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## "How They Lived: Santa Clara County in the 1870s-1880s"

by Krista Van Laan & Hullene Salomon

DATE:

Wednesday, May 22

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE:

April's rescheduled event is being hosted by our presenter, Krista Van Laan at her 1921 Prairie style house. Her house was designed by San Jose's notable local architect Frank Delos Wolfe, who was influenced by famed Midwestern architect Frank Lloyd Wright while giving it his own spin. Wolfe introduced the Prairie style to San Jose, designing many buildings of this type between 1912 and 1921. If you have been to Krista's house, you know how beautiful it is but if this is your first time visiting you are in for a special treat!

Krista Van Laan's pictorial presentation shows what life in Santa Clara County looked like in the 1870s and 1880s. We will look at pictures from the *Thompson & West Atlas* of 1876, which contained detailed engravings of life then, showing everything from residences to schools to hospitals to shopping. Krista will also talk about the parts of society that did not make it into the *Thompson & West Atlas*. Since her primary interest is architectural history, she will follow up with pictures of buildings that are still standing from those decades.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Of course, wine, water, and snacks will be served.



#### Krista's 1921 Prairie Style Rome

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### UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

May 22 Rescheduled VPA April event. 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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