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ANTIQUE AND MIMOSA CRAWL

by Hullene and Marcus Salomon

The Antique Crawl is back with some exciting changes! This year Craig Trimble has invited VPA to the Antique Crawl on Saturday, May 21st. At 10:00 am we'll meet at the Colony to enjoy a glass of mimosa and pastries courtesy of the antique dealers and VPA, while we mingle with members and friends.

VPA President Marcus Salomon will have a few words for us and then turn the meeting over to Craig Trimble for a brief presentation on French art glass from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods. Emile Galle was the glass master of the 1800's and beyond. He established a fine arts school in Nancy, France which employed over 300 in 1889. He died in 1904 but his designs lived on for decades. Craig will provide a brief take on the Mueller Freres, who were students of Galle, and a later copycat named Charles Schneider. There will be a display of several pieces of beautiful, colorful art glass from the early 20th Century.

Afterwards, we will spread out to explore the four shops in a special morning for VPA and friends.

The shops are:

- 1) Antiques Colony at 1881 W San Carlos will be hosted by Mike Kelly and Craig Trimble.
- 2) Memory Lane Antiques at 1867 W San Carlos will be hosted by Tony Kavoshi and his son Philip. Their building has been sold and they will be closing this summer.
- 3) Briarwood Antiques at 1885 W San Carlos will be hosted by Lyn Marsh and Tim Mason.
- 4) Burbank Antiques at 1893 W San Carlos will

be hosted by Eduardo Massa.

Please come out and support our favorite antique dealers. We are inviting our friends from Preservation Action Council (PAC-SJ), and the Woman's Club to join us. Also, feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

We want to thank all the owners who are going over and above their usual shop hours and duties to provide a fun morning for VPA members and guests.

Come have fun prowling the antique stores of San Carlos Avenue at this private event. Parking is available on San Carlos, and there are some parking spaces behind Antiques Colony.

Hope to see you there with a new treasure in hand!

DATE: Saturday May 21

TIME: 10:00 AM

**PLACE: Antiques Colony, 1881 W San Carlos
San Jose CA 95128**

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

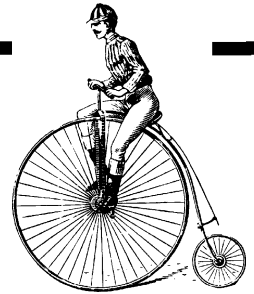
Our April program at the Ashworth-Remillard house was a huge success! It is so good to see our in-person numbers increasing as we move through 2022. Our host, Sue Cucuzza, was great but there were so many of us that some missed her interesting stories of the previous families. I sent an email to our members that talks more about this, and additional thanks to Larry Ames for sending me the link he made. If you did not receive the link please let me know.

As I mentioned, the board is considering doing a joint fundraiser which would benefit the restoration of the house and VPA. There are many things to consider, staffing the event, promotion, refreshments, should we do a boutique and can we have a successful house tour without it being fully restored. The Board will be discussing this more, but I could really use your feedback as well. If you have the time, my email is marcusse21@gmail.com. I will keep you all posted on our discussions.

Another thing the Board has been working on is increasing membership. I have the pleasure of reporting that we had one new family sign up at the April program. Hullene is also sending out reminders to past members and she is getting a very good response to her letters. Another tactic she is using is looking up vintage houses that have recently sold in the valley and sending the new homeowners a VPA brochure. It's working, she is getting us new members!

And on that note, I would like to welcome all our new members and to say thank you. I very much look forward to meeting and speaking with you at our upcoming programs, please say hello to me when you come to our next monthly event. And to all our current and past members I also want to express my thanks and with your help we will have a fantastic year!

**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



VPA's Social Media

Just a reminder that you can opt to get this monthly newsletter electronically instead of on dead trees. Just send me an email (MikeT19278@yahoo.com) and I'll make the change.

There's also the VPA Facebook page which you can join at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Victorian.Preservation.Association>

And of course, there's the VPA web site at www.vpa.org which has an archive of newsletters as well as many other interesting bits.

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

MARCH 30



Vintage Cocktail Corner

by Sara Bruce

The Mimosa

Join us for Mimosas at our Antiques Crawl on Saturday, May 21!

There is not a lot to say about the Mimosa—people have been mixing sparkling wine with orange juice for a very long time. The formal recipe and name may date from 1925, credited to a bartender named Frank Meier at the Ritz Hotel in Paris and named for the yellow mimosa flower. There is also a legend that director Alfred Hitchcock invented the Mimosa in San Francisco in the 1940's, but it seems that he was just a fan who helped to popularize the drink.

The recipe is simple: Pour chilled orange juice and sparkling wine into a flute. The formal recipe says 1:1 ratio, but vary it to suit your taste. Cheers!

The French 75

In the movie *Casablanca*, Rick's jilted girlfriend asks the bartender for a line of French 75s "starting here and ending here." Her new German boyfriend wisely changes the order to two. The drink is named for the fast-firing 75 millimeter field gun used by French forces during World War One, because it is said to have a kick like these big guns. It is a strong drink with a light refreshing taste.

Cocktails with spirits, Champagne, and lemon had been popular for a long time, but recipes with "75" in their name started to appear in cocktail books in the early 1920s, sometimes using Cognac rather than Gin or adding other flavors. According to Wikipedia, the now classic recipe first appears in *Here's How*, by Judge Jr. (1927).

- 1 ounce gin
- 1/2 ounce lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- 3 ounces Champagne (or other sparkling wine)

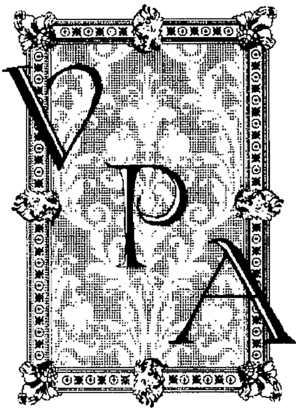
Combine the first three ingredients and shake with ice until chilled. Strain into a Champagne glass and top with Champagne. Stir gently and garnish with a lemon twist. Cheers!

BRICKS!

At the Ashworth-Remillard tour last week, one of the interesting things that Sue discussed was historic bricks, especially bricks that have names embossed on them. I knew that I had a couple of such bricks and when I got home I looked up the website she mentioned (www.californiabricks.com) which is an encyclopedic compendium of historic California bricks. To my surprise, however, neither of the bricks that I had were included on the site. So off to Google...

...which gave a wide range of information. It turns out that my bricks are firebricks and were made in Britain by factories owned by Joseph Cowen in Blaydon-on-Tyne, and Thomas Carr in Newcastle-on-Tyne. How the bricks made it from England to my back yard is a bit of a mystery. It is known that the Cowen bricks were imported to the US (one has been found on Alcatraz and one in Santa Cruz) but bricks were also used as ballast aboard ships. In any case, a very interesting story. I have a big pile of bricks—some old, some new—and I think I'll have to sift through them for other names!





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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

May 21 VPA May event, see p. 1 for more details.

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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