Pacifica Historical Society

Table of Contents

Ramaytush Ohlone Acknowledgement	Page 2
Editor's Message	2
Past & Future Events	3
Reminder Dues are Due	3
Updates of Wildfires & COVID Pandemic	4
Pacifica Tribune Goes On-Line	5
Ocean Shore Railroad Returns	6
Horses of Pacifica and the Coastside	7—10
2021 Open Space Preservation Award	11
Links to the Past	12
The Lighter Side	12
Information Page	13
Mailer Page	14



A Sketch of Rockaway and Quarry, Circa Late 1930s - Early 1940s From a Collection By Edgar Waite Hargraves (1888-1959)

Pacifica Hiorical Society

Ramaytush Ohlone Acknowledgement

The people of Pacifica acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

Editor's note: We wish to thank Ron Maykel for informing us about the Ramaytush Ohlone Acknowledgement above which is posted as an introduction on the Pacifica Planning Commission agendas.

Editor's Message

Many changes are happening. Spring has arrived. The COVID 19 pandemic is loosening its grip on the Bay Area. People are beginning to act as they have before the pandemic arrived during early 2020. It seems that the year 2020 never happened. People are beginning to walk about without masks again. We can see more smiling faces.

Hopefully, we'll never have to attend another Zoom-type meeting again. The PHS directors are preparing to open the museum to the public.

Please let us know if you enjoy the newsletter or have suggestions for improvement. Also, if you would like to submit an article, poem, photo or art work for our newsletter, or have historical artifacts you would like to donate to us, please contact us.

Just to remind you, If you have an email address and access to the Internet and are receiving this newsletter via postal mail, it is because we don't have your correct email address. Please provide us your email address, so you can receive your newsletter with colorful photographs and hyperlinks for videos, sound and illustrations.

Thank You and Stay Safe,

Ken Miles, Newsletter Editor

To unsubscribe from receiving this Newsletter, reply by email or postal mail to the Editor requesting to unsubscribe. The Editor's email address is: pac.hist.soc.newsletter@earthlink.net. Our postal mailing address: PO Box 752, Pacifica CA 94044

Past Events Since February:

<u>Feb. 22:</u> City of Pacifica and Group Four Study Session on Redesign of Civic Center <u>March 10:</u> Presentation by Ken Miles via Zoom: "Alta California and the Golden Gate, From Prehistoric Times and Colonization, to Today, Part 2 From Spanish and Mexican Periods to Statehood " provided by Ken Miles for the Daly City Historical Society, invited guests including the HS Board of Directors.

March 12-14: PHS Estate Sale at 604 Moana Way , East Sharp park

<u>April various dates</u>: PHS board members begin reorganizing the Achieves Room, and hanging paintings and photographs of landscapes and historic sites of Pacifica at the Pacifica Coastside Museum.

<u>April 30-May 1,</u> PHS Book and CDC Sale at the Pacifica Coastside Museum <u>Early May:</u> Work begins to move the Ocean Shore Railroad model at the Prints Old & Rare warehouse at Crespi Business Center to Pacifica Coastside Museum <u>May 14-16 & 21-23:, A</u>nother great Estate Sale at 16 Carleton Place, Pacifica

Upcoming Events:

<u>June 4-5,</u> Fri-Sat., 9 AM-4 PM-, Estate Sale at 900 valley terrace, Pacifica <u>June 11-13,</u> PHS Rummage Sale at the Pacifica Coastside Museum. <u>June 19,</u> 9:30 AM OSRR Car 1409 Restoration. Committee Mtg, at Museum. June 26, 10 AM—12 Noon, Book Club meeting

June 27, 12:30 to 2 PM: PHS Docent Refresher Course is listed in the calendar of coming events at the museum. The refresher will be a chance to re-familiarize yourself with the facilities, the procedures when easing out of a pandemic, a re-

view of current displays, a chance to see the model of the Ocean Shore Railroad (OSRR), some handouts and reviews of Pacifica history, and, according to PHS President Judy Heldberg, there will be snacks!

June 27, 2 PM to ?: PHS Quarterly Meeting, includes virtual tour of the OSRR Pass. Car 1409 reconditioning work.

July 1? Notices will be sent to all after the OPENING DATE of the Coastside Museum is determined.

Reminder: 2021 Membership Dues are Due !

The Pacifica Historical Society survives on donations from its membership. It costs over \$100 per day to pay utilities, insurance, postage, etc., Our ability to raise funds have has been curtailed by Covid-19. We are extremely happy and appreciative for members who have donated additional funds to the Pacifica Historical Society last year and years before. Some members prepaid membership in advance for two, three or more years of membership.

Current 2021 annual dues remain unchanged: \$15 for Seniors and Students: \$20 for Individuals and Senior Couples: \$25 Family. Please send check to the Pacifica Historical Society, PO Box 752, Pacifica, CA 94044. Please indicate if you are paying for <u>membership</u> and /or <u>donations</u>.



Archive Room Work-in-Progress



Got this at a PHS Rummage

Updates on Wildfire:

Most of us know about the large fires that swept San Francisco following the Great Earthquake of 1906, or the wildfire that destroyed the town of Montara in 1929, or the recent wildfires that destroyed Paradise and parts of Santa Rosa, the great fires that destroyed many homes and forests in the southern area of coastal San Mateo County and parts of Santa Cruz County. <u>Pacifica is not immune from</u> <u>wildfires.</u>

The start of California's annual Fire Season has been officially declared during mid-May. As a first step everyone should visit San Mateo County's Fire Safe website to learn about preparing for wildfires whether you live in or away from wildfire prone areas, and responding for wildfires in the event you are forced to evacuate your home: <u>https://www.firesafesanmateo.org/preparedness</u>



- Do you have defensible space around your home?
- Are your valuables and important documents, medicines, pets and provisions ready to retrieve and place in our escape car or van?
- Do we know our primary and alternate escape routes and where to find aid and shelter?

Perhaps the City will form a Wildfire Task Force to obtain assistance and/or funding from the County Fire Safe program, the State's Cal Fire program, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Parks to prepare for wildfires by establishing fire breaks, use of prescribed burns and assuring private and public properties eliminate flammable brush and trees within and surrounding our communities.

An Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic:

The current U.S. official death toll due to COVID-19 is 590,000 people. In our February 2021 newsletter we reported the death toll was 490,000 people. The good news is that as more and more Americans become vaccinated, the rates of new infections and deaths are dropping. Similarly, as other advanced nations develop vaccines and vaccinate their people, their rates of infection and death are declining.

The sad news is that the death tolls in many less-advanced nations are still climbing. Brazil and India are being hit hard. Currently, the world's death toll due to COVID-19 is nearly 3,500,000 people. Many countries also need test kits, masks, ventilators, oxygen and other medical supplies.

The World Health Organization is asking pharmaceutical companies that produce the COVID vaccines to share their proprietary technologies and/or vaccine supplies, so that less developed countries can also produce vaccine and vital supplies to achieve mass immunization.

The Pacifica Tribune Goes Online

A longtime goal of the Pacifica Historical Society – to have the Pacifica Tribune and other newspapers that covered our area available online – is within our reach. The Tribune, which has covered Pacifica from its founding through the present day, and the Sharp Park Breakers, which operated from 1938 through the 1950s, will be accessible online at newspapers.com for easy research this summer. PHS members will have free access in a newly created research room with a designated laptop computer.

Here is the backstory: We have been storing thousands of copies of the Tribune print edition for years in the hope of having them scanned and digitized to put online. Also, we have been keeping our archive files up to date by clipping articles from most current editions of the Tribune. Over the years, efforts to reach UC-Riverside's Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research, which operates the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC), seemed to go nowhere. The non-profit CDNC, funded by the state and other entities, has digitized dozens of local California newspapers and was the logical place to turn to. The CDNC already has made available online the Coastside Comet newspaper, which covered our area from 1910 to 1923.

Earlier this year, Deb Wong, a new PHS member and the Tribune's editorial cartoonist, made it her mission to see the Tribune online. She managed to get ahold of the CDNC's director and, through an email exchange, learned some good news. It turned out that the CDNC already possessed the Tribune from 1959-2007 scanned onto master negative film. All that was needed was an agreement from the current Tribune publisher to go ahead with the digitizing project to put the paper online.

Within a few days, the Coastside News Group, the publishing company that acquired the Tribune last year, agreed to the project. The PHS asked Coastside News Group to name PHS as the local partner institution so that we have direct access to the Tribune. Coastside agreed. Under the terms of the agreement, the Tribune will be available for the first three years to the public through the feebased newspapers site (Ancestry.com, the parent company, subsidizes the CDNC's scanning and digitizing operation, which is the reason it charges a fee). After three years, the Tribune will be available free of charge to anyone through the CDNC website. PHS members, however, will have free access to the Tribune, even during the first three years.

There is more good news about the project. The CDNC let us know that the 2008-2009 issues of the Tribune will be digitized. The CDNC also said that the digitization project includes the Coastside Tribune, the predecessor of the Pacifica Tribune, pre-incorporation, from 1954 to 1959, and the Sharp Park Breakers from 1938 through the 1950s. The Breakers has been available through the Internet Archive but the newspapers.com format will be easier to use. Other San Mateo County newspapers, including the Half Moon Bay Review and the Pescadero Pebble, are also included in the digitization project. Pat Kremer, PHS vice president, found several years of the Tribune in our Archive Room on DVDs in pdf format, beyond 2009. We uploaded those Tribune years so that the CDNC could also put more years – through 2013 – of the Tribune online.

Within a few weeks, you will be able to look at the Tribune, the Coastside Tribune and the Sharp Park Breakers through an easy-to-use and searchable platform, and our history, even before incorporation, will be available online. --By Laura Del Rosso

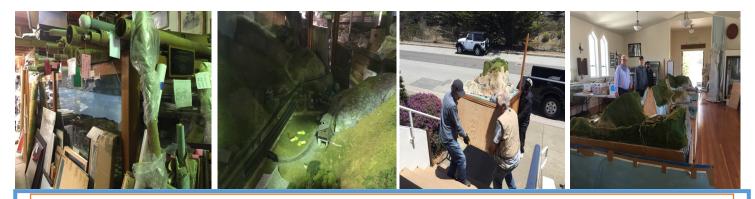
Note from the Editor: Please open this hyperlink to observe an on-line newsletter: https:// cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=CSCN19170928.2.4&srpos=7&e=----en--20-CSCN-1-txt-txIN-Hermitage-ARTICLE-----1

The Ocean Shore Railroad Returns

Some of the board directors, members and friends (Ken Miles, Jim Heldberg, Rob Wullenjohn, Scott Leiby, David Alanzo and Anthony Taganat have been involved in the dismantling the model of the Ocean Shore Railroad, which has been stored at Kathleen Manning's "Prints Rare and Old" warehouse located at the Crespi Business Center, and moved the entire model to the Little Brown Church for reassembly.

The Pacifica Tribune's May 11th issue includes an article written by Jane Northrop which can be viewed by opening this hyperlink:

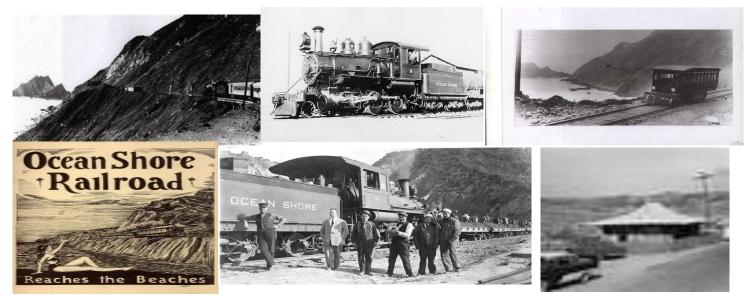
https://www.pacificatribune.com/news/historic-model-train-chugs-out-of-storage-toward-museum/article_f8bcde90b2a4-11eb-81d3-8bbb2dc1baac.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=usershare&fbclid=IwAR0nNYUoADRqnqYRpIfuNKCRjSu2WTz3qkLhd841oz-E6xjx40VGgtHIUNQ



Photos above, from left to right: 1) The 6 ft. by 13 ft. train model stored at the Prints Rare and Old warehouse at Crespi Business Center; 2) Details of the old quarry and facilities include N-Scale railroad tracks; 3) Several volunteers carrying a section of the model up the front stairs of the Little Brown Church (Pacifica Coastside Museum); 4) The semi-assembled model inside the upper part of the museum.

You can listen to Rob Wullenjohn's band Blue on Green Roots musical "Ocean Shore 1409" : <u>https://</u> <u>m.youtube.com/watch?v=95gJxHm1Rzo&feature=youtu.be</u>

This is a view of the OSRR model train in operation: https://youtu.be/k6_e-LVy2Ls



Pacifica's Horses & Ponies, Past and Present

In 1769 the Portolá Expedition arrived in the country of the Aramai, the inhabitants of the village of Pruristac, with numerous horses, mules and muleteers to care for them. By the time the Spanish--the first Europeans to see San Francisco Bay but frustrated at their failure to find Monterey Bay, their original destination--had re-traced the route of their California expedition to San Diego, they were exhausted and had been forced to eat some of their mules to keep from starving. The Anza expedition of 1776, which resulted in the establishment of a mission and presidio, brought 1,000 head of livestock and about 75 settlers, including members of the Sanchez family, to what would become San Francisco. The Asistencia San Pedro y San Pablo, an agricultural site in support of Mission Dolores, where crops were grown and livestock pastured, was established adjacent to Pruristac, in San Pedro Valley, chosen for its fertile soil and good grazing land.

The Spanish explorers and their animals were unfamiliar and startling to the coastal native peoples. Later, during the Mexican period, some native people would become caballeros and vaqueros on the large ranchos such as Don Francisco Sanchez's Rancho San Pedro, which extended from Mussel Rock to what we now know as Pedro Point and Sweeney Ridge. The Sanchez Adobe stands at the historic site of Pruristac. In 1862 Don Francisco Sanchez died from injuries due to a fall from his horse. After Sanchez's death, Rancho San Pedro was divided and passed through the hands of various large and small property owners.

By the early 20th century many Italian immigrants had settled in Pedro Valley. Most of the Italian farm families grew vegetables, particularly artichokes. Some raised flowers, and there was some dairy farming. According to Julia Michelucci Gervais, who grew up in Pedro Valley and collected an account of her family history, "For serious shopping you hitched up and went to Colma." The development of Linda Mar began in 1953, but as late as 1959 sheep were still being raised on the site of the future Terra Nova High School. In February of 1957 the 59th anniversary of the Pedro Valley Post Office was celebrated by a "Pony Express" ride from Pedro Valley to Station J on Clayton Street in San Francisco. Twenty-two riders took part, each riding a mile. The first to ride was San Mateo County Sheriff Earl Whitmore.

<u>The Coastside Corral:</u> In 1959 Frontierland (not today's Frontierland Park, which was at that time a landfill), able to accommodate 45 horses and including riding stables with two large barns, a roping corral, and a building described as a frontier hotel with chuck wagon facilities, opened in the back of San Pedro Valley, on land formerly owned by the Bernardi family near where Oddstad School would later be built.



Clippings from the Pacifica Tribune illustrating some of the many activities involving horses in Pacifica

Pacifica's Horses and Ponies, Past & Present—Continued

Frontierland offered hayrides in a buckboard pulled by a pair of Clydesdale mares and stagecoach rides in a coach constructed by the owner, Murray Norton, who also owned the Silver Saddle stables at Westlake. Norton had plans for livestock pasturage and for junior rodeos in the corral.

Norton's long-term plans for his horseback riding and rodeo center were dismissed as "an unworkable dream" in 1964. Land-owner Challenge Development (formerly the Oddstad company) decided to build up to 300 Park Pacifica homes in the area, which was rezoned from Commercial Recreation to Single Family Residential, with plans to extend Oddstad Blvd. directly through the stable site, despite the protests of the horseback riding community, including Vallemar stable owner David Hopper, whose opinion was that we needed "another Cow Palace right here in Pacifica."

By this time the stables were known as Saddletown. Challenge proposed establishing a new Saddletown on Sweeney Ridge, where a new parkway route was also proposed, "with easy access to the San Francisco Water Department's riding trails." It was estimated that it would be three to five years before Saddletown would have to move. Meanwhile, in 1965 its name was changed to Fortado's Pacifica Stables (for new manager and rodeo performer Rich Fortado). Fortado planned to stage an annual July 4th rodeo. By 1967 the name had changed again to the Coastside Corral. In July, 1970 the Corral's move to Cape Breton finally took place, celebrated by three days of barrel racing, team roping, and live music. The old barns were burned by the Fire Department. The restaurant building was moved to Cape Breton and was known as the Corral Steakhouse until it closed in 2008. Horse boarding, riding and exercise facilities were also available at the Shamrock Ranch and Hopper's Vallemar stables.

<u>Western Days and Rodeos</u>: Annual western-themed events began with Linda Mar Shopping Center's promotional Western Days weekend. October, 1962's events included a parade, a Queen competition (on horseback), square dancing, quick-draw and guitar-playing contests, and western food available from a chuck wagon. Sunday featured a horse show and trick-riding exhibition at Frontierland. In April of1964 a junior rodeo/gymkhana (defined as an event comprising races and other competitions between horse riders or car drivers) with father-son events was held at what had by now become Saddletown.

In 1967 June 5-10 was proclaimed Western Week by the City Council in conjunction with the Jr. Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Pacifica Rodeo-by-the-Sea. Vice-Mayor Nick Gust stated that, "I think this is the beginning of a wonderful affair. I think it should have been started long ago." A June 10th parade from Linda Mar Shopping Center to the Coastside Corral began a two-day rodeo. Labor Day Weekend rodeos at the Coastside Corral began in 1971. They were at first sponsored jointly by the Corral and the Kiwanis Club and later by the Corral and the Coastside Horsemen's Association. The rodeos were part of the Western Approved Rodeos circuit. Daily rodeo events were followed by western-style dances in the Coastside Corral building. The Rodeo Queen was judged on personality, appearance, riding ability and the number of rodeo tickets she'd sold. Between rodeos, in July, 1974, Susanne Maeser, from Switzerland, and Roland, Bueche, from Germany, were married on horseback at Bob Hopper's Stable in Vallemar, where each kept a horse.

Pacifica's Horses and Ponies, Past & Present—Continued

<u>Frontier Days:</u> The headline of an August 27, 1975, Tribune article reads: A First Time Success. A western parade on Linda Mar Boulevard promoting the annual Coastside Rodeo was also the Frontier Days kickoff. The parade featured precision units from the Nichiren Shoshu Academy, horsemen from Hopper's Corral and the Coastside Corral, the Shakey's Pizza Dixieland Band, and antique cars. Frontier Days, 1977, was celebrated as "a return of the western spirit to Pacifica." As well as the rodeo and the parade, which included floats by local merchants and organizations, color guards from Treasure Island and Alameda, a Wells Fargo Stagecoach carrying city officials, and horses from the Coastside Corral and Bob Hopper's Ranch, there were pony rides at various shopping areas, horseshoe throwing contests, log-sawing and beard and mustache growing contests, and promotional days with merchants wearing western clothing and giving special discounts to shoppers wearing at least two western garments. One particularly strenuous event was the Stampede, a six-mile run beginning at Reina Del Mar & Coast Highway and continuing up Fassler, over Roberts Road, down Linda Mar Blvd. to Park Mall, circling the shopping center there, and then back to Linda Mar Shopping Center.

In 1981 a new rodeo arena was built on the quarry property. The idea had been proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, originally with the idea of also using the arena for other events such as outdoor concerts or 4th of July fireworks. Negotiations with the Quarry owners, Ideal Basic Industries, resulted in an agreement that the arena could be built (which was done by volunteer labor) and used free of charge. The company was allowed to commit to only some contouring and landscaping when they were ready to leave the almost played out quarry location. Rodeos were held at the new arena, which was eventually named the Calera Creek Corral, from 1981 through 1983. A program from 1981 lists events as Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Bulldogging (Steer Wrestling), Barrel Racing (Girls) cloverleaf pattern, Team Roping, and Bull Riding.

By 1984, the quarry owner was Bill Bottoms, who informed the Frontier Days Committee that they would have to pay a \$2,000 fee to use his property, since the rodeo was disruptive and expensive for the quarry, which he had plans to develop. He added that 1984 was the last year he would allow the rodeo to be held there. Under those circumstances, the rodeo was canceled, and attempts to organize other events without the rodeo failed. There was no Frontier Days event in 1984. "Pacifica maybe isn't a cow town," the Tribune observed. The next major Pacifica special event would be the first Fog Fest, in 1986.

<u>The Present:</u> Since the times of Frontier Days and rodeos, the property than known as the Coastside Corral has had many owners and operators. Most recently the site has been shared by the Sweeney Ridge Equestrian Center (horse boarding and lessons) and the California Riding Academy . As of December 23, 2020, the property has been sold by previous owner Social Good Fund, Inc. to the Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ), which hopes to build a church there, and is currently closed to the public. There has been concern in the area about potential heavy use of the property, unsuitable for a residential neighborhood, and increased traffic. Perhaps more significantly, there is a sense of regret for the loss of a familiar longtime piece of Pacifica's culture and a resource for outdoor recreation.

By Carolyn Miller

Pacifica's Horses and Ponies, Past & Present—Continued

Horses have lived in the hills and valleys of Pacifica since the Portolá Expedition arrived here over 250 years ago. Currently, the Shamrock Ranch and Mill Creek Ranch (formerly the Piccardo Ranch) in Pacifica remain where horses are boarded and cared for. Horses and the enjoyment they bring have their place in our historic little western city.



Above, 1970s clippings from the Pacifica Tribune: the old Steak House at the original Frontierland Ranch; and one of frequent rodeos held in Pacifica. *Clippings by Carolyn Miller*.



Top 2 photos: show continuous 6 foot high metal fence with locked gate surrounding entrance of the horse stables at the end of Cape Breton. Bottom 3 photos: the vacant horse stables, and several of many posted signs on metal fence. *Photos by Ken Miles*

2021 PACIFICA OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AWARD

I am deeply honored by being recognized by the Pacifica City Council and Pacifica Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee for being a cofounder of Pacificans United to Save Our Hills (PUSH), and for leadership and participation in preserving Sweeny Ridge as part of the U.S. Parks' Golden Gate National Recreations Area (GGNRA). I believe Ferd Simons, Jan Dutton and I achieved success through sharing joint leadership and efforts working with our local and federal representatives, the public and landowners. I also believe that our members' enduring strength in gathering over 5000 petition signatures and writing letters to the newspapers enabled us to achieve our goal of saving Sweeny Ridge and adjacent open space lands for the U.S. Parks' Golden Gate National Recreation Area when President Carter signed a bill in 1983, making Sweeney Ridge part of GGNRA.

PACIFICA OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESERVATION AWARD 2021

なちなちなちちちちちちちょう

WHEREAS, Ken Miles made significant contributions to the preservation and protection of Pacifica's open spaces and natural resources to the benefit of Pacifica's residents and surrounding communities for present and future generations through his advocacy, service, public education, and community organizing; and;

WHEREAS, in 1975 Ken Miles co-founded "Pacifica's United to Save Our Hills" (PUSH) with the purpose of preserving Sweeney Ridge as public land; and;

WHEREAS, Ken Miles and other co-founders of PUSH hosted public meetings, wrote letters to newspapers, grew PUSH to 35 active members, and collected over 5000 signatures in support of the goal of preserving Sweeney Ridge from development, including a proposal to extend Highway 380 through Sweeney Ridge; and;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1984, Ken Miles' dedication and perseverance was successful and Sweeney Ridge was permanently protected as part of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area system; and;

WHEREAS, after protecting Sweeney Ridge, Ken Miles continued to protect Pacifica's open spaces and as a member of Pacifica's San Pedro Flood Control Committee worked with Pacifica's engineer during 1982 and 1983 to develop flood prevention solutions that protected San Pedro Creek's natural character and ecological function, successfully avoiding hardening and channelizing the creek; and;

WHEREAS, Ken Miles continues to advocate for and contribute to the protection of nature, equitable access to open space, and public education about the history of California and Pacifica as a current board member and vice-president of the Pacifica Historical Society and publisher of its newsletter;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, that we, the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee of the City of Pacifica, do hereby declare KEN MILES to be the recipient of the 2021 Pacifica Open Space Preservation Award.

n, Chair

Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee

DONE this 26th day of April, 2021.

Ferd Simons, Jan Dutton and I co-founded PUSH in the mid-1970s after learning that Sweeney Ridge, 1100 acres of open space, was going to be transformed into a huge housing development and crossed by a large East—West freeway. We decided to save Sweeney Ridge and co-founded PUSH. We gathered about 35 volunteers, ordinary citizens who wrote letters to the newspapers, and went house to house or stood outside Safeway gathering signature on petitions. Ferd was our Orator and Jan was our Scribe. I was the "Jack-of–all-Activities". I also spoke at public meetings and wrote letters to the newspapers and political representatives, but also chaired the PUSH meetings , designed promotional flyers, met with federal representatives during my business trips to Washington DC, and met with West Aspen Company (owners of Sweeney Ridge) to discuss possibilities of donating their land as a tax benefit for preserved open space, and walked the streets collecting signatures. There is more tell you about PUSH and what was at stake, and hopefully, I may tell you about it someday.

By Ken Miles

Links to the Past

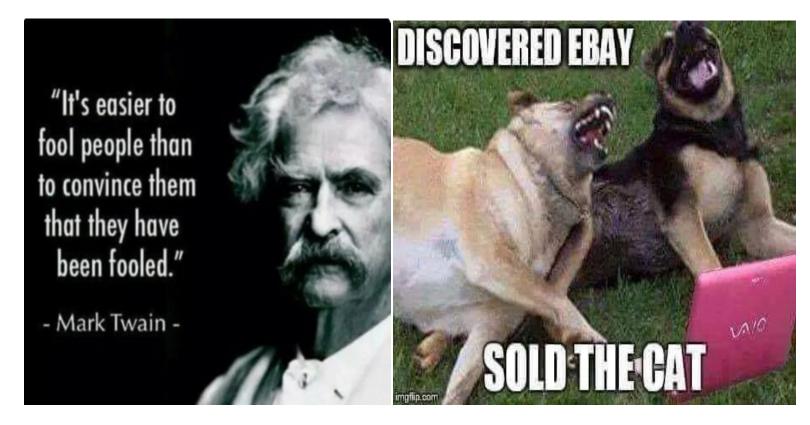
PHS Board Director Susan Stallard provided the following presentations for our docents: "Please view the following webinars by Mark Hylkemar. Each presentation is about 90 minutes and were created for the Peninsula Open Space Trust. All three parts are on Indigenous History of the Bay Area: 1) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xp-mGJJ9yLs</u>

2) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bL5BbrGQbRE_3</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-2Tf47MHnA</u>

Susan Stallard also provided this presentation about the history and cultural landscape of Pedro Valley (Linda Mar) posted on Facebook by Carol Quattrin. This is presentation is 108 pages included in John Culp's Masters thesis at San Francisco State University, written around 2002. There are many interesting photos of San Pedro Valley during early 1950s: <u>Microsoft Word - Pedro Valley Final.doc (sfsu.edu)</u>

Director Laura Del Rosso provided these links to the old Coastside Comet Newspapers:

<u>2</u>) This is the Coastside Comet online database if you want to search for more on accidents or on the road....but this is 1910, after stagecoach era: <u>https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=CSCN</u>



On the Lighter Side



Pacifica Historical Society

Pacifica Historical Society (A Non-Profit Organization)

Mailing Address: PO Box 752, Pacifica, CA 94044 Museum Location: 1850 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica CA 94044 Phone number: 650-355-1909 General Email : Info@PacificaHistory.org Newsletter Email: Pac.Hist.Soc.Newsletter@earthlink.net Please visit our website <u>www.PacificaHistory.org</u> Facebook: Search "Pacifica Historical Society" <u>Officers:</u>

President: Judy Heldberg

VP: Shirlee Gibbs VP: Pat Kremer VP: Ken Miles Secretary: Carolyn Miller Treasurer: Janet Ang

Emeritus Members

Kathleen Manning Jerry Crow

Nouslattar

<u>Newsletter</u>

Co-Editor: Ken Miles, Co-Editor: Carolyn Miller

This Issue:

<u>Writers:</u> Carolyn Miller, Ken Miles, Laura Del Ross, Susan Stallard

Newsclips & Photos: Ken Miles, Carolyn Miller

Board & Planning Meetings (are now held virtually due to COVID-19 health requirements)

The PHS welcomes everyone to join our organization, and join our committees. We hold monthly Board Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, 7 PM, at the Museum. The Planning Committee for events and activities meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month, 4 PM, at the Museum.

Board of Directors

Clorinda Campagna, Mary Dougherty, Shirlee Gibbs, Marlene Duschek, Judy Heldberg, Steve Johnson, Pat Kremer, Kathy McGuire, Ken Miles, Carolyn Miller, Erika Rigling, Susan Stallard, , Diana Zollinger, Laura Del Rosso. Sue Digre

Pacifica Coastside Museum and Gift Store Hours (closed per COVID-19 health requirements)

The Museum and Gift Store are open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 to 4 PM. The Museum is free to the public and ADA accessible, and our docents are there to assist you. The Gift Store has many nice and inexpensive gifts including one pound blocks of Pacifica Jack Cheese to purchase. The Museum may be closed on some holidays.

Rental Space and Rummage Sales (some restrictions due COVID-19 health requirements but exceptions allowed if certain precautions are taken)

The Pacifica Coastside Museum (aka The Little Brown Church) is a great venue for events and revenue generator for the PHS. For rental information please contact Judy Heldberg at 650-359-6874. The building is available outside museum hours and is an ideal site for meetings, memorials, etc.

Great bargains are available at the Museum's rummage sales usually held during the second Fridays and Saturdays of each month. Donated items are welcomed for drop-off on the Thursdays before the days of each rummage sale.

From:

Pacifica Historical Society

www.PacificaHistory.org PO Box 752, Pacifica, CA 94044



Place

First Class Stamp

Here

To:



Goddess Pacifica, the Goddess of Peace - Displayed at the Coastside Museum