

Cotati Historical Society Newsletter

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Preserving Cotati's Past

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SOCIETY OFFICERS

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Barbara Jean Veronda 795- 4545

Director: Marie McNaughton

Cotati Museum Hours:

Saturday 1 - 4 P.M.

2nd Tuesday of each
month 5 - 7 P.M.

Special times by appointment
Phone 707-794-0305

Learn more about Cotati history and
the Cotati Museum at our **website:**
www.cotatihistoricalsociety.org

The Cotati Historical Museum always needs volunteers to welcome visitors on Saturday afternoons, when we are open from 1 to 4 p.m. Docents work in pairs and the duties are basic - unlock doors, turn on lights, open blinds and prepare to be friendly. We have an instruction pamphlet that tells you everything you need to know. If you are interested, contact Barbara Jean Veronda, 795-4545.

Museum Highlights Running Fence History

Every year in the winter or early spring, the Cotati Historical Society holds a meeting of people from this area and others who are interested in the history of our unique little community.

This year the event was held on November 6 as an Open House at Cotati City Hall. It especially celebrated the 40th anniversary of the famous Running Fence conceived by French artist Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude.

Since the fence - a cable suspending multiple huge panels of fabric - began at Cotati and ran all the way over hill and dale to the Pacific Ocean, it was the subject of lots of conversations...many controversies, some praise, some sneers, and it attracted thousands of visitors to the area between Cotati and Bodega Bay.

It was only up for 14 days, and removed leaving little trace on the land, but many rich memories, especially around Cotati.



COME-ON IN! Signs and a bright banner invited visitors to tour the History Museum.



WELCOME! Sandra Walton, left, Robin Draper and Judy Gustafson, right, greet visitors.

Photos by Judy Gustafson



VOLUNTEER GUIDES - Left to right, Shelby Gustafson, Barbara Jean Veronda, Marie Aggio, Marie McNaughton.



SCRUMPTIOUS! Good cooks from the Cotati Historical Society outdid themselves with the refreshment table.



MEMORIES: Jeff & Janet Libarle reminisce over photos of the famous Christo's Running Fence.

Silent Auction an Integral Part of Our Annual Barbeque

This year, 2017, will be our 9th annual chicken barbeque and, again, you will have the opportunity to entice yourself with the many items donated to our silent auction. This is the Historical Society's most important fund raiser for the year with the proceeds going toward the museum and the preservation of Cotati's history.

A key part of the event, the silent auction is a coming together of both the local business community and the public through their many contributions. It is a good way to learn about a new business in the area or be introduced to resident artists and crafts people. Last year, we had everything from Monster Truck Rally tickets to a handcrafted ornamental iron table with a granite top donated by a local artist.

We also had many items specifically for younger people. It was wonderful to see how the kids watched their items, the prices and learned the mechanics of a silent auction. One little boy had his eye on a cute whiter-than-white stuffed bear which he monitored from the time he first saw it until the close of the auction. Another, older boy, got the delight of the complete set of the Lemony Snicket series at a very reasonable price and the donor, a local Rohnert Park contributor, got to free up space on her book shelf .

If you have items in good condition which you no longer want but find it difficult to part company, consider a donation to our silent auction. You will have over 400 people who will get a great deal of enjoyment bidding on them and, in turn, support a cause important to you.

To donate contact Barbara Jean Veronda at 707-795-4545



CELEBRATING HISTORIC RANCH

Yesenia Chavez Lyons, center, presented her master's degree defense Wednesday at Sonoma State University. Her subject was the Veronda-Falletti Ranch on the corner of West Sierra Avenue and School Street. She is congratulated by, from left, Barbara Jean Veronda and right, Jennie Falletti. Mrs. Falletti and her late husband Al were last owners of the property, which is now a park. Barbara Jean Veronda's ancestors were early owners of the ranch.

Photo by Judy Gustafson

THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS & DONORS

Carl's Body Shop, Greg Gustafson, Geraldine E. Magers, *Jennie Rossotti*
NOTE: Names in italics also gave donations.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Cotati Historical Society is happy to announce that Barbara Jean Veronda has accepted the position of director on our board. She replaces another loyal lifelong Cotatian, Gary Santero, who has very effectively filled the position, as well as producing prize-winning entries for us in several parades.

Barbara Jean, better known as Bobbie, is already the volunteer coordinator for our museum duty and assures that we have docents to supervise our Cotati Historical Museum at City Hall. It is open every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and the second Tuesday night of each month from 5 to 7 p.m.

Bobbie has also handled the big job of managing the silent auction, which is always a popular feature at our annual chicken barbecues. In 2016 she took over management of the silent auction and did a beautiful job.

Bobbie is the daughter of Jake and Ruth Veronda, was born here and attended local schools, and has two sisters, Velma DiMeola and Martha Gustafson. We couldn't ask for a more dedicated person to keep the memory of Cotati's history alive.

Mark your 2017
calendar for April 9,
the date of our 9th
Chicken Barbeque.

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Cotati Past and Present

By Anna M. Reed



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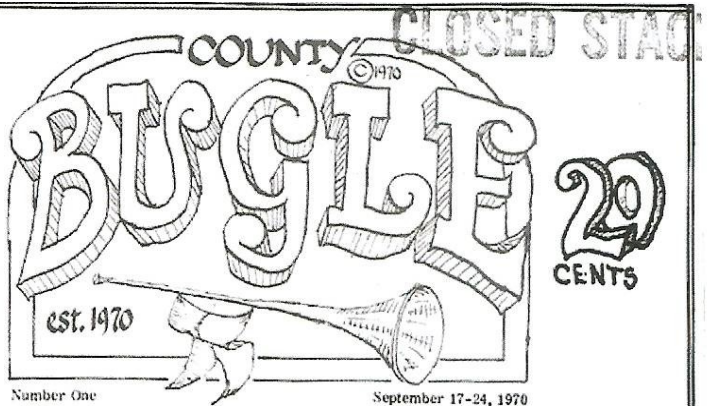
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 to begin revising some sign ordinances.

How Did Early Cotati Folks Keep in Touch?

In the days before cellphones, ipads, computers, or Facebook, how in the world did the people in small communities keep in touch with each other? If they were lucky, they had newspapers, and looking at local history, it appears that Cotati was unusually blessed.

Time to renew your dues for 2017

We collect dues every January and you too, can help preserve Cotati's history. **Dues are still only \$10 per person per year.** Please complete this form and send with your check.

Yes I want to renew my membership for 2016 @ \$10 per person

An additional donation of \$ _____ is enclosed

A memorial donation of \$ _____ is enclosed in memory of: _____

Please send to:
Cotati Historical Society
P.O. Box 7013
Cotati, CA 94931

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Happy Holidays To All

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New display in the Museum 10 Rancho Cotati Maps

Most are dated 1892-3 when the Page Family was laying out the Town of Cotati and subdividing the surrounding land into city sized lots and small farms.

