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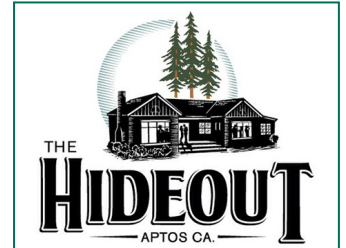
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Dining for History at The Hideout

On February 24th, John Hibble entertained diners with the history of the newest restaurant in Aptos, The Hideout. Although the restaurant is brand new, its location (9051 Soquel Drive) has been a part of Aptos for almost 90 years.



In 1927, Martin Jongeneel built his family a home on three acres of land. It was one of very few buildings along Soquel Drive in the 1920s and was given the name "Beth-Mar". Martin passed away in 1931 but his wife Elizabeth continued to live there until her passing in 1958. She was a kind woman and well known for her hospitality. She was also very talented at the piano and gave lessons to many of the town's children. Beth-Mar served as a home to the Jongeneel family for 31 years.

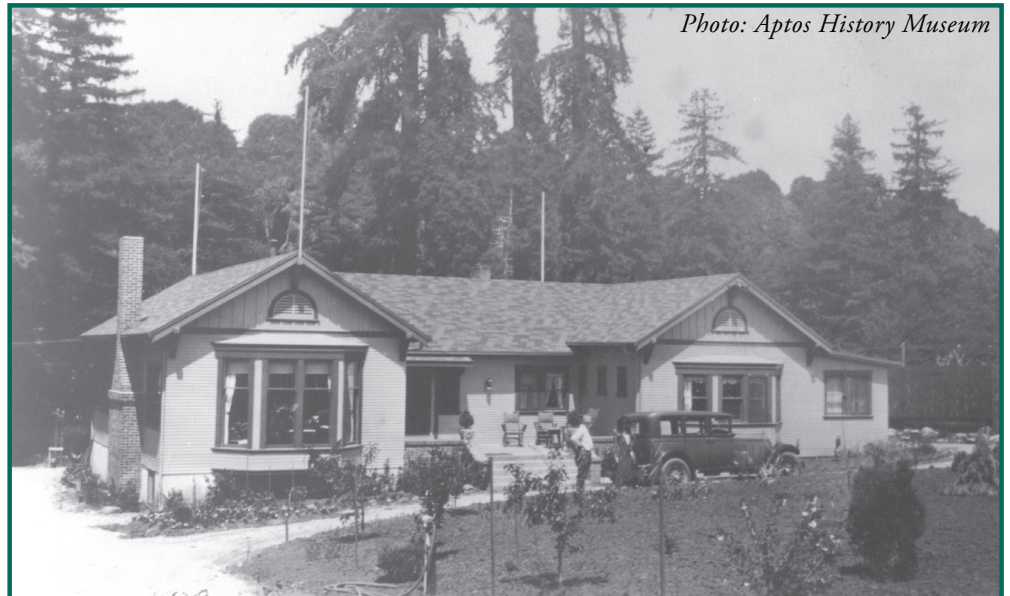


Photo: Aptos History Museum

Next, the building became a nursing home and then a church. In 1969, it was converted to commercial use. The building was home to the popular Charles Dickens Restaurant in the 1970s. From 1983 to 2000, it was home to Chez Renee, a restaurant featuring French cuisine. It was then home to a catering business named Southern Exposure. Just prior to The Hideout, the building was occupied by another French restaurant by the name of Ma Maison.

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The Hideout is a dream come true for owners Pete Vomvolakis and Austin Welch. They have been friends for over 15 years and have been in the restaurant industry for most of their adult lives. Both are well known and respected members of the Aptos community. Pete and his wife Lisa have two daughters. Austin and his wife Rachel have two sons. Their goal is to make everyone who walks through the door at The Hideout to feel right at home. They believe in real food, quality drinks, and friendly service.

For more information about The Hideout please visit:

www.thehideoutaptos.com

-Kevin Newhouse, Museum Board Member

Last Issue's Then & Now Contest

Museum member Kevin Crawford correctly guessed the present-day location of the photo below. Congrats!



Photo: Aptos History Museum

What's Going on Here?

On May 1, 1915, cars were detoured to the Aptos School playing field while paving was being poured on what is known today as Soquel Drive. An unexpected rain shower turned the field to slick mud and one-by-one the cars slid into the fence. The Aptos School field is now the site of Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center. The second Aptos School, built in 1899, is visible in the background.

It later became a church after the third Aptos School was built in 1928. The only building in this photo that is still standing is the white building to the left of the school. It is the oldest building in Aptos and is located in Aptos Village Square. It was the Arano Store and family home before they built the Bay View Hotel down the road in Aptos Village. It is now a private residence.

Did you know?

- **1955:** State of California adds Rio Del Mar Beach to Seacliff State Beach and the Beach Club was torn down. All that remained was a comfort station.
- **1959:** Cabrillo College opens in temporary location at Watsonville High School. The permanent site was required to be equal distance between Santa Cruz and Watsonville.
- **1962:** Cabrillo College Aptos Campus opens. Nisene Marks State Park dedicated. Resurrection Church built. Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center built. *(it was a big year in Aptos!)*

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Are you knowledgeable in grant writing and have some free time? We are looking for an individual who would be willing to help us!

If you want to give us a hand, please let us know by emailing:

APTOSHISTORY@YAHOO.COM

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Aptos Village History Tour - UPCOMING EVENT!

Discover the stories behind the historic buildings in Aptos Village and learn about the buildings that have disappeared. Treat your mother, wife or girlfriend to a walking tour on **Saturday, May 9th**, Mother's Day weekend, from 10 am until noon, **\$25 per person**. The tour is limited to twenty people and is dog friendly. **Reservations are required, 688-1467.**



Photo: Aptos History Museum

New Acquisitions at the Museum

We have recently been writing articles about the Apple Barn and the apple industry in Aptos Village. So we asked the Agricultural History Project at the Fairgrounds if they had any apple crate labels that were not in our collection. And the surprising answer was "YES".

John Kegebein, one of the founders of the Ag History Project, generously provided us with two new apple labels, which you can see below. Thank you, John!



Then & Now - Contest Time!

Where was this photo taken? Be the **FIRST** to guess the current-day location of this photo and you will **win ONE (1) free ticket to our annual museum fundraiser "Night to Rally"** on Friday, August 14th at Seascape Sports Club!

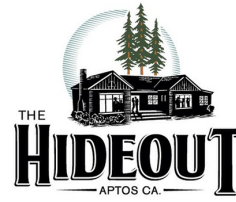


Email your guesses to:

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We will reveal the answer in the next issue!

To our supporters - THANK YOU!



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