

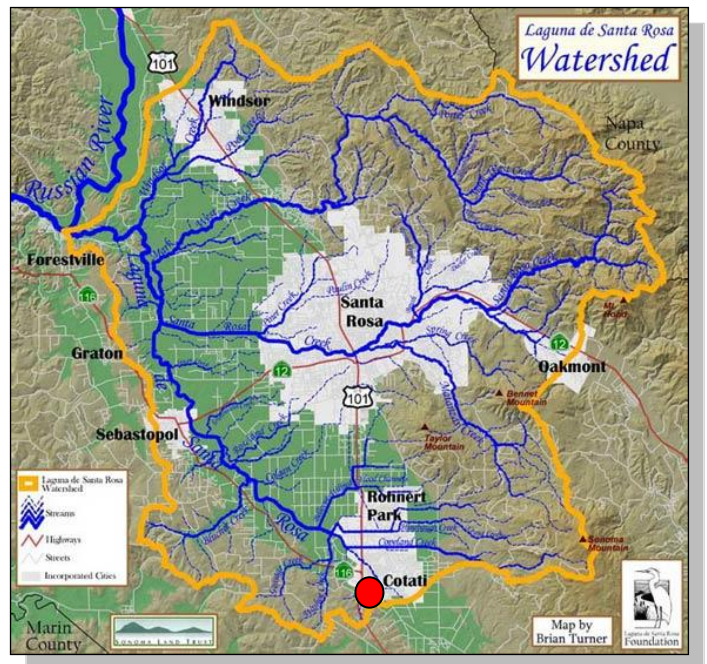
Celebrating the Laguna de Santa Rosa

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is northern California's largest freshwater wetlands complex, situated in Sonoma County, known for its rich biological diversity. Its 22-mile channel is the primary tributary to the Russian River, draining a 254-square-mile watershed encompassing much of the Santa Rosa Plain, including Windsor, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Forestville, and Sebastopol.

As a critical landscape feature, the Laguna plays a crucial role in Sonoma County's water quality and flood control. It serves as a natural reservoir during heavy rains, mitigating floods throughout the watershed and downstream along the Russian River.

On Sunday, November 3, 2024 a series of guest speakers will talk about topics such as how things have changed over time with the watershed, The work done by Cotati Creek Critters volunteers in cooperation with the City of Cotati in planting many native shrubs and trees, the various educational programs offered along the Laguna in Cotati, and any future plans for the Laguna.

Speakers will stay after the presentations at display tables to answer any questions the public may have.



Additionally, there will be displays in the Museum for viewing about the watershed and images of the Laguna in Cotati.

See more details on our website under *News & Events*.

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Downtown Walking Tours Return!

Have you ever asked yourself, “How old is that building?” or “I wish I knew what business was in there 50 years ago?” Well, we’ve got an answer for you. Sign up for one of our downtown walking tours with our knowledgeable docents to learn more about the history of some of the buildings and businesses downtown.

See the information to the right for future planned tours this summer scheduled for August 10, September 14, and October 19, all beginning at 11:30 and going until about 1:00.

You can sign up by sending us an email at cotatimuseum@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 707-794-0305 and leave your name and the date you are interested in and how many in your group.

Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. Since it will take place outdoors, don’t forget the sunscreen!

A Summer of Parades

This summer has brought a series of parades in which CHS docents and volunteers participated. Here are a couple of images from those events.




From left, Marilee Shipman and Marie McNaughton had help in carrying the CHS banner at the Cotati Kid’s Day Parade.

Curious About Cotati’s History?

Sign up for free 1½ hour walking tours
Sponsored by the Cotati Historical Society

The dates are July 6, August 10, September 14 and October 19 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM



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For more information, visit <https://cotatimuseum.org> or call 707-794-0305



From left, Vanessa Nordstrom and Marilee Shipman carrying the CHS banner at the Rose Parade in Santa Rosa. (photo by Dan Silverer)

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The CHS Mission

Our mission is to preserve Cotati history through the acquisition and preservation of artifacts, photos, archives, and other historical materials. We provide resources for visitors and researchers interested in Cotati's unique past. Our community outreach program enables us to support Cotati-related cultural activities and events and to maintain reciprocal relations.

Ongoing Business Memberships

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Annual Chicken Barbecue in Pictures!

Images top to bottom: Grilling the chicken around 6 AM; Chuck Lucas and Scott Goree; volunteers ready to serve the hungry crowd; and essay contest winners from Thomes Page Academy with teacher Kiyoko Nakano. (photos by Jim Davis)



We thank our sponsors

Oliver's Market, The Cotati Hotel, Full Circle Bakery, Denman Ranch Winery, Lagunitas Brewery, Henhouse Brewery, Cotati Kid's Heritage Grazing, Larsen's Feed Store, The City of Cotati, and Recology.

Annual Chicken Barbecue in Pictures!

Images top to bottom: Third Rail Band with Emily Lois on lead vocals; Jeff Millerick's 1929 Cord cabriolet; crowds of people both indoor and outdoor. (photos by Jim Davis)



Docent Recognition Party

We couldn't do it without them! That's right. Our Docents provide a myriad essential tasks for CHS. From working on Saturdays in the Museum answering questions from the public and showing visitors some of the many treasures we have on display, to working at various events all around the County.

Our Docents and volunteers are a critical link for CHS and the community. The Board recently thanked our docents at a celebration for them at the Church of the Oaks.

(l to r) Docents Pat Anderson, Marilee Shipman, and Coordinator Marie McNaughton. (photo by Jerry Pagnusat)



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

What is This Building Today?



Built in 1901, Church of the Oaks in Cotati is one of the oldest buildings in the City and is still located in the same location.

Learn more about our downtown with the summer and fall walking history tours. Visit our website for more information.

Thank You To Our New and Renewing Members and Donors

April 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024

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Exchange Bank, Cotati Branch



Three generations of Martin family with Ed Gilardi, installing the new display case platform which was designed and constructed by Bruce Martin. From left, President Ed Gilardi, Bruce, Gary and Jake Martin. (photo by Judy Gustafson)



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Thank you for your support of Cotati Historical Society.

Dues: Individual \$20, Family (All members of same household) \$25, Business \$40

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