



**Aptos History Museum**

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# What's New?

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## Hula for History - our annual fundraiser!

Hawaiian music on the pool deck, delicious food from local restaurants, fine wines and beer. Did we mention great professional tennis with world ranked players? Also a silent auction, raffle and a craft fair. Way too much fun!

Friday, August 8th at Seascapes Sports Club from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Your ticket includes entry into the Comerica Bank Tennis Challenger Quarter Finals Match.

### Advance ticket discount:

**Buy 2 tickets before August 5th and get 1 FREE!**

Tennis, food and fun. Make your Friday an event to remember. **Get your tickets by calling the Aptos Chamber at 688-1467.** Wear Hawaiian clothes or tennis gear, just be there!

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- Fine Wines & Beer
- Silent Auction and Raffle
- Live Hawaiian Music & Entertainment
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## Then and Now Contest Winner

Carolyn Swift was the only person to correctly identify our mystery-history photo.



## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Cemetery

In 1868, Raphael Castro deeded to the Roman Catholic Church, two acres of land at the corner of Soquel Drive and State Park Drive for a church and cemetery. The cemetery is located between Resurrection Catholic Church and Aptos Center.

The first mass was celebrated in the chapel by Rev. Father Joaquin Adam on November 17, 1874.

The chapel served the community well but was vandalized in the early 1900s and ultimately deteriorated and was condemned. The church was torn down in 1935.

Rafael Castro died on May 14, 1878, and was buried at Mount Carmel Cemetery. His children erected a sixteen foot marble monument with a bust of Castro's likeness at a cost of \$1,015. His grave marker is inscribed in Spanish. He refused to speak English.

Until recently, the only pictures that we had of the chapel were long distance aerial photographs but on October 8, 2013, Gerald and Joanne Epperson of Crockett California, brought in over 50 historic photographs of Seacliff from their grandmother, Frances Jordan Stules, who owned one of the first houses on the cliff.

The photograph above shows the intersection of State Park Drive and Soquel Drive. There is an entrance trellis for Seacliff Park at the intersection.

You can just make out Raphael Castro's grave marker to the left of the chapel.

## Did you know?

- **1911:** The Porter Sesnon family built a grand summer home called "Pino Alta". The home and landscape costs exceeded \$60,000. The home is now called "Sesnon House" and is part of Cabrillo College.
- **1928:** Redwood Village built by William Parker on the former site of Spreckels' stables. The redwood grove was thinned and the timber milled to construct cottages for vacationers (In 1974 it was converted to shops.).

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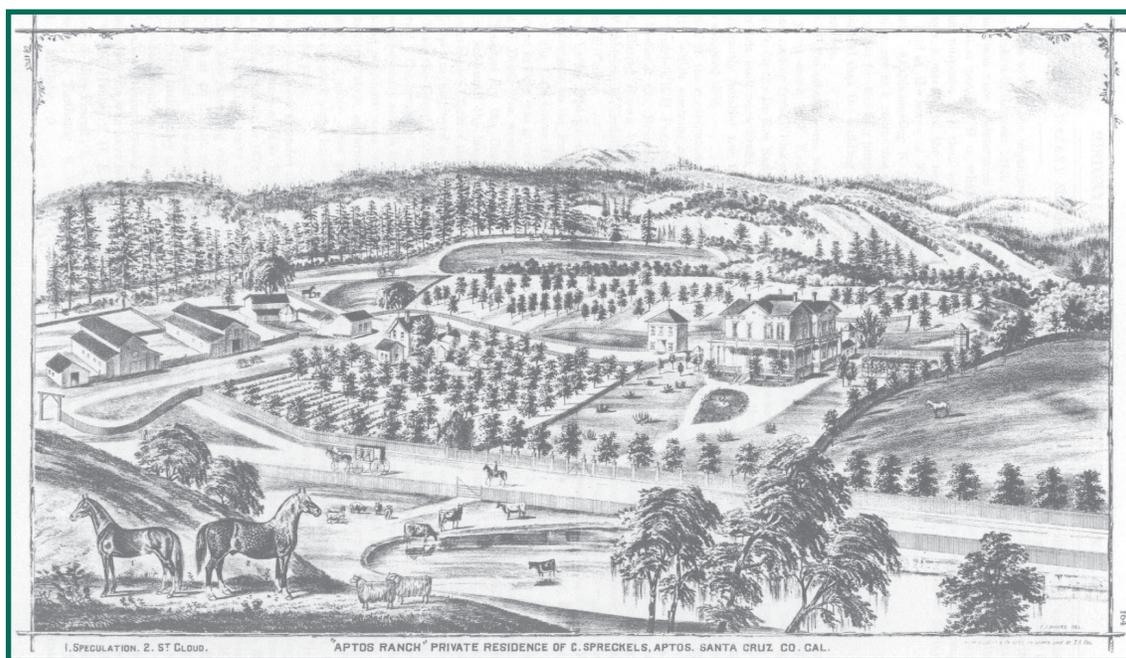
or visit [www.AptosHistory.org](http://www.AptosHistory.org) to download a membership form!



## New Acquisitions

We continue to receive amazing gifts to the museum collection on a regular basis:

- Mary Barcik and Bob Nicholson brought in maps and the Valencia Farm Bureau ledger of minutes from May 1939 through August 1946.
- Carol Young/Trengove provided four amazing photographs of Aptos taken by her Grand-uncle in 1889.
- Carolyn Swift provided a 1929 engineering magazine article on the Aptos Creek Bridge which shows us the alignment of the old and new bridges. The old bridge is something we would like to have a picture of.
- Mona Daniels brought in a framed poster of the concrete ship and the original artwork for the Seacliff entrance sign.
- Stan and Carli Stevens donated original pages from the rare 1879, Elliott's History of Santa Cruz County. We will have high definition reproductions available at our "Hula for History" silent auction.



## Recent Events and Donors

Thank you to every one who attended our Santa Cruz Railroad presentation on April 10th. Brian Liddicoat was excellent as usual.

In the fall, you can look forward to a great presentation by Carolyn Swift on the amazing Porter families and their impact on every aspect of life in the region.

Thanks also, to everyone who has supported the Museum by attending our fundraisers at Erik's DeliCafe, Discretion Brewery, and Manuel's Mexican Restaurant. You helped to raise over \$1,500. Moreover, thanks to those great businesses for donating a portion of their proceeds!

Thanks also to the Capitola/Aptos Rotary for providing the Museum with a \$500 grant. You all help us to keep our doors open.

## Then and Now - Contest Time!

Where was this photo taken? Be the FIRST to guess the current-day location of this photo and you will win a renewal of your museum membership **OR** a framed photo!



Email your guesses to:

[AptosHistory@yahoo.com](mailto:AptosHistory@yahoo.com)

We will reveal the answer in the next issue!

To our supporters - THANK YOU!

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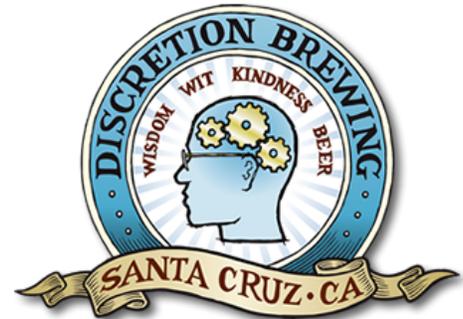
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