

The Novato Historian

The Quarterly Publication of the Novato Historical Guild, the Novato History Museum, and the Hamilton Field History Museum



Preserving Novato's History News Section

Contents ©2016 Novato Historical Guild, Inc.



July - September 2016

The Novato Historian

Volume 40, Number 3



Mike Silva's 1941 Cadillac representing the Novato History Museum in the Novato 4th of July Parade.

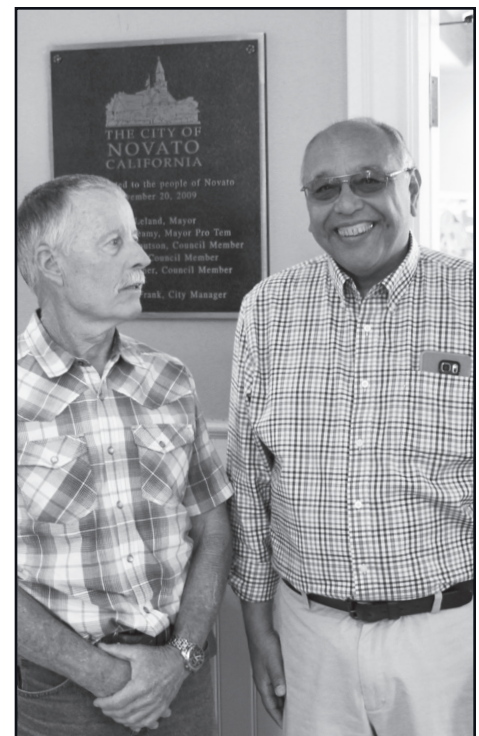
4th of July Parade and Special Events

The Novato History Museum was represented at the Novato 4th of July Parade by Mike Silva's beautiful 1941 Cadillac. The Parade's theme was "Across Novato's Generations."

The Guild and Novato History Museum celebrated their 40th anniversary at the June General Membership meeting. Members also enjoyed a presentation about the Pomo Indians in the Novato area with Pomo Elder Nick Tipon from Graton Rancheria.



Current and past Novato Historical Guild presidents: (left to right) Susan Magnone, Tom Keena, Elayne Miller, Mike Read and Jim McNern. Also pictured at right: Board Member Ray Dwelly.



Novato Historical Guild Vice President Jim Crumpler and Pomo Elder Nick Tipon at the June Membership meeting.

The Novato Historian

Published March, June, September and December by the Novato Historical Guild, a California 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed on November 18, 1976.

Contents © 2016 Novato Historical Guild, Inc.

Guild Mission Statement

Our Mission is to collect, preserve and make reasonably available to the public, exhibits and information related to the historical and social development of the Novato valley, Hamilton Field and the adjacent North Marin area.

Novato Historical Guild 2016 Officers

President	Susan Magnone
Vice President	Jim Crumpler
Secretary	Kathryn Hansen
Treasurer	Kathryn Hansen

Board of Directors

Judi Brady	George Gness
Sheila Brossier	Pat Johnstone
Bill Damon	Lonnie Karste
Ray Dwelly	Edna Manzoni

Honorary Historian

Bill Almeida

History Museum Managers

Hamilton Field	Ray Dwelly
Novato	Susan Magnone

Committee Chairs

Collection Mgmt.	Bill Damon
	Jim Crumpler
Finance	Kathryn Hansen
Fund Raising	All Board Members
Gift Stores	Pat Johnstone
Governance	George Gness
Hospitality	Sheila Brossier
	Judi Brady
Historian	Jim McNern
Oral History	Jim McNern
Membership	Edna Manzoni
Nominating	Ray Dwelly
Publicity	Yvette Jackson
	Sheila Brossier
Public Outreach	Susan Magnone
	Jim Crumpler
School Tours	Laurie O'Mara
Sunshine	Diane Campbell

Newsletter Editorial Board

Judi Brady	Susan Magnone
Jim Crumpler	Jim McNern
Mike Corlett	Mike Read
Pat Johnstone	

Typography, Layout, Composition

Carol Aregger

Deadline for the December issue is November 1.

City of Novato Staff

Recreation Operations Manager
Kathy Kormos

Address Changes

The Novato Historian is mailed by bulk mail and will not be forwarded by the Postal Service. Please notify us promptly of your address change at Novato Historical Guild, P.O. Box 1296, Novato, CA 94948.



President's Corner

Susan Magnone

President, Novato Historical Guild

Publicity, Outreach and Partnership

Since January of 2016 Guild members have been very busy with POP!

Publicity, Outreach and Partnership. Here are some of our accomplishments and the Guild members who made it happen.

Publicity: In June, there was an article and picture on the front page of the *Novato Advance* about the 40th Anniversary of the Guild and the Novato History Museum. Sheila Brossier arranged the interview. Ray Dwelly has done Hamilton history presentations to The Friday Morning Breakfast Club and at Nerd Nite. I did a Novato history presentation for a realtor's community event and for Nerd Nite at the Hopmonk Tavern. Mike Silva and his family represented the Guild in the 4th of July parade.

Outreach: The Guild had booths at the School Fuel event and at the Novato Art & Wine Festival. Ray Dwelly, Jim Crumpler & Pat Johnstone put those together. May was National Museum Month so Jim Crumpler created an event that if someone visited four of the

six museums in Novato in May, they would get free membership in all the museums. The result is that we got 13 new members.

Partnership: Bill Damon served on a county committee to create a display celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marin County Fair. The fair was held in Novato for the first four years. Bill found pictures from those fairs in the archives at the Novato History Museum and they were part of the display.

The culmination of a partnership occurred with the installing of the 'Novato History' bricks at the City Hall in June. Patrick MacLeamy asked the Guild to identify the major events in Novato's history to be inscribed on bricks. Elayne Miller, Yvette Jackson, George Gness, Kathryn Hansen and I took on that task. A big thank you to Patrick MacLeamy for the idea and for paying for the 97 bricks. It's a very impressive display located on the northeastern entrance of City Hall.

Yes, the Guild has been "popping!"



Installing History Bricks at City Hall - (left to right) Novato City worker, Elayne Miller, Patrick MacLeamy and Jeanne MacLeamy.



Novato-50 Years Ago

(July, August and September 1966)

by Yvette Borloz Jackson

“Novato 50 Years Ago” is a collection of items culled by Yvette Borloz Jackson from the July, August and September issues of the Novato Advance newspapers in the collection of the Novato History Museum and the Novato Advance.

I will start this edition with a list of some of the businesses that were operating in Novato in 1966. See how many you can remember. I would also like to wish all who were married in 1966 a “Happy 50th.” There were so many beautiful young couples I wish we had space to mention them all.

• 1966 BUSINESS REVIEW:

Indian Valley Nursery, Fuller & Sons Hardware (Hank & Shirley Fuller), Woody’s TV & Stereo (Woody Binford), Hobby Land (Bob & Billie Rankin), The Medicine Chest (Henry Puccinelli), Wanda’s Dance Studio (Wanda Blackwell), Chicken Delight, Jansen’s Shoe Store (Genevieve Jansen), Jim’s Sport Shop, Don’s Trendsetter Salons: Salon Royal, Nave Shopping Center & Don’s Salon Royal, Town & Country Shopping Center (Don Sparrow).

• The Rev. Charles Gombertz, rector of the Church in Ignacio, officiated at the funeral services for Alfred DeLucchi, one-time Ignacio restaurant owner, who died Friday (7/1/66) at Novato General Hospital at the age of 50. Pall bearers were Frank Galli, Harley McAskill, William Nave Jr., Richard Nave, George Tocalino

and Peter Ferrarese. Mr. DeLucchi was the owner of the Meadows Restaurant in Ignacio until seven years ago when he sold it and went into the property management field.

• Frank Robert Silva, 19, son of Councilman & Mrs. Babe Silva, is now completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. A graduate of Novato High School in the class of June 1965, young Silva attended the College of Marin and enlisted in the Air Force for four years on June 6 1966. His brother Michael, 22, is employed at Central Valley National Bank.

• If you saw about 300 Catholic nuns in town Thursday about 1:30 p.m. would you believe that? According to Novato Theater impresario Don Donahue they will be at the theater for a special showing of “My Fair Lady”. With them will be Don’s daughter, Leslie, a Dominican nun, now known as Sister Maureen.

• The City council last night adopted a \$1,020,625 preliminary operating budget for the City of Novato, which would require boosting the present basic 62-cent tax rate to 75 cents. Some changes may be made when the final budget is adopted August 16. One item was left open. The council may add to the budget an allocation for refurbishing the Community Clubhouse.

• The Novato General Hospital board of directors last Friday raised room rates at the hospital \$5 a day. Hospital Administrator Milton

Scott said today that the increase will see daily rates for hospital rooms stand as follows: \$40 for two-bed & four bed wards, and \$45 for private rooms.

• Novato 4-H club members realized approximately \$5546.72 on the sale of their livestock at the Junior Livestock Auction held last week in connection with Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa. In the beef auction Stephen Schwindt received 80 cents per pound for his 857-pound grand champion Angus steer from Mrs. Bernice Basso of Santa Rosa. It was the highest price paid for beef at the auction.

• Longs Drugs Opens in Novato. Longs Drug Stores’ 33rd store had its grand opening this morning in the new Downtown Shopping Center at Grant Avenue and Seventh Street. The ribbon cutting was performed by Mayor Wayne Womack, in the presence of other city and county officials such as Supervisor Bill Gness.

• The names of Novato students who completed studies this year on the Berkeley campus of the University of California were officially announced this week. Earning a master’s degree from Novato, was Maurice William Moberg. Earning B.A.’s were: Mary Annabel Bills, Robert E. DeBrecht, Walter V. Lubinoff, Robert T. Paine Jr., David P. Schwindt, David C. Williams, David W. Cannon, Donald H. Klaperich, Jacquelyn Parsons, John A. Soderblom and Robert G.

Continued on Page N-4

50 Years Ago

Continued from Page N-3

Youngs. Hamilton students graduated by Cal with B.A. degrees were Donna Suzanne Chenault and Joanne Marie Kirby.

- Mayfair, the new supermarket to open in the Downtown Shopping Center, will probably open its doors the week of August 22. The new facility will be the second to be in business in the new shopping center being built by developer Gerald Hoyt. (Longs was first)

- Barbara Cavallero of Salon Royal, Novato, won the first place trophy in hairstyling in the recent annual San Francisco "First-timers Golden Gate Trophy" contest.

- The Novato Teen Club last night presented \$200 to the city council for use in the city's fund for the acquisition and development of parks here. The money raised through the "Record Hop" dance was presented by the club on August 12. Presenting the money to the council were Club President Michael Ferretti and Assistant Club Supervisor Barbara Skinner.

- Expected to open tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the Downtown Shopping Center is the local shop of the Baskin-Robbins 31 Flavors Ice Cream Store. The local store which occupies space close to the new Mayfair Market is owned and managed by Eric Gibian, of 12 Lawrence Drive.

- Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Murphy are announcing the engagement of their daughter Cherita to Airmen 2/C Frank T. Shubert. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Frank T. Shubert of Corcoran, Calif., and the late Mrs. Shubert. Now stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, he will be transferred

to the Philippines. The bride-elect, who was in the class of '61 at Novato High School, attended Santa Rosa Beauty School and Miss Marty's, a San Francisco beauty school. She is now employed by the Golden Apple Beauty Salon in Novato.

- Martin Beebe, active for quite some time with his wife in Community Club Shows, has been picked to appear on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, to be telecast in color from Hollywood. He will be in Hollywood next January 6,7 or 8 either to tape the show or appear on the live telecast. Novatoans are urged to attend the show. For his offering he will whistle "Tea for Two."

- Novato is the city of champions these days. Coach Harry Moore's team has won the North-South football game. Runner Carl Jensen has set a near record pace in the 56th annual Dipsea run. Golfer Ray Leach has captured the Junior California links crown, and young Bob Boive has grabbed the honor of being the best over-all boy skier in the U.S. in the National Water Ski Championships at Florida.

- The Stump Jumpers Square Dance Club has announced plans to offer beginners classes in square dancing in cooperation with the City Parks & Recreation Department. Dave Milano will be the caller and instructor for the classes. Mr. Milano has previously conducted classes in Novato and other communities.

- Judith Ann McGinnis who became the bride of A1/c Rene Borloz in rites performed Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, chose Novato for the ceremony despite the fact that she now lives in the Midwest. Her parents Mr.

and Mrs. Richard D. McGinnis, formerly of Parkwood Dr, Novato now live in Kansas City, Mo. having moved there last spring. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rene Borloz, 1851 Marion Ave. Novato.

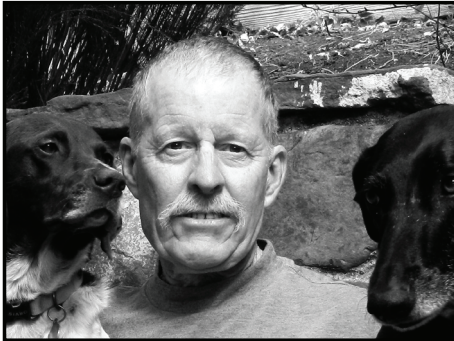
- Our Lady of Loretto Church was the setting for the ceremony on Saturday in which Carole-Ann Garaventa became the bride of Stephen J. Taylor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garaventa, 752 McClay Road. The bridegroom, who lives at 856 Sutro Avenue, is the son of Mrs. Carmel Taylor of Los Angeles and James Taylor of San Francisco.

- The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Marie Bastas and Michael Brownlee was announced this week by the bride-elect's mother. Miss Bastas is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Hanes, 737 Going Lane, Novato and Felix Bastas of Santa Rosa. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Brownlee, 1433 Park Avenue. The wedding will take place December 17 at Our Lady of Loretto Church.

- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Olivier, 1423 Donna Street, are announcing the engagement of their daughter Cindi to Dennis Pimentel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pimentel, 870 Cypress Avenue. No date has been set for the wedding.

Novato Memories

by Jim McNern



Jim Crumpler

Jim Crumpler is a 1965 graduate of Novato High School. He went on to graduate from the University of the Pacific, School of Pharmacy in 1972. He returned to Novato to work as a pharmacist for over 40 years in various pharmacies. Jim is very interested in Novato history and is currently vice president of the Novato Historical Guild. Jim shares his Novato memories in this issue of the Novato Historian

My family moved to Novato in 1951. My parents purchased a new house on Nave Court from Johnny Novak, the builder, for \$9,500! I remember moving into that brand new house. It had two bedrooms, one bath and no fences or trees on the entire street. The best part...we had Novato Creek in our back yard. I slept in the house but I lived in the creek. My next door neighbor was Carl Jensen. He and I spent all of our time building "forts" and rope swings in the creek.

In 1952 I started Kindergarten at Grant School (where McDonald's is

today). My teacher was Mrs. Smith. I think my mom walked me to school since I was too small to walk by myself and she didn't drive.

Some of the people in my class were: Eileen Azevedo, Bob Guzzi, Paul Clark, Roy Otis, Frank Silva, Bob Nelson, Ken Robbins, and Brian Whitney.

In 1953 I started first grade at Hill Elementary School (Grant School had closed). The first couple of years I took the bus but when I got older I rode my bike. When the weather was

bad there was usually somebody's mom to drive us to school. My mom, like most moms, didn't drive and most moms didn't work outside the home. We knew almost everybody on our street and played together all the time. Nobody watched TV during the day, there was nothing for kids to watch.

In 1954 I started Second Grade at Hill School. My teacher was Mrs. Hulme. Some of the kids in my class were: Roy Otis, Woodrow Duncan, Paul Clark, Eileen Azevedo, Vicky Basehart, Karen Kruth, Richard Stanley, Ricky Nyholm, Bob Nelson, and Ethyl Polhemus.

I remember the "flood of 1955." I think it occurred in December. Novato Creek, along with all the other creeks in Novato flooded. We had water all around the outside of our house but none inside. After the water went down there was a lot of mud everywhere.

My dad, Joe Crumpler, worked at Hamilton Air Force Base as a civilian employee. It seemed that a lot of people in Novato worked or were stationed there. We took all the great planes flying over our houses for granted. They were really loud. If you were talking when one flew over you would have to repeat what you said.

Sometime during the 1950's, my parents (Joe and Edith) got involved



Kindergarten at Grant School with Mrs. Smith - Spring 1953.

Continued on Page N-6

Novato Memories

Continued from Page N-5

in Square Dancing. They both took lessons and got pretty good. Later my dad learned how to call square dancing.

He then started teaching square dancing to kids. Later on they formed a square dancing club named "Stump Jumpers." During these square dancing sessions at IDESI Hall I sold soft drinks and saved the money I earned for college.

It was during the 50's that I remember going into the Carlile Hardware Store at 815-817 Grant Avenue. I remember Ed Carlile as a very old man who was working in the store and seem to know exactly where everything was located. The store was dark and very large with an amazing amount of merchandise, that all needed dusting!

Vogel's Emporium was across the street to the east, where Kiosk is today. Vogel was a huge man and his "Emporium" was this massive junk store... you could find all sorts of "treasures" for cheap there.

Jim's Sporting Goods was across the street from Vogel's. I spent a lot of time there as a boy growing up in Novato. I bought my first shotgun there. When you bought a gun, they would give you either a gun case or a box of shells. I also bought my first fishing rod there and all my fishing and hunting licenses. I remember that for a while they would pay you a bounty for crows that you killed. I think it was 25 cents each...paid for the ammo!

In 1958 I started Sixth Grade at Marion School (Hill School had changed to a junior high school with seventh and eighth grades only). My teacher was Mrs. Roman. Some of the kids in my class were: Terance Drobny, Diane Scheibach, Nancy Myers, Maureen Giari, Pat Hogue, Mike Tandy, Bruce Strombeck, Richard Fountain, Dan Morrison, Peggy Terry, Judy Beebe, Kathy McDonough, Judy Stewart, Jo Anne Rundberg, Holly Nelson, Eddy



Hill School Second Grade Class with Mrs. Hulme - 1955.

Hucavey, Mike Hook, Warren Hale, and George Curtis.

1958 was also the year my family moved to Bruno Street and bought a larger house, with three bedrooms and one bath for \$13,500. This house was basically across the street from where the Safeway Shopping Center is now, but in 1958 it was a really big field with the DeBorba's old two-story house sitting in the middle! I rode my bike to Marion school, even in the rain, I was older now. During recess all the boys played "marbles" for "keeps." Mr. Slepnikoff would play marbles with us but would insist that we use "boulders" (large marbles) and he would usually win because these "larger" marbles were too big for us to shoot with our small hands.

In 1959 I returned to Hill School, that was now Hill Intermediate School. Some of my friends were: Mike Tandy, George Curtis, Kathy (Kathleen) Keena, Vicki Hoffman, Ricky Nyholm, Bruce Warner, Eileen Azevedo, Judy Beebe, Pat

Houge, Judy Stewart, Frank Silva, Kathy Phillips, Bob Guzzi, Mike Pechner, Bill Glass, Karen Kruth, Dan Morrison, Brian Whitney, Ron Teche, Larry Otis, Harry Lehman, Sandy Abbott, Louise Skowronek, Greg Hales, Ralph Sharp, Ben Ehreth, Mark Byers, Pete Davis, Paul Kaehler, Roni Wilson and Bob Hollifield.

In 1964 I started working at Jansen's Shoe Store at 1305 Grant Ave. Since it was about the only place in Novato to buy shoes, I felt like I was selling most people in Novato their shoes. After four years of selling shoes and since I was at College of Marin taking pre-pharmacy classes. It was time to move across the street to Novato Pharmacy.

On June 10, 1965 I graduated from Novato High School. It was interesting to see how many kids that were in my Kindergarten class were now graduating with me...Eileen Azevedo, Bob Guzzi, Roy Otis, Frank Silva, Bob Nelson, Ken Robbins and Brian Whitney.

Continued on Page N-7

Novato Memories

Continued from Page N-6



Sixth Grade at Marion School with Mrs. Roman - 1958.

As a pharmacist, I was always interested in the history of pharmacy in Novato. The first pharmacy I remember was Novato Pharmacy, on the northeast corner of Redwood Blvd. and Grant Avenue. It later moved to 1316 Grant Avenue. The second pharmacy was Dean's Rexall (owned by Larry Dean) located at 1205 Grant Avenue.

Then in the 60's there was McCarthy's Apothecary (owned by Dan and Noel McCarthy) located in the Nave Shopping Center. The Medicine Chest (owned by Henry Puccinelli) was in the Safeway Shopping Center. Plaza Pharmacy (owned by Russ Zeibell) was in Pacheco Plaza. The Professional Pharmacy (owned by Milt Ninneman) was on Hill Road. There was also a Rexall pharmacy on Entrada Drive in Ignacio. In 1965 Longs Drugs opened at 1707 Grant Ave.

In the 1970's Bill's Drugs opened in the Square Shopping Center.

In the 1980's Rite Aid moved into the Safeway Shopping Center, Thrifty Drugs moved into Nave Shopping Center and Pay N' Save took over Bill's Drugs in The Square.

In the 1990's Longs Drugs took over Bill's Drugs.

The first pharmacy I worked in was Novato Pharmacy owned by Gordon Weesner. In 1969 it was sold to Vince Severetti and Milt Ninneman. Working at Novato Pharmacy as a delivery boy was one of the best jobs I ever had, driving around Novato with the radio on, meeting a lot of interesting people. I can remember delivering to Capt. Clarkson at his small ranch on Wilson Ave. He was a real character, always made me count his "pills" before he would write the check for the prescription. He was in his late nineties and would take forever to write the check.

Then there was Grace Bloom at the Bloom Egg Ranch on Indian Valley Rd. She always gave me tips in "old" fifty cent pieces because she knew that I collected old coins. The worst place to deliver to was the Black Point area...the streets made no sense and many of the houses had no numbers!

Western Weekend marked the beginning of summer, the end of the school year and the most fun of the entire year. This long weekend was always the first after school ended in June and usually lasted 4 or 5 days. This

meant wearing cowboy boots and lots of Western wear including "beards", the best of which would be awarded a prize. There was always a carnival in town during this time and actually a "carnival" atmosphere during the whole weekend. Water balloons were in the air the whole time so you had to be on guard and be ready to return fire. The high point of the weekend was the Saturday parade preceded by the "Buckaroo Breakfast." The parade was of course lots of fun, again more water balloons thrown during the affair. Seems like by the end of the parade things would get a little rowdy, especially when some "motorcycle types" would show up and head for the local drinking establishments.

The next big event in Novato's summer was blackberry season. This occurred mostly in the month of July. The best place to pick was in Novato Creek, lots of berries that were juicier due to the wetter environment. Picking blackberries involved lots of scratches, torn clothes and "purple" everywhere. We would give our "coffee cans" full of berries to our moms to make pies, jams and jellies. The pies were our instant reward for our picking, the jams and jellies would hopefully last until the next berry season.

My childhood memories of growing up in Novato were the best. I was always outside playing, either riding my bike all over town or hiking up in the hills on an adventure. What a wonderful place to spend a childhood.

Call for Board Member Applications

Guild members are invited to apply to serve on the Novato Historical Guild Board of Directors for 2017-2018. The term of office is two years.

Requirements and Process:

- Have been a Guild member for a year prior to the election on Dec. 10, 2016.
- Complete the Guild Board Application and return it by August 31, 2016.
- Election will be held at the Dec. 10th membership meeting.
- Board Applications are available at each museum or by email.

Mail application to

Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 1296
Novato, CA, 94948

or email

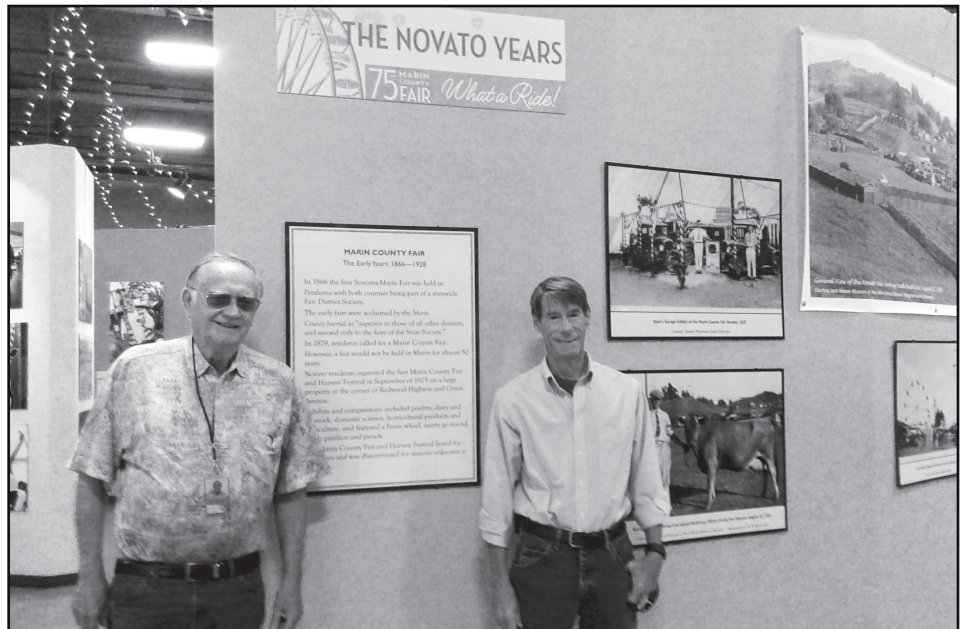
NHG1850@yahoo.com

The nominating Committee will select a slate to be on the Dec. ballot by Oct. 1, 2016.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the Board meeting on August 9th at 1:30 at the Margaret Todd Center and to talk with board members about the role and responsibilities of serving on the Board.



Novato Historical Guild volunteers at the Novato Art and Wine Festival.



Jim McNern and Bill Damon in front of the display celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marin County Fair.

Contact Us

Hamilton Field History Museum
Manager: Ray Dwelly
Museum phone: 415-382-8614
Email: Hamilton_museum@att.net
<https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonFieldHistoryMuseum/>

Novato History Museum
Manager: Susan Magnone
Museum phone: 415-897-4320
Email: NHG1850@yahoo.com
<https://www.facebook.com/NovatoHistoryMuseum/>

DOCENTS NEEDED
HAMILTON FIELD HISTORY
MUSEUM

Contact: Ray Dwelly
(415) 382-8614

Novato Historical Guild Board Highlights

by Kathryn Hansen

May 2016

Unfinished Business

City & Guild Agreement – The final meeting will be after today's board meeting.

Art & Wine Festival – need volunteers for the event.

4th of July Parade – the theme is "Across the Generations." Docents have agreed to ride on the float. The Guild still needs to get a vehicle, decorations and banners. Volunteers needed.

Accession Process – the committee will meet to review items for accession.

Logo – Jim has a friend that is working on a logo for the Guild.

New Business

June Membership Meeting – June 18th. The Guild will invite and recognize the Past Board Presidents.

Committee Reports & Updates

Public Outreach – forms were handed out during "California Museum Month" in May offering free memberships to each museum if a person/family visited four museums in the month of May (a value of \$180).

Hamilton Museum – is preparing the display for Tour of Novato next weekend. This year pictures from the Downtown Museum will be included with the Hamilton Exhibit.

June 2016

Unfinished Business

Art & Wine Festival – There were many visitors to the booth who were new in town and interested in

coming to the museums. The biggest sellers were T-shirts with airplanes and vintage photos.

4th of July Parade – Mike Silva has agreed to drive his Cadillac in the parade to represent the Guild.

June Membership Meeting – June 18th. The speaker will be Nick Tipon of the Pomo Tribe. Scrapbooks of past Guild events will be displayed. A history of Novato written by Peg Cody will be read.

Copperfield's Book Store – The date hasn't been set to decorate the window with historic pictures.

Logo – Jim Crumpler has a friend that is working on a logo for the Guild.

New Business

Oral History Training – Training will be July 7th from 10–12 at the Downtown Museum. Two people have signed up.

Volunteer Luncheon – After a discussion the Board agreed to host a volunteer luncheon in November.

Action Item: Susan will contact Tom to see if he is interested in being the Chairman of the event.

Committee Reports & Updates

Publicity – Susan, Sheila and Roland met with a *Novato Advance* reporter to discuss the 40th Anniversary of the Guild. The article did appear in the newspaper accompanied by several pictures.

Public Outreach – "May is Museum Month" – seventeen new memberships were awarded to those who visited four museums. The Guild will do it again next

year. Another marketing idea is to give real estate agents a coupon for a free membership if they bring the coupon to the museum.

Hamilton Museum – Ray Dwelly donated some chairs to the Cloverdale Museum/American Legion. Hamilton had 229 visitors last month. New Exhibit is being prepared of the 1943-1945 Air Sea Rescue. A visitor's father had 2 albums of pictures and was stationed at Hamilton then.

Downtown Museum – The Guild will get a dedicated case for the exhibit at the Marin County Fair. Volunteers are still cataloging the West Wall upstairs in the library area.

Membership – Edna Manzoni – Current paid members 320, current overdue members 82, and total members 402.

July 2016

There was no meeting in July.

NOVATO'S TREASURES

Hamilton Main Gate



2016



1933

The first main gate built was completed on March 17, 1934. Fred Sand from Novato can be seen in this 1933 picture of the Sentry House. It was 165 square feet and is still standing in the original location in Hamilton at the corner of Main Gate and Crescent Drive.

The second gate was moved westward on Main Gate Road in the early 1940's, just past C Street, with the expansion of Hamilton Field Army Base during World War II.

The third gate would move even further west on Main Gate Road and end up close to Highway 101, around 1949. The main gate, symbol of the



1947

military presence in Novato for close to seven decades, was torn down on October 17, 1995. The gate that fell was the third edition of the entrance to Hamilton and had been in place since World War II.

According to developers, the gate had to come down because it was in poor structural condition and also because trucks could not get in through the portals. A new gate, similar in design to the original but more structurally sound, was constructed in 1996. The new entrance was built big enough to accommodate more traffic.

Welcome New Guild Members

Novato Historical Guild Membership Report June 2016

Individual Memberships:

Chantal Bellucci
C. B. Coleman
Rick Palumbo
Craig Jansen
Nancy Weber
Sue Potter
Anita Erola
Sheree Tieh
Jack Marshall
Vera Laintz
Linda White

Family Memberships:

Susan & Stuart Levin
Diane & Jeff Watson

Business Memberships:

Novato Builders Supply, Inc

Please support our Guild Business Members:

Acme Digital and Screen Graphics
Andrew McAgdon Landscaping
Bank of Marin
Burrous Bros. Floor
Goltermann Garden & Country Inn,
Petaluma, CA
Indian Valley Golf Club
Marin Landscape Materials
Marin Trophies
McIsaac Dairy
Nave Enterprises
Novato Builders Supply, Inc.
Pini Hardware
The Wright Salon
Trumbull Manor Inc. - Novato
Zenith Instant Printing

*If you have questions about
membership, call*

*Edna Manzoni,
Membership Chairman,
415-892-9603.*

2016 Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month
Margaret Todd Senior Center
 1560 Hill Road
 Time: 1:30- 3:30 PM

Jan 12	July (no meeting)
Feb.9	Aug 9
March 8	Sept 13
April 12	Oct 11
May 10	Nov 8
June 14	Dec 13

Guild members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. Please check with the President, Susan Magnone at NHGG@Yahoo.com or 415 892-8458, in case a meeting has been changed.

Correction

The March 2005 *Historian* Feature article, titled "Pegleg and the Lady" talks about a man named Vincent Francis Lucich who had the nickname of Pegleg because he had a wooden leg. This Pegleg Lucich had a criminal record and was found guilty of a murder in Marin in 1930. At the end of the article, information from a 1992 death certificate is given

The Guild Extends Sympathy to

The Crandall family on the loss of Stanley Crandall, Jr.

The Kidder, D'Ambrogio and Sasse families on the loss of Lorraine "Lorrie" Kidder

The Moraes and Silva families on the loss of Grace Moraes

The Roby family on the loss of Eric R. Roby

Sheri Tresch Sanchez on the loss of her husband Alfred Sanchez



In Memoriam

In Memoriam

Stanley Crandall, Jr.
Lorraine "Lorrie" Kidder
Grace Moraes
Eric R. Roby
Alfred Sanchez

MEMORIAL PLAQUE GIFTS

You may honor a friend or loved one by having his or her name engraved on an individual brass plate on the Memorial Plaque in the History Museum. Please call the Museum at 897-4320. All contributions are tax deductible. Plaques cost \$250 per person named.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

You may make a gift of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) to the Novato Historical Guild. Your gift is not only tax-deductible, but if you have held the shares for more than one year, your tax deduction will equal the full value of the securities on the date of the gift.

for a Vincent Frances Lucich. **Correction:** that information is not for the Lucich known as Pegleg. It is for a Mr. Lucich who was a long time respected resident of Marin County and was not related in any way to the Lucich known as Pegleg.

Membership Form

Please mail checks to Novato Historical Guild. P.O. Box 1296. Novato. CA 94948.

Yes, I want to join the Novato Historical Guild and help preserve Novato history! new renewal

- | | | | |
|---|--------|------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) membership | \$10 | year | Name _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual membership | \$20 | year | Address _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family membership | \$30 | year | City _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron membership | \$100 | year | State _____ Zip _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting membership | \$200 | year | Phone _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership, individual | \$350 | year | Additional donations? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership, joint | \$500 | year | Interested in volunteering? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$1000 | year | Email address: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business membership | \$50 | year | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate membership | \$1000 | year | |



Novato Historical Guild
P.O. Box 1296
Novato, CA 94948



NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NOVATO, CA
PERMIT NO. 138

Change Service Requested

TIME VALUE



YOU ARE INVITED

**General Membership Meeting and Catered Lunch
Novato Historical Guild**

Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Hamilton Field History Museum, 555 Hangar Ave.

There will be a presentation by The Coast Guard

Come for a delicious catered lunch for \$10
Guild members and anyone interested in Novato are welcome

Novato History Museum

815 Delong Avenue

(415) 897-4320

Hamilton Field History Museum

555 Hangar Avenue

(415) 382-8614

COME VISIT AND BRING A FRIEND!

The Museums are open three days a week -- Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday - Noon to 4 p.m.

Closed Major Holidays