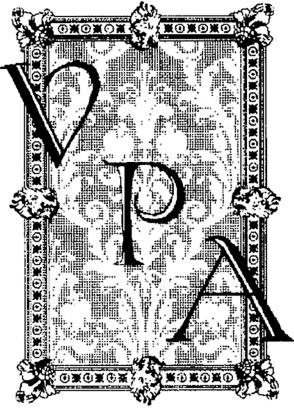


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VINTAGE TRAINS, TROLLEYS, AND PICNIC

by Larry Ames & Hullene Salomon

DATE: Saturday, September 23
TIME: 11:00 AM
Location: History Park San Jose
635 Phelan Avenue
San Jose, CA 95112

This month we will be gathering for a private tour of the Trolley Barn at History Park San Jose located at the southern end of Kelly Park. Parking is available off Phelan Avenue east of Senter Road. After the tour we will enjoy a picnic lunch on the History Park grounds. VPA will furnish the water, plates, napkins, and utensils. We ask everyone to please bring a food item to share.

Our hosts will be members of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) including founding member Rod Diridon. You may have heard of Mr. Diridon as he has a local train station named in his honor. We will have the opportunity to learn all about the early history of trolley service in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

The Trolley Barn is a working museum filled with old locomotives and rail cars in various states of repair that are being lovingly restored by CTCRC members. Some of the trolleys are functional and tracks from the barn extend the length of Kelley Park to Happy Hollow Zoo. If we are lucky, we may be given a ride around the park!

This is bound to be a fun and informational afternoon. We hope to see you all there and don't forget those picnic baskets!



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

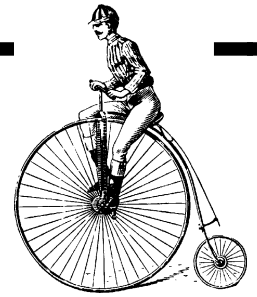
VPA Needs Your Help!

We will be holding our Yard Sale on Saturday, September 16 at the home of Bill & Lorraine Glick, 1352 Newport Ave in Willow Glen. We are still asking for donations and, most important, members to help us sell, price, set up and take down. We will be dropping items off the day before and maybe a couple items on the Thursday before. If you have items, you would like to donate please contact me at 408-930-9133 or marcussc21@gmail.com. If you have donations, it will help if you can price your items. We will do our best to price the items before delivering them to Bill & Lorraine's house.

The sale will most likely start at 9am and go to 4pm. If you can come by for a couple of hours to help it will be most appreciated and could be fun! If you can help us price some items beforehand again you can contact me. If you can help us deliver from our house to Bill & Lorraine's, we could sure use the help. PLEASE, consider helping us that weekend and/or the day before, we will need it.

We are still planning on selling Christmas Cards designed by our own Larry Ames. Larry is still looking for ideas and is requesting that you send him either pictures of your house or a part of your house like the porch or a design element. He will use these photos to design a unique Christmas Card that we are hoping will generate some needed funds for VPA. Please send your photos at your earliest convenience to me at the email address above or to lames@aol.com. Thanks so much for your help!

**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



A visit to the Pittock Mansion

My wife and I spent a weekend in Portland, Oregon and spent some time before our flight left at the Pittock Mansion. Henry Pittock, the publisher of the *Oregonian* newspaper, began planning his "mansion on the hill" in the early 1900s with his wife Georgiana, and construction of the mansion was finished in 1914. The mansion made use of the latest technology (electric lights, intercoms, central heating, rubberized tile floors in the kitchen areas, and multi-jet shower fixtures), as well as graciously decorated interior rooms throughout the house.

Unfortunately, Henry and Georgiana died only four years after completing the house. Other members of the family continued to occupy the mansion until 1958. The mansion was left empty and eventually open to the weather. Developers wanted to tear down the mansion and build a subdivision. Happily, a group of Portland citizens helped in raising the funds to repair and restore the mansion. The Pittock Mansion Society now runs the house-museum, and a visit to the "mansion on the hill" is a worthwhile side trip if you've got some free time during your visit to Portland. You can find more information about the Pittock Mansion at their website at pittockmansion.org

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

OCTOBER 1



VINTAGE COCKTAIL CORNER

By Sara Bruce

The Tom Collins is a simple and refreshing adult sparkling lemonade dating from the mid 19th century. According to Wikipedia, the first published recipe was probably in Harry Johnson's 1882 book, *New and Improved Bartender's Manual*. That recipe is generally the same as what you get today.

Some early cocktail books have a "John Collins" as well as a "Tom Collins," with the latter specifying Old Tom Gin. The Jerry Thomas *Bartenders Guide*, 1887 edition, contains four Tom Collins recipes, made with brandy, gin, or whisky—with one whisky variation served hot! The non-gin variations never caught on.

In 1874 the Tom Collins Hoax became popular in several eastern US cities. The hoaxer would convince somebody that Tom Collins had been talking bad about him, usually at a nearby bar. The goal was for the victim of the prank to storm into the bar shouting for Tom Collins.

The Tom Collins has remained popular over the years, and is served in a tall slender glass is called a Collins glass—but a tumbler will do.

2 ounces London dry gin
1 ounce lemon juice
1/2 ounce simple syrup
Club soda

Mix the gin, lemon juice and simple syrup in a Collins glass. Add ice, top with soda, and stir. Garnish with a lemon wheel and/or maraschino cherry if desired.

Cheers!

CELEBRATE WITH US THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALAMEDA'S LEGACY HOME TOUR!

Join us on Sunday September 17th, from 10 am to 4 pm. Spend the day on a lovely island, visit the splendid interiors of historic homes and stroll through neighborhoods rich in architectural history.

The ticket price includes a keepsake "Legacy Guidebook" with detailed architectural and historic information on each of the properties included on the tour, a detailed map with addresses and tour route, as well as light refreshments at Franklin Park. Visit booths with vendors that restore and provide ideas and services to fix your own home - from windows, to flooring, and from paint to upholstery.

When you purchase your tickets on Eventbrite, you'll receive a voucher as a receipt for your purchase. Print it on paper or save it onto your mobile device. And on September 17th you'll check in at the ticket table at Franklin Park, (corner of San Antonio and Morton St.) to exchange your voucher for a wristband - which will be your ticket to the tour.

We have seven amazing historic homes on the tour this year all open for viewing, and they're all walking distance from Franklin Park. Start your tour in any order you want, between 10am and 4pm. Docents and volunteers--some dressed in period costumes--will be ready to guide and inform you every step of the way. Bring your family and friends! We look forward to seeing you on the tour!

If you have any questions or need more information, call or email:

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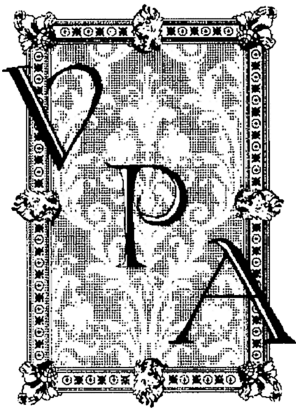
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or visit us at:

alameda-legacy-home-tour.org

Docents Needed!

Docents for either 10-1 or 1-4 shifts are needed. Docents will receive free admission to all houses. Contact Denise at the above contacts if you are interested or have any questions..



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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Sept. 17 Alameda Legacy Home Tour, see. p 3 for more info.
- Sept 23 VPA September 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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