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2022 Architectural Award
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HOURS:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10AM - 4PM

First and Second Saturdays
10AM - 2PM

Email the museum at:
Gilroy.Museum@cityofgilroy.org



Please join us at
Historic Gilroy Golf Course Picnic Area
for our Annual Meeting

and

Architectural Award Presentation

at

12:00 NOON – SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH



Our delicious lunch of BBQ chicken, pasta salad, green salad, rolls and butter will be prepared by **Troy Garcia of Gilroy Grill**.

The Society will provide wine/beer, iced tea or water, all for \$30. Make your reservation by Monday, June 20th by sending your check to Gilroy Historical Society, P. O. Box 1621, Gilroy, CA 95021.

The winners of our 2022 Architectural Awards will be our guests. Please join us in applauding these property owners who have kept their historic homes and Gilroy looking good!

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Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM at the Museum, or an alternate outdoor location (due to Covid). Let us know if you would like to attend to share ideas.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

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The following items are for sale with the proceeds going to benefit the Museum.

GHS Historical Footage DVD	\$ 5.00
GHS Gilroy 1950 DVD (55 mins.)	\$ 10.00
GHS Gilroy Museum Tour DVD	\$ 12.00
GHS Oral Histories DVD	\$ 10.00
Old City Hall Collector Spoon	\$ 1.00
Walking Tour Booklets	\$ 1.00
Packet Historical Homes Notecards	\$ 10.00
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Souvenir Pencil	\$.25
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<i>Images of Gilroy</i> by Claudia Salewske	\$ 20.00
<i>San Martin Then and Now</i> by D. Brodsky	\$ 20.00
Christmas Ornament (Globe)	\$ 10.00
Christmas Ornament (Ceramic)	\$ 10.00



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Proceeds from Sales Directly Support the Gilroy Museum.

MUSEUM & SOCIETY NEWS

DUES ARE DUE on JULY 1

Yes, our annual dues are due (for those who are not life members). Several of you have paid recently too, which we appreciate. If you are confused (as we sometimes are) about your need to renew, please look for the expiration date on your address label. If it is highlighted, please use the enclosed envelope to remit your dues. Use the form on the back of this newsletter and include your email address. We're hoping to be able to use your email to send you occasional updates between issues of the Society Page. We appreciate your loyalty and support!

OUR BOWL-A-THON IS BACK!

By Linda White

After our unplanned hiatus last year, the unfortunate closing of our beloved Gilroy Bowl and the resurgence of the omicron variant last winter we're pleased to say that we're not discouraged!

Please join us on Saturday, **July 16th at 2 PM at Morgan Hill Bowl**, 650 Tennant Station for an afternoon of Fun, Food and Bowling. . . . and perhaps a great prize!

Be sure to submit your entry form and fee by July 2nd. You can use the enclosed envelope. A flyer and pledge sheet are inserted in this newsletter. Continue to collect pledges and turn in your pledge sheet at the event. Hope to see you there!

May was a very busy month.

May 7th

UNVEILING OF OUR NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

We're so proud of our beautiful new signs explaining the significance of our millstones and soap kettle circa 1840. They are both authentically from John Gilroy's era and the San Ysidro Rancho. Installation took longer than expected, but the City crew did a beautiful job and we had a low key unveiling at the beginning of the May 7th Walking Tour. We got to show them off again at Night at the Museum on May 12th, when our member, artist Carol Peters was present.



Connie Rogers and Joanne Fierro doing the honors on May 7th.



Museum Manager Susan Voss explaining the significance of our museum.

May 12th - 5:30 to 7 PM

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM CHAMBER MIXER

We all worked really hard on this event aimed at broadening our reach. **Susan Voss** and **Cathy Mirelez** created several new displays using Chamber of Commerce artifacts. **Maureen Hunter** and **Dave Matuszak** made the arrangements to close off Fifth St. in front of the Museum and decorated with the dinosaur theme. Gilroy Downtown Business Assn. loaned tables and portable trash cans. The Christian Church across the street let us park in their lot and opened their restrooms for us. Café 152 furnished delicious "historic" appetizers and three wineries donated wine. Museum volunteers **Karen Pedigo**, **Lucy Solorzano** (in costume), **Bill Faus** and **Mike Hughes** helped set up and guide visitors. Victoria Valencia from the Chamber was very helpful in making the arrangements. We lured about 45 guests inside the Museum to buy raffle tickets and see what we have to offer. Many said it was their first time inside the Museum and were surprised at how interesting they found it. We were all pleased with the results and made new friends.

PRESENTING OUR 2022 ARCHITECTURAL AWARD WINNERS

We're proud to present these awards for the 12th year. Our purpose is to bring attention to these beautiful buildings and thank the owners for investing in them. Their efforts are a labor of love. We scour the streets of Gilroy and solicit nominations from the public prior to making site visits and finally voting on them. The Committee was composed of **Pat Reinhart, Maureen Hunter, Joan Halperin, Connie Rogers**, and chaired by **Dave Matuszak**. Member **Don Culver** took all photos, often returning to get the setting and light "just right".

The awards will be presented for the following categories:

HISTORIC COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARD IN DOWNTOWN:



7485 Monterey Street

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION - COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL:



7542 Monterey Road
façade painting and tile



7280 Rosanna Street
painting and sensitive renovation

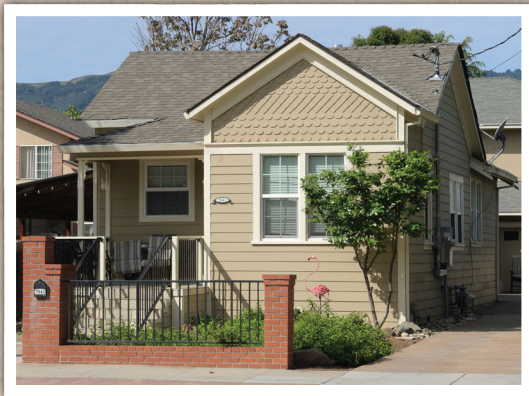
HISTORIC HOUSE AWARD - RESIDENTIAL:



194 Fourth Street



7561 Alexander Street



7041 Church Street



7711 Church Street



7721 Church Street



100 Cohansey Avenue



7551 Hanna Street



7469 Forest Street - featured on the front page

MUSEUM & SOCIETY NEWS



Carol Peters' original drawings displayed inside the Museum.

Carol Peters, artist
– photo by Bob Weaver



May 18th - MARATHON DAY OF FILMING

Joanie Lewis hosted a marathon day of filming seven subjects for next year's oral history film.

May 21st - PRESERVATION MONTH CELEBRATION AT HISTORY SAN JOSE

This new event was sponsored by the County Historic Heritage Commission and a coalition of five history groups calling themselves the Preservation Alliance. **Joanie Lewis** received a well-deserved award and beautiful plaque in recognition of all her work on our oral history films for the last five years. The **Miller Red Barn Association** was also honored for their restoration of the barn on the Ranch Site of Christmas Hill Park. Built by Henry Miller in 1891, the barn is on the National Register now, thanks to the application made by **Carol DeSantis**. The MRBA has received several grants from the County to enable the restoration. We shared a display table and board with them. Mark Turner from the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce was MC for the event attended by over 200 history buffs.



Connie Rogers and Joanie Lewis.

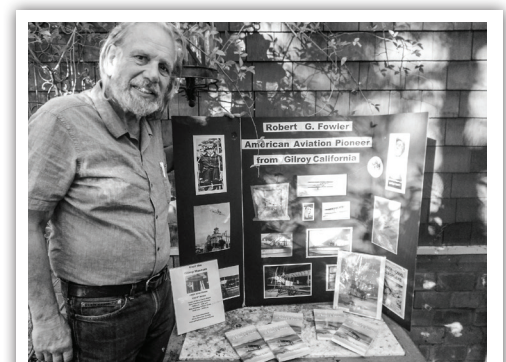
May 21st - FOOD TRUCK FLY IN AT THE SAN MARTIN AIRPORT

Yes, we had two events the same day! **Karen Pedigo, Maureen Hunter** and **Dave Matuszak** did research, created an exhibit about aviation pioneer Robert Fowler from Gilroy and manned a table at the mid-day event. It was attended by hundreds of families and kids. We hope they'll be interested to come in to see the large Fowler exhibit at our Museum.

May 24th - CASEY FAMILY VISIT TO MUSEUM

The Gilroy Brewery was owned by Michael Casey for many years around 1900. It was located just south of today's Milias Restaurant, uniquely bounded by a driveway in from Monterey St. and the alley coming south from Sixth St. This allowed deliveries of brewery supplies and departure of kegs. Sanborn maps show the location of the brewery and saloon. Michael Casey's home was conveniently located just behind his brewery, facing Egleberry Street.


Descendant Richard Casey of Los Altos came to the Museum a few months ago asking for information about his great grandfather, Michael Casey. Susan Voss compiled a list of 15 or more references and photos in the Museum Collection. She brought out all the relevant hardcopies of *The Advocate* and *The Dispatch*. Turns out not only did he operate the brewery for many years but he was also Mayor in the 1890s. Richard was so pleased and excited that he gave a very generous donation. He then invited three brothers and his sister to visit the Museum and take a walking tour of the locations of the Gilroy Brewery and Casey home, which burned down several years ago. They all had fond memories of visiting a family property on Leavesley Rd. and an elderly aunt who lived in the house on Egleberry Street.



Dave Matuszak with the Fowler display.

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