



Aptos History Museum

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What's New?

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The Aptos History Museum Annual Fundraiser
Party Like Gatsby

August 14th 5:00PM - 7:30PM at the Seaside Sports Club
\$45 Tickets - Call: (831) 688-1467

Aptos Trivia!
Test your knowledge with Aptos History Trivia Challenge for a chance to win a prize...



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Come one, come all! Join us on **Friday, August 14th, 2015** from **5:00PM - 7:30PM** at the Seaside Sports Club pool deck for our annual museum fundraiser! With delicious local food, a silent auction, and a Gatsby theme, it is sure to be a hoot! Tickets are **only \$45** and INCLUDE admission to the 2015 Comerica Bank Challenger.

Don't delay, sign up today! Call: (831) 688-1467

It will be bubbles of fun!

Photo: Nicholas Laschkewitsch



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Deck yourself 1920's OR tennis attire for history! Or just be there!

Aptos Village Tour on Mother's Day Weekend

On May 9th, 2015, certified local historians, Kevin Newhouse and Bob Wall, led a walking tour through Aptos Village as part of a special Mother's Day event. The entertainment kicked off with pastries and coffee at the Aptos History Museum where the group was given a short but enjoyable quiz on local history.

It was a beautiful sunny day with an engaging group and plenty of stops on the short 1.5-mile round trip. The first stop after leaving the museum was Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery where the group was introduced to some of the earliest and most influential pioneers of Aptos. They also visited the oldest house in Aptos, the location of the first school in town, the oldest surviving hotel, and the site where the famous movie "The One Way Trail" was filmed in 1919, as well as many more locations with very interesting stories.

There were numerous historical photos to compare what was seen that day compared to what it looked like in the past. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend this event. Kevin and Bob plan to do another walk in the near future. Thanks to all who attended!

Last Issue's Then & Now Contest

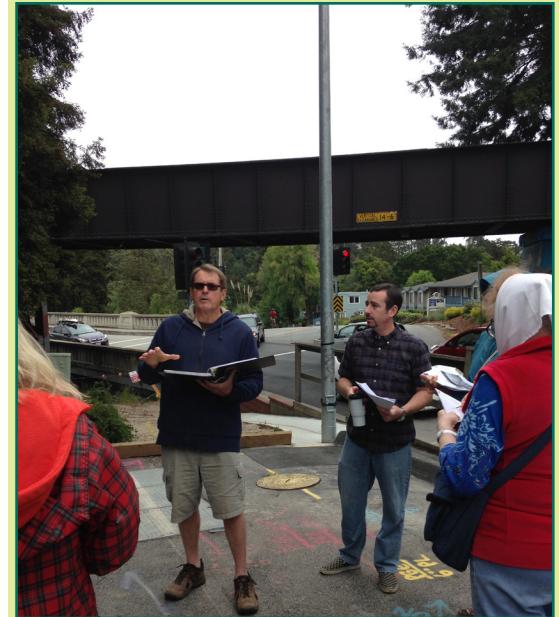
It appears that last month's mystery photo, seen below, stumped everyone! Read on to learn about its history.

Photo: Aptos History Museum



What's Going on Here?

This photo is of the MacDonald Ranch in 1933. The road on the left is Freedom Blvd. The MacDonalds were Dutch importers from San Francisco. They were members of a large Dutch community that congregated in the Aptos area during the early twentieth century and their ranch was located at Freedom Blvd. and McDonald Road, (the road spelling is incorrect). They opened an apple packing house, MacDonald & Son, in Aptos Village about 1905.



L to R: Bob Wall and Kevin Newhouse talk about the history of Aptos. (Photo: Aptos History Museum)

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or visit www.AptosHistory.org to download a membership form!

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Are you knowledgeable in grant writing and have some free time? We are looking for an individual who would be willing to help us!

If you want to give us a hand, please let us know by emailing:

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Touring the Grand House of Rio Del Mar

If you are driving down Rio Del Mar Boulevard toward the beach, just before the street veers to the right and drops to the Esplanade there is a grand, two story, Spanish Colonial Revival, manor on the right side that I have always wanted to visit. This is one of the oldest and grandest estates from the Rio Del Mar Country Club era and it is currently for sale.



In 1925, businessmen, Leo Monroe, Bill Lyon, Larry Miller, and Joe Greenberg of Los Altos purchased property in Aptos and started the Rio Del Mar development. The golf lodge opened in 1926. In 1928 a concrete dam was built on Aptos Creek to create the world's largest fresh water swimming pool with a bathing pavilion. On May 1, 1929 a first class hotel and clubhouse opened on Rio Del Mar Boulevard on the bluff overlooking the bay. The first house shown in any picture of the hotel is the one I am talking about at 309 Rio Del Mar Boulevard, built by Boyd and Mary Stewart in 1930.



Some of the original lighting fixtures and wrought iron work appear to have been made by master craftsman John Otar. "Otar the Lampmaker", made the lamps and fireplace grillwork for both the golf lodge and the main clubhouse/hotel. The house has massive hand-finished wooden beams and arched doors made of solid tongue and groove redwood. The living room floors were rosewood and the fireplace was made of flagstone.

Besides renovating areas that needed attention, the current owner has significantly updated the house with new fixtures, new hardwood floors, converted the ground floor enclosed patio room to a bedroom, opened up the master suite and restored the original garage. Over **100** people attended our recent tour of this beautiful home. Special thanks to home owner Peggy Smith for opening up her home, John Hibble for his historic talk, and Dick and Heidi Garwood for acting as tour guides. We hope to have a different home tour soon!

Another Mystery - What's This?!

We were recently donated this wooden fish that appears to have some connection to the Seacliff State Beach Fishing Derby. This particular specimen is from the 1987 event. If you have an idea of what this was used for, please email us: APTOSHISTORY@YAHOO.COM



Photo: Aptos History Museum

Then & Now - Contest Time!

Where was this photo taken? Be the FIRST to guess the current-day location of this photo and you will win ONE (1) free ticket to our annual museum fundraiser "Night to Rally" on Friday, August 14th at Seaside Sports Club!

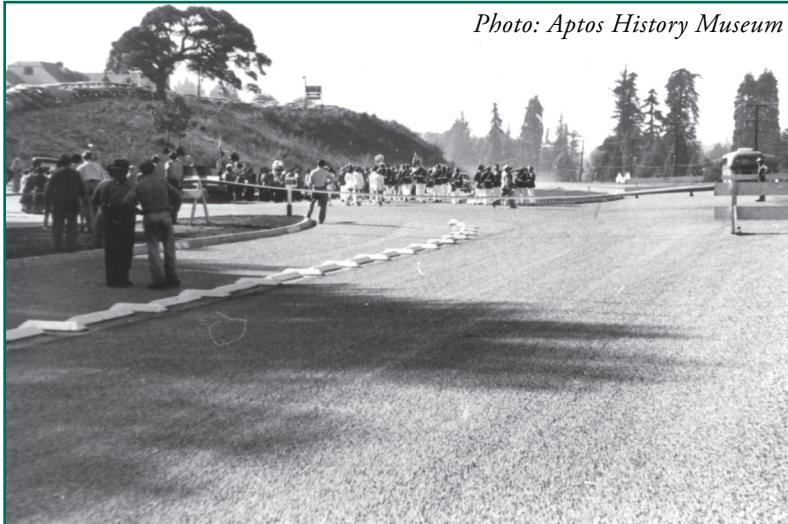


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Email your guesses to:

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We will reveal the answer in the next issue!

To our supporters - THANK YOU!



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