

GENERAL MEETING \* FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \* REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Lucie Stern Community Center, Palo Alto  
1305 Middlefield Road

Speakers: Pam Warrior, Veterinary Nurse  
William Warrior, Senior Field Officer  
department of Animal Services, Palo Alto

## 50,000 Calls & Wise Counsel



*Pam Warrior, Veterinary Nurse, and William Warrior, Senior Field Officer  
for the Palo Alto Department of Animal Services*

IF YOU THINK ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOG-CATCHING IS ENCAPSULATED in *Lady and The Tramp*, then William and Pamela Warrior may challenge your assumptions. William Warrior is Senior Field Officer for the City of Palo Alto Police Department, Animal Services Division. In a career spanning three decades and 50,000 calls for service, and with wise counsel from his veterinary-nurse wife Pamela, Bill & Pam together are active participants in the grand tapestry of life in our fair City. From this island paradise in our ecosystem, the animal kingdom's highs and lows are sometimes heart-rending, sometimes joyous, and always provide an opportunity to witness an ongoing inter-species passion play from the animal and human points of view. Bill and Pam will share this wondrous view, offering a perspective on work that has blessed them with a lifetime of adventures. For a preview of "Perils of the Poundman" go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBiNScSeiKI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBiNScSeiKI&feature=youtu.be).



## Heritage Program on Channel 30

This month's program features "The Lost Town of Mayfield" by former Mayor of Palo Alto, Gail Woolley who has a personal connection to Mayfield; the original deed to her home described it with one part in Palo Alto, the other in Mayfield. Mayfield in one sense is not "Lost," since its original business district, California Avenue, still thrives. Broadcast on Wed. 8 PM, Thurs. 10:30 AM, Sat. 1 PM. DVDs of previous programs are available at PAHA Archives, temporarily located at Cubberley H-5. Open: Tues. 4-8 PM and Thurs. 1-5 PM.

# Photographs Are the True Treasures

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE THE TRUE TREASURES OF ANY LOCAL HISTORICAL collection, and



FROM THE DESK OF THE HISTORIAN  
Steve Staiger

PAHA's collection of photographs is really fine. Some of our images date from the 1880s when W. H. Myrick photographed people and places in Mayfield and the surrounding countryside. We have more than 12,000 photographs in the collection.

If there is a weakness in the collection, it is the small number of photos of a more recent vintage. I have estimated that fewer than 10% of our photographs date from the 1990s or later. Although we are constantly seeking donations of Palo Alto/Stanford images, and we continue to receive such donations, most of the images offered are older photographs, often much older.

One of the problems is that most people do not realize that the photographs of today (or last year) are of interest to the archives. More often we are offered photographs taken forty or fifty years ago (or more). People do not realize that we also seek images taken more recently. We have even tried to collect newer images by encouraging

photographers to go out into the community and shoot Palo Alto today. The images will be of great interest fifty years from now. If this idea interests you, please contact me for more information and some ideas.

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The other problem is that the snapshot is disappearing, being replaced by the digital image stored on a drive and viewed on a screen. We are collecting these digital images, realizing that they are the future old photographs that people will want to see in our collection.

Last year Gee-Gee Lenhart donated this snapshot. Her note mentions that she was driving on El Camino Real (on March 14, 1996) when she saw, and captured, this most unusual view of the old Emporium store at the Stanford Shopping Center. While the fire looks quite dramatic, it did not receive coverage in either of the two local newspapers I consulted. While the event may not have significance, her image is now part of our history. I encourage all of you to go through old (and more recent) photographs (or go out and shoot some new ones), and donate them to the archives. Have your photographs become part of Palo Alto's history.



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## IN MEMORIAM

John Beahrs

Mona Ruth Miller  
(She requested donations be made to several organizations including PAHA in lieu of flowers)

Bernard Tannera  
Long time editor of the *Tall Tree* and head of the English Department at Cubberley High School



## Before There Was Palo Alto... There was Mayfield

PRETEND THAT IT IS AUGUST 20, 1886, and you are standing at the intersection of Sheridan Street looking down El Camino Real toward Menlo Park. On the right you see Grimley's Livery Stable and Hotel. In the distance you can just see the Mayfield Hotel where California Street is today.

PAHA's planned book about Mayfield History will contain many photographs of the town from its founding in 1853 through its merger with Palo Alto in 1925 to the California Avenue Business District and surrounding vibrant neighborhoods of today. —by Doug Graham



# A Year of Celebration as PAHA Turns 100

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 100TH YEAR OF PAHA AND YOU DESERVE A BIG THANK YOU for



FROM THE PRESIDENT  
John Hackmann

the part YOU have played attending Sunday afternoon programs, proposing programs, buying (and reading!) our publications, including this informative and dependable *Tall Tree*, as well as our recent books, *Palo Alto Remembered* and *Lucie Stern*. Now, we expect and hope this year will see many more images and photos available through Facebook, and on our website—maybe in new ways.

There is more to do. We want to make sure people know and enjoy our history through our archives. Make a point of visiting at Cubberly at least once, and look up, with historian Steve Staiger's help, whatever interests you. Your own house? The old trolleys? How the streets were paved for bicycles initially, not for cars?

And this year, maybe you can volunteer to do your own oral history—your story is a part of Palo Alto's story. Leah McGarrigle and others are trained and ready to listen! Have you been saving up

your diaries, parents' old letters and photos, the odd newspaper clipping, the old menu from Ricky's? Please leave a note around the house to tell the kids, PAHA needs those things you want to donate.

This year we hope to give a big boost to a new Palo Alto History Museum by engaging more people in local history, through partnering with the schools and with other organizations. Maybe some of the move-in start-ups will get on board ... Where is the new History Monkey?

We also celebrate this year the 150th year of train travel through the Palo Alto area, 1853. The train has charmed and defined and helped make wealthy the Palo Alto-Stanford area we know today. So it is important to note that a few weeks ago Senate Bill 557 was signed which seems to keep the trains a two track system and gives Caltrain a veto over any four track system, and dedicates funding for electrification by about 2019. A number of our historic neighborhoods and historic houses can breathe a little easier. Now, in our 100th year, what vision can we summon for the children of California, for the children of Palo Alto?

## Ready to Make History?

THE MIDPENINSULA COMMUNITY Media Center has created a platform, *MadeIntoAmerica.org*, for US immigration stories which is fast becoming a valuable online resource for residents and classrooms throughout the Bay Area. The Media Center is working with PAHA to facilitate ways for our members to post stories on the web site and use it for our purposes as well. All stories from PAHA members will be tagged as such and can be easily brought up as a specific group of stories.

Please visit [www.madeintoamerica.org](http://www.madeintoamerica.org) to read and comment on a few stories. You'll be amazed at the number of world events, including pogroms, civil wars, a potato famine and US trade agreements that weave into the stories of people who left everything familiar to begin a new life in the US.

We hope you will click the "Submit a Story" tab on the site to share a story from your own family. There are seven questions to prompt you if you don't have a specific story in mind to share. The Media Center staff is always willing to help if you run into writing or technical challenges or need an old photo digitized.

If you would rather take part in a group story-swap experience, send an email to Leah McGarrigle, [lmk6000@yahoo.com](mailto:lmk6000@yahoo.com). Plans are underway to create an event where PAHA members will interview each other with simple-to-operate "flip-cams." The videos will be edited to present on the *Made Into America* site and the complete interviews will become part of the PAHA archives. Read a recent account about the project from the September 3 *San Jose Mercury News* at: [sanjosemercurynews.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=6760se4f4](http://sanjosemercurynews.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=6760se4f4). —from Eliot Margolies, *MadeIntoAmerica.org*, and Brian George

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## WELCOME to New Members

Laura Bajuk &  
Doug Debs  
Julie Cardillo  
Ruth Gray  
Rich Green  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank  
Hackmann  
Gail Henshel  
Rachel Kellerman  
John Pavkovich  
Tony Putulin  
William Warrior



Garment workers, Mrs. Battaglia, and her two children, New York, 1908. They get 2 or 3 cents a pair finishing men's pants. The father, disabled, can earn very little. (National Archives website. Photographer: Lewis Hine)

*Our mission is to collect, preserve and make available to the public information about the history of Palo Alto.*

## History Jaunts

**Museum of American Heritage...** Join a class this fall, two to choose from:

*Beginning Electronics:* October 5, 9, & 26 from 10AM–12PM. This is a hands-on class where students learn what electricity is, how to control it to do useful things, and how to read a schematic diagram. Then, each student incorporates these ideas to assemble, wire, and solder an electric circuit that consist of lights, switches, and an LED and a tone generator. Students can use this take-home project to learn how to send and receive Morse Code, the universal language that Ham Radio Operators use everyday to send messages directly to each other all over the world without using wires or the Internet. This class serves as a prequel to MOAH's "Solid State Electronics" Workshop.

*Electrostatic and Electromagnetism:* November 2, 9, & 16 from 1PM–4PM. Learn the basics of the early electrical sciences starting from early experiments with static electricity up through the discovery of electromagnetism via integrating science and history. Many hands on demonstrations, and the construction of take home projects.

The museum is located at 351 Homer Avenue in Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004 for more information or to register, or check online at [mail@moah.org](mailto:mail@moah.org).

### Caltrain Celebrates 150 Years!

October 19, 11am–3pm. Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Caltrain at the "Mayfield" Rail Fair, held at the Menlo Park Caltrain Station. Enjoy railroad museum exhibits, re-enactors, and face painting. Pick up lunch at one of the food trucks reserved for the event. For more information, see [www.caltrain.com/about/Caltrain150](http://www.caltrain.com/about/Caltrain150).

## Become a Member of PAHA

We invite you to become a member of the Association and join those who care about Palo Alto and enjoy learning about its history. Your dues support the preservation of our archives, assistance to researchers and dissemination of Palo Alto historical information through our publications. Join today!

Individual \$25      Family \$40  
Sustaining \$60      Business/Sponsor \$100      Life \$350

Make check payable to PAHA and mail to: PAHA Box 193, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Or join online at [pahistory.org](http://pahistory.org). Let us know if you wish to volunteer for a PAHA committee. (Note: current members will receive renewal notices in July.)

## PAHA's Public Meetings

**General Membership Program**  
Meetings are held October through June (except January, and February) at the Lucie Stern Community Center 1305 Middlefield Road.

### CALENDAR FOR 2013–2014

OCTOBER 6  
NOVEMBER 3  
DECEMBER 1  
JANUARY 26, 2014  
MARCH 2  
APRIL 6  
MAY 4  
JUNE 4: ANNUAL DINNER [TBA]  
Save the dates!

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