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**SCHIELE SUBDIVISION AND ALAMEDA PARK BOOK
PRESENTATION**

by Krista van Laan & Hullene Salomon

DATE: Wednesday, April 19
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Kay Gutknecht's Backyard
798 Schiele Avenue
San Jose, CA 95126

April 19th's presentation, at 7:00 PM, will be held in the backyard of Kay Gutknecht's home with an opportunity to go into the house to take a look.

Krista Van Laan and Kay Gutknecht will present highlights from their new book, *Schiele Subdivision and Alameda Park: History, Architecture, and Preservation in a San Jose Neighborhood*. The neighborhood was originally part of the Stockton Ranch, founded in 1849, the site of San Jose's original agriculture development and home of early pioneers who settled on the big estates along The Alameda. In 1888, hotel owner and councilmember Charles Schiele created a namesake subdivision along what is today Schiele Avenue. In 1922, Anthony Maderis developed a tract called Alameda Park on the surrounding land. Today, those subdivisions are combined into one overlapping neighborhood with a strong community and charming architecture, including Victorian homes and Period Revival houses designed by some of the best architects and builders in early San Jose.

Come early to walk around and see the neighborhood that is the subject of this talk.

If it rains too hard to be outside, the event will be moved indoors to Krista's house. Her address is 494 S. Cypress Avenue, San Jose, 95117. Please call Kay at 408-483-8474 or Krista at 408-476-2060 to confirm the location the day of the presentation if the weather is uncertain.

As usual our host will provide snacks and VPA will bring the wine and water. So, please join us for an informative and enjoyable evening with Kay and Krista. See you there!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

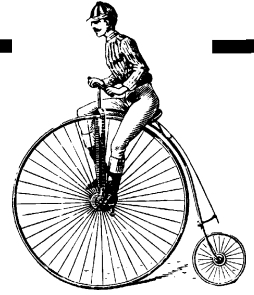
It is my pleasure to report that we have several new members since our Christmas party. So, with thanks, WELCOME NEW VPA MEMBERS! You have joined an enthusiastic group of Vintage House lovers who have through the years worked at preserving not only our houses but who lend a voice to preserving our historical buildings throughout the Santa Clara Valley. We are proud to have you with us. If you have not attended one of our monthly programs yet, please introduce yourself to me when you come to our next program. I really look forward to meeting you.

The board is working on filling our event calendar for this year and we have some wonderful and interesting programs coming up. However, we are finding that providing a venue for said programs is a bit of a problem. We would like very much to have them hosted in homes or venues that we haven't been to in a good while or better yet, ones we haven't visited at all. At present we have a great program speaker ready to do a discussion on salvage materials for our old homes, but we still are looking for a VPA member who can host in their backyard. If there are any of you who would like to consider hosting, please contact me at marcussc21@gmail.com or 408-930-9133.

Our next program is one that I am sure you won't want to miss. Our presenters will be Krista Van Laan and Kay Gutknecht who will be discussing highlights from their new book, *Schiele Subdivision and Alameda Park: History, Architecture, and Preservation in a San José Neighborhood*. Please have a look at the details for the April program in this Newsletter. I very much look forward to seeing you!

Contributing to this Issue: , Krista van Laan,
Hullene Salomon, Sara Bruce & Marcus
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**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



Nelson-DeLuz House

By now you have probably heard about the disastrous fire in the Nelson-DeLuz House at History Park which destroyed the house, and caused some damage to the Pasetta House next door including to some of the paintings in the Leonard and David McKay Gallery. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

History San Jose has created an Emergency Fund to supplement their insurance coverage. Donations can be made at www.historysanjose.org

First Church of Christ Scientist

I pass by this would-be historical landmark every few days, so I've been watching it decay from neglect and dereliction. Every storm brings and additional shredding of the random assortment of tarps lashed into place over the dome. The city seems unable to affect any change, and the owner of the building claims to have no funds to replace or repair it. If the storms subside, the building may get a reprieve until the next rainy season. If not, the historic church will continue to deteriorate.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
APRIL 30**

THE LODGE AT ST. EDWARD PARK



Vintage Cocktail Corner
by Sara Bruce

A month or so again, my wife, Lori, and I accidentally ended up in Seattle one Friday night. We had planned to drive down to Portland, but 11 inches of snow changed those plans.

So at the last minute we needed a place to stay for a few nights. Fortunately Lori's work group was planning to have an off-site meeting on Monday at the Lodge at St. Edward Park, so we checked to see if we could check in a few days early. Luckily, they had open rooms.

The Lodge was once St. Edward's Catholic Seminary, built in 1931 with a combination of Romanesque Revival and Art Deco styles. The Seminary operated from 1931 to 1976 when it closed. Fortunately, the Archbishop at the time, who attended school at St. Edward's wanted to preserve the building and surrounding park land, and instead of selling it to the highest bidder, sold it to the state to be used as a state park.

After sitting vacant for 40 years, an agreement between the state and a real-estate firm started the renovation and preservation of the main seminary building to into a lodge. The dorm rooms were enlarged and turned into 84 guest rooms. Former classrooms were transformed into meeting and event spaces. The barber shop has been converted into "The Tonsorium Bar", and we had dinner in the former dining hall, now the Cedar + Elm restaurant.

The Lodge's hallways are decorated with a large collection of art as well as historical photographs from the seminary days.

Surrounding the Lodge is over 400 acres of parkland, with trails that lead down to the shore of Lake Washington. Even though we had a few inches of snow fall overnight, we tromped along the trails through the park.

We had a great time, even though it was a total accident that we ended up here. If you're ever in the area of Kenmore, WE, I wholeheartedly recommend checking out the Lodge at St. Edward Park

<https://www.thelodgeatstedward.com/>

The White Lady

Part of the fun of researching vintage cocktails is reading all the stories about their creation. The White Lady not only has several stories, but has existed as two completely different drinks!

According to Wikipedia, the White Lady was created by Harry MacElhone in 1919 at Ciro's Club in London and named in honor of Eveline Alice Wander Gorkiewicz, who helped British prisoners of war escape Turkey in the first world war. She would dress up as an old Turkish wash lady (dressed in white) and hide the prisoners in the washing trolley.

MacElhone's recipe was very different from the cocktail that became popular later. His recipe as adapted for a mid-1920s cocktail book calls for 1 part brandy, 1 part Creme de Menthe, and 4 parts Cointreau, shaken with ice and strained.

By the end of the 1920s the name referred to a gin-based cocktail that quickly became a standard. MacElhone claimed to have also invented that version, but he is one of several contenders.

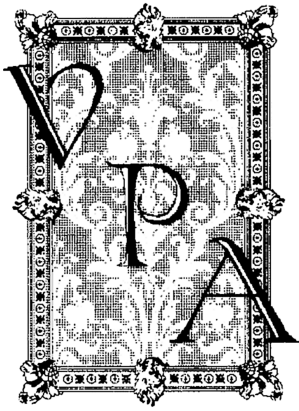
Another story is that Harry Craddock invented the gin-based version at London's *The Savoy Hotel* and named it for F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife, Zelda, who was drinking there and was a platinum blonde. A recipe appears in Craddock's 1930 cocktail book although he does not claim its creation.

Victor Cabrin at London's *Grosvenor House* is another likely candidate. A gin advertisement from 1934 features a photo of Victor making "his White Lady." By the mid 1930s some recipes included an egg white, which gives the drink a nice creamy, frothy quality. Some recipes also add sugar.

1-1/2 ounce gin
1/2 ounce Cointreau or Triple Sec
1/2 ounce lemon juice
1 egg white (optional)

Place all ingredients in a cocktail shaker. If using an egg white, shake vigorously without ice first (dry shake). Fill the shaker with ice and shake well. Strain into a chilled cocktail or coupe glass.

Cheers!



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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

Apr. 19 VPA April Event, see p. 1 for more info..

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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