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YOU'RE INVITED

to our

ANNUAL MEETING *and Presentation of our* 11th Annual ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS



JULY 11th at Noon

Neon Exchange - 7363 Monterey Street, Gilroy



We'll have a delicious luncheon in the spacious dining room, a brief meeting and presentation of our 2021 Architectural Awards on the big screen. The Award Winners will be our guests. Last year the Neon Exchange, historically known as the Louis Hotel, was a 2020 Award Winner. This year we are delighted to show it off on its 100th birthday. Owner Toni Bowles and her father have done a wonderful job restoring the building, creating a great environment for small business and group entertainment.

The luncheon will be catered by Dave Bozzo and Covid protocols will be observed. We'll be seated at round tables for 8 which are socially distanced. **Make your reservation now** by mailing your check for \$25 per person to the Society's P.O. Box 1621, Gilroy, CA 95021 by the **deadline of Monday July 5th.**

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Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Museum, 195 Fifth Street, 1:00 p.m.

Members are always welcome to attend or share ideas with the board.

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Hours: Tues / Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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with the proceeds going to benefit the Museum.

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- \$ 5.00 Gilroy's Old City Hall book by Chuck Myer
- \$ 5.00 Juan Bautista de Anza Trail book
- \$ 5.00 Old City Hall Lapel Pin
- \$ 5.00 Reusable Bags blue bags with Old City Hall logo (15" x 12" x 9")
- \$ 5.00 DVD #1 includes Gymkhana, National Guard Camp at San Luis Obispo, Armistice Day Parade and 1911 GHS Championship Team
- \$ 5.00 DVD #2: Life in Gilroy 1950 a professionally made 50-minute film
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- \$ 10.00 Note Cards package of 8 with 4 different line drawings of historic homes
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- \$ 20.00 San Martin, Then and Now book by Donna Brodsky
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- \$ 23.98 Gilroy, Images of America book autographed by author Claudia Salewske (includes tax)
- \$ 23.98 Wineries of Santa Clara Valley, Images of America book by Bev Stevehjem
- \$ 25.00 Mineral Springs of Santa Clara County book by Ian Sanders
- \$ 25.00 100 Years of Gilroy Hot Springs picture book by Ian Sanders and Michael Brookman



MUSEUM & SOCIETY NEWS

OUR DUES ARE DUE on JULY 1st

Yes, our annual dues are due (for those who are not life members). Doesn't it seem like the years are rolling by faster and faster? It's true! We've enclosed an envelope for your convenience. Please use the form on the back of this newsletter and include your email address. We are hoping to be able to use them to send you occasional email updates in between issues of the hardcopy Society Page. We appreciate your loyalty and support.

OUR MUSEUM IS OPEN!

Yes, really. Finally! After months of waiting the Museum has enjoyed a soft opening in early June when our county reached the Yellow Tier. Many of the volunteers are back, enthused and looking forward to visitors! They've all had Covid training and orientation to Susan's management system. They even have masks with the Museum logo to wear when visitors are in the building. We are asking those who wish to do research to make an appointment as the reference room is small and has limited capacity.

We have monthly Museum Management Meetings with a committee from the Board, our Manager, **Susan Voss** and **Adam Henig**, Recreation Manager for the City. We're discussing a potential Grand Re-Opening sometime this summer, featuring the beautiful 150th Year display that was ready just as Covid shut the Museum down. In October the Museum is planning to support a fund-raiser event for the Gilroy Hot Springs Conservancy, since we have a great photo display of historic Hot Springs photos.

Recently the Museum received a wonderful donation of women's clothing from **Maureen Hunter**. It included underwear from the 1880s to the 1950s that belonged to the Arnberg family.

Karen Pedigo is meticulously vacuuming them prior to accessioning. The Museum is looking for Gilroy High yearbooks from these years: 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1942, 1948, 1949, 1969, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981. Are they in your attic?

150TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

Although Covid prevented most of our celebration of the City's 150th anniversary, some parts were still able to be executed. One of the most outstanding parts is the time capsule, containing all kinds of documents and artifacts from 2020, including Covid masks and signs. It was actually made by Louis Hack and decorated by our member, artist **Carol Peters**. She is also working on some sketches for interpretive signs that we are planning to place by the millstones and soap kettle in the front yard of the Museum.





307 East Sixth Street



7190 Church Street



7441 Hanna Street



7651 Carmel Street

INTRODUCING OUR 2021 ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS

We are proud to present these awards for the 11th year. The purpose is to bring attention to these beautiful buildings and thank the owners for investing in them. Their efforts are a labor of love. We scour the streets of Gilroy and solicit nominations from the public prior to making site visits and finally voting on them. The Committee of **Phill Laursen, Pat Reinhart, Carlotta Lopez, Larry Scettrini, Connie Rogers and Maureen Hunter** was ably chaired by **Dave Matuszak**. Photos are all by **Phill Laursen**.

This year we are also giving a special award to the **NEW Brownell Middle School**, a project funded by the voters of Gilroy and developed by Gilroy Unified School District and Aedis Architecture. It exemplifies the best in modern architecture and building techniques, incorporating solar panels, bioswales, safety and communication enhancements, new athletic fields, a rebuilt cafeteria and food prep kitchen that will help the other schools in the district. The students and staff are excited to get into the new building this fall.



New Brownell Middle School

7800 Carmel Street



7290 Holsclaw Road



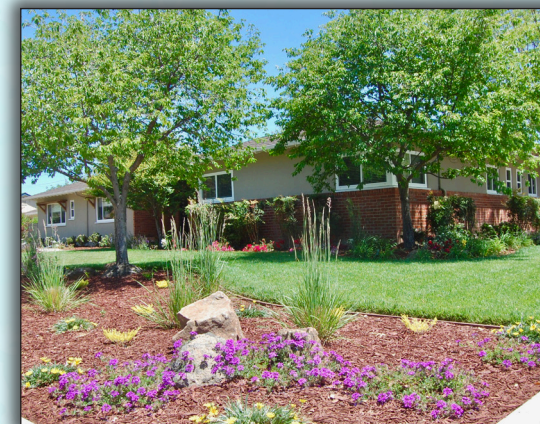
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SOCIETY NEWS

Stories of Gilroy Heritage Films by Joanie Lewis

Save the date of **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. The Society will host a delayed luncheon honoring the subjects of our 2020 Stories of Gilroy Heritage at the Old City Hall. We were unable to hold this luncheon in January as planned because of Covid so we will honor **Herman Garcia, Barbara Drewitz, Viola Carr, Elizabeth Barrett, Carol Peters, Anita Sciutto** and **Eddie Sanchez** in the fall. Formal invitations will be mailed in September.

This year's interviews took place on May 26th, with **Joe Kline, Tim Filice, Bob Garcia, Dora Jean Enos, Gary Rocchi, Barbara Dequin** and **Bob Elia**. They will be honored at a luncheon next January. **Mattie Scariot** and **Nils Myers** from 152 Productions have done a wonderful job filming, editing and producing all of our "Stories of Gilroy's Heritage" films. If you missed them in past years they can be viewed on our website gilroyhistoricalsociety.org.

Downtown Historic Plaques

Have you noticed the wear and tear on several of the green historic plaques on Monterey Street? Some are faded, a few vandalized and several are missing! Now that all the Unreinforced Masonry buildings are finally repaired, we thought it was time to take stock of them and see what is needed. The original plaques were placed in 1995 and were numbered to coordinate with the Monterey Street walking tour booklet. Those were placed with a partnership between the Society, the Downtown Business Assn. and the building owners. Recently **Dave Matuszak** and **Maureen Hunter** have taken an inventory and found that only fifteen plaques remain! We are working on a partnership with the Gilroy Downtown Business Association and Visit Gilroy to decide what is needed and how best to do it. Stay tuned for more information.....

Our Business Friends

We're fortunate to have business friends who have helped both the Gilroy Museum and the Society. **Morgan Hill Plastics** (located in the shiny black building by the Gilroy Outlets) is custom making a plastic table protector for the museum office. And **Jeff** and **Barbara Orth** of Integrated Financial Benefits are hosting our annual Board Retreat at the historic Holloway House on August 18th. We are very grateful for this support and hospitality! Check out their business cards on the opposite page.

Tired of Cooking?

Are you hungry for Chinese food? Use the occasion to order online from **Panda Express** on **TUESDAY, JUNE 29TH**. They will donate a whopping 28% of the cost of your order to the Society. It is good at any Panda Express location in the US, but your order must be placed online. Your family and the Society will thank you for it!

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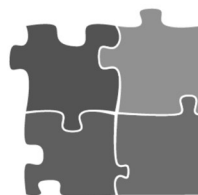
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