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VPA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND SILENT AUCTION

by Hullene Salomon

Date: Wednesday, January 17
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: San Jose Fire Museum
201 N Market Street
San Jose, CA 95110

We are off again to the San Jose Fire Museum for our annual business meeting and silent auction. January is here and it's time to make plans for the New Year. VPA does this on the third Wednesday of January and this year we will be meeting on January 17, at 7:00 PM. The Fire Museum has generously offered to host VPA again this year.

The museum serves to preserve the history of San Jose's fire department (established in 1854) and educate the public on its history through displays of fire-fighting equipment and memorabilia. Museum volunteers restore and maintain vintage fire engines and other apparatus. Learn more at their website, <http://www.sjfiremuseum.org/>.

We have many plans for this evening. Our board will bring to the membership a slate of officers for the coming year. We will review our past year and take note of what worked and what could be improved upon. Then we will share our ideas for the coming year. If anyone is interested in joining the board, we would love to have you. We are always looking for fresh ideas! Please, contact Marcus at marcus21@gmail.com for more information and/or to be placed on the ballot. VPA will provide the wine and water and the board is asking VPA members to bring a special dessert to share with our members.

While we are enjoying these sweet treats, VPA will be conducting our silent auction. Past auctions were a huge hit with participants, especially the winners of a few incredibly special items! So, look 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, light fixture, memorabilia, you name it. This is not a white elephant auction, so bring something that will be of value to a fellow VPA member and will benefit the VPA general fund. Near the end of the evening, we will close the auction, announce the winners who will pay the treasurer and take their "find" home! Purchases as well as donations of items qualify as a charitable tax deduction and receipts will be provided.

The museum is in Old Fire Station No. 1 on North Market Street at St. James Street (next door to the active Fire Station No, 1). Parking is available at the rear through the gate on N. San Pedro Street.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the new year!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

And so we begin another year for this grand old club. Our 50th year as some of you may know. There are a few of you that have been with us for almost all that time and some, like Hullene and I, who joined when VPA was a couple decades young. There are also many who have recently joined us old timers are all looking forward to getting to know you better and hear about your experiences with vintage homes.

One of the reasons we joined was to learn more about restoration and design of not only Victorian but other types of vintage homes as well. Like you, we have fallen in love with the unique architecture and history of these homes. VPA has always been fortunate to have several very fine historians, artisans, and restoration resources from our membership. We will be tapping some of those resources for a few of our monthly programs in the coming year, and I sincerely hope you attend what I think will be a fun and interesting year.

In my years as a member, I have learned so much about special techniques and tools that make restoration easier from other members and their trades people. Even though we are close to finishing our house, (Rose Arbor, as we like to call it), there will always be something that we will want to improve or make more fun and interesting. In this, VPA is always my first resource.

But the most important thing about VPA to me is the people I've met. I have been so very fortunate to find folks that are and will remain lifelong friends. In this I say, that I am truly blessed and I am grateful for knowing you.

I have had the honor of being your President for more years than I remember, and I will continue into 2024. But the Board and I could use a little help. So if you would like to volunteer to be a board member, please contact me. And, if you would like to host a program, give a presentation or if you simply have an idea or a person who you think would like to do so, I would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the new year!

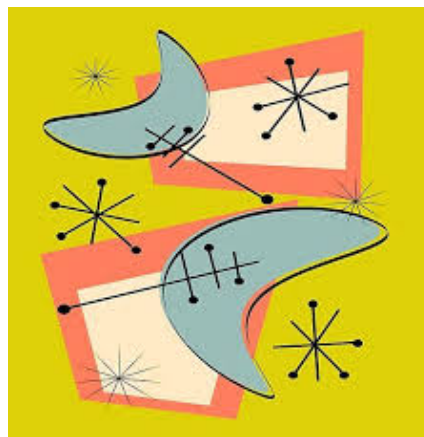
**Have You
Heard
the Latest?**



New Newsletter Layout

I've been working--albeit slowly--on broadening the layout choices on the VPA newsletter. The club is, and will continue, to be the Victorian Preservation Association of Santa Clara Valley, but ever since its very beginning 50 years ago, members owned, renovated, and cared for all sorts of Vintage Homes that are found in our valley--Craftsman, Mission, Spanish Revival, and, yes, the various styles of Victorians.

But increasingly, many people see the "Victorian" and come to the conclusion that we are a group of Victorian aficionados only. So we're embracing the spectrum of "Old Houses". Maybe even Mid-Century Modern!



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**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

FEBRUARY 2



Vintage Cocktail Corner

By Sara Bruce

The Shirley Temple

In recognition of “Dry January,” here is the most well-known *mocktail* of them all.

The drink was created in the 1930s when Shirley Temple was a hugely popular child movie star. As an adult, Shirley Temple said she hated the drink, finding it overly-sweet. She also sued (successfully) two companies that tried to market bottled versions using her name. Shirley said it was invented at The Brown Derby in Hollywood, but other bartenders have also claimed it. Over the years the drink has remained popular with both kids and adults.

The original was probably based on Ginger Ale, but many people substitute lemon-lime soda or a mix of the two sodas. Sometimes it is made with orange juice. As with any drink, tweak it to your preference!

Fill a glass with ice and add:

5 oz Ginger Ale

½ oz Grenadine Syrup

(¼ oz Lime Juice is not part of the original recipe, but will balance the sweetness)

Give the drink a brief stir.

Garnish with one or more Maraschino Cherries. To be extra fancy add a long spiral of lemon peel or other festive garnish.

Of course, if you prefer an alcoholic variation, add 1.5 oz of vodka or rum for a "Dirty Shirley;" use dark rum for a “Shirley Temple Black.”

Cheers!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you didn't renew your dues at the Holiday Party, it's time to remind everyone that dues are due. For 2024, VPA dues are \$30 per household. To see if you owe dues for 2024, look at your newsletter address label. If it says 2024 in the upper right corner, you owe dues for this year. If you get the electronic version of the newsletter (and don't have an address label), just email me at MikeT19278@yahoo.com.

Please fill out the renewal form below and return it with dues payable to VPA. You can also pay dues through Paypal at the VPA website at <https://www.vpa.org/join-the-vpa/> (button at the bottom of the page). or give it to any board member at a meeting.

2024 VPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email_(important!) _____

Paper copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Electronic copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Do you want to be added to the VPA Google Group? (Y/N)

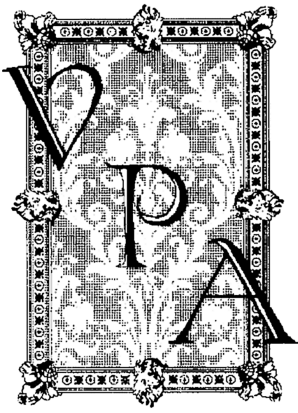
Special Interests, Expertise, Description of House

Suggestions/ideas for monthly meeting topics

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UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

January 17 VPA Annual Business Meeting. See p. 1
for more details.

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 \$30 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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