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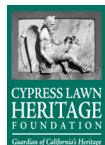
TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN A BOUNTIFUL LANDSCAPE

Lifeways of the Ohlone Indians OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY AREA

On Saturday, **November 19 at 1 pm**, the Courthouse Docket continues as local archaeologist Mark Hylkema discusses the archaeology and ethnography of the ancestral Ohlone people.

In 1769, when the first Spanish expedition reached Monterey and then discovered the San Francisco Bay, they encountered numerous local tribes that lived in a bountiful landscape. Over a period of over 10,000 years tribal communities adapted to several major environmental transitions and archaeological research has found that local tribes spread along the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast developed an early focus on marine resources. Neighboring people of the Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco Bay shore developed a different economic focus creating an exchange system that eventually promoted more complex levels of

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The Courthouse Docket is a monthly series of lectures, presentations and performances, exploring different themes in local history. The program is held in the San Mateo County History Museum's historic Courtroom A. **The Courthouse Docket 2011** Series is sponsored by Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation.



Mark Hylkema is the Santa Cruz District Archaeologist for California State Parks and manages cultural resources within 32 parks in an area ranging from San Francisco to the Pajaro River. He also works on many other projects throughout the state and has 31 years experience in California archaeology, with an emphasis on Native American culture.

History Makers Dinner FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOUND GUILTY OF BEING SUPERIOR ROLE MODELS

On Wednesday, September 7, 2011, the San Mateo County Historical Association proudly honored former District Attorneys Keith Sorenson and Jim Fox as the 2011 History Makers. They were recognized for their combined 57 years of service to San Mateo County.

Nearly 400 guests gathered at the San Mateo County History Museum to show their gratitude and appreciation for our honorees. The evening started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres under the Rotunda, followed by a delicious dinner outside on Courthouse Square. It was one of the hottest days of the year, making it a perfect evening for our guests to dine alfresco in the heart of downtown Redwood City.

During the dinner, there was a special film presentation highlighting the careers of both Keith and Jim. The film also included a surprise tribute to Keith from **Sandra Day O'Connor**, former United States Supreme Court Justice. Each honoree was presented with an Eagle

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2011 History Makers Dinner

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Award (a cast iron replica of the eagles in the museum rotunda). The evening came to a celebratory end as all 400 guests sang *Happy Birthday* to Keith Sorenson in celebration of his recent 90th Birthday!

Thank you to all of our guests for being a part of the 2011 History Makers Dinner and making it such a memorable evening.

This event was made possible through a partnership with San Mateo County and the City of Redwood City.

A very special thank you to our generous sponsors who supported the 2011 History Makers Dinner. They were:

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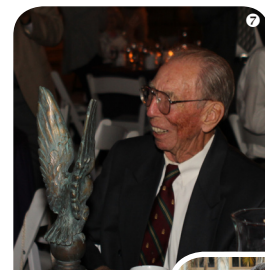
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Pictured on front page (1) Joe and Bobbie Carcione (2) Betsy Bogel and Gloria Sweatt (3) Jenny Johnson (4) Anne Peter (5) Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, Mayor Kevin Mullin and Vice-Mayor Rich Garbarino (6) Honoree Jim Fox with Eagle (7) Honoree Keith Sorenson with Eagle (8) Phill Raiser and Asst. Sheriff Trisha Sanchez (9) Jerry and Barbara Pierce and on stage (pictured above) are Auctioneers Frank Bizzarro and Mike Nevin.

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social organization.

After the presentation, visit the *Nature's Bounty* exhibit and see a chert scraper over 5,000 years old which was discovered during Hylkema's dig at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. It is the oldest artifact ever found in San Mateo County.

In addition to being an archaeologist for the State Parks, Hylkema is an adjunct professor of Anthropology at Foothill College, and has taught anthropology courses at Santa Clara University, UC at Santa Cruz, De Anza College, Ohlone College and Cabrillo College.

IN MEMORY

Rick Mao

Frances Liston

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 4, 9 am - 1 pm

WALK TO TOP OF SWEENEY RIDGE with *SMCHA President Mitch Postel*

The historic walk is done in commemoration of Gaspar de Portolá's discovery of the San Francisco Bay 242 years ago. Meet Mitch at the trailhead at the very western end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno. The trail ends 1,200 feet above the bay at the discovery site.

NOTE: There are some long steep parts so being in good physical condition is necessary to hike to the top of Sweeney Ridge. Wear good walking shoes and bring water.

For Adults

Free for Members

Friday, November 4, 11 am

"FIRST FRIDAYS" STORIES FROM THE PAST - Sail Away, Little Boat

Come listen to a story about the sailing adventures of a red toy boat. Hear the story *Sail Away, Little Boat* and make your own sponge sailboat to take home. Then, join us in the museum's *Ships of the World* exhibit to learn about some of the ships that have sailed in San Francisco Bay.

For pre-school children

Wells Fargo Learning Center, Museum Lower Level

Free for Members

Saturday, November 5, 10:30 am

GUIDED TOURS at the **HISTORY MUSEUM** continue every First Saturday. This is an hour-long general tour led by a museum docent. No reservation needed. A great time to bring out-of-town guests!

Saturday, November 5, 1 - 4 pm

FAMILY PAST TIMES - Maritime Day

See back page for details

For Families

Free for Members

Saturday, November 12, 1 - 4 pm

HANDS-ON HISTORY - Origami Holiday Fun Workshop with Linda Mihara

Hands-On History is a series of workshops for adults. There will be a materials fee of \$3 for members and \$7 for non-members. Price includes admission to the museum. Space is limited therefore RSVP by November 4 to Dawn Distasio at Education@historysmc.org or call 650.299.0104 ext. 231.

See back page for details

For Adults

Wells Fargo Learning Center, Museum Lower Level

Fee for Members

Saturday, November 19, 1 pm

COURTHOUSE DOCKET - Lifeways of the Ohlone Indians

See front page for details

For Adults

Free for Members

Sunday, November 20, 2-4 pm

AUTHOR EVENT - Images of America: Woodside

Authors Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty will be signing their new book *Woodside*. The Town of Woodside prides itself on having no traffic lights, no sidewalks or roads named "street," and giving horses the right-of-way. Come and discuss the history of the Woodside while exploring the archives and exhibits inside the History Museum that highlight the town.

For Adults

Museum Store

Free for Members

CLOSED Thursday, **THANKSGIVING**, NOVEMBER 24
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FUNDERS Book Store

NOVEMBER our resident decorator, Pat Young, will be doing a traditional Thanksgiving theme in the book store --- family, food and all that good stuff.

DECEMBER 3 will be special **50% OFF BOOK SALE** for holiday books and travel books. Many are classics and very gently used -- suitable for giving as holiday gifts.

BOOK STORE HOURS

11am - 3 pm, Tuesday - Saturday
Lower level of History Museum

7th Annual Maritime Day

FAMILY PAST TIMES PROGRAM – NOVEMBER 5

The 7th Annual *Maritime Day* Celebration will be held on November 5 from 1-4pm. *Maritime Day* is a popular events for kids who enjoy making signal flags, learning about International Code of Flags, building cargo ships and designing treasure chests to take home.

View the 24 model ships in the Charles Parsons' *Ships of the World* exhibit.



GET READY FOR HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS WITH *Holiday Tree Treasures and Handbell Choir*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 10AM-4PM

On Saturday, December 3 from 10am- 4pm is our Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration held in conjunction with Redwood City Downtown Business Group. Children can try making old-fashioned tree treasures such as baubles, Dresdens, gewgaws and cornucopias.

Upstairs in Courtroom A, the San Francisco State University Handbell Choir will perform holiday tunes at 1pm. ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY.

Origami Holiday Fun

HANDS-ON HISTORY WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 12

On Saturday, November 12 from 1 - 4 pm, the Hands-On History Workshop series continues with holiday origami. This fun event will feature a lecture on origami, followed by an origami workshop. Learn to create a Santa, or a Tree and Star---just in time for the holidays! Beginners are welcome and all materials will be provided.



Origami is the ancient art of paper folding. The word origami is Japanese, *ori(oru)* - to fold, and *gami* - paper. While its origins are unknown, the Japanese are credited with the development of the art as we know it today. The beauty of origami lies in its simplicity- a single sheet of paper is transformed into a creature of nature, object or sculpture, just by using your hands as tools. Recently, origami has influenced the math and science worlds where it has inspired the design for airbags, heart stents, and lenses for the Space Station.

Linda Tomoko Mihara began folding origami at the age of five. She is a third-generation Japanese American who learned the art from her parents and grandparents. She has been called an origami magician while she creates her art. Her family owns and operates the *Paper Tree* in San Francisco's Japantown, now celebrating its 44th year in business.

See registration info on Calendar, page 3.



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To discover the past and imagine the future.

Our Mission

To enrich, excite and educate through understanding, preserving and interpreting the history of San Mateo County.

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