



Hamilton History Museum Update

By John Trumbull

The Hamilton Field museum has been open for more than three months now, and the public acceptance is gratifying.

We have a nucleus cadre of 21 volunteers so we can keep the doors open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons from noon to four p.m. As of the first of August, these dedicated people have worked 186½ hours.

Between May 16 and 31 we logged 166 visitors, and we were visited by about 30 tour directors on July 19. There is a distinct possibility that we will be getting some bus-loads of visitors in the next few months.

Due to the physical layout, we need at least two (three would be even better) docents for each day. Prior serv-

ice time is not required, nor is encyclopedic knowledge of the history of the air base. If you can spare an afternoon a month, please contact us at the museum.

Pat Johnstone (897-1692) or the docents have applications and will be glad to share their experiences with you.

The museum is a work in progress; so Samantha, our curator, is working on creating and documenting more exhibits. Bob Lowry, our dedicated and talented volunteer contractor, has designed and is constructing more display cases. The most gratifying effect of our opening is that many of our visitors have offered artifacts connected

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Our Oldest Member Passes On

Long-time Guild member, Josephine Marzell, passed away in her Indian Valley home on August 10, 2010. She was born on October 19, 1910.



Josephine and her late husband, Sam, were two of the original docents who worked at the Novato History Museum

shortly after it opened. One of the benches on the porch of the museum is dedicated to Sam Marzell. Josephine was a Novato 4-H Club leader for many years.

She was 99 years old at the time of her death and was a 65-year resident of Novato.

Notice

The phone number for the
Hamilton Field History Museum is
415-382-8614

Reminder!

**General
Membership
Meeting**

**Saturday, Sept. 18
Noon**

Hamilton History Museum
555 Hangar Avenue, Novato
Barbecue Lunch



Bench at Stafford Lake honoring Gertrude Lane, Founder of Novato's 4-H Club in 1927, and Marett Boissevain, first Farm Advisor in Marin County from 1921-1950. The bench and four trees were presented by the Marin County 4-H Council to the Community of Novato.

The Novato Historian

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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.

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President's Corner

by Ron Vela

President, Novato Historical Guild

It has been a very busy year and it looks like it is going to be even busier. The Guild has been very excited with the activity the Hamilton Field Museum has created. A big thank you goes out to the new docents. We really appreciate your help. We still need more docents, so if you are looking for a gratifying way to spend a few hours a month, please contact the Guild and we will find you a spot at the Hamilton Field Museum.

The general meeting in June was a huge success. It was well attended. The lecturer, Matt Cerkel, a Mt Tam park ranger and historian, gave a fantastic presentation. For the past five years he has been researching plane crash sites throughout Marin County from before, during, and after WWII era. His goal is to write a book on the subject. He currently has a display cabinet with artifacts at the Hamilton Field Museum.

The 4th of July parade was great. Thanks goes out to Marin Landscape Materials, and specifically Bill

Koenig for lending the Guild their trucks again. Bill has consistently supported the Guild for many years. Although we did not win any awards, our float looked great and gave the new Hamilton docents an opportunity to get involved. Mike Silva was driving and after the parade on the way back to the staging area on Novato Blvd. our signs began to blow off the sides of the truck along with one of the pillows from the bunk beds we had on the truck bed. After a little clean-up and retrieval of our pillow, we all made it back safely.

The brick patio at the museum is not quite finished, but we have ordered our first batch of engraved bricks. Help support the Guild and buy a brick. Your name will be a permanent part of the Museum. The bricks are \$100 each. The memorial wall will soon be plastered and ready for mounting memorial plaques. We would like to some day see the wall full of the names of the military people who have lived and died and who

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President Ron Vela introduces Matt Cerkel, our speaker at the June meeting. Matt gave a very interesting presentation on World War II era plane crashes in Marin County.



Novato—50 Years Ago

(July, August, and September 1960)

by Bill Almeida and Tonie Brown

“Novato 50 Years Ago” is a collection of items culled by Bill Almeida from the July, August, and September issues of the Novato Advance newspapers in the collection of the Novato History Museum and microfilm at the Novato Library. Tonie Brown retypes the articles for the newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading the names and happenings of 1960.

- On July 1, the Novato Advance celebrated its 38th birthday. Novato’s first newspaper, a six pager printed on 7-inch by 9-inch newsprint stock, carried items such as “the \$35,000 concrete school house, dedicated the 15th of June”; Mr. J. C. Oglesby, the county engineer, setting the stakes for the new community house; H. Pini was about to move into it’s new mill near the railroad depot; food bargains by H. Pini and Company were coffee at 25 cents a pound, milk for 6 cents a quart and butter at 27 cents a pound.

- Married June 24 in the Novato Presbyterian Church were Toni Redding, daughter of Mrs. Ann Redding and Lynn Griffin, son of Mrs. Irene Griffin of Novato. Toni, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antoine DeBorba, is living at home with her mother while the groom is training with the navy in San Diego.

- The Novato city planning commission was to consider controversial plans for a store-office building on the north side of Grant Avenue near Fifth Street by Andrew B. Talbot. Previously the commission had split 2-2 with three members absent and decided to postpone action until the full seven-man commission was present. Note: The commission subsequently approved by a 5-1 vote in favor of the applicant.

- WAC Pvt. Maureen Tresch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tresch of Vineyard Road, completed

the typing and clerical procedures course at the Women’s Army Corps School at Fort McClellan, Alabama on June 30. She is a graduate on Marin Catholic High School.

- “Fireball Pechner Back in Novato.” Fred Pechner arrived home in early July from Okinawa where he had been employed by the James S. Baker Company since October. Pechner achieved nation-wide attention several years ago when he single handedly collected 1,500 signatures in Novato in an attempt to get the incorporation issue on the ballot.

- On July 10, State Highway Division attorneys filed a dismissal of their eminent domain suit against John Pedranzini, owner of the Grant School property. The claim was settled out of court with the State agreeing to pay \$110,000 for the property whereas Pedranzini had asked for \$200,000.

- Newborns to Novatans included: a son to Aileen and Bob Hune on July 23 at Marin General Hospital; a daughter to Shirley and Leonard Genetin on Sept. 8 at Marin General; a daughter to Irene and William Palmer on Sept. 19 at Hamilton Air Force Base.

- City Administrative Consultant Robert O. Bailey planned to leave Novato in August for a private consulting job in the Sacramento Valley. Bailey said it would take \$16,000 a year to stay in Novato. The city council was reviewing applications in the \$9,000 to \$12,000 salary scale it had set for the city administrator’s job.

- Thomas T. Pacheco, 79, died in mid-July at the same Ignacio ranch he was born on. The community of Ignacio was named after his grandfather Ygnacio Pacheco, who was the original owner of the 6,600 acre

Rancho San Jose. The old family house is still standing across the highway from Hamilton Field.

- The \$1 a year fee charged by the railroad for the use of the depot as a police headquarters was dropped in August. “This is a 100 percent savings” commented Councilman Charles Johnson facetiously.

- Vern Dwelly, longtime Novato resident and a California Highway Patrol sergeant with 30 years duty – most of it in Marin County – was transferred on September 2 to Ukiah and will live at his home in Clearlake. Dwelly’s home on the corner of McClay Road and Novato Boulevard has been listed for sale for \$50,000 at a San Rafael real estate firm. Dwelly holds sergeant’s badge No. 1 in the state and was in charge of the Marin C.H.P. during World War II.

- “Fantastic” was the only word to describe the new Nave Lanes that opened for league bowling in late September. Actually, the 32 alleys were in use by bowlers who came in and wanted to bowl about a week before the official opening. William Nave, owner and pioneer Novato developer, will have his three sons, Bill, Bob and Rich operating the business.

- A \$15,000 boat launching ramp at Black Point was approved Sept. 19 by the State Fish and Game commission. According to Supervisor William Gness of Novato, the ramp is to be built beneath the highway bridge over the Petaluma River.

- Jack Sparrow, Sr., and Richard Connell received gold badges from Fire Chief George Cavallero on their retirement from the active list of Novato Volunteer Firemen. Sparrow retired after 20 years of fire fighting

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Novato Historical Guild Board Highlights

by Pat Johnstone

May 2010

No Board Meeting

June 2010

New Business – The Guild will have a float in this years 4th of July Parade. The theme is “Novato 50 years Young.”

It was agreed to transfer \$15,000 from the Linsco account to the checking account.

Curator’s Report – \$3,700 has been spent on signage for Hamilton Museum and 166 visitors signed in

from May 16 to May 31. An exhibit of the cheese factories of Novato is being prepared to open in early fall at the Novato History Museum.

Old Business – The Fundraising Committee is recommending having a wine, cheese, and olive oil tasting at the Pacheco Winery in the fall.

The Curator will send an acknowledgement letter to Bill Koenig for donating time and material to excavate the patio area for the personalized bricks at the Hamilton Museum.

Hamilton Museum – Ray Dwelly reported that track lighting is being installed this week. It will cost \$1,200.

Museum Stores – May Gift shop income for Novato History Museum was \$656.50 and \$642.50 for Hamilton Field History Museum.

Membership – 73 reminders went out to lapsed members. We have 3 new members.

July 2010

New Business – A donation of \$10,000 was received from Iva Young. The money is restricted to the curator’s salary.

The city council presented a proclamation to NHG on June 8 for the donation of time and material for the Hamilton Field History Museum. Ray Dwelly and Ron Vela represented the Guild.

The work on the Hamilton Brick Patio has been done by volunteers to date. The Guild will hire a professional to lay the first group of bricks with volunteers assisting so that they can learn how to do it. Cost \$300.

The Guild will have a booth at Gross Field’s 50th Anniversary on Aug 14.

Curator’s Report – The curator’s new hours are Monday afternoon and all day Wednesday and Thursday.

Treasurer’s Report – Income for June was \$1,823.13 and expenses were \$5,153.40.

Old Business – The 50th Birthday Steering Committee has promised the Guild \$5,000 which was left over from various events. Their books will close at the end of December 2010.

Guild members met with the City Manager to explain the historical importance of the Simmons-Kuser House. No decisions were made, but the Guild will be included in any further discussion related to that property.

The wine, cheese, and olive oil tasting fundraiser will be held on Oct. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Pacheco Winery.

In Memoriam

The Guild mourns the loss of the following members:

Jack Seely, Sr.

Bruce Byers

Josephine Marzell

The Guild

Extends Sympathy to

Toni Seely on the death of her husband, Jack.

Mary Jane Guerra on the death of her mother, Roberta.

Dolly and Riley Wingate on the death of her brothers, Didrik and Lorenz Pedersen, and her sister Eleanor Hansen.

Pamela Byers on the death of her husband, Bruce.

Mark Byers on the death of his brother, Bruce.

Claire Payson on the death of her brother, Bruce.

Gordon and Morey Quilici on the death of their sister, Marina Ventura.

Joan Quinn and Kathy Baldwin on the death of their mother, Josephine Marzell.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE ADDITIONS

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.

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. By donating appreciated stock investments, you will:

- avoid capital gains taxes,
- receive a sizeable charitable deduction, and
- support the Guild in “preserving Novato’s history.”

Plaques cost \$250 per person named.

Novato Memories

By Jim McNern



Jane Ruhlman Eide

Jane Ruhlman Eide was born in Burlingame. She moved to Novato from Corte Madera when she was in the eighth grade. Jane graduated from Novato Grammar School in 1940. She now lives in Santa Rosa, but comes to Novato frequently to visit her many friends and for her monthly docent duties at Olompali State Park. Jane has many happy memories of growing up in Novato and shares them in this September issue of the Novato Historian. Jane remembers:

- Her parents, Dallas and Edythe Ruhlman and her siblings: Pat, Dallyce “Dee Dee,” and brother, Jim.
- Living in the old Our Lady of Loretto manse on South Novato Boulevard after the 1936 fire that destroyed the church; in a house on Novato Boulevard next to the creek; on Marion Avenue next to the Giari family, and finally at 1118 Ruhlman Lane off Feliz Road.
- Her neighbors: the Katlas, Frost, Kidder, Giari, and Scheller families.
- Her dad and brother, Jim, were contractors and had the Ruhlman and Son Construction Company that built single family homes around town.
- Attending Novato Grammar



From the Staff Desk

by Samantha Kimpel
Museum Curator

Exhibits Updates

At both the Novato and Hamilton Field History Museums, so many people visit to tell us and to preserve their personal histories. In Novato, those stories may be of how a family came to Novato, and the related oral histories and artifacts concern what it was like growing up in a ranching family or in a family of entrepreneurs (such as retailers or professionals who had their own offices & practices). At Hamilton, the stories are of people who were stationed or worked at the air field, or the stories of their families and what it was like to live and play in and near an active military base.

Since opening the Hamilton Museum, a number of people have come forward with their small collections pertaining to someone who was stationed there. For example, one woman donated her father’s uniforms, some of his Hamilton-related

work papers, his medals, official photographs of his retirement ceremony, and a large group of family photographs that chronicles her and her siblings’ lives as children living on base.

As we acquire more of these personal mini-collections, it is not possible to exhibit them all. As a solution, I am planning a new program of spotlight exhibits so that we can all get a glimpse into more of these stories that we preserve. These spotlight exhibits will rotate, and will consist of a small display at each museum related to one individual or family.

At Hamilton, the display will likely include a uniform, and a case with selected artifacts and photographs. Also, a short article will accompany the exhibit to briefly describe the life of each person or family in the spot-

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School and having Miss Sutton as her eighth grade teacher.

- Her friends and classmates: Elaine and Lorrie D’Ambrogio, Frank Paladini, Wayne Westcott, Joe Giari, Will Lieb, Johnny Azevedo, Lester Cash, Jack and Ray Verhonik, Jack Venton, Tom Cummings, Margaret Johnson, Verna Kidder, Lorraine Rhodes, Leland and Jim Hill, Johnny Rupprecht, Glenn Westlund, Lester Taylor, Lorraine Robertson, Harry Eide, Barbara Cardoza, and Anna Anderson.
- The family bred and raised Boston Terriers for extra income under the Ruhlman Kennels name.
- Pulling off a Halloween prank by putting “DETOUR” signs on the 101 Highway and rerouting cars down Grant Avenue. Kids would dress up

for Halloween and enjoyed “trick-or-treating” around town.

- Being a member of the Novato Presbyterian Church and singing in the choir. Rev. Dan Trevitt was the minister.
- Celebrating Valentine’s Day at school with a party and exchanging valentines with classmates. Each classroom had a beautifully decorated box for the cards.
- Miss Sutton was a strict disciplinarian. Some of the boys were taller than her - but she kept them all in line. She expelled brother Jim for locking some kids inside the equipment shed. He then had to go to school in San Rafael. Lulu Sutton enjoyed playing baseball with her students.

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Hamilton Museum

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with their (or a relative's) service at Hamilton. We are getting some interesting memories that way.

The Memorial Patio by the front door only needs a little more tender care -- from a plasterer -- to be ready to pave with supporter bricks. We have some blank bricks from the City's Sherman Avenue program to get us started. I hope by the time you read this, the plastering will be done, and the paving started.

You are invited to drop by and look us over. The "Social Security Volunteer Remodeling" group is proud of its work on this project.

Staff Desk

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light. At Novato, the exhibit format will be similar and could include an item such an article of clothing, photographs, and personal story of life in Novato.

At present, the plan is to change these exhibits every three months; we will be sure to announce the spotlight exhibits in each Historian issue. If you are interested in participating in a spotlight of your Novato or Hamilton family (or friends) at either museum, please contact me at 415-899-8236 or email Kimpel@cityofnovato.org.

In regard to our other exhibit plans, we are currently in the process of some reorganizing and refreshing the Novato History Museum exhibits. In addition to the new spotlight exhibit section in the downtown museum, we will be featuring a new small exhibit on the history of Novato's cheese factories. Watch for more information on this exhibit, coming in October.

At Hamilton, we are integrating many of the new acquisitions into and continually expanding the displays, as well as planning for construction of additional display cases.

We look forward to your visit at both museums. Please come share your stories!

Welcome New Guild Members

Through March 2010

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Please support our Guild

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If you have questions about membership, call Edna Manzoni, Membership Chairman, 415-892-9603.

A gift membership always meets the need for that person who has everything.

50 Years Ago

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and Connell after 18 years. They joined two other members on the retired list – William and Joe Gness.

- Yvette Borloz and Max Jackson were married in Reno on September 17. Yvette's sister, Claudette Halbe, was maid of honor while Stephen Halbe served as best man. Yvette graduated from Novato High while Max is a grad of San Rafael High.

- The city council selected Roy McLaren to be the first police chief of the City of Novato. McLaren, presently the assistant chief of Daly City, is 32 years old. The new Chief-to-be will receive \$675 a month or \$8,000 a year. His main job will be recruiting for his five-man force. His appointment was approved by a 4-1 vote of the city council.

- Sale of the large Mahoney Ranch, located on the ridge overlooking the Petaluma River, was announced Sept. 21. Andrew W.

Talbot said the purchase was being made by a group of investors headed by himself and including Maurice Baldwin of Novato. The property is located next to Bugeia Ranch, which Talbot acquired last fall. The Mahoney Ranch is some 600 acres in size. The price was given as "in the vicinity of one million dollars." North Marin Realty and Bellucci Realty firms handled the transaction. Note: The Mahoney Ranch is now known at "Bahia."

- Eugene R. Trombley purchased the hardware department of the Novato Lumber Company from Eugene Yates of Terra Linda. Yates planned on concentrating on the lumber side of the company, located on Highway 101 near Atherton Avenue.

Novato Memories

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- Graduating from Novato Grammar School in June of 1940 in the Community House. The class sang "Give Me Some Men, Who Are Stout Hearted Men." This song was very appropriate for the time, as many Novato boys had gone off to war.

- Catching the San Rafael High School bus at Simmons Lane and Virginia Avenue each morning. The kids from Novato were referred to as "The Country Cousins."

- Playing the drums in the marching band at S.R.H.S. and performing at all the football games.

- Loving Mr. Hugh Patterson's math class and also enjoying being in Mr. Lauriston Tardy's class.

- Being a member of the Novato 4-H Club when Miss Gertrude Lane was the community club leader. Her 4-H projects were clothing and poultry. Meetings were held in the club car, located behind the Community House.

- Marching in parades with the Novato 4-H Club Drum Corps.

- Shopping at H. Pini and Co., Rayburn's Market, Carlisle

Hardware, Novato Drug Store and Meyer's Bakery.

- Kids got around town by riding their bikes or walking.

- Attending many dances in the Community House. The Annual Firemen's Ball was always a big event in town. Her dad would often chaperone the teenage dances.

- Driving up to the Russian River in the summer months to swim.

- Hanging out with friends in the Novato Library upstairs in the Community House. Elsie Anderson was the librarian. Mr. Carlisle was very proud to have "Library Card # 1."

- Watching the big 1945 Pini fire from the school grounds across the street.

- One of her first jobs was working on Bill Wright's hay baler with her sister, Pat. They each made \$200 for the summer. Girls worked on the baling crews because many of the guys were off fighting the war.

- Another interesting job was working at the Standard Service Station at the intersection of Highways 37 and 101. She had to

attend a 10-day class to learn the job. She pumped gas, changed oil, greased cars, and changed tires. Closing up the station at night was part of the job. Again, she got the job because the guys had left town because of the war.

- Her first car was a '31 Chevy that she and her sister, Pat, bought for \$75. They took carloads of Novato kids to the movies in San Rafael in that car.

- Several summers she worked in the Sonoma Ice Cream Shop next to the Sebastiani Theater. Her sister and cousin also worked in the ice cream shop.

- Traveling by Greyhound bus each day to San Francisco to do payroll and office work at Pier 35.

- The current Novato History Museum building was across the street from where she lived on South Novato Boulevard.

- Walking by Nave's Cabbage Patch and buying vegetables for 50 cents that would be enough to feed the whole family.

- Falling to sleep at night listening to the "click clacking" of the trains traveling through town.

- Hearing the noon fire whistle blow each day. Three blasts of the whistle meant there was a fire somewhere in town and the merchants would leave their stores to help fight the fire.

- Classmate, Joe Giari, was the best dancer in town.

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The Hamilton Air Force Base Museum had a nice float for Novato's 4th of July Parade.

Things To Do Today

- ✓ Support the Guild—pay your dues.
- ✓ Visit the museum, especially if you haven't.
- ✓ Volunteer for a docent position.

Novato's Treasures

THE CABBAGE PATCH HOUSE



Moving day, 1953



August, 2010

Peter Nave (Pasquale Pietronave 1863-1958) came to Novato in 1896 where he established a large produce farm known as the Cabbage Patch. The farm was located on South Novato Blvd. near Center Road. On February 28, 1953, one of Novato's landmarks, the Cabbage Patch House, went for a buggy ride. It was slowly pulled up Novato Blvd. to Grant Ave., over one block and then back down Grant Ave. and up Second St. to number 1104, where it now stands. The owner in 1953 was Ferdinand Carpentier; today the owner is Ms. Mary Amaral and the house is a rental of hers.

New T-Shirts at Gift Shop

by Pat Johnstone

The Novato Historical Guild now has two Gift Shops, one at the Novato History Museum and one at the Hamilton Field History Museum.

At the Hamilton Museum gift shop we are selling warbird design T-Shirts with the P-38J Lightning, B-25J Mitchell, and P-51D Mustang design on them.



These T-Shirts are 100% cotton pre-shrunk, color is stone, they come in

adult S, M, L, XL and cost \$16, XXL cost \$18. These prices include sales tax. We also sell 4-inch diecast metal airplanes for \$7 and model airplane kits starting at \$13.

The above merchandise is in addition to our stock of Hamilton Field historic picture reproductions, DVD about the history of Hamilton Field (Mission Accomplished), color note cards of Historic Hamilton, pamphlet on Hamilton and the *Hamilton Field History Book* that was written by Guild Members and published in 2008.

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will be remembered forever. The memorial plaques are \$250 each. You can get the forms either by calling the Guild or going to the museums and picking one up.

One piece of exciting news is the receipt of a very generous donation of \$10,000 from Iva Young. Iva is a long time member and one of the hardest working people you will ever know. She spends a great deal of time at the Hamilton Museum cataloging artifacts into the computer. Thank you so much.

By the time you receive this copy of the Historian we will have already attended the 50th Anniversary of Gnos Field celebration, Wings over Marin, August 14. We were represented well with a very professional display booth, thanks to Ray Dwelly's acquisition skills. We displayed new and old pictures of Hamilton and sold books, T-shirts and promoted Hamilton Field Museum. A big thank you goes out to Ray Dwelly and

Samantha for getting involved in the project.

The Guild will be having a fund raiser October 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Pacheco Ranch Winery. It will be a fun filled day of tasting wine, cheese and olive oil. The Pacheco Ranch is one of the most historic places in Marin County mark you calendar for the event. Details will come to you later as we get closer to the date.

The next general meeting will be held at the Hamilton Field Museum September 18. It will begin at 12 noon and end at 3 p.m.. We will be having a BBQ. Please make sure someone brings a match. Last year there were ten of us setting up and when it came time to light the BBQ no one had a match. I think it was Kathryn who actually flagged down someone on the sidewalk to find a match. If you're a member and have not seen the Museum here is a great opportunity. See you there.

Help Wanted



Docents for Hamilton Field History Museum Positions available for Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12 noon-4 p.m. Please call Museum Curator Samantha Kimpel at 899-8236 or email at Kimpel@ci.novato.ca.us.

Novato Memories

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- Seeing Bruno Schultz walking down Grant Avenue shaking his cane at the boys.
- Everyone in town was on a party telephone line. Her mother was the night telephone operator and slept on a cot next to the 3' x 3' switchboard.

- Watching the annual Portuguese and Horsemen parades.
- Roller skating at the rink in Sonoma.
- Old Novato families with the names: Nave, Baccaglio, Trumbull, Kidder, Frost, Katlas, Lieb, Johnson,

Rhodes, Crandall, and Giari.

- Seeing many changes take place in Novato over the years. Shopping is much better now. You used to have to drive to Petaluma to shop. Novato now has a lovely modern library. The increased traffic could be considered a problem by some people.

THE GIFT SHOPPE

The Museum Gift Shoppe has the perfect unique Novato gift!

Books & Pamphlets

- **Novato Township*** the definitive history of Novato by May Ungemach \$30.50
- **Novato, Then and Now** by Novato Historical Guild \$21.00
- **Hamilton Field** by Novato Historical Guild \$21.00
- **Hamilton Airfield History** \$2.00

Videos & DVD's

- Hamilton Field History (VHS or DVD) \$15.00
- Novato History (VHS or DVD) \$10.00 (available only through the museum)

Sweatshirts (S, M, L, & XL) \$20.00

- Novato History Museum (blue or green)

Ornaments

- Novato History Museum \$7.00
- Hamilton History Museum. \$10.00
- Novato City Hall \$10.00

T-Shirts (M, L, & XL) \$11.00

- Guild Historic Buildings (3 designs):
Postmaster's House, City Hall/Church, Railroad Depot

Miscellaneous

- Novato Historic Buildings Notecard Sets \$10.00
- Guild Tote Bags \$5.00
- Ceramic Thimble \$1.00
- Novato History Collector Cards . . . \$3 per pack or 30¢ each
- Hamilton Field Historic Picture Reproductions. . . . \$10.00
- Mugs. \$5.00
- Laminated Place Mat (11 x 14) \$5.00 (available only at the museum)

Leather Goods

- Coin Purse \$15.00
- Business Card Holder. \$12.50
- Small Purse. \$23.00

We accept VISA or MASTERCARD

* All proceeds from the sale of **Novato Township** go directly to the support of the History Museum. All prices include sales tax. To Order: Call the museum at 897-4320 or email patjohnstn@aol.com for shipping charges and information. Supporting and Life Members receive a 10% discount at the Gift Shoppe!

Membership Form

Please mail checks to **Novato Historical Guild, 75 Rowland Way, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94945.**

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

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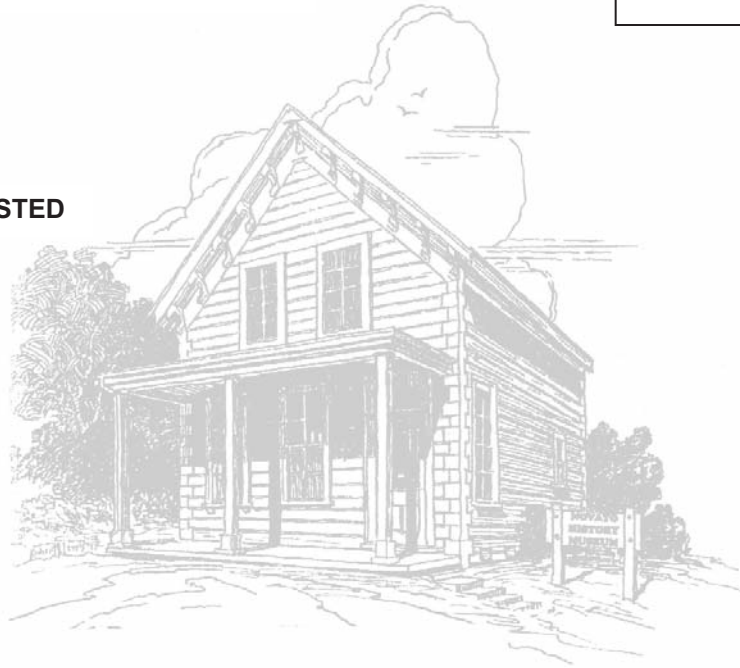


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