film "The Birds"? That singer-actor Bing Crosby played an important role in the development of the Los Altos Youth Center? That an extensive interurban rail system once connected the communities of the Santa Clara Valley? These and many other tales are featured in *The Valley of Heart's Delight: True Tales from Around the Bay*, the newest book by local author and historian Robin Chapman. Join us at the historic Adobe Building on Sunday February 5, 2023, when we will welcome her as our featured guest speaker.

Whether you've lived in the Santa Clara Valley your whole life or just moved here recently, you're sure to enjoy the author's fascinating stories from our region's past that she has uncovered in her research and will share during her talk. She will also be available after the talk to sell and sign copies of her new book. This event is free to all MVHA members and their guests. Suggested \$10 donation for non-members. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

**REGISTER ONLINE:** <http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com>

### *Our Guest Speaker*



ROBIN CHAPMAN

Robin Chapman is a journalist and historian who is a native of Los Altos. After earning her Master's Degree at UCLA, she worked as a television news reporter and anchor at several stations in the West, including KRON-TV in San Francisco, before moving to Washington D.C. where she covered the White House, Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court (though she likes to add she covered quite a few parades and fires too!). In 2009, she returned to her hometown to care for her parents, and in the years since has published *California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley*, and *Historic Bay Area Visionaries*, both from The History Press. Her new book, *The Valley of Heart's Delight: True Tales from Around the Bay* was published by The History Press in July 2022. Robin writes a monthly column for the *Los Altos Town Crier* and has already begun preliminary work on her next book.

Sunday, February 5, 2023 ● 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ● The Historic Adobe Building 157 Moffett Blvd., Mtn. View CA



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# News & Notes



Pamela Baird

## President's Message

By Pamela Baird  
MVHA President

In November 2021 the Mountain View Historical Association scheduled walking tours of downtown as the focus of our quarterly general membership meeting. About forty people participated in the tours, which were led by board members. Nick Perry, past president of the board, compiled the information and photos used for the tour.

Since then, MVHA has been conducting monthly tours on the fourth Sunday of the month. I have had the pleasure of conducting those tours. It's a fun way to share information about the settlement of Mountain View, the growth of downtown and the changes over the past 100 years.

But I've also learned about Mountain View from those who have participated in the tours. I have gained insight about what it was like to grow up in Mountain View and what impact the closing of the old Mountain View High School on Castro Street had on the community. A woman whose family invested in the original IED Building on Castro (now called Mountain Bay Plaza) gave me additional information about the delays in the completion of the building.

Walking in an area without a specific goal or deadline can yield interesting discoveries. When visiting London several years ago, my husband and I happened upon a small cemetery and park. The cemetery, which contains the remains of paupers and prostitutes, was surrounded by a chain link fence covered in ribbons tied with paper remembrances written on them (more info at: [www.smithsonianmag.com/history/london-graveyard-s-become-memorial-citys-seedier-past-180953104/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/london-graveyard-s-become-memorial-citys-seedier-past-180953104/)). Local people have created a beautiful small park with panels explaining the history of the area. We never would have learned of the history of the area if we hadn't have gone walking without a purpose.

Recently a friend and I were walking on a relatively new pathway at Rancho San Antonio Park. We wandered by a boarded up (but still in good condition) house at the end of the path. Neither one of us knew anything about the house. In looking at Google maps when I returned home, I learned that the house is the Synder-Hammond House. It was a gift to Martha Snyder from her father when she married Dr. H.W. Hammond in 1881. Unfortunately, I was unable to find much information about the house, which is evidently owned by the Cupertino Historical Society.

During the pandemic my husband I walked a lot in Mountain View and nearby Palo Alto. We discovered a marker at the corner of Alma and Ferne. It recognizes the location of the Secundino Robles Adobe. I've run by this small marker many times without noticing it (the marker faces away from Alma Street where I run). In researching the history of the house, I learned that Secundino and his wife Maria had either 17 or 29 children! (more info at: [www.archive.org/details/cmv\\_000381](http://www.archive.org/details/cmv_000381)).

In addition to aiding your good health a walk can add to your knowledge of the area in which you live (or visit).

My advice is this—go for a walk!

—Pamela

# MVHA Board Updates

By Pamela Baird & Nick Perry

*MVHA President & MVHA Past President*

At the MVHA November general membership meeting, President Pamela Baird, Vice President Robert Cox, Treasurer Emily Ramos, and Secretary Jamil Shaikh were reelected to their positions.



Candace Bowers

We also said a fond “farewell” to two board members: Candace Bowers and Mark Perry. Mark has served on the board as Ways & Means Chair since 2019. Candace first joined the board in 2014, serving as Vice President (2014-15), President (2016-17) and Historical Data Committee Chair (2018-2022), in addition to many years staffing the Mountain View History Center as an employee of the library. We thank them both for the years of volunteer service on the board! They both remain active members and we look forward to seeing them at future MVHA events.



Mark Perry

The vacancies have prompted us to reevaluate the board positions defined by our organization’s bylaws, which have not been updated since 2010. Working with the remaining active members of the 2021-22 board, the officers plan to consider revisions for portions of the bylaws that govern membership, standing committee chair and

director-at-large roles, quorum definitions and how amendments can be made. We feel these changes are needed to make the bylaws more relevant and have committees reflect the current needs of the organization.

Currently, changes to the bylaws may be made at a regular or special noticed general membership meeting, provided that the changes have been proposed at the preceding meeting. Notice must be given to each member at least ten days prior to the date of that meeting. At the February 5 meeting, the board plans to announce the proposed changes. Most likely a special Zoom meeting of the membership will be called in early March so that the changes can be approved by the membership. Approval by two-thirds (2/3) of those attending is necessary for passage. If a special meeting is not called, the voting will be conducted at the May 7 general meeting.

Once the changes to the bylaws are made, we will proceed with filling the remaining board positions. In the meanwhile, our 2021-22 board members who have not stepped down remain acting in their roles. We encourage all members to consider joining the board. It’s a great way to support MVHA and the community! All members are welcomed to contact us with any thoughts or questions at [info@mountainviewhistorical.org](mailto:info@mountainviewhistorical.org).

# Financial Report

By Emily Ramos

*MVHA Treasurer*

Checking Account Balance as of 1/1/2022: \$21,204.06

YTD Income: \$3,096.73

YTD Expenses: \$6,107.55

Key expenditures: PO Box, Insurance, Adobe Building Reservation Deposit

Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/2022: \$18,193.24

Certificates of Deposit Balance as of 1/1/2022: \$60,546.27

Certificates of Deposit Balance as of 12/31/2022: \$60,574.88

# MVHA Project Updates

By Nicholas Perry

*MVHA Past President*

The MVHA is currently working on a few interesting projects, some of which have been shared in previous editions of this newsletter. Read on for some quick updates!

## Chinatown Interpretive Placard.

The City of Mountain View is planning to install an interpretive sign at the historic location of Mountain View’s Chinatown, near the intersection of Villa and View streets in Downtown Mountain View. MVHA Board Members are helping city staff research the history of Chinatown, combing through the archives at the History Center to provide accurate information on this unique area’s history. The timeline for installation of the sign is to-be-determined, so stay tuned for more information.



Yuen Lung Store in Chinatown

**New MVHA Website.** Our current website, graciously designed for us pro-bono in 2018 by former board member Melissa Wright, has served us well, but is due for a major refresh. We have hired a professional web designer to update the page, and are working on the finishing touches as we speak. The new page will look similar to our current page, but with an update interface that will make it easier for members to use for things like membership renewals (... annual members, don’t forget to renew!) and easier for board members to update with new content. We look forward to unveiling the new site soon, so keep an eye out for its debut at the same address: [www.mountainviewhistorical.org](http://www.mountainviewhistorical.org).



MVHS on Castro Street

**MV Eagles Monument.** Fundraising and planning continues for creating a monument at Eagle Park that celebrates the Mountain View High School Eagles and their historic 1975 football team championship. So far, the monument committee has raised \$5,000 and continues to accept donations through the MVHA. For further information or if you are interested in donating to the monument campaign visit the 1975

CCS Championship Monument website: [www.75ccschamps.com](http://www.75ccschamps.com). Specific questions can be directed to Alberto Olmos at: [bombero1@gmail.com](mailto:bombero1@gmail.com).



*A Valentine's Day postcard sent in 1923*

## A Heartfelt History

By Pamela Baird  
MVHA President

With an estimated 150 million Valentine's Day cards exchanged each year in the U.S., have you ever wondered how the tradition was established? If one counts all the small cards that school children exchange the total is over 500 million cards.

In the eighteenth century handmade cards were exchanged in England. Small booklets were published for young lovers with hundreds of love poems and sentiments that could be included in their cards. About 1800 printers began producing "mechanical valentines". A reduction in the postage rates in 1840 caused a dramatic increase in the number of cards sent. Factories employing over 3,000 women produced hundreds of thousands of cards each year.

The tradition was slower to catch on in the U.S. Although people did exchange handmade cards, it wasn't until 1850 that an American woman, Esther Howland, created a greeting card company. She took her inspiration from a Valentine card sent from England. Her father owned a large book and stationary store in Worcester, MA., so she was able to use his sources to import paper lace and floral decorations from England, which she used to create cards featuring lacy cutouts. The successful business was sold in 1881 to the George C. Whitney Company, which became one of the largest publishers of Valentine cards in the nation.

Improvements in printing techniques created beautifully colored postcards, which could be mailed more inexpensively than a card with an envelope. Germany was a primary supplier, as the country was a leader in design and manufacturing.



*Example of a "Vinegar Valentine" sent in 1923*

A change in postal regulations in many countries (in 1907 in the U.S.) allowed for a split back postcard; the left side for a personal message and the right side for the address. This led to a huge increase in the number of postcards sent. Previously only the address could be placed on the backside of a postcard.

"Vinegar Valentines" postcards became popular in the late 1800s in England and the U.S. Mean spirited or cruel cards were sent anonymously to employers, undesired suitors or neighbors. Millions of vinegar valentines, with verses that insulted a person's looks, intelligence, or occupation, were sold. Fortunately, this practice became less popular by the 1930s.

Today, Valentine's Day is the second-most popular card-giving occasion according to the Hallmark Card Company. Approximately 85% of Valentine's Day cards are purchased by women.

# Finding Your Family History

By Robert Cox  
MVHA Vice President

Military records often provide the most detailed information about our American ancestors who served in the Armed Forces. This is particularly true for those who applied for wartime service pensions. The applications for these required a lot of personal information and life history.

The most basic records can be found on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) for free. These include draft and registration records, and applications for grave headstones, which the USA government often provided to veterans for free. First check these records to determine in which military conflicts your ancestor participated. Often these records will provide your ancestor's military unit. Knowing that, you can then find where the unit was at various times during the war and the battles in which it participated.

More detailed personal military records can be obtained online at [www.archives.gov/research/military](http://www.archives.gov/research/military). You will typically fill out a form and pay a fee for an electronic or paper copy. My great-grandfather Perry Cox's Civil War pension application is my best source of information about him. It included his birthplace, physical description at the time of enlistment, service record, list of places he lived after his military service, the names of his wife and children, post-war occupation and addresses, and the circumstances under which he was wounded during the war. The documents were notarized and included a list of witnesses and his length of acquaintance with them. Often, we can learn new things about our ancestors by researching the lives of the people who knew them well.

Military pensions were an important source of income for veterans, particularly in the years before Social Security was enacted. Pensions were not only provided for veterans, but also for their spouses after the veteran's death. I ran across one disturbingly enlightening collection of letters while researching the pension application for a distant cousin of my grandmother Cox. This Civil War veteran left his wife and children in Pennsylvania and married another woman in Ohio, without securing a divorce from his first wife. After his death, both women applied for his pension. Each woman expressed very pointed opinions about the other in follow-up documentation.

In my next column, I will cover immigration documents.

## Mtn. View Family History Fun Fact!

Former Mayor John Inks's fifth great-grandfather, Thomas Inks, immigrated from Minsterley, England to Fayette County, Pennsylvania in the early 1700's. Thomas served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. For his service, he was awarded a plot of land, on which he established a tavern. John was the eighth generation in a line of Inks men who lived in Fayette County.

John's father Matt broke with that tradition by relocating the family to Florida when John was a boy. The trip to Florida was John's first ride in an airplane. John commented, "I remember my father picking us up at the Miami airport. Seeing all those airliners, especially the Lockheed triple tail Constellations at the airport sparked my lifelong interest in aviation. But, I didn't become a pilot myself until 2005 flying Cessnas out of Palo Alto."



The tavern in Minsterley, England which may have inspired Thomas Inks to open his business in America.



The Inks boys on the family stoop. John is the oldest (and tallest).



John Inks begins his training as a Cessna pilot in 2005.

# Special Feature

# MOUNTAIN VIEW:

# The World War II Years



By David P Salinero  
MVHA Member

In the late 1930s through the 1940s, Mountain View began a journey from a mostly agricultural community to one centered on technical innovation. With its proximity to engineering schools, the area was ripe to be turned into Silicon Valley. During this journey, one can see the cultural diversity that made up Mountain View and continues today. World War II was a major factor in both the dark days and celebrations during this time. Let's review some of the events of this key decade in the history of Mountain View.



In the same year the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) broke ground at Moffett Field for what would later be named the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory. This facility has a long history of designing and testing aircraft, missiles, satellites, and space craft. The lab became part of NASA and played a key role in space exploration. This 1944 photo of Ames shows the wind tunnels that were used to test the aerodynamics of objects.



The Treasure Island Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939 celebrated the building of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It showcased innovation from many companies. The Mountain View Highway School 8th Grade Class visited the Exposition. Students brought home inspiration and displayed photos of the fair in their 1939 graduation picture (above). Later in the decade, an especially large object from the fair would end up as a prominent landmark in Mountain View. More about this later.

By far, the major event of this decade was World War II. Over 250 Mountain View High School students are listed as "Boys in Service." Paper shortages during the war prevented the printing of a 1943 MVHS yearbook.

Food shortages affected all Americans, who experienced rationing of sugar and coffee. The government set up a point system for staples such as canned fruits, vegetables, and soups. Many of the Mountain View residents worked in the orchards and canneries in and around the valley and did their share to produce canned goods. Americans had to apply for a War Rations Book with stamps which were used to receive rations. The scarcer the food, the more points that were needed to purchase the item. In January 1943, the U.S. Office of Price Administration explained it this way:

*Every week we are sending shiploads of canned goods to feed our fighting men and our fighting allies in Africa, Britain, and the Pacific Islands. We must see that they get all the food they need.*

*We at home will share all that is left. Point Rationing will be used to guarantee you and everyone a fair share of America's supply of canned and processed fruits and vegetables, soups and juices.*

## Mountain View: The World War II Years (Continued from previous page)

During the war, the Mountain View Adobe Building was used as a United Serviceman's Club. On Saturday nights, locals would host dances for service personnel stationed at Moffett Field. In the photo to the right, Mountain View locals are shown in their work clothes in front of the Adobe Building in order to prepare for one of the parties.



Image Source: Salinero Family Archives



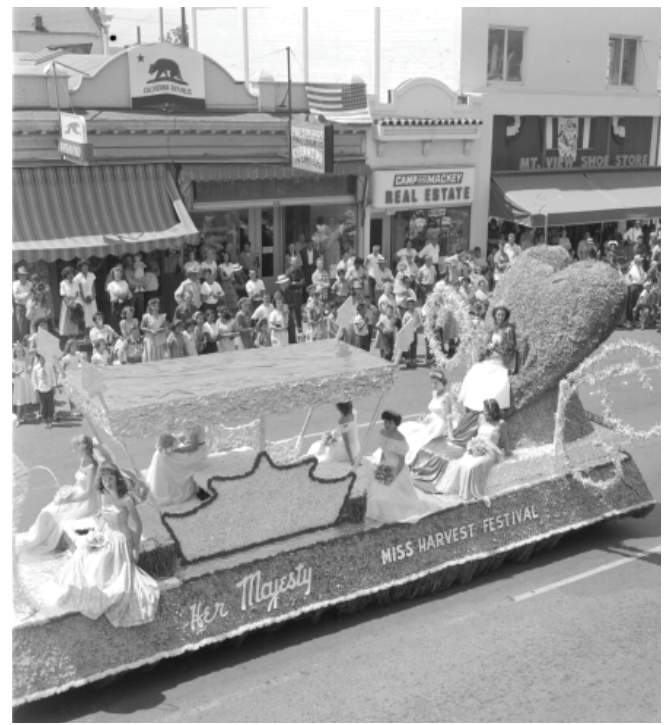
Several local souls lost their lives during the conflict. The Veteran's Memorial at Eagle Park commemorates their service. One of the plaques "TO OUR HERO DEAD IN WORLD WAR II", "1941 - 1945" reads:

*MOUNTAIN VIEW UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
PAYS HOMAGE TO THE MEMORY  
OF THESE VALIANTS WHO GAVE THE LAST  
FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION TO THEIR  
COUNTRY*

The memorial contains several other plaques dedicated to the Service personnel who served in several wars.



On May 26, 1942 members of the local Japanese American community were forced to gather and board trains to internment camps. Executive Order 9066 was signed in February, an edict which forced the Japanese-American population on the west coast to be removed from their homes and relocated to internment camps in Colorado, Utah and Arizona.



The 1949 California Centennial festival and parade brought back celebrations to Mountain View. There were floats from many of the cultural groups and clubs located in Mountain View and the surrounding area. The tradition continued into the 1950s as the Mountain View Harvest Festival and this photo shows the 1950 "Miss Harvest Festival" float featuring the Queen and her court.

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During the decade, a 52-foot tower topped by a 9-foot globe from the Chrysler exhibit at the Treasure Island Exposition was relocated to the corner of Castro and El Camino Real. It was installed at Mancini Motors to attract customers. Here is an advertisement from the 1950 City Directory showcasing the tower and globe.

The 1940s was a pivotal decade in Mountain View history. The population increased 66% -- from 3,946 (1940) to 6,563 (1950). Even more explosive growth came in future decades. It was the start of the transition to an economy based on innovation and new technologies that continues today.

*Unless otherwise noted, photos featured in this article are from the Mountain View History Center archives.*

# History Happening Now

## *MVWSD Trustee Ellen Wheeler Steps Down After 20 Years*

By Pamela Baird  
MVHA President

After twenty years of serving as a trustee on the Mountain View Whisman school board, Ellen Wheeler decided to retire at the end of 2022. In a celebration at the start of the December 8 board meeting a resolution was passed honoring her service to the community. More than a dozen local leaders spoke about her commitment to Mountain View at the event.

Local elected officials, including Supervisor Joe Simitian, U.S. Rep. Anna Eschoo, state senator Josh Becker, and state assemblymember Marc Berman provided proclamations. The Mountain View City Council issued a proclamation, which was read by Mayor Lucas Ramirez.



Ellen Wheeler

Ellen was first elected in 2002 when her youngest child attended Bubb Elementary School. She served five terms as a trustee. During her tenure the board hired six superintendents and opened three new elementary schools. Ellen stated:

*I decided it was time to step off and give someone else a turn. I've been very proud of the work we've done. As you can imagine, we had ups and downs, but lots of ups and I'm glad to end on a high note.*

*Thank you to all six of the superintendents I worked with and multiple school board teams.*

In addition, Ellen has been a member of the local League of Women Voters, serving in education and leadership roles. Ellen also served for eight years with the Santa Clara County School Boards Association.

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## *Welcome to the Year of the Rabbit!*

By Pamela Baird  
MVHA President

The Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year for East and Southeast Asian cultures. Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities celebrate the fifteen day holiday.

Tied to the lunar calendar, the New Year typically begins with the second new moon that occurs after the winter solstice. In 2023 it begins on Sunday, January 22, and ends with a lantern festival on Sunday, February 5, the date of the rising of the full "Snow Moon."

The Chinese zodiac utilizes animals to signify the different signs. For 2023 it is the year of the rabbit, which is considered the luckiest of the twelve animals of the zodiac. The rabbit symbolizes mercy, elegance and beauty.

As with many winter solstice celebrations, the symbolic darkness of long nights is banished by the light of fireworks, lanterns, and candles. The celebration is a time for honoring deities and ancestors, as well as family gatherings.

Food is an important feature of the Lunar New Year. Many families make round or crescent-shaped dumplings stuffed with cabbage or pork, which are to symbolize good fortune. Eating long noodles symbolizes the hope for a long life.

For many years Mountain View hosted a Lunar New Year parade on Castro Street.

On January 28 the city of Mountain View is hosting a Lunar New Year celebration. The event will be held 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Participants will enjoy a day of Asian arts, music, and games as well as learning the rich customs of family, friends and neighbors.

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## *New City Council Leadership*

By Nicholas Perry  
MVHA Past President

On January 10, after nearly three years of virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mountain View City Council returned to the council chambers at Mountain View City Hall for its first-ever virtual/in-person hybrid meeting. During the meeting, the council voted unanimously to appoint Alison Hicks as mayor and Pat Showalter as vice mayor of Mountain View for 2023. The meeting also served as an opportunity to thank out-going Mayor Lucas Ramirez and Council Member of Sally Lieber who vacated her position after being elected to the State Board of Equalization. Mayor Hicks, along with Council Member Lucas Ramirez and Council Member Ellen Kamei were all reelected to the City Council during the November 2022 election and were sworn in for the second terms at the meeting.



Mayor Alison Hicks



Vice Mayor Pat Showalter

Mayor Hicks is a long-time supporter of the MVHA and volunteered as one of our Directors-at-Large in 2017-18. Vice Mayor Showalter previously served as Vice Mayor in 2015 and Mayor in 2016 during her first term on the City Council. Congratulations to Mayor Hicks and Vice Mayor Showalter!

# Membership Report

By IdaRose Sylvester

Membership Committee Chair (Acting)

Members, thank you for your membership in 2022! We appreciate all of you. As a reminder, we've moved to a January renewal for all annual members. If you are an annual household member, your membership is valid from January to December, regardless of when you originally became a member, or last paid your dues.

Membership categories and rates remain the same as they were in 2022: Annual memberships now cover entire households, at a rate of \$30 per year per household. Lifetime Memberships are now \$300. Life memberships never expire nor do they need to be paid up to the current rate. Unsure if you are a life member? Unsure if you need to renew at this time? First, you can always email IdaRose Sylvester, Membership Chair, at [idarose@mountainviewhistorical.org](mailto:idarose@mountainviewhistorical.org), to check your status, or point out any errors in our database!

Second, if you are receiving this newsletter in the postal mail, please check the label. Anyone needing to renew will have the phrase "RENEW NOW" on their label. We will also be emailing the members for which we have emails, many of you who only receive this newsletter that way. If you know you are an annual member, please help us by sending in your membership renewal as soon as possible. Please note, recently, many emails have been bouncing, so please email IdaRose to update your email if it has changed.

You can use the form below to mail in your renewal or sign up for a new membership with a check, or you can sign up and securely pay online at [www.mountainviewhistorical.org/memberships](http://www.mountainviewhistorical.org/memberships).

Thank you in advance for renewing. Your membership dues go to keeping this organization alive, and thriving. We have ever increasing costs, for things such as event space and supplies, printing our marketing materials, Zoom fees, insurance, updating and maintaining our website to be more useful for you and future generations, and printing and mailing costs for this newsletter. We are also working on ways to digitally preserve and make our collections more accessible. We are funded exclusively by membership dues and donations, and are 100% volunteer run. Every new membership or renewal notice is met with gratitude and cheers from the team!

As a reminder, if you are on our email list, that does not mean you are official members of our organization. Only paid members will continue to receive a printed newsletter, and get free or discounted event admission, along with the satisfaction of helping us preserve and share Mountain View history!

Welcome to new members Jeff Bautista, Brian and Nancy Kosinski, and Phoenix Podell!

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

The MVHA welcomes new members! By becoming a member, you are making a special investment in our mission to preserve and share Mountain View history with the community, conserve priceless archival materials at the History Center, and hold memorable public events throughout the year. You can also join and renew online at [www.mountainviewhistorical.org](http://www.mountainviewhistorical.org). Membership is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The MVHA is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Tax ID 94-6115407.

*Please support the MVHA, and join us today!*

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# Thank you!

**February 5**

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**MVHA WINTER EVENT & MEETING**

The Historic Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mtn.View  
More information on page 1

**February 8 & March 8**

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**MVHA BOARD MEETINGS**

Virtual Zoom Meeting  
All interested members welcome to attend!  
Email [info@mountainviewhistorical.org](mailto:info@mountainviewhistorical.org) for login.

**February 26 & March 26**

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**MONTHLY DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS**

Centennial Plaza, 600 W. Evelyn Ave, Mtn.View  
Details at: <http://mvhistory.eventbrite.com>

**Spring Save the Date!**

**May 7**

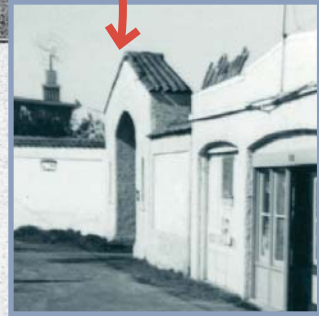
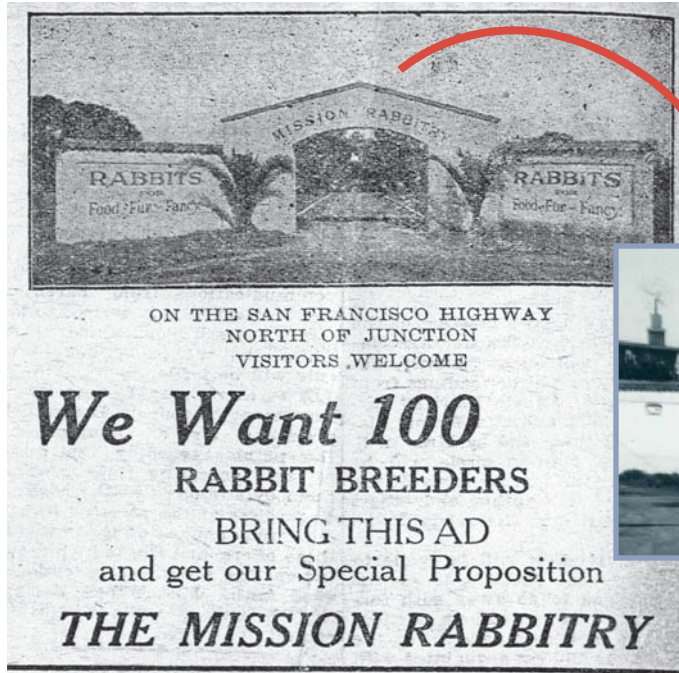
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**MVHA SPRING EVENT & MEETING**

The Historic Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mtn.View

*Join us for a panel discussion and community conversation on the local history of the Mexican-American civil rights movement. Co-hosted by the "Before Silicon Valley" project at San Jose State University. More details in our Spring newsletter!*

**LOOKING BACK: IMAGES FROM THE ARCHIVE**



In honor of the Chinese New Year and the start of the Year of the Rabbit here's an image from our archives showing a 1920s advertisement for the Mission Rabbitry, a rabbit farm once located on El Camino Real near the intersection with El Monte Avenue. As noted in the advertisement, this area was historically known as "Junction." We're unsure exactly when the rabbit farm closed, but the mission-style arch that spanned its entrance survived until 1971, when the site was redeveloped to build a Sizzler restaurant. The inset photo on right shows the rabbitry arch as it appeared in the 1950s taken when the site was home to Bolster TV Repair.



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