



Aptos History Museum

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# What's New?

## A Message from John Hibble

Thanks to you, the Aptos History Museum is celebrating 7 years in May! We are open only because of your membership and your support of our events. Without your continued support this valuable resource will be lost to the community.

Each year the museum hosts all of the third grade classes in Aptos for their "local history" field trip. The children learned about our history and a sense of place. Thank you for participating in their education. Our museum receives no government funding.

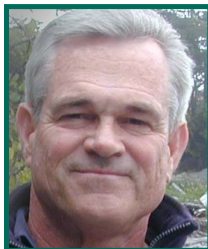
Here are some facts you might not have known about Aptos:

- **May 7, 1876**, Opening Day of the Santa Cruz Railroad from Santa Cruz through Watsonville. First trains, "Betsy Jane" and "Pacific" left opposite ends of the county and met in Aptos.
- **October 18, 1881**, King David Kalakaua of Hawaii visits Claus Spreckels in Aptos.
- The first public Aeroplane flights were in Aptos in **1905**.
- **Butch Voris**, the man who started the "Blue Angels" U. S. Navy flight demonstration team, grew up in Aptos.

We'd like to personally thank Aptos History Museum Board Member Karl Mertz for sponsoring the costs of our first issue of the *Aptos Historian*. Thanks, Karl!

Aptos is an amazing place! Thank you for your continued support.

*-John Hibble*



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## A Night to Rally 2012

On August 10, 2012, the Aptos History Museum's "A Night to Rally" took place at Seascaple Beach Resort! Co-sponsored by Comerica Bank and the Seascaple Sports Club, the evening event was held on the perimeter of the pool, just off of the main Seascaple Sports Club building. It included delicious food from amazing local restaurants, fine wines, live music, silent auction, raffle and of course, fantastic professional tennis courtesy of the Comerica Bank Challenger. Also on hand was a local artist to entertain the guests.



**Above:** Kevin Newhouse poses by the Aptos History Museum table and helps entice new members to join.

Special thanks goes out to Mary Russell for her outstanding job as chair and thanks to you, our museum members, for supporting this event. It was our most successful and highest attended yet! We hope to see you all again next year! 🏰

*-Nicholas Laschkewitsch*

*-Photos by Nicholas Laschkewitsch*

**Event sponsors included:** Epic Wines and Spirits, Kiss Catering, Seascaple Sports Club, Alexis Party Rental, Woodworm Party Store, Manuel's, Sanderlings, Sovereigns, Village Host Pizza, Seascaple Village Foods, Erik's Deli Cafe of Aptos and more! Thank you for sponsoring this year's event!



### **Did you know?**

The Bayview Hotel was known as the Anchor House? It was built by Joseph (Jose) Arano in 1878 and still stands proudly to this day. In fact, our museum logo is inspired by the structural design of the Bayview Hotel, as you can see above.

### **Upcoming Events**

Stay tuned to our museum website ([aptoshistory.org](http://aptoshistory.org)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/AptosHistoryMuseum](https://facebook.com/AptosHistoryMuseum)) for all of the latest updates on upcoming events, photos from past excursions and much more!



**Below:** Aptosians enjoy an evening out during “A Night to Rally 2012.”



**Right:** John Hibble of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce and Aptos History Museum holds a numbered balloon signifying a closing of an auction table.



**Below:** Kiss Catering poses for a picture during “A Night to Rally 2012.”



## Day Valley History Presentation

Our History of the Day Family and Day Valley event took place on Saturday, September 22. It was a lovely afternoon at the home of Gwen and Doug Kaplan. Thirty-five museum enthusiasts enjoyed the wonderful presentation and slide show presented by Carolyn Swift, Historian, and Curator of the Capitola History Museum. The afternoon concluded with a walk to the Day Family Cemetery. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the history talk and was a great learning experience for all who attended.

We would like to thank Gwen and Doug Kaplan for hosting this event! 🏠

*-Nicholas Laschkewitsch*

*-Photos by Gwen Kaplan*



**Above:** Carolyn Swift of the Capitola History Museum.



**Above:** Attendees of the Day Valley history event take in the fascinating past.

**YES!** I want to help save the history of Aptos.

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**Thank you very much for your support!**



We were proud to display our newest placard during our 2012 "A Night to Rally" fund-raiser.

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## **Next Issue**

In our next issue, you can expect to see articles on Aptos history, news about future events, photos, stuff you didn't know, and a whole lot more! Thanks for reading!

*-Nicholas Laschkewitsch*



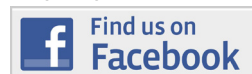
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