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**B E N I C I A H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y ' S
C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y**

Sunday, December 07, 2008
5:00 p.m.

At the Historical Museum
2060 Camel Road

Welcome to the Benicia Historical Society's and the Benicia Historical Museum's joint Christmas Party! There will be great food,

great company, raffles, and more! Everyone is Welcome and encouraged to join us with all our friends from the Benicia Historical Museum to celebrate the holidays together. Don't miss out on all the fun! See you there!

C E M E T E R Y T O U R - G H O S T W A L K S

CEMETERY TOUR

The annual Benicia Historical Society's Cemetery Committee's Annual Cemetery Tour was held on October 4th, and it was a smashing success! There was a little misting and rain in the morning, but that did not dampen the Committee Members, the Docents, the BOTTG, or the public spirits. There were about 57 guests who came to visit the Cemetery. For the first time, there were Tour Docents who would pick up a group at the front gate, and then guide them to the five major areas of the cemetery where two Docents and two BOTTG enactors were waiting for them. First our guests received their program and then given some background information about the cemetery on the way to the Masonic area. There the BOTTG enactors were playing someone who was buried in that section. Then the Docents would tell our guests about some of the other people who were buried in that section. Then the Tour Docent would take them to the St. Paul's Section, then to the Central Section, then to the Catholic Section, and finally to the Pioneer Section. At the top of the Cemetery there was information, drinks and snacks for our guests. At 12 Noon there was a dedication ceremony to dedicate our

new 60' flag pole to all our Cemetery Committee members. In the last 7 years, they have worked tirelessly to repair and restore over 240 headstones, plots, and wrought iron fencing through past private donations of over \$62,000. A great big THANK YOU to everyone who assisted on the tour. Our work continues and we can always use more volunteers.

GHOST WALKS

Main Street and the Benicia Historical Society joined together again this year to put on two very successful Ghost Walks. The first one was on Friday October 3rd and the second one was on Friday October 17th. The "tour walkers" were treated to the likes of author and carouser Jack London (played by Larry J. Miller), a lady of the night (played by Marnell Lloyd), Milos Passalacqua, (played my Jon Van Landshoot), and teacher Mary Farmer (played by Carol Berman & Kathy Griffin). All the "actors and actresses" were dressed for their part and they all had fascinating stories to tell. These tours are always sold out every year, but we would be able to expand our number of tours each night if we had more volunteers. Please think about volunteering next year!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 07, 2008	SUNDAY	5:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS PARTY
Historical Museum—ALL ARE WELCOME			
DEC. ??, 2008	MONDAY	6:30 p.m.	BENICIA CHRISTMAS PARADE
First Street—ALL ARE WELCOME			
JAN. 20, 2009	TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
Corporation Yard Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME			
JAN. 26, 2009	MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME			
FEB. ??, 2009	??????	??????	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
?????? - Program TBD—ALL ARE WELCOME			
FEB. 17, 2009	TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
Corporation Yard Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME			
FEB. 23, 2009	MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME			
MARCH 17, 2009	TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
Corporation Yard Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME			
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