

Message from Historical Society President

As I near the end of my term as president, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to our success in these challenging times. First, the officers and directors who volunteered to extend their terms for a year when we could not meet for our elections last year. I could not ask for a more dedicated team to help lead this organization. Second, while the Museum and Plymire – Schwarz House were generally closed until about two months ago, our volunteers have been working behind the scenes to maintain our facilities and come up with ideas and events that keep things interesting. It has been a pleasure to work with such a talented and motivated group. Last, after having to cancel our annual dinner and big tea events in 2020 and 2021, we continue to enjoy the financial support of many, many people. Thanks to all those that have been so generous. Thanks to all of you, I think our organization has a bright future!

Bill Zemke



In Memory

Charles A. Fracchia

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Rose Bava

Donors: Jeanette Acosta
Rich & Elaine Garbarino

In Memory of Edith "Timmy" Ferrario

Donor: John and Elisa Noonan

In Memory of Albert & Evelyn Martin

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In Memory of Evelyn Martin

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In Memory of Those We Have Lost

Anonymous Donation

IN HONOR OF DONATIONS

In Honor of Rosa Hermann Hodkinson

Donor: Richard Hodkinson

In Honor of Sylvia Payne

for her historic preservation efforts
Donor: DAR San Andreas Lake Chapter

2021 FALL RAFFLE DONATIONS

Rich & Elaine Garbarino

Wilma Kious

Gloria Maltoni

Michael Rocchetta

Richard Rocchetta

Acquisitions

MUSEUM

Mel Ellison: Digital print of Sign Hill

Burlingame Historical Society: Genentech annual reports, press releases and news clippings

Pleasanton Museum on Main: Dubuque Playing Cards

Manola Scovel: SSF High School Varsity Certificate, Fernanda Berchielli passport photo pages, vintage toiletry bottles, vintage bowling shirts and towels

Frank Risso: Numerous items from the former Risso nursery

Bill Borba: Photos and items from Bill's father

Cisca Hanson: Photos and items from her father and mother, Judge and Mrs. DeLarios

Ron Ross: Photos and paper items from early SSF businesses

PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Merel Glaubiger: Joseon Dynasty Bandaji Chest

Donna Puizina-Alvers: Vintage aprons & linens, garden rocks and abalone shells, vintage kitchenware and serving ware.

Manola Scovel: Vintage: hats & purses, kitchen linens, kitchenware, cups & saucers, figurines, plaques, candlesticks.

Historical Society Social Media

Our website is live! Check it out and please give us your feedback.

We can't wait to hear what you think!

www.ssfhistory.org



If you don't already, please be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

[@ssfhistory](https://www.facebook.com/ssfhistory) [@ssfhistorymuseum](https://www.instagram.com/ssfhistorymuseum) [@plymireschwarzhouse](https://www.instagram.com/plymireschwarzhouse)

New Members

CORINNE BURGESS

M.E. MEISSNER



City Hall 101st Birthday Concert!
Saturday, September 25th, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
www.ssf.net/CityHallBirthday

Please save the date for City Hall's 101st Birthday Celebration/Outdoor Concert on Saturday, September 25th, from noon – 5:00 p.m. Celebrate with live music, kids' activities, and join friends for an outdoor party! For history buffs, the occasion will feature a film screening and an exhibit of historical photographs of City Hall curated by the Library.

The City is also coordinating a City Hall Birthday poster contest and encouraging K-5 elementary students to draw their rendition of City Hall. The winners will be recognized on stage on the day of the concert! Below is an overview of the day:

Noon – background music playing
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – First band, "Orquesta Borinquen"
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Second band, "Tainted Love"

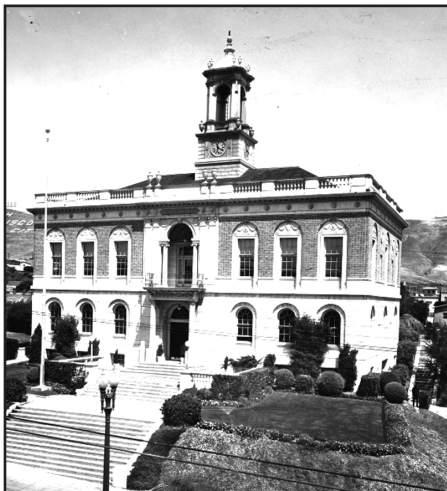
by Brittany Austin, SSF Library Program Manager

Enterprise Article, 4/09/1920
Beautiful City Hall Now Rapidly Taking Form
https://archive.org/details/cssf_001274/mode/2up

Work on the new \$85,000 city hall for South San Francisco is going on rapidly. The walls of the basement and first floor are up, with part of the steel frame of the second floor rising above them. Considering that work on the grading and excavation began only about the middle of February, it will be seen excellent progress has been made. One crew is now at work putting in the remaining steel uprights and girders for the second floor, another is laying the rough hoarding for the second floor, while still another is clearing away the board siding from the cement walls of the lower portion of the building. The contract time specified for the completion of the work is ninety working days. This would set the date for finishing the hall about the end of May, and the rate with which the work is going forward indicates that it will be finished on time.

When the new building is completed, South San Francisco will have one of the finest city halls in this part of the state. The structure of reinforced concrete throughout, will be two stories, with basement and clock tower. The style of architecture is colonial, carried out to the minutest of detail by Coffee and Werner, the architects.

On the first floor are offices for the city clerk, treasurer, assessor and tax collector, engineer, and marshal, together with a jail. In the center is a large lobby.



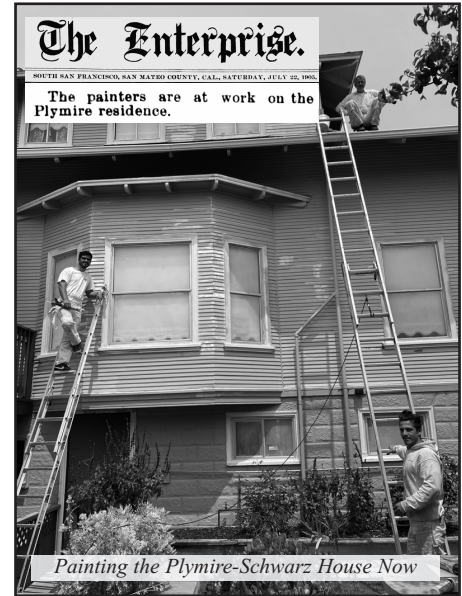
The front door opens on a terrace, from which a broad flight of steps leads down to the street level.

On the second floor is a large council chamber and audience room, a justice court room with judge's chamber, and an office for the city attorney.

In the basement the quarters for the fire department are located. Here a big room with a cement floor is for the fire apparatus, with an office for the chief, a repair room, and a large recreation room for the fireman all adjoining. Near by, too, are a dormitory for the firemen, a boiler room, a janitor's room and a supply room.

The entire structure has every necessary modern appliance and convenience. It is a building that not only the city but the entire peninsula can take pride in. It speaks volumes for the progressive spirit that moves the citizens of South San Francisco.

**PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ
HOUSE**



Built in 1905, our beautiful house has seen many coats of paint over the years. News of its first painting was proudly announced in the July 22, 1905 Enterprise.

Now, 116 years later, we are excited to share the news again: The painters are at work on the Plymire-Schwarz House!

With sincere gratitude to our dedicated supporters, donors and volunteers - this could never have happened without you! Special thanks to Dimos Painting for tackling the job.

***The House and Boutique remain
open Saturdays 1-4.***

***Come on by for a free tour of the house
and find one-of-kind items and
antiques in the Boutique!***



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The Historical Society is co-sponsored by the SSF Parks & Recreation Dept. It is through the City's generosity that many of the Society's goals are accomplished.

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Historical Society Museum

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650-829-3825
Saturdays (1-4:00 p.m.)
Please call if you are interested
in volunteering at the museum.

History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

306 Walnut Avenue
650-877-8533
By appointment only.

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

519 Grand Avenue
650-875-6988
Saturdays (1-4:00 p.m.)

Memberships Expire December 31

Membership runs on a calendar year expiring
annually on December 31st.

Membership is \$15.00 per person - \$20 per family.

If you are interested in becoming a new member contact
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