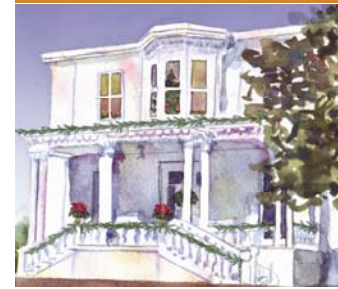




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Holiday Parlor Tour

Ticket sales for the Holiday Parlor Tour, Saturday, December 5, 2009 are in full swing!. Docents are being trained and the non-profit organizations have signed up to celebrate at the COQ for all the rooms downstairs and so far, two rooms upstairs.

The tour hours are from 1 pm to 5 pm for the featured homes and from 1 pm to 7 pm at the Commanding Officer's Quarters. The COQ will feature holiday items for sale throughout the mansion. Wine and appetizers will be available.

Ticket price is \$25.00 and a limited number will be sold. Tickets are available at the Camellia Tea Room, Benicia Main Street Depot, Benicia Chamber of Commerce, and Bookshop Benicia.

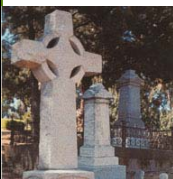
For further information please contact Bonnie Silveria, Chairperson at 745-3551.

City Update

HISTORIC CONTEXT PROJECT

The City is moving forward with the historic context project. Page & Turnbull has been selected to develop a context statement. We have formed an ad hoc committee of volunteers to work with staff and the consulting team. We have 2 members from the Historic Preservation Review Commission, and Bonnie Silveria and Jerry Hayes have volunteered to serve from the Benicia Historical Society. For the next six months, the volunteers have committed to assist City staff and the consulting team to perform research and other minor duties. In addition, input will be solicited from all you folks out there with extensive knowledge of Benicia's history and development.

A project kick-off meeting will be held in the next 6-8 weeks. Stay tuned for the meeting date. For more information, contact Gina Eleccion at geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us or 746-4278.



New Plaque at the Cemetery

A new plaque has been ordered for the cemetery to honor two beloved local women—Frances Preissner and Peggy Dunbar Martin. Both of these women were active in the community and with the cemetery restoration. The Benicia Historical Society wishes to honor them with a special plaque.

Society Business

GENERAL ELECTION COMING

At the general meeting on January 14, 2010 we will hold our annual election of the board of directors. The Nominating Committee has a wonderful slate of officers for us, and nominations will be taken from the floor at that meeting. Here is the slate of nominees:

President (2009-2011) Jerry Hayes
 Vice President (2009-2011) Carol Berman
 Recording Secretary (2009-2011) Bonnie Silveria
 Corresponding Secretary (2009-2011) Yolanda Wallace
 Treasurer (2009-2012) Kathy Griffin
 Historian (2009-2011) Michael Hayes
 Director #5 (2009-2012) Alex Clarke
 Director #6 (2009-2012) Belinda Smith
 Immediate Past President (2009-2012) Kerry K. Carney DDS

A bit of history

RAPID TRANSIT IN 1880?

"We have heard from good authority, that at an early date the Railroad Company contemplates putting on a new train, which will leave Sacramento about 6:00 A.M., arrive at Benicia at 8:00 A.M., and be in San Francisco between 9:30 and 10:00 AM. This news will be hailed with delight by the business portion of our city."

From *Solano Republican*, Suisun, Friday, February 27, 1880

A Quote from the Past...

The ferry-boat *Carquinez* was engaged a large part of Friday in conveying horses and carts from Benicia to Martinez.

~*The New Era of Benicia*—April 13, 1878



Our Mission

The Benicia Historical Society began in 1973. The purpose of the society is to bring together people interested in the history of Benicia and California. The society works to preserve the history and heritage of our city for future generations. Our goal is to enhance historic Benicia through education, communication and community involvement.

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The Benicia Historical Society

Connecting People With the Past

Calendar of Events

November 23, 2009	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Regular Meeting Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
December 5, 2009	Saturday	1:00 pm	Holiday Parlor Tour
December 6, 2009	Sunday	7:00 pm	Christmas Party Stone Hall at the Camel Barn Museum
January 14, 2010	Monday	7:00 pm	General Meeting—Special Speaker— Camellia Tea Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
January 25, 2010	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Regular Meeting Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
February 11, 2010	Monday	6:00 pm	General Meeting—Speaker “Your Historic Home” - Camellia Tea Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
February 23, 2010	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Regular Meeting Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
March 11, 2010	Monday	6:00 pm	General Meeting—Speaker Jim Kern “General Vallejo” - Camellia Tea Room—ALL ARE WELCOME
March 22, 2010	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Regular Meeting Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME