

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SILENT AUCTION

by Hullene Salomon

Date: Sunday, July 24, 2pm Backyard of Marcus & Hullene Location: Salomon

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The VPA screams for ice cream and we will gather for an afternoon of leisure on Sunday, July 24, at 2:00 PM for our Annual Ice Cream Social.

VPA will be dishing up the ice cream and providing a few toppings. We are requesting that members bring their favorite ice cream topping along to share. You can never have too many choices!

While we are enjoying our ice cream, VPA will be conducting our silent auction. Due to social distancing in the past, we have not been able to have the silent auction at our business meeting. It has always been a big hit with members, so why not bring it back now! If you wish, be looking around your home for an item another VPA member would find useful and willing to bid on. It could be a picture frame, book, hardware, a light fixture, memorabilia, collectible...you name it. If you have an item that is too large to transport to the event, take a picture of it from a couple of different angles and let the bidding begin. This is not a white elephant auction, so bring something that will be of value to a fellow VPA member and will benefit the general fund. Near the end of the afternoon, we will close the auction, announce the winners who will then pay for their treasures and take their "find" home! Purchases as well as donation of items qualify as a charitable tax donation and receipts will be provided.

There is no permit parking on Sunday so you may park anywhere on the street. Enter the back- yard on the driveway side of the house and the entry gate will be unlocked.

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So come for the ice cream and a chance to take a treasure home. And of course, the time to spend with friends. Look forward to seeing everyone!



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

First, I want to thank Bill and Lorraine Glick for hosting the June program. The setting and refreshments were perfect. Our speaker, Marc Haeger, of Haeger Stained Glass Studios was nothing short of incredible. This may have been the most indepth presentation on Stained Glass that we have ever had. He went into a little history of stained glass and the subject matter used for church windows. Then showed us materials and how they are used to make windows and lamps. Marc then took us through techniques on repairing and styles of glass. Marc has done work for me and Hullene, which was terrific, but I was blown away by his knowledge on the subject. Thank you once again, Marc.

A few months back we did a tour of the Ashworth – Remilard house on Story Road. The purpose was not only to see the progress being done but to consider a joint fundraiser with them and VPA. After touring the house it was decided that the house is not ready for a home tour at this time. The board would still like to do a different fundraiser that would benefit VPA and preservation.

It was in October of 2018 that we held our last fundraiser. It was the Edgar Allen Poe event which was a successful event for us. Any fundraiser will most likely be next year. In the meantime, the Board is brainstorming over what type of event we should have. The obvious choices are a house tour or something similar to the Poe event.

If you have ever been involved with a fundraiser you know that they take a lot of time planning and sorting out every detail in order to make it successful. This will take time and I look forward to working with the Board on this. However, should you have an idea or should you want to contribute when it comes time to start work on this please reach out to me.

Our next program is the annual Ice Cream Social with the addition of a silent auction. In August we will do another "How To". In the fall we are looking forward to a walking tour of Willow Glen and a tour of a wonderful home that should not be missed. We will end the year with the Annual Christmas Party at our house. My best to all, see you at the Ice Cream Social.



The Latest from History San Jose

Sounds like there are a lot of events happening this summer at History Park this summer. We just missed the Red, White, and Blue Members' Picnic, which is the best place to watch the San Jose Giants Fireworks show.

The Spirit of '45 Living History Day will take place on Sat., Aug. 13 from 3-10pm with lots of music and swing dancing along with interactive activities for all ages.

On September 17, the Antiques Autos at History Park event will take place in partnership with the Santa Clara County Model T Ford Club. This is a great event with all sorts of antique vehicles on display.





The Boulevardier

As a follow-up to last issue's Negroni, the Boulevardier is another Campari cocktail, but uses whiskey rather than gin as its primary spirit. The whiskey provides a richness and depth that, at least to this drinker's palate, mellows the bitterness of the Campari. (In beer terms, if you like bitter IPAs you may prefer a Negroni, but if you like a smoother richer ale, try a Boulevardier.)

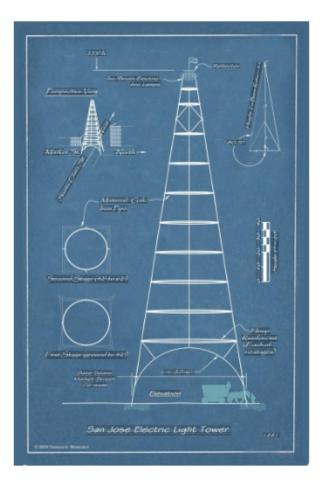
Invention of the Boulevardier is credited to Erskine Gwynne, an American-born writer who, in the late 1920s, founded a magazine of the same name for expats living in Paris. In the 1927 book *Barflies and Cocktails* Arthur Moss writes:

> Now is the time for all good Barflies to come to the aid of the party, since Erskine Gwynne crashed in with his Boulevardier Cocktail; 1/3 Campari, 1/3 Italian vermouth, 1/3 Bourbon whisky.

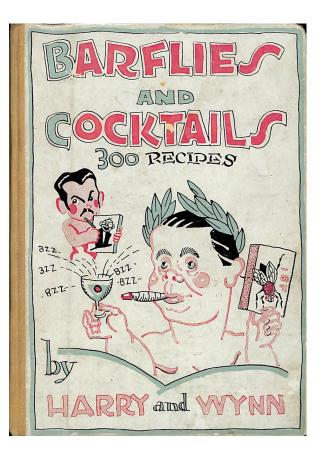
Today the drink is usually made with more whiskey rather than equal parts, but as with any cocktail, vary the proportions to suit your own taste.

1-1/2 ounce Bourbon or Rye Whiskey1 ounce Sweet Red Vermouth1 ounce Campari

Stir well with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. (Or serve on the rocks if you prefer.) Garnish with an orange twist. Cheers!



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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

- July 24 VPA July event, see p. 1 for more details
- Aug 13 Spirit of '42 event at History Park
- Sept. 17 Antique Autos at History Park



About The **YPA**

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 \$25 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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