



News from the President

I am writing this the day after the **Sunnyvale Centennial Celebration** weekend. It was a busy two days, but overall the **Centennial Event was a huge success!** I heard rave reviews, and it drew

thousand of people to Heritage Park and thousands of new visitors to our museum. I'm fortunate to be the society's president during this auspicious time.

Never have we had so many people inside our museum--even more than our opening day four years ago. The Centennial Parade finished Saturday morning, and over 2000 people arrived at our site to partake in the many activities, see the museum, and enjoy the perfect day. Both young and old found numerous activities to keep them interested, from music and dance to games and contests to historical exhibits and demonstrations. Sunday morning, the Mayor's State of the City and Community Awards brought another crowd of people who then stayed for the second afternoon.

I want to thank all of the volunteers and City Staff who made this event possible. City Staff worked many hours to make sure things were in place and the event ran smoothly. We also brought hundreds of volunteers together to put on this big celebration.

Specifically, I want to thank two volunteers who especially made my job look easy.

First and foremost was **Laura Babcock** who deserves most of the credit for the weekend. She managed (and found) the 40+ volunteer leads, talked at many local clubs and organizations to get their support, and learned (the hard way) about all of the city and county rules and regulations to put on such a big event. It was a once-in-a-lifetime effort, and she was the band leader, the project manager and the problem solver. Laura juggled the ever-growing list of things that needed to get done and matched items with someone to do the work. She fought the battles to make sure the weekend would be successful.

Second was **Jeanine Staneck** who seemed to almost live at the museum for the last few months (even more than usual). She was there to help manage the volunteers as well as make everyone around her was more productive. She would recover some photo or item that was needed to make an exhibit complete or more interesting. Jeanine

spent endless hours assisting and/or managing other volunteers, and then she would often end up cleaning up when someone left a mess behind.

There were numerous other volunteer leads, City Staff members, and volunteers themselves that spent countless hours organizing the event and contributing their time. There are far too many to list here and talk about each of their separate accomplishments. I just want to say: **Thanks to everyone who helped make the event such a success!** We held a party that Martin Murphy himself would have been proud of.

I received numerous complimentary reviews and thank-yous, but the overall comment was that it was just such a "positive" event. Too often other festivals become a little rowdy or raucous. But I had multiple people pull me aside and relate how family-friendly the entire weekend was, and they praised the museum on how professional and helpful our volunteers were.

I look forward to the Volunteer Recognition Event at the end of October where we can celebrate everyone's efforts. We can congregate to reminisce over the once-in-a-lifetime event where we celebrated Sunnyvale's 100th Birthday in grand style.

Thanks again, to all of you, it was a superb event and a wonderful weekend! **Everyone should be proud of what we accomplished together!**

Larry Klein, President

Volunteer Thank You Reception

Our annual Volunteer Thank You Reception will be on **Saturday, October 27th** from **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** upstairs in the museum. If you have volunteered for the museum in any capacity, please come and enjoy refreshments and an ongoing slideshow of events held throughout the year.

If you did not have an opportunity to sign the **time capsule** at the Centennial, please plan to do so the day of the reception. We will continue to have the time capsule available for signing every day the museum is open until December 24th, 2012.

Please help pass the word to everyone you know who helped out at the Centennial. The event was such a huge success, mainly in part to the many, many volunteers who helped out that weekend, that we would like to take this opportunity to officially say **Thank You! See you on October 27th!**

Everyone Welcome To General Meeting

Monday, October 1st is the date of our next General Meeting, at 7:30pm. These meetings are becoming more and more popular and the last few have literally been standing room only!

Our speaker will be **Gary Kurutz**, the Director of the Special Collections Branch of the California State Library in Sacramento. This organization includes the California History section of the Sutro Library, the General Rare Book collection and the Preservation Office. Gary has held many librarian positions in academic institutions devoted to the Gold Rush and early California History. He is a prolific author, having written more than 10 books on that period. In 2010 he spoke, to rave reviews, at the Los Altos Morning Forum and we are privileged to have him as our October General Meeting speaker. The title of his talk is "**Unbridled Bibliomania: Treasures of the California State Library**" (founded in 1850!)

Come join us and be a part of this exciting evening.

Our Fall Garage Sale Is Coming Up!

Saturday, October 13th is the date of our Fall Garage Sale. It's always a good excuse to clean out your overloaded closets or attic and donate items. Our museum always welcomes your donations as all the proceeds from the sale go directly back into the day-to-day operations of our museum. The garage sale will be in its usual spot at **795 South Wolfe Road** (nearest cross street is Iris).

You may drop off items the day before but please call Jed Cyr at (408) 749-0170 or (408) 594-0506 just to let him know. Please price every item you are donating.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, please call Jed. You can volunteer in two-hour shifts or longer. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

It's Tea Time Again

The Centennial Holiday Teas are right around the corner. Dates are **December 1st and 2nd** and **December 8th and 9th** at 2:00 p.m. We will start accepting reservations on October 1st. The holiday teas are always very, very popular so decide now which date works best for you and get it on your calendar. It's a wonderful way to begin the holiday spirit and also start or finish your Christmas shopping in our gift shop.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Sept. 17 - 7:00 pm
Board Meeting

Mon., Oct. 1 - 7:30 pm
General Meeting (Everyone welcome!)

Mon., Oct. 8
Columbus Day

Sat., Oct. 13 - 9-4 pm
Museum Garage Sale (*Everyone welcome!*)

Mon., Oct. 22 - 7:00 pm
Board Meeting

Sat., Oct. 27
Volunteer Thank You Reception



Mon., Oct. 31
Halloween (*Boo!*)

Sun., Nov. 4
Off Daylight Savings

Tues., Nov. 6
Election Day



Mon., Nov. 19 7:00 pm
Board Meeting

Sun., Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Thurs., Nov. 22
Thanksgiving – Museum CLOSED

