



3RD ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The 3rd Annual Model Railroad show at the Depot Park Museum will be held December 4th to December 6th and December 11th to December 13th. Show times are 1-4 pm on all days.

The Sonoma Short Line Railroad is an HO scale modular layout designed and built by museum members and model participants from around the Sonoma Valley. The interest and knowledge of these members covers over 50 years of model railroading experience.

You'll see and be allowed to operate some of these realistic diesel and steam locomotives. Kids are always welcome and are first in line to be a junior engineer.

Admission is free but donations are gladly welcome.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday November 4, 2015 10:00 am
at the Community Center Art Room

Lecture "Californios – the People and their Culture, before California became a State."

Catalina Chavez and Patrick Garcia
Thursday November 5, 2015 10:00am
At the Depot Park Museum

Annual General Meeting and Lecture
"Building the El Verano of 1889:
A.W. Pattiani and his legacy in Alameda,
the East Bay, and El Verano"

Saturday November 14, 2015 2:00pm
At the Sonoma Community Center
276 East Napa Street, Sonoma

Board of Directors Meeting
Wed. Dec. 2, 2015 10:00am
at the Community Center Art Room

Annual Holiday Party
Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015 3:00 - 5:00 pm
at the Depot Park Museum

No Lectures in December

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are so excited to welcome our new Museum Manager, Stacey Stern. Please visit the museum to meet and welcome Stacey.

The "way finding" signs are ready to be installed in Depot Park. These signs will make it easier for people to find us. Installation is scheduled for November 2015. In addition, new signs will be installed on either end of the Depot building.

We have submitted our permit application to the City of Sonoma for Marcy House. This is the first step in addressing the deferred maintenance issues. The plan is to use Marcy House as our archival repository.

The Docent picnic was a great success. It was a great opportunity to thank our docents for all their hard work and their contributing efforts that keep our museum open.

Don Stevens has elected to retire as editor of our Newsletter. Thank you Don for your many years of keeping our members informed and connected to the museum. Don will continue in his role as membership chair. Yvonne Bowers and Pat Pulvirenti as editor and assistant editor will take over publication of the Sonoma Valley Historical Society Newsletter.

Remember I am always available for any questions and suggestions regarding the operation and future of the Historical Society and Museum. patriciacullinan@att.net

COME TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY

*Thursday December 10, 2015 3-5pm
at the Depot Museum*

Members and friends are invited to come to the annual Holiday Party to celebrate another successful year at the museum and Historical Society. The Board is eager to share our plans for the new year and beyond. Join us in a toast to the New Year and to enjoy the annual Train Exhibit.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2015 2:00PM
AT THE SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER
276 East Napa St., Sonoma

SLATE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

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MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Stacey Stern

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Sonoma Valley Historical Society was formed in January 1936 and has served the Valley as a non-profit organization ever since. It is dedicated to the collection, preservation and dissemination of the historic heritage of the "Valley of the Moon."

THE DEPOT PARK MUSEUM

The Sonoma Valley Historical Society's Depot Park Museum is at 270 First Street West in the city's old train depot one block north of Sonoma's historic plaza. The museum is open from 1:00-4:00 pm Friday through Sunday. Admission is free.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2015

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BARBARA WHITE PERRY
FRED PERRY
MARY WIEBUSCH

NEW MUSEUM MANAGER

It has truly been an exciting couple of months since starting as the Museum Manager. The City of Sonoma has such a unique and colorful history and is fortunate to have a community resource like the SVHS. The Historical Society not only plays an important role in protecting and preserving the artifacts and archives of the history of Sonoma Valley but also interprets this history for the public.

As part of further engaging the community, the SVHS is creating the Archives & Library at the historic Marcy House just down the street from the museum at 205 First Street West. This will give us the ability to provide more accessibility to our extensive archives and photographs including collections online. The Depot Park Museum continues to present changing exhibitions and lectures.

In the future, the museum exhibition space will be re-envisioned in a way that is relevant and significant, while acting as a vibrant center for the surrounding community. I look forward to being part of this community and its Historical Society and I encourage you to visit the museum and participate in our programs.

Stacey Stern

THANK YOU TO...

- The Vernon McKale Trust for a \$5,300 grant for the Cemetery Project.
- Sonoma Media for donating the remaining copies of Bob Lynch's 'Sonoma Story' to the Historical Society. Come by the museum and buy a copy for your friends for the holidays at a discounted price.
- Dee Mathews for cleaning the displays at the museum.
- Carol Page for the October "First Thursday Talk" on the California Constitutional Convention.

PETER CAMBELL SONOMA'S FIRST PHYSICIAN?

by Dr. Peter Meyerhof

The medical profession has a long history in Sonoma but the individual who was most likely the earliest trained physician has remained essentially forgotten till now. Here's a small part of his interesting life.

Peter Campbell was born in Ireland in 1793. He immigrated to New York City but took advantage of the chance to head to California with Col. Stevenson's Regiment of New York Volunteers. He had already acquired the skills of surgery before he left New York. His ship, the Thomas Perkins arrived in San Francisco in March 1847. At age 54, Campbell was certainly one of the oldest, if not the oldest in the entire Regiment. His Company, Company B, was to head south to Baja, California to engage in active military operations against the Mexicans. Probably because of his age or his medical skills, he was transferred to Sonoma as surgeon/physician to Company C stationed in the Sonoma Barracks.

At this time, there was a tremendous need for a doctor in Sonoma. Captain, John Brackett had sent 27 men of Company C to Sacramento on May 16, 1847 to fight the Indians. Most of these men became very sick with a fever and the detachment commander died. A large tent was set up behind the Barracks and served as the hospital with Peter Campbell and two stewards in charge. In the fall of 1847, the western half of the southeast room of the Barracks became the company's hospital room that could be used during the winter months. When gold was discovered in early 1848, Peter Campbell was one of the few who did not desert and head for the gold fields. Until his death in 1863, he continued to serve as physician in Sonoma, was elected to the City Council, rescued kidnapped Indians, and bought a cemetery – but that is another story.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT DEPOT PARK MUSEUM

1 PM TO 4PM, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

THROUGH NOVEMBER 29, 2015

ADMISSION FREE DONATIONS ACCEPTED



NOVEMBER 14th LECTURE "Building the El Verano of 1889: A.W. Pattiani and his legacy in Alameda, the East Bay, and El Verano" Paul Roberts

In 1887-1889 the push of two railroad lines into the Sonoma Valley initiated potential land sales and a potential building boom. However, the 1887-1888 efforts in El Verano did not take off as planned. In 1889 the Sonoma Valley Improvement Company hired A.W. Pattiani of Alameda and Oakland to build several commercial buildings and numerous homes in El Verano. The buildings were a large part of the advertisements used to bring Bay Area people to El Verano to buy land and live (at least for the summer). Paul Roberts has presented numerous lectures on historic 19th Century residential architecture and photography and will be describing and illustrating in his lecture, the story of 1889 El Verano.

VISIT THE MUSEUM

By appointment on Wednesday and Thursday
Regular Open days Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
For an appointment, contact Stacey Stern at (707) 938-1762
or info@sonomavalleyhistoricalsociety.org

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Reminder: paid memberships expire on December 31, 2015. You will receive a renewal postcard in November. Please don't throw it away! It's the only notice you will receive.