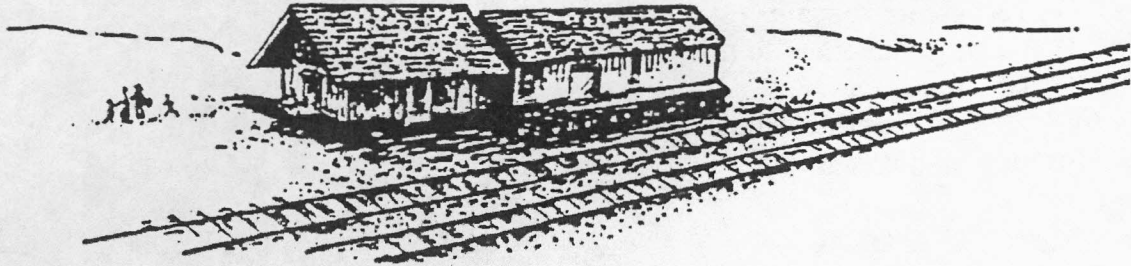


NEWS & NOTES
FROM THE
COLMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1993



July, August, September 2014

Newsletter #106

Message From Your Board Members

Thank you, to all of you members who voted in the election last April. Pat Hatfield, Dorothy Hillman and Michael Rocchetta were re-elected for another three years and will be sworn in this July.

We are moving along with the 90th Anniversary film to be completed by September. There will be three showings at the Community Center. Invitations to all will be sent out a month in advance. The DVD's of the film will be on sale at that time and for sale in our museum.

Please bring your appetite to our meeting in July for our traditional buffet. We will also be playing our Wheel Game for prizes in place of having a drawing. If any of you are interested in contributing to this event, please call 650-757-1676. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

New Rotating Displays

“Boxing in Colma’s” display will open on June 28 and go through August 13. Old photographs and memorabilia will be featured.

Celebrating the Town of Colma’s 90th Anniversary, from August 16 through October 31, shown in our new display case in the history room, in the museum

Special Dates

July 19, Saturday, Colma – 11 am – 1 pm
Tour V. Fontana & Co., one of Colma’s outstanding monument companies. Meet at the corner of F and Clark Streets in Colma, across the street from the Italian Cemetery. Lunch follows at the Colma Historical Museum at 12 noon.

July 19th & 20th to July 26th & 27th , two Saturdays (11:30 am) and two Sundays (1:00 pm) - Victorian Tea at the Plymire-Schwarz House, 519 Grand Avenue , So. San Francisco. Call 650 589-5597 for reservations \$30.00

July 20, Sunday, 2 pm, Free
Cypress Lawn Lecture - Sutro’s Glass Palace
2nd Floor Reception Center, 1370 El Camino Real, Colma (650-550-8811)

July 26, Saturday, 2 pm
COLMA MUSEUM’S 21ST BIRTHDAY
celebration.1500 Hillside at the Museum.

August 9, Saturday, Millbrae Historical Museum
10-4 pm, annual yard sale, 420 Popular Avenue,
Millbrae.

September 17, Wednesday, 7 pm
Daly City/Colma History Guild meeting.
Film documentary- By Monique Lombardelli on
Eichler homes at the Doelger Senior Center. Free

A Special Thanks To Judy Hnilo, docent and former board member, now also contributing to another non- profit group

Judy twice a week volunteers at the local recycling center turning bags and bottles into cash for her program, The Homeless Cat Network. In 2013, her recycling program brought in \$4,806. If you want to help with this fundraiser, drop off plastic bottles and aluminum cans with CRV labels at the Colma Historical Assoc. Museum. in Judy's name.

Recent Gifts to the Museum Collection

Frank Risso donated various historical boxing photographs and cemetery photos and postcards, plus Colma cemetery ephemera, a vintage golf club manufactured in Colma by Fernquest & Johnson and a metal sign "Colma Drayage Inc.", which was located at Edgeworth and 88th Street.



Volunteer Opportunities

Help preserve Colma history!
Flexible hours.

Tuesday through Sundays between 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Opportunities to:

- Meet and greet visitors
- Organize files
- Create reference indexes
- Maintain and create exhibits
- Research historical topics
- Visit & learn about our 4 museum sites (History museum, blacksmith shop, train depot and freight shed.)
- Genealogy research & much more



HAVE YOU HEARD OF AUSTIN WALRATH?

He was a State assemblyman, a business man, a cemetery administrator, who died in a most unusual and unfortunate way.

Born in New York, he came to California in 1852 when he was 24 years old. He became interested in the flour business and was the first manufacturer of self-raising flour in California, where he built three flour mills. Later he became part owner of a gold and silver quartz mine, where he made a fortune. Eventually he entered politics and served two terms as a state assemblyman.

Appalled at the disgraceful decline and hazardous health conditions of SF cemeteries, as well as the rampant vandalism, he devoted himself to changing things. In 1896 before the ban of burials and the eviction of all cemeteries in SF, he founded Olivet Cemetery to make a beautiful resting place for all denominations.

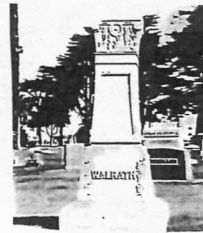
One day, 3/29/1902, on his way to Olivet, he decided to use the freight elevator in his hotel, entered without looking and fell to his death, as the cage was not there. Of course he is buried at Olivet.

Colma Historical Association's Second Quarterly Meeting featured illustrious persons buried in each of our cemeteries. In Case You Missed the Fun, here is the program. You can find out more information on each of the people, by visiting the museum.

CHA's 2nd Quarterly Meeting Program

"Let Us Entertain You"

1. Pat Hatfield "Austin Walrath" Olivet Cemetery
 Founder of Olivet Cemetery



2. Sue Hudson "Heinrich Alfred Kreiser" Woodlawn
 Changed name to Henry Miller, Cattle King



3. Judy Hnilo "Joe DiMaggio" Holy Cross
 Baseball Great



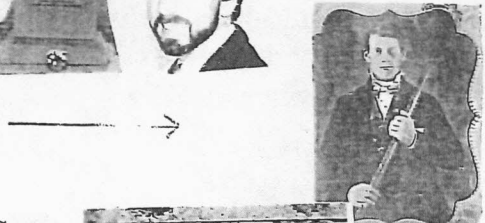
4. Richard Rocchetta "Charles Lane" Home of Peace
 Character actor in movies



5. Susanna Hnilo "Steve Silver" Cypress Lawn
 Beach Blanket Babylon



6. Ed Graham "Phineas Gage" Cypress Lawn
 He lost his head, "literally"



7. Michael Rocchetta "Vince Guaraldi" Holy Cross
 Jazz Musician



8. Judith Christensen "Waka Yamada" Japanese
 Prostitute turned Feminist



9. Judy Hnilo "Pet's Rest" Pets Rest
 Many different animals & one - human's ashes



10. Pat Hatfield "Mattrup Jensen" Olivet
 Father of Colma



TOWN OF COLMA's
90th ANNIVERSARY FILM

Most of you know that ten years ago, we made a ten-minute video for Colma's 80th Anniversary. It was produced by KM2 Communications, then headed by Kevin Mullin and Bryan Kingston. The Colma Historical Association has rehired Bryan Kingston, who heads Kingston Media to make our 90th Anniversary film. This will be a 35 to 40 minutes film, which will tell the complete history of Colma from the Ohlone Indians to the present day. This will include some history of the unincorporated area and a lot which is now incorporated Colma. We will have these videos for sale here in the museum.

In September, there will be three showings for any and all to see at the Colma Community Center. INVITATIONS will be sent out to all Association members and the general public. We have almost reached our goal of \$50,000, which is the cost of the film. We are still looking for additional funds to reach that goal. Any amount would be greatly appreciated to help us out. If you are interested, please contact Pat Hatfield at 650-757-1676.

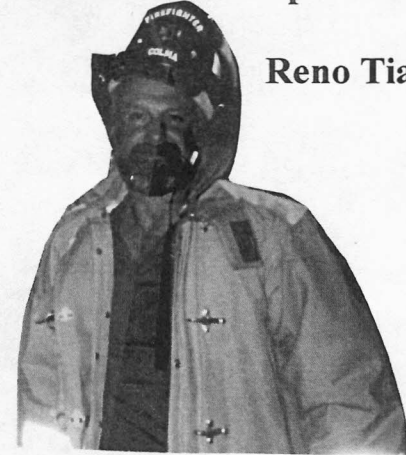


Colma Trivia

**“It’s Great to be Alive
In Colma”**

That is the town of Colma’s official slogan, created by Reno Tiani in 1983.

At a holiday party, he remarked what a great life it is to live in a small community like Colma. His famous line, “It’s Great to be Alive in Colma” drew a big laugh and many people said there should be bumper stickers. He made them at his own expense and took them to City Hall. They liked it, and it became the town’s official slogan. He is our unofficial ambassador and a retired teacher, as well as the founder of the Wilderness Program and a long-standing member of the Colma Volunteer Fire Department.



Reno Tiani

First Colma School

The pioneer Colma School on San Pedro Road was the first school in the area. The school was built in 1856 next to where the current Holy Angels School is located.

When the railroad came through in 1863, the train depot was called “Schoolhouse Station” because of its nearness to the little school. You can visit a replica of the station at the Colma Museum.

Directors

Patricia Hatfield	President
Ed Graham	Vice President
Richard Rocchetta	Secretary
Dorothy Hillman	Treasurer
Frank Maffei	Railroad Consultant
Ronald Doyle	Sat. & Sun. Docent
Alice Letcavage	Sunday Docent
Maureen O'Connor	Friday Docent
Michael Rocchetta	Computer expertise

Chairpersons & Areas of Expertise

Iris Beilan	Newsletter
Pat Hatfield	Newsletter
Marianne Petroni	Newsletter
Diana Colvin	Memberships
Edward Graham	Business Display
Susanna Hnilo	Garage Sales
Sue Hudson	Refreshments & Tea
Frank Maffei	Railroad & early Family Histories
Maureen O'Connor	Tea Fundraiser & Displays.
Connie O'Leary	Website
Michael Rocchetta	Computer, Repairs
Richard Rocchetta	Deed of Gifts & all Of above.

Quarterly Meetings

2nd Sunday in February -----2:00 p.m.
 Last Tuesday in April-----6:30 p.m.
 July 26th----Annual birthday
 (Weekends at 2:00 p.m. & weeknights at 6:30)
 Last Tuesday in October-----6:30 p.m.

Help with our meetings.

We appreciate any additions to our refreshments and we are always looking for drawing gifts for our meeting. Call Sue at 415 585-3545 or the museum at 650 757- 1676. Leave a message.

Museum Hours

Mondays – Closed
 Tuesdays through Sunday – 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Memberships Due in July

Please look at your mailing label to see if your membership will be expiring. The label will indicate when your membership expires and the type of membership (senior, individual, etc.). When renewing, please use the Membership Form below in this newsletter.

Membership Form

Mail to: COLMA HISTORICAL ASSOC.
 1500 HILLSIDE BLVD.
 COLMA, CA. 94014

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____

		1 yr. Free for a	
	New	Renewal	5 yr. Advance
Senior (60 yrs. & over)	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$250.00
Individuals.....	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$250.00
Family.....	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Patron.....	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
Business.....	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$1000.00

Place a check mark / beside the amount enclosed.

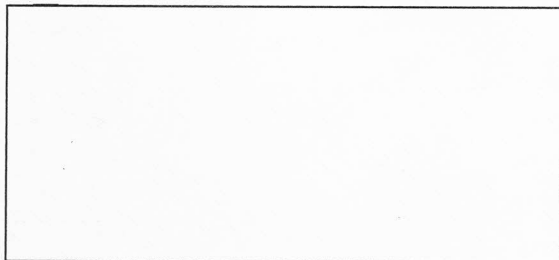
YOUR BOARDMEMBERS



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**Colma Historical Association
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Colma, CA 94014**

To



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR:
Third Quarterly Meeting of 2014**

**Saturday, July 26th at 2:00 p.m.
1500 Hillside Blvd, Colma, CA 94014**

21st Birthday Celebration

Buffet Dinner to Follow