

Cotati Historical Society Newsletter

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Cotati Museum Hours:

Saturday 1 - 4 P.M.
2nd Wednesday of each
month 5:30 - 8 P.M.
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Docents Needed!

Our museum is now up and running on a regular schedule, and we need helpers who can keep the museum open and answer questions. It's fun, it's easy, it's educational and it helps your museum. Training will be provided.
Contact Judy Gustafson at 763-7256.

SUMMER PARADE SEASON

This year we doubled our efforts at the Penngrove Fourth of July Parade, thanks to the participation of Bob Herrerias and his antique truck, as well as Jaime Llopis and his antique Cadillac limo. We not only got lots of interest, but we won a first trophy in the antique truck category !



Jennie Falletti, sporting a red, white and blue crown, rode in the elegant 1939 Cadillac with its owner, Jaime Llopis.



Prize-winning decorated 1947 1-ton Dodge truck was driven by Bob Herrerias, who had spent a year restoring it. Photo by Eva Herrerias.



Our Kids Day Parade entry had a "CandyLand" theme with giant lollipops and candy garlands. Left to right: Colton Davis, Jake Martin, Cameron Davis, Clown Draper and Connie Martin.



Posing with artfully-decorated Herrerias truck are left to right, Connie Martin, Bob Herrerias, Judy Gustafson, Justin and Cory Wigmore, and Prue (chicken) Draper.

History Night is Coming Soon

Every year in the fall Cotati Historical Society sponsors a History Night, with a program illuminating a different aspect of Cotati's past. This year's date:

Wednesday, November 17

7 P.M.- Cotati Room behind City Hall

Free admission - refreshments

SAVE THE DATE!

Crowd Enjoyed Barbecue, Music, Car Show, Museum

Our annual Chicken Barbecue April 18 was again a big success, financially, socially and from a gustatory standpoint. Terry Dutra, general chairman, reported that we sold about 250 dinners; the bake sale with homemade goodies provided by local residents was especially popular, and a new feature this year, a silent auction, netted \$1100. American roots music by a local band and a show of antique cars added to the festivities, and the Cotati Museum was open for browsing all day.



Fred Carrasca, left and Ed Gilardi had people clamoring for their barbecue recipe.



Jane Hayes and Ann Carrasca helped greet guests and sell tickets.



Val Stevenson, left, helped serve "Moose" Jamal, Brad DaVall and Perry Bennett, right.



Wendy Gilman serves cake from the popular bake sale.



John Allred invited visitors to try their luck at the wheel of fortune while Jaycee and Shelby Gustafson made an announcement.



John and Anne Rock were cordial bartenders at the beer and wine table.



Eleanor Miller and sons Scott, left, and Jerry, right, savor the chicken, beans and salad.

See many more BBQ photos on our website - cotatihistoricalsociety.org



Judy Gustafson, right, and Mary Ann Weed, left, manned the bake sale table.



Carl Schollman and Stan Poncia chatted with neighbors at the old car show.



Ron and Bob Herrerias, at left, admire one of the vintage cars on display, as Stan Poncia, right, climbs in.

Photos courtesy of Jerry Pagnusat.

OUR FIRST GRANT

State Farm Companies Foundation has a wonderful program called their Good Neighbor Grant through which they donate to non-profit organizations to which former State Farm employees give their time. It's the good fortune of the Cotati Historical Society to have Judy Gustafson as a board member and our Archiving Administrator, and as a former State Farm staff member, she qualified to apply for



Judy Gustafson, right, presents a \$500 check to Terry Dutra, Treasurer, a grant from State Farm Companies Foundation.

this wonderful benefit. The check for \$500 arrived recently – our first grant, a welcome transfusion for our treasury and an exciting milestone for our organization. Thanks Judy – and thanks State Farm!

Memorial Fund Growing

Our Memorial Fund received many donations during the last few months.

In memory of **Inge Carstensen:**

Gary & Rita Santero

Donations in memory of **Lloyd Draper:**

Joe & Catherine Albini, Charles & Marie Baranzini, Mary Bartlett & Chris Davis, Barbara Biebush, K & D Blackman, Richard & Geraldine Bryant, George Bunting, Barbara Butler & Jim Ford, Cotati City Staff, Cotati Accordion Festival, Cotati Police Association, Diane Crosby, DBK Management, Kathleen DeRoo & Patricia Haynes, Jacqueline Dickson, Diane Dorfman, Gerry Dorsett, Maxine Durney, Terry Dutra, Clifford & Helen Elrich, Exchange Bank, Jennie Falletti, Jane Ferina, Allan & Karren Folkins, John Furrer, Linda Garcia & Don Cropper, Harold Griffith, Fred & Pat Groverman, Martha Gustafson, Carolyn & Paul Hacker, Charles & Ann Helmick, Warren & Joan Hopkins, Mildred Howie, Art & Vickie Ibleto, Patricia Isley & Family, William & Lucy Kortum, Janet & Mike Kurvers, John & Gaye LeBaron, Rollie & Shirley Leeberg, Steven & Patty Levenberg, Sidney & Gerry Lipton, Syd & Trudy Lundgren, Jim Lynch – Sonoma Index-Tribune, John & Muriel Mahall, Bruce & Connie Martin, Carmelina Mattern, Mary Nell McCann, Marjorie McKenna, Eleanor Miller, Phyllis Moura, Roberta Musser, Robert & Mabel Nelson, Ellen Ostrand, John & Anne Page, Dorothy Petersen, Lester Petersen, Ron & Connie Petty, Martin & Susan Powell, Jeanne Pratt, Bob & Debbie Renati, Marjorie Rosselli, Gary Santero, Kathleen Sartori, John & Victoria Scharer, Carl & Mary Schollman, Jean Schulz, Michael Sheehan, Joan Simon, Val Stevenson, Larry & Sharon Stoneburner, Patricia Taddei, Dave Thomas, Ernest & Virginia Tollini, Anthony Tusler & Lindy Brown, Yvonne Vandyke, Barbara Veronda, Art & Tess Volkerts, James & Joan Wagele, Don Waite, Eleanor Wass, Dorothy Watt, Carol Williams, Chuck Wolf.

The Cotati Historical Society and the Draper family extend deep thanks to all those many people; Lloyd would be most appreciative also.

Our memorial fund now totals \$6,449.00. Our first memorial fund project will be an essay contest for Thomas Page School fourth grade students.

Relic From Auto Racing Days Joins Museum

A chance remark by a volunteer worker, an afternoon of heavy lifting by strong-backed helpers, and skillful work by an enthusiastic refinisher all combined to produce a dramatic new addition to the collection of historic artifacts in the Cotati Museum.

While working on our Venetian blinds, Bob Gilman mentioned that his neighbor, Jim Corder, had an antique gasoline pump just sitting in his yard as a curiosity.....he might be willing to donate it to the museum.

The pump was not a local artifact – it had been found in Marin County – but it was just like one that had stood outside the Fox Garage in Cotati back in the 1920's. We even had a photo of it in our archives!

Contact was made – Mr. Corder was, indeed, enthusiastic about helping the museum, and the strong-backed helpers set a time to gather.

Bruce Martin's pickup truck was put into duty, and the pump was hoisted in and transported to Bob Herrerias' workshop, where he sandblasted its rusty surfaces, painted and polished its parts, and made it ready to come to its new home.

It's a wonderful addition to our collection, and we thank all who helped make it possible.



MOVERS AND ADMIRERS - Left to right, Jake Martin, Gary Martin, Julio Roman, Bob Herrerias and Bruce Martin inspect the relic 1910 gasoline pump.

IN ALL ITS GLORY – the gas pump now sits in the Cotati Museum – a relic of a bygone age when Cotati was a major stop on a major highway, and auto racing was the favorite sport. Photo attached to the front of the pump shows the Fox Garage on Old Redwood Highway with matching pump on front curb about 1920.



NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

You, too, can help preserve Cotati's history as members of the Cotati Historical Society. **Dues are still only \$10 per person per year.** Please complete this form and send with your check to:

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Cotati, CA 94931

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YES! The museum is open now!

Come visit!

Hours: Saturday 1 - 4 P.M.

Second Wednesday 5:30 - 8 P.M.



Scrapbooks displayed in the museum reminded visitors of events and personalities in Cotati's past. Yara Mery, left, and Gary (Isha) Isringhaus were among the visitors during the April 18 Chicken Barbecue.