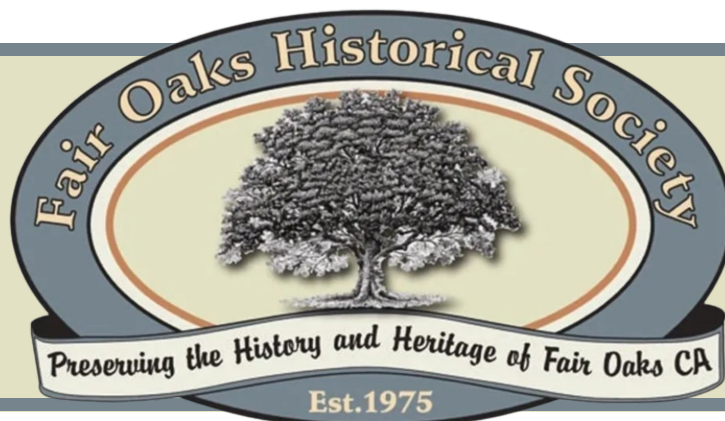


Something to Crow About



July 2023

Issue 145

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Join us for the next quarterly potluck and general meeting where we'll share organizational news, food, and friendship. Dinner will be potluck style so **please bring a main dish, casserole, salad, or dessert to share.**

July 25, 2023
6:00 pm

Faith Lutheran Church
4000 San Juan Ave, Fair Oaks

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Welcome New Members

Howard Papworth	Kevin & Beth Riggs
Jim & Judy Fields	Max Jones
Joe Hensler	John & Ann Simmons
Ronnie & Shelia Mitchell	Mary Witcraft
Wayne & Laurie Donaldson	
Mark Benuenga & Robin Gostovich	

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

By Claudia Thorne, President & Carolyn Spotts, Vice President

Coming soon!!! The History Center will soon have Internet and a dedicated phone line. We hope this will make it easier for History Center volunteers and members trying to connect with the board.

Speaking of the board, did you know that our monthly **Executive Board Meetings**, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, are open to all members who wish to observe. Voting is limited to board members but your input is always appreciated.

And speaking of changes, a BIG shout out to **Jennifer Terry** for volunteering to take over publishing our newsletter. Also, a HUGE thank you to **Ralph Carhart** for stepping up to help with the newsletter until a more permanent volunteer could be found.

Please mark your calendar for our next **Quarterly Meeting**, July 25 at the Faith Lutheran Church. Though we have yet to finalize the presenter, we will be discussing the next **Soup Night**. We need your input and lots of volunteers to facilitate this event. The current plan is to hold it at Faith Lutheran in February, with a Valentines Day theme. Also, suggestions for dynamic Quarterly Meeting guest speakers are ALWAYS appreciated.

We have now moved a majority of our funds to Bank of America where we are earning interest on our deposits and have a FOHS credit card. This will reduce members' usage of their own credit cards for recurring expenses.

Bud Beebe has been an amazing resource as our Building Maintenance person. We are working to create a space at the History Center for a coffee maker and microwave (donated by members) to be used by docents and Welcome Hour (directed by **Sandra Navarro**) guests and volunteers.

Chris Highsmith is continuing to expand our preservation efforts at the History Center. Anyone interested in working with him on that project can reach him at the Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays from 10-2. Let us know if you know of high school or college students who might be interested in working with us too.

Looking forward to working with you.
Claudia Thorn & Carolyn Spotts



Much thanks to **David Navarro** for all his hard work as Treasurer.



THE DOCENT

By Bob Sours

In the picture, a happy group of visitors and staff **docents** enjoy an Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the History Center. Special events such as this are held often to exchange information and welcome new folks to our Society.

So, who are these Docents and what do they do for our History Center? Well, first let me explain that Docents represent a large part of our country's leaders. Surprised? Shouldn't be. Docents range from teachers, and lecturers, to museum and art gallery guides, ambassadors, or cheerleaders that lead folks through the minefields of American History -- making it a fun ride.

Due to the 3 year pandemic, and folks retiring, we have lost some of our History Center staff docents, and we are in the process of building back the team.

The GOOD NEWS — besides the Staff Docents, we have all of you — **our members**, to be our docents of sorts in your neighborhoods. You joined our society because you were History buffs or just loved being more involved in Fair Oaks. We hope you will tell your neighbors about the History Center — guide them in our direction. Now, YOU ARE A DOCENT !! Simple and fun, right? I'd like to extend an invitation to you to try your skills as a neighborhood Docent, by giving a few hours here and there as a staff do-



cent at the History Center, or a research person, and technical assistant.

BOTTOM LINE: I can assure you that I have enjoyed being a docent for years at the Center, even while adding Board President to the mix. It's truly been a second home of sorts for the past seven years. My foot is still in the water, but now asking YOU to start enjoying what I have. Believe me, as you learn more about Fair Oaks, we learn from your experience and talents. A WIN-WIN.

Without ado, I'm anxious to wish you all a wonderful beginning to the last half of this year.

BE OUR NEXT STAFF DOCENT WITH PRIDE. A LEADER FOR SURE. THANK YOU.



HISTORY CENTER CLEAN-UP DAY

HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW NICE
THE HISTORY CENTER LOOKS?

THANK YOU

Margge Wood

Lynn Steen

Bud Beebe

Chris Highsmith

Carolyn Spotts

Claudia Thorn & Brody

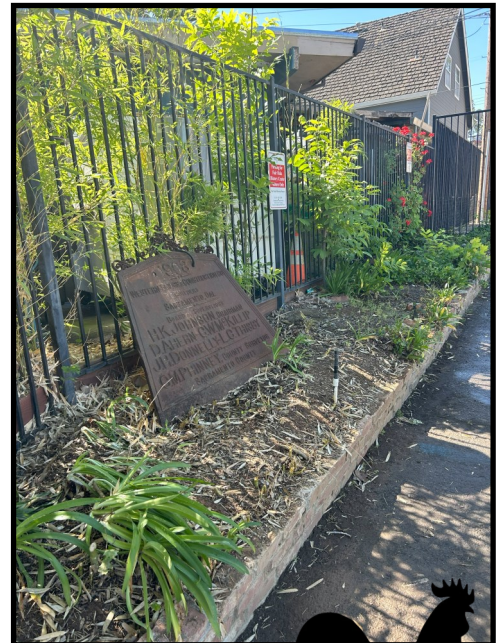
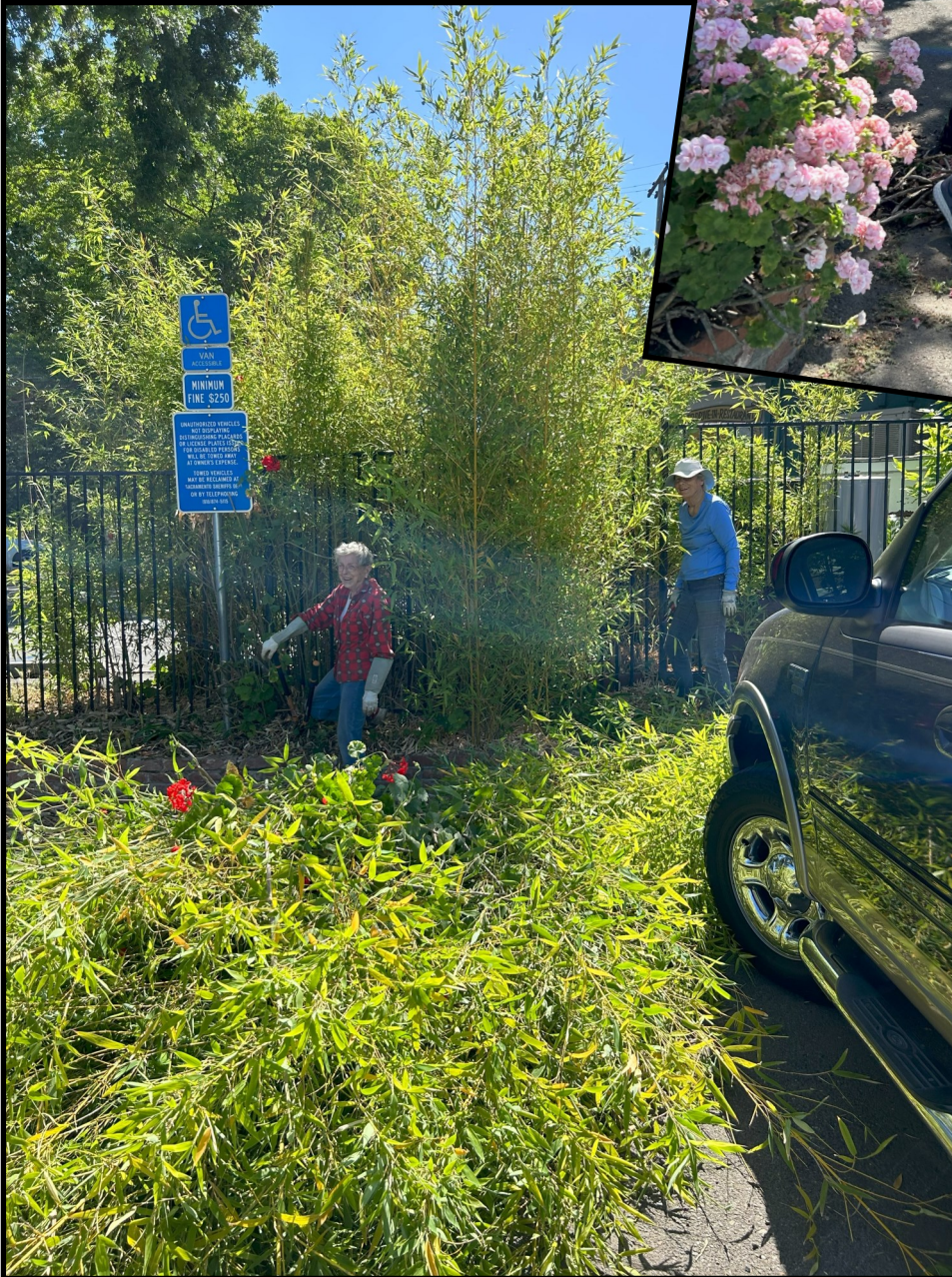
They rolled up their sleeves and
got to work at the History Center
Clean-up Day, held on Saturday
May 20, 2023.

We cut down all the bamboo by
the Sunflower Drive-In and
discovered
some treasures
hidden in the
stalks.



We'd love to see members sign up on a **monthly basis** to keep the area clean and clipped as needed.

Please call or email Claudia or Carolyn if you're willing to **volunteer**.



WELCOME HOUR AT THE HISTORY CENTER

By Sandra S. Navarro, Welcome Hour Program Director

The inaugural season of the Welcome Hour at the Fair Oaks History Center concluded on June 3, 2023.

Beginning last September, this interpretive history program was held on the first Saturday of each month and featured an aspect of Fair Oaks Village's past. Complete with guest experts, a children's activity table, display boards, videos, and thematic decorations, this hour-long "history party" both informed and entertained History Center visitors.

The theme of June's Welcome Hour was:

Weddings and Roses in Old Fair Oaks

Debbie Arrington represented the Sacramento Rose Society, and Taylor Maxon (of Fair Oaks' *Taylor Made Desserts*) prepared a recipe handout for an old-fashioned wedding cake.





*Weddings and Roses in
Old Fair Oaks*



*SHARE YOUR ARTIFACTS:
WELCOME HOUR AT THE HISTORY CENTER*

The Fair Oaks Historical Society is pleased to announce a special focus for its Welcome Hour, September 2023 through June 2024. This new interpretive history program is called:

***The Way We Were:
Exhibits of FOHS Members'
Vintage Artifacts***

You read that right! We want to feature your stuff! FOHS members are invited to show off their collections!

The Welcome Hour is hosted at the History Center on the first Saturday of the month, 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Each month, the collections of two FOHS members will be featured at

this open-house event and will continue on display throughout the month.

While artifacts originating from and used in Fair Oaks, California (or the surrounding region) are preferred, in many cases, artifacts that have origin and use histories elsewhere are suitable for this program.

We are also looking for a co-director to assist Sandra Navarro with this event.

For more information, to volunteer, and to sign up to display your collection of vintage artifacts, contact the Program Director, Sandra Navarro, Ph.D. at:

ssnavarro22@gmail.com

What Sorts of Artifacts are You Looking for?

Kitchenware, cookbooks, tableware

Family photographs relevant to Fair Oaks

Printed ephemera (posters, postcards, calendars)

Music (player piano rolls, sheet music, vinyl records, sheet music, old instruments)

Textiles (clothing, sewing patterns, hats)

Toys

Tools

Quilts, embroidered textiles, crocheted items, lace, and associated implements

Cameras, photographic equipment, photo albums

Travel memorabilia (maps, tickets, binoculars, souvenirs)

Vintage holiday ornaments

Fair Oaks business, club or school memorabilia

Military memorabilia (flags, insignia, uniforms, photographs)





YEAR 2025
WILL BE

**FAIR OAKS
HISTORICAL
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50th Anniversary

If you want to find out more
or would like to volunteer
with any of the events
during our anniversary year.

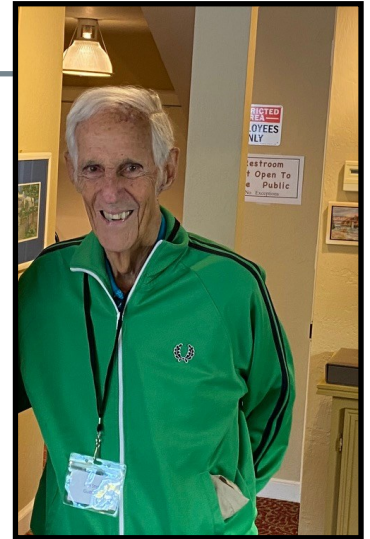
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MEMBER MEMORIALS

JIM STRENG, May 16, 1930 – June 1, 2023

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1930, Jim served the community tirelessly both vocationally and long into retirement. A Korean War veteran, long-time Fair Oaks resident, retired home builder, and Sacramento County Supervisor, Jim of Streng Brothers Builders left his mark on the area, building more than 3,800 mid-century modern homes throughout Sacramento and Yolo counties. He was awarded Superior California Builder of the Year in 1980, and inducted to the Builders Hall of Fame as well as voted Sacramento's Citizen of the Year in 1996.



A resident of Fair Oaks for over 60 years, Jim worked tirelessly to preserve and protect the American River Parkway. Recently, the Fair Oaks Park District honored him for his many years of community service with the opening of Jim Streng park in Fair Oaks. Jim and Mary Jo (his wife of 65 years) have long been members of the **Fair Oaks Historical Society**. We were fortunate to enjoy his company and expertise as the Guest Expert at the History Center's Welcome Hour event in May.

CAROL ANN CROWTHER, March 12, 1937 – June 16, 2023

Born in Bakersfield, California in 1937, Carol led a remarkable life marked by unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to the Fair Oaks community. Carol and Glenn (her husband of 46 years) raised their family in a little white farmhouse on a hill in Fair Oaks (where she resided for over 57 years). She earned an associates degree and worked as a dental receptionist for 26 years.

Carol actively supported the Fair Oaks community through her service to the **Fair Oaks Historical Society**, the Fair Oaks Foundation for Leisure and the Arts, and the Fair Oaks Woman's Thursday Club. FOHS members will no doubt miss seeing Carol's kind and cheerful face at the Quarterly Meetings as she and Glenn served wine at those meetings. Consider raising a glass to toast her memory at the upcoming July Quarterly Meeting. Carol requested there be no memorial service and asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the student scholarship fund of the Fair Oaks Woman's Thursday Club or to the American Heart

Association.





2023 Fair Oaks Historical Society Membership / Renewal / Volunteer Application

Name:	Phone - Cell:
Address:	Phone - Home:
Email Address:	
Emergency Contact:	Phone – Home or Cell:

Dues are collected on an annual basis in January. New members joining after October 1st shall be considered paid for the following year. Membership dues are: (circle one)

Individual \$20; Family (2 persons) \$25, Supporting (Business) \$50, Single Life Member \$200,
and Family Life Member \$275. Add \$5 to receive a printed copy of our newsletter.

By requesting membership, you agree to be an active participant to furthering the work of the Fair Oaks Historical Society. Please indicate your interest(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> History Center Docent <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Collection preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory record management <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Tours <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Liaison Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity \ Advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media \ Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Tech \ Media <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Signature: X	Date:
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Send this application with your check to:

**Fair Oaks Historical Society
P.O. Box 2044
Fair Oaks, CA 95628**

You may also use the PayPal system:

<https://fairoakshistory.org>

Thank you for your support!

For questions, please contact Carolyn Spotts at (916) 342-1701 or FOHistory1@gmail.com.

Membership Coordinator use only:

Amount paid: \$
Check # or PayPal #:
Date received:



2023 HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Board Meeting	July 18
Quarterly General Meeting	July 25
Executive Board Meeting	August 15
Chicken Festival	September 16
Executive Board Meeting	September 19
Executive Board Meeting	October 17
Quarterly General Meeting	October 24
Executive Board Meeting	November 21
Executive Board Meeting	December 19



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