



# The Gazette

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## 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.

## Cemetery during the Holidays



Did you visit the Historic Military Cemetery during the holidays? It was absolutely breathtaking with the evergreen wreaths placed on each marker. ~Photo by Jim Vanier

## February Program

### Native American History in Benicia

Speaker: Mr. George McKale, Archaeologist and Appointed City Historian of the City of Sonoma

On March 19, 2008 the Sonoma City Council appointed Mr. George McKale as the first City Historian for the City of Sonoma. Mr. McKale earned a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology from San Jose State and a Masters Degree in Cultural Resources Management from Sonoma State University. He is a practicing archaeologist with a specialty in the analysis of human remains. He conducts prehistoric and historical cultural resources studies throughout California which include archaeological excavation, historical research, and preparation of Environmental Impact Reports. His work also includes the mediation of concerns between developers, Native Americans, local historical societies, preservation, and other special interest groups.

### Voices from the Past

Solano County Herald,  
Suisun

"...The pupils of Miss Atkins Academy—or about sixty of them—do the singing at the Episcopal Church, and no one can listen to the music thus rendered without being entirely satisfied. Some of the voices in the choir are of remarkable strength, volume and sweetness." ~May 16, 1863

### BDES HALL RENOVATION

Support the historic renovation of the BDES Hall—The BDES Hall Restoration Committee presents "Roaring 20's Wine Tasting & Silent Auction" on March 13, 2010. Tickets are available at [www.beniciahollyghost.org](http://www.beniciahollyghost.org).

## Society Business

### GENERAL ELECTION COMING

We have rescheduled our general meeting to February 11, 2010, 7:00 pm, at the Camellia Tea Room; where 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

## City Update

### Historic Context Project Update

The City is continuing its efforts to document the history of the built environment in Benicia. If you have pictures of streetscapes, or a wealth of knowledge about what was going on in town through the 1960's, we would like your input. We would like to get oral histories from those of you with lots of knowledge. Contact Gina Eleccion at [geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us) or 707-746-4278 to submit documentation or get more information about the project.

### National Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month. We're looking for volunteers to help distribute information and work on various events throughout the month. If interested, contact Gina Eleccion at [geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us) or 707-746-4278. Thanks in advance for your help!

## Newsletter



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# The Benicia Historical Society

Connecting People With the Past

## Calendar of Events

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| <b>February 11, 2010</b> | Thursday | 7:00 pm  | General Meeting—Speaker George McKale<br>“Native American History in Benicia” - Camellia Tea Room—ALL ARE WELCOME |
| <b>February 23, 2010</b> | Monday   | 7:00 pm  | Board of Directors Regular Meeting<br>Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME                         |
| <b>March 11, 2010</b>    | Thursday | 7:00 pm  | General Meeting—Speaker Jim Kern<br>“General Vallejo” - Camellia Tea Room—ALL ARE WELCOME                         |
| <b>March 22, 2010</b>    | Monday   | 7:00 pm  | Board of Directors Regular Meeting<br>Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME                         |
| <b>April 26, 2010</b>    | Monday   | 7:00 pm  | Board of Directors Regular Meeting<br>Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME                         |
| <b>May 24, 2010</b>      | Monday   | 7:00 pm  | Board of Directors Regular Meeting<br>Chamber of Commerce Conference Room—ALL ARE WELCOME                         |
| <b>May 31, 2010</b>      | Monday   | 10:00 am | Memorial Day Ceremony—Historic<br>Military Cemetery— ALL ARE WELCOME  |