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COLFAX AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Archive Room – Sierra Vista Center
COLFAX AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM
99 Railroad Street in Passenger Depot
Colfax, California
Museum Open Every Day
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Changing Displays
Gift Shop
Snack Bar

Roseville plans to enter float in '09 Rose Parade in Pasadena.

Roseville City leaders unveiled plans for a yearlong celebration of the city's incorporation, April 10, 1909.

The plans include entering a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade in 2009. In addition to a \$3,700 entry fee, participants must hire a professional float builder with a facility near Pasadena. The cost to design and build a float ranges from \$100,000 to \$300,000, city official said.

Former Mayor Paul J. Lunardi presented Mayor Jim Gray with the first donation to the Pennies for the Parade campaign.

Officials also has asked residents toad to centennial information by logging onto the city Web site at:

www.roseville.ca.us/centennial and submitting their memories of Roseville. The public can also make appointments to have historical photos scanned or to be interviewed for a centennial video.....

Colfax Area Heritage Museum has a jar to help Roseville Collect those pennies.

PROGRAM

Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2008

7:00 p.m.

*•Passenger Depot•
99 Railroad Street*

*We have been asked to move tonight!
City of Colfax having a meeting there*

INSTEAD

Come to my home!

33 Sunset Circle

lots of parking if you are careful

Directions

West on Grass Valley, to top of hill, sharp turn downhill to right, first house on the left. Just above the Memorial Hall on Sunset Circle.

Annual ice cream social ice cream with toppings

If the weather is cool, we will meet in the Patio and enjoy the gardens, if HOT, we will come inside for refrigeration cooling.

Installation of new officers

The Colfax Area Historical Society
and

Colfax Area Heritage Museum
are most grateful to the
City of Colfax

for allowing us to have our Museum in the newly renovated Passenger Depot. We wish to publicly express our thanks by saying in this edition of Cobblestones

Thank You !

A Message from your outgoing President:
.....Myrtle B. Findley

July 17 will be our installation meeting for our new set of officers to serve for the next two years. Also, at that meeting we will be holding an ice cream social. That is, we will have tubs of ice cream with several choices of toppings so each of you will be able to eat all you want of what you choose. Jim Flynn has promised to set the table for us! Bring friends.

Our mayor, Jim Albright will be our installing officer.

In the two years of my serving a second term as your president, the Heritage Museum has been opened. The Railroad Depot building has been completed. I served on the Depot Restoration committee since 2001. I remember my drawing all the blueprint plans for the outside area where the lawn is, and the Roy Toms Plaza, planting. My how gratifying to see it completed!

Some may remember how in 1995 we started with the south main planting. The city prepared the plots, but then without the funds to plant them I volunteered to find local civic minded individuals who took on the task of purchasing the soil, the drip system, and the plants. Each plot was identified with a permanent marker. Each individual promised to maintain their plot for five years. It has been 15, and many are still out there working on their plot. Dave Woodford has promised to update the worn out drip system on the south main plantings, and that will happen some day. They are old and do not work. In the mid 1980's I started drawing plans to develop the small plot between the streets at south main. By the 1990's this area was developed and we had a great celebration with the installation of the Blue Star Marker.

Then the Gazebo was condemned...we got a new gazebo...all the planting needed to be adjusted, that was done. Along the way there were many problems with skate boarders, etc. Today, the area looks beautiful and the Library is using it for reading, etc...The Garden Club is letting the Library take care of it, and calling it the Library Park. Expect to see changes!

We have a very attractive down town Colfax, a city center to be proud of.

A new president, with many new and creative ideas for our Colfax Area Heritage Museum, and our Colfax Area Historical Society will be taking office. Come and attend our installation.

Greet our new officers. Give them a welcome.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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OUR WEBSITE *ColfaxHistory.org*

Teri Murch is to be thanked for bringing our website up to date. Much more needs to be done on the site, and help is needed. Teri has brought our color up, as well as having current dates listed. Thanks Teri!

Nilda Duffek is working on bringing the cemetery portion up to date, and that will be happening next.

Anyone willing to help us with an at home task, please volunteer.

WHAT GOES ON IN THE ARCHIVE ROOM?

Our storage room is upstairs in Sierra Vista Community Center. The room is open each Wednesday of the year, from 9:00 am to 12n. Our computer is there, and Lorraine Simpson is usually at the keyboard and Nancy Hagman helping; Ken Fletcher and Jim Mulligan work on the Grace Hubley-Jones slides. Helen Wayland, the Archive Director, usually stops by on her way to the Museum. YOU are invited to join them. Lots of jobs undone, ready to be worked on. Welcome.

My Memories of Aunt Grace Hubley Jones (b1877 -d 1960) at Sunset Terrace, Colfax, CA 1942-1953 by Hazel Anne Rosell Smith, Stevensville, MT 4-5-08

One of my strongest memories at the age of 5 was of sitting out on the pergola of Aunt Grace and Uncle Frank's wonderful Victorian home and ranch property, Sunset Terrace. The amazing sweet aroma of the 1000's of dark purple grapes hanging above my head on the long graceful grape arbor was enticing. But no grapes were to be picked until Uncle Frank and Aunt Grace finished listening to Gabriel Heeter's news broadcast during which time I heard Aunt Grace's stern edict that I was "to be seen and not heard". Then Uncle Frank had to check his shiny gold railroad watch to confirm that the southern Pacific train would be rolling into Colfax Station where he had worked for so many years as Station Master. Finally, Uncle Frank would swooped me up to carefully pick a bunch of grapes. "Now, don't touch the bloom or crush any. Those grape vines came around the horn, you know" admonished Aunt Grace. Then I would be rewarded for my patience with a glass of cold milk and a bunch of grapes, or sometimes by fragrant pears from the large orchard.

I thought Sunset Terrace was an incredible place. the beautiful Victorian house, then painted yellow with white trim, was a source of wonder and amazement. On a very few instances I was allowed inside, with Aunt Grace or my grandmother Edith Hubley, her sister-in-law who lived in a tiny cabin a ten minute walk away, close behind.

I remember in the entrance stood a large mahogany armoire with pier glass mirror, and a large coat rack on which were hung mostly Aunt Grace's assortment of amazing hats, scarves, walking sticks, and umbrellas.

In the parlor and dining room were many fine pieces of furniture - a hi-backed divan and chairs, a round marble topped table, a large china cupboard, and round oak dining table. Upstairs in he bedrooms were ornate matched bedroom sets with a lovely matching china lavatory basin, water pitcher, and a 'thunder mug' under the bed. We have seen the bedroom furnishing in the Placer County Museum, my sister Helen Shepherd has he oak table and a small pedestal sewing table. I am he proud owner of a large pedestal sewing table inlaid with an ornate flower pattern of mother of pearl. Crocker Art Gallery in Sacramento has other pieces. My mother felt that Grace, in her later years, sold or gave away most of her furnishings to antique dealers, and possibly to other museums in the northern California area, and we have some documentation to this effect.

The grounds included orchard trees, roses, a small vegetable and herb garden. "Uncle Roy" the caretaker, lived in a small cabin to the west and rear of the main house. He raised sheep, hens, and cared for the grounds. He was a loyal worker, and m sister Helen and I loved to feed the baby lambs with a bottle and collect the eggs. He had a faithful collie dog who followed him everywhere who was loved by Aunt Grace and Uncle Frank.

My Aunt Grace was a genuinely unusual, eccentric, and formidable character. Forceful in bearing and tone, artistic, independent, extremely intelligent, she did not bear fools or children easily. She was not a particularly handsome woman, full of figure, snow white hair loosely piled on top of her head into a circular bun (the same style in pictures of her mother, Catherine Dain), and she wore reading glasses hung on a chain around her neck.

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She had a purposeful gait that let you know she was in charge, and on some mission of great importance. She was well educated and well read, interested in many subjects. She didn't speak much about her photographic pursuits, though I saw the camera set up on occasion and I knew that she had a studio in Sacramento. She took many amazing photographs of our family and we treasure them all. My sister Helen and I do not recall any framed pictures on the walls or furniture surfaces with the exception of Kate Dain Hubley, her mother-in-law, and my grandfather and her brother, John D. Hubley. There may have been scenic black and white photographs on the walls, but memory fails me here. I remember when they got the old crank oak telephone, a source of great fascination to a child.

Marrying late and perhaps not wanting children, she poured all her affections into her two treasured dogs, "Rosina Sabina", a Chihuahua, and "Parr" a small fox terrier. She carried them around on her ample bosom, giving them outrageous treats, and speaking to them as if they were human.

She apparently loved to travel. She decided to use my mother Marjorie's and uncle Jack's educational inheritances from their grandmother Kate Dain Hubley to take them on elaborate costly trips back East, where they met all the Dain relatives, but no Hubleys. She apparently held some animosity towards that side of the family. She also spent my grandmother Edith's meager insurance funds on an elaborate funeral for John D. Hubley, leaving my grandmother to work long hours at a meager wage as a milliner in order to raise her two children, Marjorie and Jack. Frugality was not a virtue she eschewed.

My mother refers to Aunt Grace as being 'peculiar and growing more so in

her declining years", an opinion born out in letters from Mary Edinger, her sister, and other relatives.

Despite her character flaws, she lived an amazing and vibrant life, a woman far ahead of her time. I believe she genuinely loved Sunset Terrace, and it is fitting that her ashes were spread on the property, as her mother's ashes had been. Her spirit and vision lives on in the home and in the amazing photographic legacy she left for us all.

MUSEUM VISITORS MAY 2008

Thursday	May 1	13	
Friday	May 2	12	
Saturday	May 3	53	
Sunday	May 4	29	
Monday	May 5	26	
Tuesday	May 6	13	
Wednesday	May 7	9	
Thursday	May 8	31	Unscheduled Tour
Friday	May 9	35	
Saturday	May 10	23	
Sunday	May 11	18	
Monday	May 12	15	
Tuesday	May 13	66	Tour
Wednesday	May 14	74	Tour
Thursday	May 15	64	Tour
Friday	May 16	13	
Saturday	May 17	40	Hot Rod Car Show
Sunday	May 18	11	
Monday	May 19	19	
Tuesday	May 20	14	
Wednesday	May 21	12	
Thursday	May 22	15	
Friday	May 23	17	
Saturday	May 24	28	
Sunday	May 25	16	
Monday	May 26	0	Closed - Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 27	8	
Wednesday	May 28	8	
Thursday	May 29	11	
Friday	May 30	16	
Saturday	May 31	19	

Total Visitors May..... 728

Total Visitors since Jan 1, 2008 - through June 22 3839