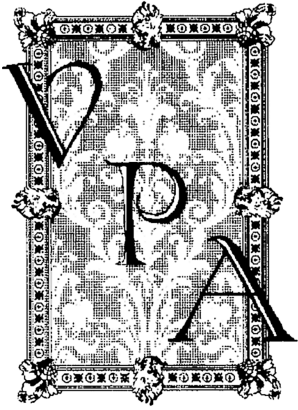


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VPA HOLIDAY PARTY

by Hullene Salomon

Nothing says Christmas like the VPA Holiday Party. This year's party is being hosted by Marcus and Hullene Salomon. Those of you who have not been by their house in the last few months may want to see the transformation in their basement. Up until last year, the basement was a rented 1-bedroom apartment. They have taken it back and you may want to check out what they have done with the extra space.

This party is for VPA members only and you may renew your membership at the party. We welcome new members, so please invite your friends who would like to join that evening. Membership dues remain a bargain but have increased by \$5.00 to \$30.00 per family per year. We will also be collecting an additional \$5.00 per person this year to help offset expenses for the main course and beverages.

VPA will provide the main course (turkey and ham), as well as wine and soft drinks. In addition, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to complement the meal. Side dishes need to be "ready to serve" and please include a serving utensil if needed.

We will once again enjoy the annual ornament exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped ornament in the \$10 range to put under the tree.

There is no permit parking on Sundays, but parking can still be a challenge in this neighborhood. You may park in the driveway but please pull forward so others may park behind you. Carpooling is another option.

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for, and we hope you will join us for a warm and festive evening with good friends.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

To begin I would like to thank David and Angela for a great tour of their home and presentation of the work they have done to make it so beautiful. We had a good attendance and the perfect hosts. Bravo to them both for a job well done!

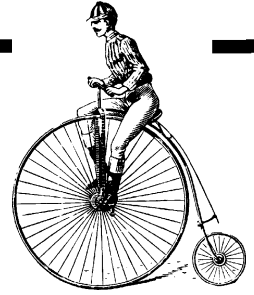
As we approach the new year, I have a couple items I need to discuss with you. First is the need for a fundraiser. At this point we are relying on membership dues to cover our expenses and we are finding ourselves approaching a point where the dues alone are not doing so. We would also like to consider doing a joint fundraising event that can help us and possibly another non-profit. Teaming with one could boost attendance and create more financial gain. The Board will be back working on ideas over the next couple months, and I hope to be presenting this to you at the January Annual Business Meeting. As always and according to our By-Laws, that meeting will be January 18, 2023, which is the third Wednesday of the month. A location will be determined soon, and we will post in the January Newsletter.

The other thing is in regard to annual membership dues. Unfortunately, because of what I mentioned, we will need to raise the annual dues \$5 to \$30 per year per household. I cannot remember the last time the dues had to be raised. Hullene and I joined in 1997 and if memory serves, we have been paying the same amount all that time. I hope you will all understand that costs are going up and this is something we need to do.

Secondly, I would like to thank Krista Van Laan for her help in involving VPA in the Shiele and Alameda Park Block Party which was hosted by Councilperson Dev Davis. This event celebrated the launch of Krista and Kay Gutknecht's new book on the history of the neighborhood. It was a great event and we were able to have a table and even able to get a few new members. Krista will be doing a presentation for her new book for VPA in April of next year.

And Lastly, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope you can spend it with all your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party on December 4 at our house. I have to go now to start decorating. Take Care.

**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



VPA Eye Test

Those who receive the paper copy of the newsletter can possibly use it as a color-blindness test. Because of "supply chain" problems, the paper on which I usually print the newsletter is out of stock, even on Amazon.

So, you might get a slightly creamier Ivory, a slightly yellower Ivory, or maybe even white if I run out of those. Colors will be randomly distributed, so try your best!

California Pioneers Quarterly Lunch

Saturday, Dec 3 at 11am to 2:30 pm, at Three Flames Restaurant

Presentation: The Mercury Mines of New Almaden by Michael Cox.

Lunch cost is \$35. Contact (408) 554-7587 or CaPioneerMembers@gmail.com by November 30th to choose your lunch menu selection.

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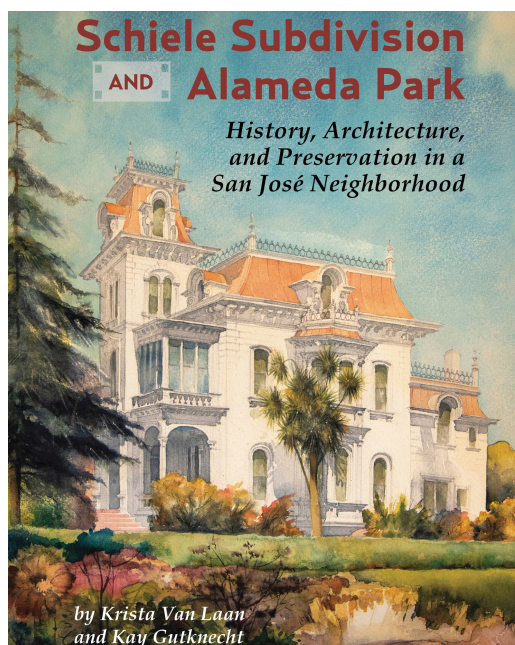
**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

DECEMBER 30

SCHIELE SUBDIVISION BLOCK PARTY

On Oct. 14th, a celebration of the Schiele Subdivision was held, featuring the book launch of VPA member Krista Van Laan and Kay Gutknecht's new book *Schiele Subdivision and Alameda Park: History, Architecture, and Preservation in a San Jose Neighborhood*.

VPA had a table to promote the club to the many old house lovers who attended.



Vintage Cocktail Corner by Sara Bruce

The Hot Toddy

People have probably been mixing spirits with hot water to drive off the cold since long before anybody thought about writing down a recipe, but the “Hot Toddy” became popular in the 18th century, particularly in cold climates. The name “Toddy” seems to have come from the Hindi word *Taddy*, which referred to a beverage made from fermented palm sap. By the mid 18th century the word had evolved to mean a cold beverage made with spirits, water, sugar and spices, and was popular with Britons in India who took the name home.

In the pubs of chilly Edinburgh, Scotland, a drink of whiskey and hot water became popular in the 18th century and eventually acquired the name “Hot Toddy.” In time people started adding sugar or honey and sometimes spices such as nutmeg or cinnamon. In the New World rum was the readily available spirit, and rum-based hot toddies became a wintertime favorite in the colonies of New England, sometimes with added egg yolks.

Interestingly, 19th century bartender guides have more recipes for cold toddies, simply spirits mixed with sugar, maybe some water, and ice; a hot toddy simply substitutes hot water, perhaps adding a grate of nutmeg. A recipe that appears in nearly every early bar guide is the Hot Apple Toddy, made with either brandy or apple jack with half a baked apple placed in the glass.

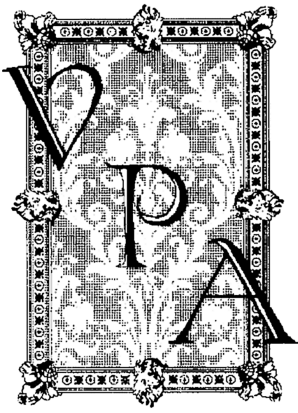
Here is a simple recipe, easy to vary to suit your taste.

Hot Toddy

- 2 ounces rum, whiskey, or brandy
- ½ teaspoon sugar (or to taste)
- Scrape of nutmeg and/or lemon peel (optional)
- Hot water

Put the spirits and sugar in a mug, fill with hot water and stir. Scrape some nutmeg on top and add lemon peel if desired.

Cheers!



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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Dec. 4 VPA Holiday Party, see p. 1 for details.
Jan. 18 VPA Annual Business Meeting.

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 \$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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