

MCHS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MONTEREY COUNTY

SUMMER 2023



HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC

"History is fragile. Memories fade. Writings are lost...and relics crumble. Historians serve best when they can preserve yesterday - today. Tomorrow is often too late."

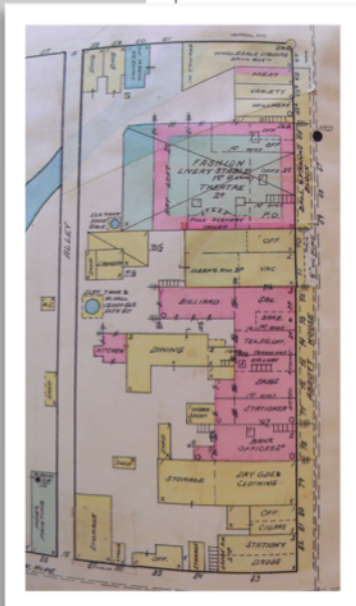
CURATOR'S CORNER



James Perry, Executive Director

DAKIN FIRE INSURANCE MAP BOOK, SALINAS, 1886

The Dakin Company was established in San Francisco in 1885 and published maps for insurance writers until the early 1960s in order to assess liability and to determine premiums. This particular specimen donated by Gary Breschini & Trudy Haversat was originally in the possession of Gary's Uncle, John O. Breschini, long time local insurance salesman. This particular specimen, published in 1886 and with annotations and corrections through 1896, is exceedingly rare. This image shows the 100 Block of Main Street where the Taylor Farms Company headquarters is located now.



MONTEREY'S PAT HATHAWAY COLLECTION: PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT & DISSEMINATION



*Colton Hall with George Bertold monument, c.1912.
Photo by Richard Arnold.*

We are very pleased to announce that the historical society has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Thomas Doud, Sr. and Anita M. Doud Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County! Grant funds will be used to fund a part time archivist to inventory and organize the extensive Pat Hathaway Collection of photographs and ephemera that relate to the history of Monterey in addition

to purchasing storage and preservation materials. The program will also facilitate our training volunteers to assist with the inventory and organization of the collection to insure consistent methodologies and best practices in the future. The ultimate result of this program will be to ready imagery and ephemera for digitization in order to make it available to the public!

GUMPER-CASTRO LIBRARY

Progress continues on the Gumper-Castro Library Vault. The handrails are being completed as well as the installation of the chair rail. Final inspection and occupancy permit are expected to be approved in August. The Historical Society has contracted with Gary Sarian of Ameri-Cana Decorating to hang all of the hand-screened Bradbury-Bradbury wallpaper. John Hughes has generously donated the wood flooring and installation in memory of Larry Vera, a long time friend and patron of the Monterey County Historical Society.



Rancho Day at the Adobe



Saturday, September 9, 2023
at 333 Boronda Road
10:00am-4:00pm • Free Admission



Join us for a day of historical re-enactment - live demonstrations of blacksmithing and cowboy roping. Other highlights include David Ford playing the historical (c.1880) Ignacio Boronda violin, dancing Charro Horses arts and crafts, and our continuing tradition of having ambassadors present from various historical and cultural institutions coming to us from parts far and wide throughout our region.

A Chuckwagon Barbecue will be served from 11:30am-2:00pm featuring local foods from the Salinas Valley.

The Monterey County Historical Society is honored to serve as a local host for this 2023 Doors Open California event.



CHUCK WAGON BARBECUE

Saturday, September 9th at 333 Boronda Road

Lunch served from 11:30am-2:00pm • \$15.00 & \$20.00

RSVP by September 1st • mchs@redshift.com or (831)757-8085

Menu includes:

Cowboy Chili

Choice of "Beef and Beans" or "Veggie" with Cheddar cheese, chopped green onion, cilantro, sour cream and crouton garnish

Pasta Salad

Pasta mixed with bell pepper, tomato, onion, parsley, and basil with Italian dressing

Salinas Valley

Green Salad

Local greens with onions, tomatoes, Cheddar cheese and croutons

Corn Muffin or Roll

Beverage

Water or soda
Beer/Wine for sale

Dessert

Fresh Fruit Salad and
Baked Goods

Tri-tip available
for \$5.00 more



BARBECUE ORDER FORM

Due by September 1st, 2023

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

Please indicate the number of meals next to your choices.
Choice of Chili:

Beef and Beans _____ Veggie _____

Add Tri-tip _____ (Additional \$5.00 per order)

\$15.00/Person, additional \$5.00 if tri-tip is added

Payment: Paypal to Monterey County Historical Society
Checks payable to MCHS



B U S I N E S S

BBQ 2023! COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

We are very much looking forward to presenting our annual honorary Community Service Award for Historical Preservation to Kent Seavey. Kent has been involved with the Monterey County Historical Society since the 1970s and has a vast portfolio of accomplishments which includes being the 1st Historian for the County of Monterey; establishing the Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum in King City as well as being Co-Founder of the Monterey Area Architectural Resources Archive. We particularly honor him for assuring that Mr. Pat Hathaway's collection remains in Monterey County and preserved here in our vaults.



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