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ANTIQUE AND MIMOSA CRAWL

by Hullene Salomon

The Antique Crawl is back with some exciting additions! This year Craig Trimble has invited VPA to the Antique Crawl on Saturday, March 11. How lucky are we that this event coincides with their Annual Spring Sale! 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.

Craig has announced they will be raffling off 3 wine baskets this year. So, when you get your name tag be sure and get a raffle ticket. The raffle drawing is planned for 11:30 AM.

VPA President Marcus Salomon will have a few words for us and then turn the meeting over to Craig Trimble for a brief presentation. This time he will bring us into the recent past with a talk on 20th Century Glass Designs. Craig will start with Tiffany, then French Art Glass, and end with some Mid-Century designs.

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 Philip Kavoshi and his father Tony.
- 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 March 11
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

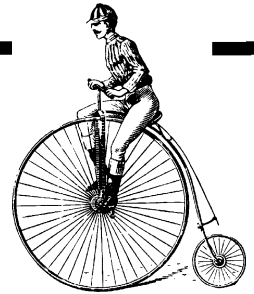
As they say, "All things must pass". And so it is with one of our favorite places to shop for treasures, Omega Salvage in Berkeley is closing. I can't count the number of times Hullene and I were there during our two restorations. When we had a project Omega and Urban Ore were our first stops. They are currently trying to liquidate their inventory, so items are 25% to 50% off! We will be heading there before you read this, not sure what we need at this point but I am certain we will come back with an item or two that we cannot live without. Gonna miss this place.

The Board of Directors is still working hard on putting together a fundraiser for later this year. We have been sorting through ideas and looking into an event that will not only benefit our club but will be something that the public will want to attend. We hope to have some news for you within the next month or so.

And lastly on a personal note, I would like to thank all the VPA members who have been coming to the venues where I am playing music. It is so great to see you there and such a big surprise! Of course those of you who come out and know the extent of my musical talents, I must assume you also attend train wrecks and other forms of disasters. Some of you know that I have been in the "House Band" of the Poor House Bistro for a few years now. We play every Thursday, 6 – 9pm at Mimosa's at the corner of Willow & Bird in Willow Glen while the new location of the Poor House Bistro has yet to open. My other steady starts up again on Tuesday, March 14th at Narrative Fermentations which is a great brewery at 101 E. Alma in downtown San Jose. I will be there with The Crosstown Trio every Tuesday, 5 – 8pm.

I also have been asked about the status of the Poor House Bistro and it's new location in Little Italy. When the move from the Autumn Street location first happened last year they were hoping to open in the fall of 2022. But with city permits and delays by PG&E and others the owners are hoping to open this spring. I of course will keep you posted as news is relayed to me.

**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



Just my opinion...



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A TRIP TO THE PRESIDIO

by Mike Tierney



For St. Valentine's Day this year, my wife Lori and I splurged at stayed at the Inn at the Presidio in San Francisco. The Inn, formerly called Pershing Hall, was built in 1903 as housing for bachelor officers. So it has provided lodging since its beginning.

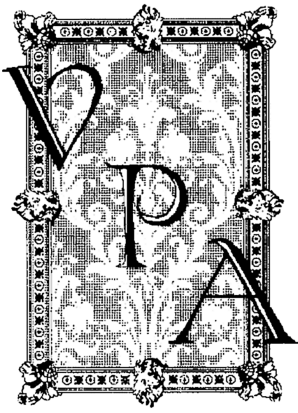
The Presidio was built in 1776 by the Spanish, transferred to Mexico, and captured by John Fremont who claimed it for the US during the Bear Flag Revolt. It was finally occupied by the US Army to protect the port of San Francisco during the Gold Rush. The fort grew, with Fort Point, now situated under the entrance of the Golden Gate Bridge, built in 1853 and Fort Winfield Scott built in 1912. The Presidio was an active military post until it was closed in 1994 and transferred to the National Park Service.

However, the Presidio is unlike any other National Park. The Presidio Trust manages the park along with the National Park Service. The Presidio contains hundreds of buildings, many of which were once housing for military families. Many of these buildings are still rented as apartments and single-family homes. The larger buildings are occupied by companies (Lucasfilm being the most prominent.), a school, the Disney Family Museum, and a number of other smaller companies and non-profits.

Despite the large number of historical buildings, many areas of the Presidio are very rural (especially when you remember that you're in San Francisco). It being St. Valentine's Day, we hiked from the Main Post, where the Inn is located, along a trail called "Lover's Lane" which the story goes, was the route soldiers used to get to town to meet their sweethearts. The trail is dead straight, but very steep. Once you get to the top, however, you can take the Lyon Street steps back down the hill almost to the Palace of Fine Arts (which is right on the border of the Presidio).

The Inn at the Presidio still maintains much of its historical fabric. There are only 22 rooms, most of them suites. The front of the building has porches with rocking chairs and if you look just right, you can see the tops of the towers of Golden Gate Bridge. The rooms are well appointed with fireplaces in most rooms. We had a continental breakfast in the renovated "mess hall" and wine and cheese in the afternoon. The Inn is definitely a splurge, but well-recommended for a special occasion.

The most recent facility to open at the Presidio is "Tunnel Tops" where lengths of Highway 101, which formerly split the Crissy Field area from the rest of the Presidio, have been covered up, and decorated with trails, playgrounds, green space and a view reaching to the Golden Gate Bridge and beyond. On the top side of the area is the main Visitor Center, a great place to learn about the history of the Presidio and to start your visit.



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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Feb. 27 VPA February Meeting, see last month's newsletter for details.
- May 11 VPA March Meeting. See p.1 for details.

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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