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VPA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

by Pam Shukait

Via Zoom
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
7pm

In an effort to have everyone participate, this year's business meeting will be held via Zoom. The board thought this would be the best way to keep everyone safe. We are looking forward to being able to get together soon in person.

Voting will be done with an online ballot from Survey Monkey. The link will be posted below, but will also be sent in an email. We are encouraging everyone to vote! We have a few changes to look forward to this year. Marcus Salomon is running for President, Sarah Bruce for Vice President, Larry Ames for Treasurer and Pam Shukait as a member-at-large. If you do not have access to a computer for voting, you may call Mike Tierney (408-373-9970) to personally cast your vote!

Voting will close on Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 12:00pm.

Topic: VPA Annual Business Meeting
Time: Jan 19, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81353149168?pwd=N2VHUXIIUTlwc205eWVnV2hvVVVQdz09>

Meeting ID: 813 5314 9168
Passcode: 873489
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,81353149168#,,,,*873489# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location
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The voting ballot can be found here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCVBX3G>

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Keith Shukait

Hello VPAers!

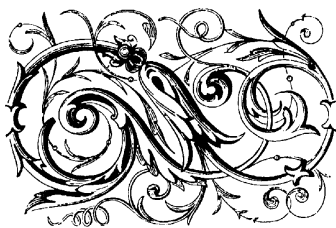
January is upon us and we'll hold elections this month at our annual business meeting. For health and safety reasons your board has decided to move the meeting to Zoom. Meeting details are in this newsletter and will also be emailed to you. We will be voting by Survey Monkey this year. Again, details and instructions are in the newsletter and will also be emailed to you. There are lots of exciting changes this year with two members who haven't served before running for positions. Please make every effort to vote and attend the meeting.

My tenure as president of the VPA has come to an end. Over the last six months Pam and I have devoted an ever increasing amount of time in caring for our elderly parents, it's been a tough road at times. I feel it's important for the president to attend all VPA events, and that will be difficult going forward. We'll continue as members, be as active as our schedule permits, and I will remain on the VPA Board in the position of past president. Pam will also be stepping down as VPA treasurer, but running for an open at large position. Larry Ames will be running for treasurer and Marcus will be running for president again. If you'd like to run for any position please consider submitting your name as soon as possible, so we can get you on the ballot.

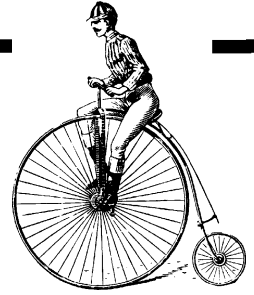
Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your VPA president. I wish everyone health and happiness in the coming new year!

Best regards,

Keith



**Have You
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the Latest?**

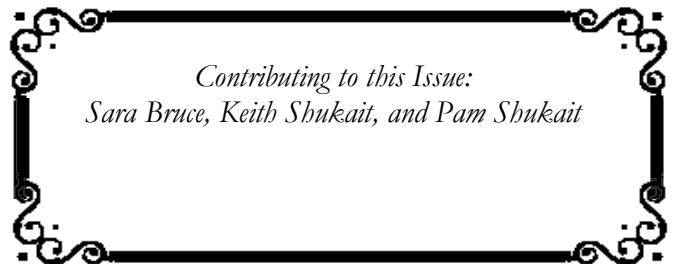


VPA Membership Renewals

The Renewal Form is on page 3. If you have any questions about your membership status, please send me an email at michaeltierney1@gmail.com

Poor House Bistro is on the move!

The Poor House Bistro, San Jose's Cajun restaurant and music venue rolled down the street to the back side of the Arena yesterday to Little Italy as part of the Google Rearrangement of the Diridon area. It was deemed easier to remove the Victorian house's roof so to navigate by trees and utilities on its trip to its new home. Plans are to be re-opened at the new location by early summer, but in the meantime, music and food will continue at the old location.





Vintage Cocktail Corner
by Sara Bruce

The Old Fashioned

According to Wikipedia, the first documented definition of the word "cocktail" was in an 1806 issue of *The Balance and Columbian Repository* in Hudson, New York. The paper's editor defined it as a potent concoction of spirits, bitters, water, and sugar. By the 1860s, with more liquors being available, cocktails were becoming more complex, but drinkers preferring something simpler began to ask for an "old-fashioned" cocktail, referring to the type of concoction described in 1806 but probably dating to much earlier.

This cocktail, which was already *old fashioned* 150 years ago, remains popular to this day. While it can be made with any spirit, Bourbon or Rye Whiskey are usually the spirits of choice today. The drink is served in its namesake Old Fashioned Glass, a short, wide glass that is also used for other on-the-rocks drinks.

Step back in time with this simple and tasty drink:

- Place a sugar cube in old fashioned glass.
- Saturate it with 2-3 dashes of Angostura bitters.
- Add a few dashes of plain water and muddle until the sugar is dissolved.
- Add 1-1/2 ounce Bourbon or Rye Whiskey.
- Add ice cubes and garnish with an orange slice or zest and a cocktail cherry.

Note: If you don't have a sugar cube, substitute a teaspoon of sugar or simple syrup.
Cheers!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Once again it's time to remind everyone that it is time to renew your VPA membership. For 2022, VPA dues are still \$25 per household. To see if you owe dues for 2022 (some people pay ahead...), look at your newsletter address label. If it says 2022 in the upper right corner, you owe dues for 2022.

Please fill out the renewal form below and return it in the with dues payable to VPA. You can also pay dues through Paypal at the VPA website at <https://www.vpa.org/join-the-vpa/> (button at the bottom of the page).

2022 VPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email_(important!) _____

Paper copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Electronic copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Do you want to be added to the VPA Yahoo Group? (Y/N)

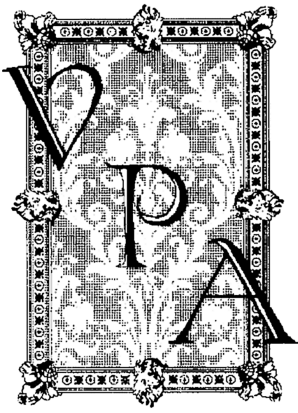
Special Interests, Expertise, Description of House

Suggestions/ideas for monthly meeting topics

Recommendations for VPA Source Lst:

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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

Jan. 19 VPA Annual Business Meeting

Visit the VPA Web site at:
<http://www.vpa.org>

On Facebook, search "VPA".

For newsletter information, email:
newsletter@vpa.org

ABOUT THE VPA

Members of the Victorian Preservation Association of Santa Clara Valley, a nonprofit organization, share an interest in the older buildings of our community, especially turn-of-the-century homes. Membership is open to anyone interested in learning about building and conservation techniques, architecture, decoration, and historic preservation. Meetings are usually held in members' historic homes, but being an owner of one of these homes is not required for membership. Membership is \$25 per year per household. To join the club, go to www.vpa.org and click on the "Join the VPA" button.

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