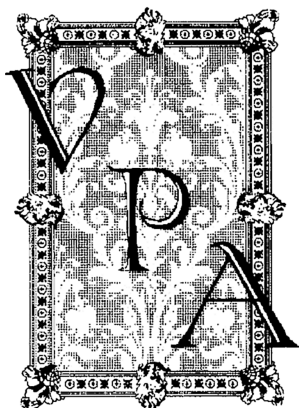


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**ON-LINE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

*by Mike Tierney*

**DATE:** Thursday, October 26, 7pm

**LOCATION:** 494 Cypress Ave., San Jose (1/3 mile south of Stevens Creek Blvd. Turn S at the DSW Shoe Store)

Researching one's family tree is by some reports one of the most popular hobbies. Whether you're searching for long-lost family members, hunting for famous cousins, or just curious about where your family originated, getting access to records is crucial to make much progress.

Fortunately in the last decade or so, many databases used in genealogical research, such as US Census records, vital records (birth, marriage, death) and immigration records (passenger lists and naturalization records) have become available online. This is a huge improvement from the days when one had to find records from county and state clerk offices either in person or by mail.

When starting out of your research, it's always helpful if you already have some information about your family's history, such as the names of family members and where they lived. Starting with that information, in a short time you can start building your family tree using the free database hosting websites, such as FamilySearch.com, and keep working backwards in time to find older generations.

I started searching my family several decades ago and my research has only accelerated since databases came

on-line. I've corresponded with relatives on both sides of my family that I didn't know existed, and a first cousin who found me via DNA testing (one of my now-deceased uncles has some explaining to do...)

Come and see how you can start building your own family tree and discover what personal mysteries you might discover.

Krista van Laan is hosting this month's event. Her 1921 Prairie-style house was designed by San Jose's notable local architect Frank Delos Wolfe, who was influenced by famed Midwestern architect Frank Lloyd Wright while still giving it his own spin. Wolfe introduced the Prairie style to San Jose, designing many buildings of this type between 1912 and 1921. The home's thirteen-foot ceilings and clerestory stained-glass windows will not disappoint.

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

Success!!! Our Yard Sale was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated, helped us price and worked the days before and the day of, Matt P., Debbie M., Bruce & Loni S., Diana T.A., Sara B., Kim T., Ed R. and Mike T. And mostly to Bill and Lorraine Glick for offering to host the sale at their marvelous house. We could not have done it without you. Also, a thank you to the VPA members who stopped by and bought some treasures, it is very much appreciated. At the end of the day, we made \$1,417.79! Because of the success we will be planning another one for next year. We will start to ask for donations as the time approaches so don't throw those treasures away.

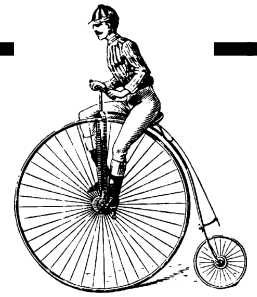
Now I would like to take a moment to thank someone who has repeatedly stepped up to help our wonderful club, Lorraine Glick. Since Hullene and I joined VPA in the late 90s I have come to find in her a friend and a tireless worker for VPA. I cannot count how many times when we needed something or someone to take on a task or more importantly provide us with guidance and wisdom to get us through a crisis or even just a little hiccup, she would be the one to do so. Lorraine was on the Board when we joined but a few years later she stepped down but continued to come to meetings and offer us a direction when the path was not clear to the rest of us. She would make calls, run errands, volunteer for a project or program and did it all with a positive attitude and a goal in mind. This is why we refer to her as Saint Lorraine.

I have been President of VPA for more years than I deserve. At the end of my term if I have achieved half of the respect, love and admiration as Lorraine then I will consider my term as President a success. Lorraine, words like thank you do not seem enough for what this club owes you, but I hope you accept them from our hearts.

*Contributing to this Issue:  
Sara Bruce, Larry Ames, Mike Tierney &  
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**Have You  
Heard  
the Latest?**



## PAC-SJ Holiday Boutique Sale

Pac-SJ will hold its Holiday Treasures Sale again this year. Featured will be all manner of holiday-themed items, plus the usual assortment of antiques, collectibles, and other interesting bits, including books on collectibles from the estate of Steve Yvaska.

The sale will take place at 295 Sequoia Ave, in San Jose. Times are Friday, Nov. 3 from 9:00am to 6pm, and Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9am to noon.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:**

**NOVEMBER 15**



## Vintage Cocktail Corner

By Sara Bruce

### The Mary Pickford

Mary Pickford was one of the greatest stars of the silent-movie era, as well as a producer and co-founder of United Artists. This pleasantly fruity and refreshing drink was probably created in her honor in the 1920s, by Fred Kaufmann at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba, while Pickford was in Cuba filming a movie, accompanied by her husband Douglas Fairbanks and their friend Charlie Chaplin.

Pickford and Fairbanks also owned one of the grandest homes in Beverly Hills, *Pickfair*. They purchased the former hunting lodge in 1919 and lovingly renovated and decorated it. The house is said to have had the first in-ground swimming pool in the Los Angeles area. It also had numerous reports of ghost sightings. Pickford lived there until her death in 1979, and sadly the house was demolished by a subsequent owner--so mix up a Mary Pickford to toast the memory of grand old houses now lost.

- 1 1/2 ounces white rum
- 1 1/2 ounces pineapple juice
- 1/4 ounce Maraschino liqueur
- 1-2 dashes grenadine syrup

Shake with ice and pour into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a maraschino cherry if desired.

Cheers!



Black and white version of the VPA Christmas card.)

## VPA Christmas Card Fundraiser: "Vintage Houses on Candy Cane Lane"

by Larry Ames

For years, it's been part of my family's tradition to give family and friends unique, handmade silkscreened Christmas cards. This year, you can do so too, and support the VPA at the same time!

This year's card showcases some local houses all decked out in their Christmas finery, and, with help from members of the VPA, we'll print extra cards for you to share and enjoy, and to also help support the VPA. Buy a card for yourself as a keepsake, and maybe buy several (dozen!) more for your friends and relatives!

The cards will be 8-1/2 x 5-1/2"; red, yellow, white and black on blue card-stock paper, with an envelope.

(To see the design in color, go to [www.L-Ames.com/VPA.jpg](http://www.L-Ames.com/VPA.jpg))

The inside of the card is blank, or we can print "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year" if you'd like.

**\$10 each, or \$50 for 6.**

>> All proceeds go to support the VPA.

The cards will be printed the first week in November and delivered to you quite soon thereafter – but we'll only print enough cards to meet the demand, so...

**>> If you'd like some cards, please order by Nov. 1st.**

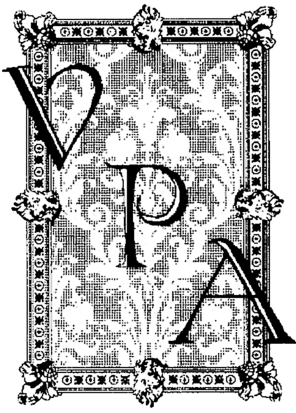
Place your order either by mail (VPA, PO Box 586, San Jose CA 95108) or by email ([VPA@L-Ames.com](mailto:VPA@L-Ames.com)).

Let us know how many cards you'd like, your address, and also please include a phone number and let us know if you'd like the inside printed or left blank.

>> Mail us a check made payable to VPA, or Venmo us using this QR code.

BTW, the annual VPA Christmas party December 10th is at my house this year. From my front yard, you'll be able to see the houses featured on the card – although you'll also see that I took some artistic license: the palm trees wouldn't fit on the card otherwise! You may even see the horse-drawn sleigh and some art-cars in parade. It will be grand! Larry





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## UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

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| Oct. 26  | VPA October Event. See p. 1 for more details.   |
| Nov. 3-4 | PAC-SJ Holiday Sale. See p. 2 for more details. |
| Dec. 10  | VPA Holiday Party                               |

## 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](http://www.vpa.org) and click on the "Join the VPA" button.

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