

# THE RECORD

## *Creating Community and a Sense of Place...*

GUITTARD  
CHOCOLATE-  
Annual Meeting  
2/25 /2019 6:45 pm  
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Not long ago, the Burlingame Historical Society interviewed longtime Burlingame resident, Dale Perkins, about moving to Burlingame over half a century ago. "*I came to Burlingame," he said, "and felt like it was heaven; my life has been with the best in the community."* A longtime Burlingame painter, teacher and advocate for the arts, a



*Dawn redwood planted in Dale's honor  
Arbor Day 2016*

Beautification Commissioner, and individual who, in one capacity or another, has been active for literally decades, Dale shares a common thread with most others interviewed from Burlingame and Hillsborough: Building Community pride while collecting a life full of fond memories. While physical

changes to our cities are quite apparent to anyone who has lived in the area for more than a decade, our community spirit remains a constant that has always helped create and maintain a sense of place for the betterment of the Whole. (cont. bottom of pg. 3)



*Flag Raising at Bellevue Park, (later Cannon Park) in 1911*



*Children talking with BFD at Art in the Park, 1989*



*Children at Cannon Park (current location of the Burlingame roundabout-build) on California Drive (then named San Mateo Drive) being entertained by William H. Crocker as he tosses pennies to them, 1920s*

## NEW ACQUISITIONS! *With thanks to...*

**Ron Karp** for the original Burlingame Hotel spear sign (from 287 Lorton Avenue) c. 1925 (shown at right); to **Donna Allen**, former Environmental Compliance Supervisor, **kindness of Jim Kelly**, for an account of her observations in the Amfac Hotel in which she was staying during the 1989 earthquake; **Jim Shypertt** for photographs from events around town, including from the Chamber of Commerce networking event sponsored by The Studio Shop and Burlingame Historical Society, September 13, 2018 and a montage of photos documenting the Anson Burlingame bust unveiling celebration that took place at the Burlingame Public Library, November 16, 2018; to **Cathy Foxhoven and Ray Tyler (and Dale Perkins!)** for a DVD recording, and photos of Dale being interviewed about his life and artwork, and to **Bobbi Benson** for a transcription thereof; to **Bob Puccetti** for a SM Times from Jan. 30, 1948 advertisement about Theo. G. Meyer & Sons, builders (lumber suppliers) for Ray Park; **Pete Garrison** for a painting of his wife, Joanne Garrison, writing the Burlingame Centennial book, 2008; **Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City of Burlingame**, for a letter dated Dec. 29, 2004 from Nancy Reagan, thanking the City of Burlingame for acknowledging the death of her husband, former president Ronald Reagan; **Cathy Baylock, and to**



**Russ Cohen** for misc. printed matter related to Burlingame; **Cynthia L. Russell** for a number of items from her mother, Corinne Terry (Burge) Davis, formerly of Burlingame, including doe-skin baby shoes, c.1928, Burlingame High School Yearbook, 1946, San Mateo Jr. College Yearbook (at Coyote Point Campus in San Mateo), 1948, Coolidge and Roosevelt Elementary School photos, 1930s and 40s, and misc. Burlingame High School paper memorabilia; **Kevin Gardiner, City of Burlingame**, for Historic Resource Surveys by Page & Turnbull, Inc., conducted of 405 Chapin Avenue, 1520 Ralston Avenue and 1385 Hillside Circle; **Melissa Anderson, Burlingame Police Dept.** for three framed aerial photos of Burlingame © April 1979 by Hammon, Jensen, Wallen & Associates, Mapping and Forestry Services, Oakland; **Martha May** for hundreds of news-clippings and advertisements, 1926-present; **Mary Packard** for two metal spice containers: Safeway's "Crown Colony" ground cinnamon c. 1982, and Williams Sonoma "Mulling Spices" undated; **Douglas Lambert** for a circa 1970s leather jacket belonging to and worn by Lawrence Short, longtime BHS music teacher; and to **Anne Lucile Carlson** for a childhood photo taken in front of her home at 217 Chapin Lane, circa 1954, (shown above, center.)

**DID YOU KNOW?** Artist **Dale Perkins**, working with the Burlingame School District, and art aide Betsy Gunther, conceived of the Art Mobile, shown below in 1971, in order to expose school children to all aspects of creative arts.



*"Someone learned that I was looking for an old bus and I visited it in mid CA sitting in a farm field with grass covering the wheels....rusting, lost and forgotten. Somehow I was able to get it operating and personally drove it to Burlingame, holding my breath all the way. It was filled with black widow spiders and truly a mess but it had no body damage", recalled Dale.*

Among programs featured by the Art Mobile: an ancient Chinese warrior on a horse from the Fine Art Museum in the city, a live sheep with which Betsy demonstrated weaving from raw wool to the finished item on the Art Mobile, and an endless number of childrens' and professional artists' displays relevant to what the children were studying in art class at the time.

Reflecting on the success of the Art Mobile, Dale reminisced, *"Everything the teachers were teaching was reinforced by the art teaching".*



**GUITTARD:****150 Years of Crafting Chocolate Perfection**

Please join on us on **Monday** evening, **Feb. 25th at 6:45** in the Lane Room of the Burlingame Public Library (480 Primrose Rd.) for our Annual Election, followed at 7pm by our special guest speaker, **Amy Guittard**, who will share the rich history of a beloved Burlingame business. Free and Open to the Public.



Étienne Guittard

**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday Feb. 25**  
**at 6:45 pm**  
**VOTE!**

**The Nominating Committee has proposed** the following slate of executive officers, that was approved at the November Board meeting: President - **Jen Pfaff**; VP Museum - **Russ Cohen**; VP Technology and Education - **Diane Condon-Wirgler**; Treasurer - **Joanne Garrison**; Membership Co-chairs: **Carl Martin and Leslie McQuaide**; Secretary - **Mary Griffith**. *Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our Annual Meeting on Feb. 25th at 6:45. Additionally, we will also be voting on membership fee increases and policies approved by the Board at their June 12th meeting: Senior/Student \$30, Individual \$50, History Buff \$100, Charles Seabiscuit Howard \$500, Anson Burlingame \$1000. Note: after March 1, 2019, Life memberships will no longer be offered.*

**Welcome New Members!**

Michelle MacKenzie Menendez - Life

Peter Garrison - Life

Mike Pietro - Individual

Mary Ann Pietro - Individual

Sylvia Lopez Verbelli - Individual

**In Memoriam-**

Anne D. Peter

Robert Giorni

Priscilla Storms

Very Special thanks to **Rich Terrones and Alicia Ader** of **Dreiling Terrones Architecture Inc.** for consultation, field measure and drafting related to “as-built” architectural drawings of the Moody-Gunst Carriage House, built circa 1890s; to **Mary Griffith, Diane Condon-Wirgler, and Bobbi Benson** for managing the intensive cleaning and beautification activity at the Train station and in Hatch’s Alley, in preparation for the visit from the Preservation Trust, **Kent Lauder and Russ Cohen** for necessary plumbing and other repairs at the station museum, and to **Cathy Baylock and Donna Colson** for organizing and coordinating the successful tour for all of our *Past Forward* guests—**our hats off to all of you!**

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At the end of Dale’s interview, when asked if there was anything that concerned him about Burlingame’s future, Dale responded: “*Not a thing. It’s just a great place to be. I’m so fortunate.*”



*Neighborhood Network Citywide Emergency Drills, October 2018*



*Holiday Parade-goers watch BHS Marching Band, Dec. 7, 2018*

Calendar

**Annual Member Meeting and Election:**

Burlingame Public Library - Lane Room  
Monday Feb. 25, 6:45 pm and

**Guittard Presentation** at 7pm

**Burlingame Hillsborough  
History Museum FREE!:**  
**290 California Drive**

1st Sun. of each month, 1-4 PM.

Feb. 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th

**Museum Docents Needed!**

No experience required.

Please call 340-9960 to volunteer.

*Please remember us in  
your trust or will!*

THE BURLINGAME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**President's Message**

Few were as efficient and driven at creating community, as the Burlingame Woman's Club. Established in 1907, a year before Burlingame incorporated, the women decided to pursue three main goals: to rein in saloons and alcohol, plant trees, and to build both a Safety Station (for the electric streetcar line) and a public drinking fountain; they managed to do all of these. The Safety Station was demolished in the 1930s—deemed a traffic hazard, “saloons” (nowadays bars), are strictly regulated, and public drinking fountains abound in our parks. Their crowning achievement in conservation—the highway tree rows—are still adorning our city, and no others. The Howard-Ralston Tree Rows were a speaker topic of much interest on November 13th when the National Historic Trust participants came through town. Planted by John McLaren over three decades before the Woman's Club was

founded, a plaque in the Club's Park Road facility acknowledges their years of work



saving the trees. Presented to the Burlingame Chapter in Del Monte, in 1935 by the California Federation of Women's Clubs, the plaque reads:

*In recognition of  
Outstanding Achievement in the Field of  
Conservation - for Saving Miles of eucalyptus  
trees on El Camino Real.*

*-Jennifer Pfaff*

**Current (2018) and Proposed Officers 2019:**

President - *Jennifer Pfaff*

VP - Museum - *Russ Cohen*

VP Technology and  
Education -

*Diane Condon-Wirgler*

Treasurer and Newsletter -  
*Joanne Garrison*

Oral histories & Parliamentarian-  
*Cathy Foxhoven*

Secretary - *Mary Griffith*

Corresponding Secretary -  
*Mary Packard*

Social Media-

*Cathy Baylock*

Membership Co-Chairs-

*Carl Martin and*

*Leslie McQuaide*

Board Member Emeritus -

*Martha May*