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ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

by Ron Hagen

Date: Friday, June 23
Time: 7PM
Location: 798 Schiele Ave., San Jose

Architectural Salvage will be the topic of this month's "How To" presented by Matt Paolercio, a VPA member for 39 years.

He will begin by explaining the two basic reasons for utilizing salvaged material: cost savings and material quality. He will outline the three general Categories of material: Structural, Exterior, and Interior. Matt will draw on his many years of experience salvaging material and some of the special tools required to recover material with the least amount of damage.

Kay Gutknecht will again be our host at her home on Schiele Avenue. If you missed the April event, or were not able to join the PAC-SJ Walking tour of the Schiele Alameda Park neighborhood, this will be an opportunity to see her home and purchase the excellent book that she co-authored with Krista Van Lan titled *Schiele Subdivision and Alameda Park*.

We look forward to seeing you in June.



Kay Gutknecht's home at 798 Schiele Avenue.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

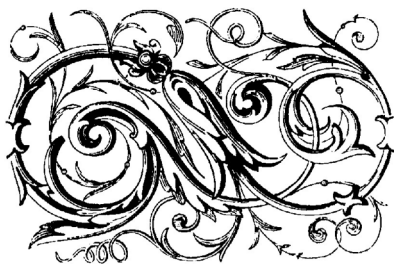
by Marcus Salomon

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the tour of the Roberto Adobe and Sunol House. Very interesting tour and someplace that I have not visited even after many years of living here.

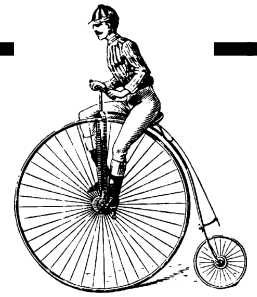
As mentioned in the past Newsletter, our bank account is shrinking and in need of help. We are planning a yard sale hopefully in late summer and we are currently looking for donations of items from our membership. If you have something that you no longer have a need for or if there is something that you are ready to part with, then please let us know so arrangements can be made to drop off. You can reach me at marcussc21@gmail.com or 408-930-9133. We do not have a date or location yet, but we will keep you updated.

Our treasurer, Larry Ames, is also helping with the fundraising. This fall he will be producing a special-run-limited-edition printing of a Christmas card designed by VPA members. He is currently looking for inspiration and asking members to submit pictures to him of something that says, "Vintage House Club". He will then take your ideas and turn them into a design for the card. We hope to show you the design this fall and make the cards available in October or November. Please read Larry's article in this Newsletter for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next program Friday, June 23, that will be presented by long time VPA member Matt Paolercio on salvage material. This is sure to be an interesting presentation.



**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



Winchester Mystery House Centennial Speaker Series

On Saturday, June 24th at 2pm, Janan Beohme, the Winchester House Historian will be speaking on 100 Years of History and Mystery. Learn how Sarah Winchester's fruit ranch became one of the most well-known historic homes in the country.

Tickets are \$5 and are available on their website <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com/buy-tickets/>

What will you do on your Summer Vacation?

Planning on visiting any historic sites this Summer? If you found it interesting, I suspect your fellow VPA members would as well. Why not write up a short article to share your adventures? Historic hotels, museums, and vintage houses are all of interest. Contact me at MikeT19278@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need help. I look forward to reading about your travels.

Contributing to this Issue:
Ron Hagen, Larry Ames & Marcus Salomon

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

JUNE 15

FUNDRAISING HOLIDAY CARDS

by Larry Ames

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the VPA bank account is slowly shrinking and is in need of some new money.

The VPA Board is working on a variety of fundraising options, one of which is the sale of unique, handmade Christmas cards: it may be illegal to print money, but it's not illegal to print things that can be sold for money!

Volunteers from the VPA Board will help this fall on the special-run limited-edition printing of a card designed just for VPA members.

This is where you come in:

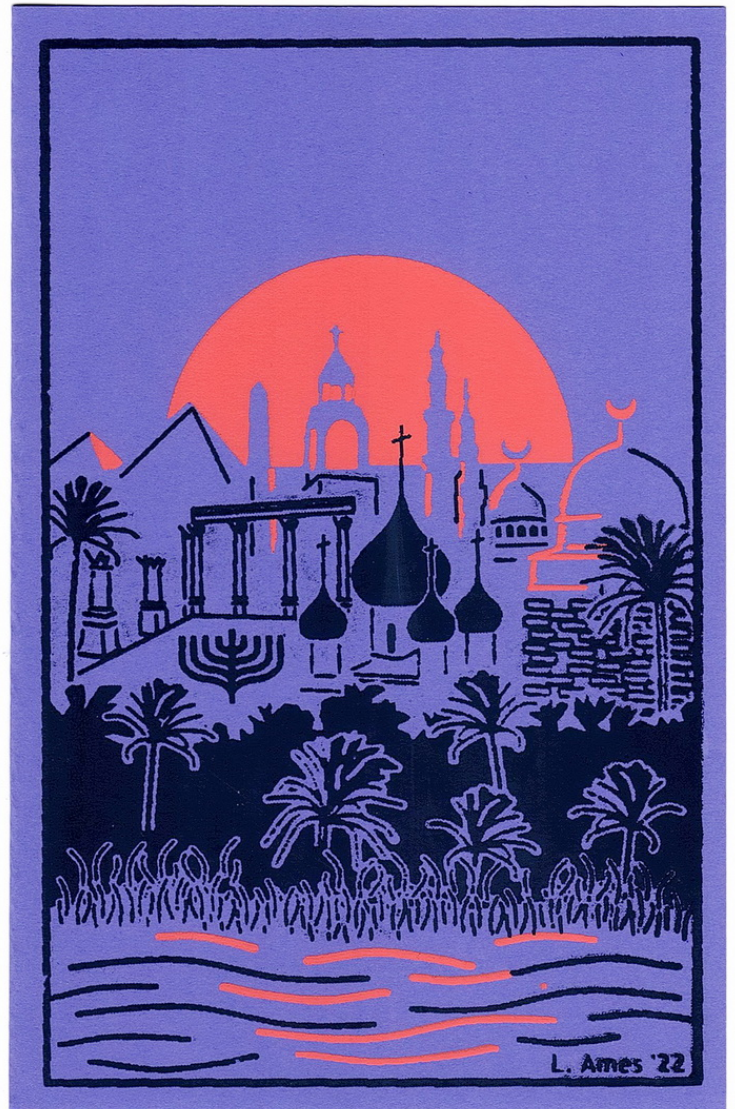
We're looking for inspiration! What do *you* see that yells out "Vintage House Club!"?

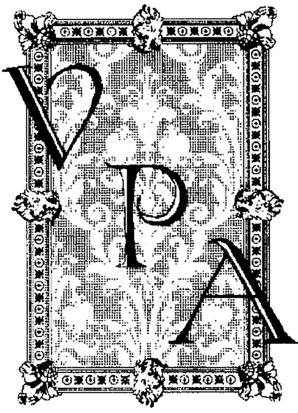
I'm asking you to send me photos of evocative items: pictures, say, of a vintage house with porches and turrets, or maybe just the weathervane or porch swing or front door -- whatever! We will then pick through the collection, trace some details, and arrange into a design. (As an example of the process, my personal card from last year is shown to the right or at http://l-ames.com/2022_front.jpg which was based on photos (<http://l-ames.com/elements.jpg>) from a recent trip.)

Send a choice one or few photos to Larry@L-Ames.com (with "VPA photos" in the subject line) by August 1st, and perhaps you'll recognize a detail in the resulting design!

We hope to have a design ready to show off in the September newsletter so that we can take pre-orders for delivery in October or November. And we'll try to print a few extra cards for sale at the VPA Christmas party in December.

Looking forward to seeing classic design elements becoming a unique VPA Christmas card!





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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

- June 2 PAC-SJ Rummage Sale. See p. 2 for details.
June 23 VPA June event. See p. 1 for more 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 \$30 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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