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# "Capitola Memories" - Oral History Project

#### Bruce Arthur 1:02:23

Longtime resident of Capitola, California, Bruce Arthur shares memories of his childhood in Capitola in the 1950s and 1960s. He also discusses his service on the City Council and Planning Commission, and involvement with the Capitola Junior Guards and Begonia Festival.

- 0:42 Family history
- 4:17 Early memories of Capitola, flood of 1955
- 6:38 Fishing
- 8:40 Businesses
- 10:35 Capitola Playhouse and Merry-Go-Round
- 12:25 Boats, slides, and inner tubes
- 14:42 Food
- 18:06 Bowling
- 19:04 Saltwater Fishing
- 21:21 Harry Hooper, Andy Antonetti
- 22:54 How Capitola differed from today
- 26:22 Begonia Festival
- 30:19 Planning Commission
- 37:33 Preserving Village Character
- 39:08 City Council
- 46:47 Office Hours on Log
- 47:34 Traffic and Parking
- 50:07 Transit Board
- 52:37 Junior Guards
- 58:15 Earthquakes and Floods

#### Dick Arthur 29:36

Long-time Capitola resident, Dick Arthur, is interviewed at his home. June 18, 2015.

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#### **Mel Bowen** 1:02:14

Retired newspaper journalist Mel Bowen shares his memories of growing up in Capitola, California, and working for the Santa Cruz Sentinel as a sports reporter and later an editor. He also shares some stories about his uncle, Harry Bowles, who was on the first Capitola City Council, and about family friend Harry Hooper who is in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

- 0:46 Born in Santa Cruz
- 1:21 Family history
- 2:20 Parents
- 3:16 Growing up in Capitola
- 4:47 Going to school
- 6:08 Building the freeway
- 7:27 Theater, fishing
- 9:14 Baseball
- 10:59 Capitola Cubs softball team
- 12:27 Baseball at Santa Cruz High
- 15:00 Early jobs
- 18:01 Capitola airport
- 18:46 Uncle Harry Bowles
- 23:34 West Coast baseball, Joe Brovia
- 24:46 Beginnings of journalism education
- 29:02 First newspaper job
- 30:30 First job at the Sentinel, 1957
- 33:29 First major league baseball game
- 34:28 Santa Cruz High football team of 1958
- 35:09 Meeting John Madden, Willie Mays, et al.

- 36:15 Selection of the Soquel High mascot
- 39:42 Harry Hooper
- 41:54 Sentinel editor "Scotchy" Sinclair
- 45:38 Putting out a daily paper
- 48:52 Floods and the 1989 earthquake
- 55:08 Typos, staff, and the future of newspapers

#### Worth Brown 46:38

Worth Brown tells about the history of Capitola's Brown Ranch in central California, including growing flowers, operating the Moo Cow dairy, and hybridizing and propagating tuberous begonias. The Brown Ranch was started by James A. Brown in the very early 1900s, In later years the name was changed to Golden State Bulb Growers. The company closed just before this video was made in 2019. However, some of the family members still operate the Brown Ranch Market Place shopping center in Capitola where part of the original ranch was located.

- 1:00 James A. Brown
- 2:50 Beginnings in Capitola: berries
- 4.58 Flowers
- 7:00 Beginnings of dairy
- 8:50 Moo Cow products
- 11:02 Sons take over business
- 12:23 End of dairy
- 13:33 Begonia Festival
- 15:35 Relationship among begonia growers
- 17:32 Hybridizing and propagating begonias
- 22:55 Mall and shopping center
- 25:47 How he got the name "Worth"
- 26:51 The elder Worth Brown
- 28:37 Going to school
- 30:35 Joining the family business

32:00 Production in Marina and Moss Landing

34:20 Name changes

38:01 Callas

40:13 Ending the business

## Jerry Clarke 34:50

Interview of Jerry Clarke at his Capitola Home. May 2, 2016.

01:10 Clarke relatives in Santa Clara County/orchards

02:06 move to Capitola

02:40 military service (USN)

03:40 Naval service in Far East

04:16 Education

04:35 early art work

05:00 college graduation

05:20 early work experience

05:54 opened his own ad agency

06:06 changing art profession

07:20 Depot Hill Association formed

07:36 election to City Council

09:28 petition to exclude children from Depot Hill

09:55 visit of Navy ship Frances Hammond

12:16 origin of Depot Hill block party

12:34 accomplishments/building projects in Capitola

12:46 Jade Street Center / gym at New Brighton School

13:20 proposed demolition of City Hall/new hotel

13:58 Earthquake of 1989

15:56 Begonia Festival

16:45 Chicken costume/dancing at Shadowbrook

18:00 Art work: sculptures/sea stars

20:10 how sea stars are made

21:34 origin of bird sculptures

24:00 how bird sculptures are constructed

28:20 Why Depot Hill is special

28:38 Sidewalk exclusion in Depot Hill

30:00 changes in Capitola

20:23 proposed library

30:33 Rispin Mansion development

31:00 Monarch Butterflies

31:55 Climate Change NAMES:

08:26 Bob Garcia, Carin Mudgett

08:59 Laffey family

10:49 Steve Burrell

10:50 Leon Panetta

12:34 Ron Graves, Mick Routh, Stephanie Harlan

## **Diane Porter Cooley** 1:15:21

An interview with Diane Porter Cooley of Watsonville, California, descendant of the Porter family who came to Santa Cruz County during the Gold Rush. She tells about her family history, its role in the development of the area, and her memories of Capitola.

Chapters: 0:00 Introduction 0:10 The Capitola Memories Project 0:24 Carolyn Swift Retired Curator of the Capitola Historical Museum 20:24 Dr. John Porter 28:05 Benjamin Franklin Porter 28:12 George Keating Porter 33:08 George K. Porter house at the site of the Tannery 35:10 Francis Fanny Cumming Porter 38:31 Agnes Cumming 38:43 Hiram Scott 53:59 William T. Sesnon (left) and Warren T. Porter (right) with family members 56:13 Benjamin Porter Home 58:51 Rio Del Mar Country Club 58:58 Rio Del Mar Beach

1:00 Growing up

5:00 Going to school, family history

10:55 College

19:19 Family background

22:32 Porter children come west; Gold Rush

- 28:38 Porters in Soquel, 1850s
- 29:40 John T. Porter meets Hiram Scott
- 32:29 John T. Porter comes to Soquel; store; tannery
- 34:00 John T. becomes sheriff, meets Francis Cumming
- 38:11 Agnes Cumming marries Scott
- 39:24 George K. Porter moves to San Fernando Valley
- 40:36 Civil War
- 44:11 Pajaro
- 44:45 Invests in Soquel sugar factory
- 46:10 Fannie Porter, Chinatown, and multiculturalism
- 51:01 Railroads, quarries, logging
- 54:28 The Sesnon family
- 55:54 Sesnon house and earthquake
- 57:14 Fun in Capitola; the Shadowbrook
- 1:07:55 Nisene Marks State Park
- 1:10:40 Porter Memorial Library in Soquel

## Sylvia Prescott Forsyth 50:43

Former Soquel, California, resident Sylvia Prescott Forsyth tells about growing up in the area, her family's inn during the 1920s and 1930s, and connections to Capitola.

- 0:56 Grandparents from England, coming to Soquel
- 2:31 Children work at Stafford's Inn then buy it.
- 5:14 Activities at Prescott's Inn
- 5:46 Parents met at Inn
- 8:16 Harlamoff family
- 9:27 Grandfather, George Prescott, dies
- 13:22 Tom Prescott, raspberries, golf, and real estate
- 16:53 Eaglewood Golf Course
- 20:45 Capitola Begonia Festival

- 21:65 Capitola Airport, World War II
- 24:17 Born at Sisters Hospital
- 25:22 Growing up in Soquel, school activities
- 30:21 Branciforte Jr. High and Santa Cruz High
- 36:48 College, marriage, teaching
- 40:02 1989 Earthquake
- 43:16 Last of the Prescotts
- 44:10 Father's ties to Capitola
- 45:42 Visiting the site of the inn (now Land of Medicine Buddha)
- 48:57 Life today in Aptos.

#### **Bob Garcia** 47:36

Former city council member Bob Garcia shares his memories of Capitola, California, in the 1970s, '80s, and 90's. He explains why he decided to run for city council and the issues facing Capitola. He served two four-year terms, one starting in 1978 and one starting in 1994.

- 0:23 Beginning interest in politics
- 3:06 Moving to Capitola, Grady's Market
- 5:18 Depot Hill Athletic and Drinking Society
- 8:07 Running for City Council in 1978
- 9:58 Proposition 13 and 1978 elections
- 11:58 Transit system & service on commissions
- 15:30 LAFCO
- 18:03 Annexation of 41st Avenue
- 19:50 Wharf
- 23:50 Second time on City Council
- 28:12 City issues
- 31:30 Affordable housing
- 37:00 Flood of 1982
- 38:19 Wharf to Wharf race

40:05 Library

41:14 Restaurants

43:17 Moving away, begonia festival

## Eddie Ray Garcia 1:13:52

Eddie Ray Garcia shares his experiences as a 30-year employee of the Capitola, California, Public Works Department, including dealing with floods, wind storms, big waves, and an earthquake. He explains how he came to work for the department and tells about the daily routine, civic pride, and his experiences with the mysterious Rispin Mansion.

0:45 Growing up in Carlsbad, California

2:00 Coming to Santa Cruz, UCSC, landscaping

4:45 Joining Public Works department

7:18 What Public Works does

8:45 1989 earthquake

10:35 Outside contractors vs. in house

13:39 Rispin Mansion

24:45 Monarch Butterflies and fire

26:28 Mobile home park

28:16 Flood of 2011

36:02 Tsunamis

38:20 Changes to Capitola, tourism, events

43:44 Wharf to Wharf Race

47:31 Art & Wine Festival

48:19 Begonia Festival

56:09 More on earthquake

1:00:27 Storms

1:04:54 Wharf

1:06:47 Memorial plaques, bricks

1:09:28 Seawall tile project

## **Eddie Ray Garcia: Mansion Memories** 13:07

Former Capitola Public Works employee Eddie Ray Garcia tells of his experiences with the historic Rispin Mansion, Capitola, California.

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#### Ron Graves 49:26

Long-time Capitola City Council member Ron Graves tells about his family history in the area and some of the challenges of serving on the council.

- 0:53 Family history, grandfather
- 4:10 Merry-go-round and concessions
- 4:45 Bandstand and arcade games
- 8:50 How Capitola was different
- 9:19 Working for PG&E
- 10:04 Moving to Capitola
- 11:19 Running for City Council
- 14:19 Beach challenges
- 17:08 Wharf
- 17:35 41st Ave. development
- 19:48 New City Hall
- 21:58 Accomplishments
- 24:08 Cortez Park
- 25:38 Peery Park
- 27:18 Rispin Mansion
- 30:53 Soquel Creek
- 34:56 Parking
- 36:35 Village boundaries
- 37:36 Growing berries
- 38:45 Flood of 1982; big waves of 1983
- 42:16 More on wharf

## 44:05 1989 earthquake

## 47:30 Capitola today and tomorrow

#### **Carin Hanna** 1:01:21

Longtime Capitola, California, resident Carin Hanna shares her memories of working on the Begonia Festival, serving on the City Council, operating The Craft Gallery in Capitola Village, and several other topics.

- 0:37 Early life, settling in Capitola
- 4:21 Interest in art
- 6:22 Olaf Palm, multigenerational businesses
- 7:54 Capitola Village in the late 1960s
- 10:07 The Craft Gallery
- 14:17 Community involvement
- 16:24 Begonia Festival
- 21:17 Early art and craft festivals
- 23:00 Capitola Village Association
- 26:01 First run for City Council in 1974
- 27:74 Elected to City Council in 1978
- 29:49 Redevelopment Agency
- 31:55 Brown Act
- 33:07 Campaign platform
- 33:48 Proposition 13 and city organization
- 35:10 Parking and mobile home park
- 40:12 Christmas decorations
- 45:07 Loma Prieta Earthquake
- 48:49 Floods
- 53:57 Belts and cacti
- 55:09 John Bakalian and Leon Panetta
- 56:59 Celebrity customers

## 57:30 Future of The Craft Gallery

#### **Frank Hill** 1:08:59

Artist Frank Hill grew up in Capitola, California, in the 1930s and 1940s and had a long career as an illustrator. He assisted Hank Ketcham with the production of "Dennis the Menace" and designed "Peanuts" spin-off products for Charles Schulz. He produced the nationally-syndicated "Bugs Bunny" comic strip for Warner Brothers and "Short Ribs" for the Newspaper Enterprises Association. He illustrated numerous comic books, greeting cards, magazines, advertisements, and over forty children's books. Frank shares stories of growing up in Capitola and his experiences as a professional artist.

- 1:15 Early years
- 2:47 The Capitola of his youth
- 3:43 School
- 8:07 Boy Scouts and The Poor Clares
- 9:23 Word War II
- 14:20 Paper route, train ride
- 15:35 Soldiers and war defenses
- 17:49 Shadowbrook, high school
- 22:34 Fish Market, streetcar photo op
- 24:12 Korean War
- 25:40 Art School, changes in technology
- 28:53 Frank O'Neil & "Short Ribs"
- 31:56 Hank Ketchum & "Dennis the Menace"
- 34:00 Drawing "Short Ribs"
- 35:12 Other projects
- 40:03 Brad Macdonald and the Shadowbrook
- 46:02 The Capitola Ballroom and Saba
- 49:16 Trying to become rich and famous
- 51:57 Charles Shultz and Hank Ketchum
- 55:44 Artistic influences

58:00 Personal life

58:57 Changes in Capitola

1:00:52 Holy City

1:02:09 Soquel Post Office Murals

1:02:46 Ideas for future projects

1:05:09 Ted Maddock

1:05:48 Conclusion

## Frank Hill: Rispin Memories 1:30

Frank Hill shares his memories of the Rispin Mansion and The Poor Clares, Capitola, California, in the early 1940s.

#### **Jim Hobbs** 1:07:38

Long-time Soquel/Capitola resident Jim Hobbs tells about his family history in the area and shares memories of growing up in the 1950s and 1960s.

0:52 Early family history

2:04 Coming to Soquel

3:02 Early Soquel

4:37 1955 flood

6:50 Jim's teen years

7:11 Marion Hobbs, father

12:28 Soquel-O-Rama

14:34 School

22:42 Music

24:02 Soquel High

25:49 Navy, early jobs, and photography

31:31 More on floods

33:55 Morgan family

36:11 Bargetto family

38:34 Archibald family

40:35 Peretto family

42:21 Finta family (drug store)

43:50 Negro family (dairy, fire dept.)

46::55 Maddock's Bakery

48:40 Capitola (arcade games, bowling)

51:59 Nusbaum's grocery store

53:20 Theaters, drive-in

55:40 Fishing

57:07 Disco (department store)

58:48 Tony Zero appliance business

1:01:00 Daffy Don's furniture store

1:01:33 41st Avenue developments

1:04:00 Jewell Box neighborhood

## **Tom King 2007** 1:28:47

Capitola resident Tom King tells about his family history, visits to Capitola as a boy in the 1920s and 1930s, historic preservation efforts of the 1960s, interesting Capitola people, and his experiences establishing a restaurant and the culinary arts program at Cabrillo College.

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## Tom King interviewed by Gayle Ortiz

Long-time resident of Capitola, Tom King, is interviewed at his home by Gayle Ortiz.

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### **Steve Lawton** 1:25:51

Steve shares his vivid memories of living in one of The Six Sisters on the Esplanade in Capitola, California, from 1977 through 1979. He also discusses his career as a book seller and publisher and his involvement with volleyball on the beach in Capitola and at Cabrillo College.

- 1:15 Coming to California and Santa Cruz
- 3:32 Holy City
- 3:59 Santa's Village
- 4:17 The Lost World
- 6:00 Moving to Santa Cruz and the Circles
- 7:09 Beach Volleyball
- 8:36 Moving to Capitola, The Six Sisters
- 15: 12 Life on the Esplanade and the Begonia Festival
- 19:03 Diaper Derby
- 20:49 A "Laid Back" Capitola Village
- 23:39 Marty's and the volleyball net
- 25:30 Capitola Theater and ticket prices
- 27:03 Storms
- 28:25 Summer and parking issues
- 32:17 More on Volleyball
- 35:44 Founding of Otter B Books
- 39:27 Book publishers
- 41: 10 Forever Facing South
- 42:20 Teaching and playing volleyball
- 52:00 Charlie and the Capitola Country Club
- 59:40 Life at The Six Sisters, summer of 1978
- 1:02:58 Train schedule like clockwork
- 1:04:43 Hobbit House
- 1:06:37 Birthday party and Jo

- 1:10:50 Beer bottle collection and chili feeds
- 1:14:00 Artichokes
- 1:15:32 Changes at The Six Sisters
- 1:16:32 Starting in the book business, leaving Capitola
- 1:20:24 Commuting through and visiting Capitola
- 1:23:06 Parking in Capitola

## Nancy Lenox 1:15:13

Longtime Capitola, California, area resident Nancy Lenox shares her memories of Capitola in the 1960s and 1970s, including interesting people, the theater crying room, the Capitola Bowl, the copper wire caper, playing pokerino, the hippie era, tola rats, local artists, her first job, her first apartment, and hanging out at various watering holes.

- 0:57 Early family visits to Capitola
- 1:34 Lionel Lenox, photographer
- 3:57 Early memories of Capitola
- 5:05 Begonia Festival
- 8:16 School & Capitola in the 1960s
- 9:43 Jo Jo, Frank, and the high school band
- 12:36 Arcade games on the Esplande
- 16:09 Lifequard Allen Grasso and Joe Hill
- 18:20 Esplanade food venues, beach activities
- 20:31 Tola Rats and surfing
- 21:25 Bowling Alley and boyfriend
- 25:50 First apartment, dinner disaster
- 32:36 Bottomless sandals, Froto's Hole
- 35:25 Photographer Linda Prock
- 40:29 Artist Don Herman
- 42:31 "The Local" and dating bartenders
- 45:05 Milk Truck Mike, food, pigeons

51:44 The Poison Spring

54:47 Capitola Theater

56:44 Copper Wire Caper

59:44 The Porter Path and Jason Fuller

1:02:10 Marriage on the beach

1:06:35 Capitola Flats

1:07:46 Loma Prieta Earthquake, Linda Prock

1:10:13 Hippie Era

1:12:36 Career

## Interview with Robley Levy

Interview with Robley Levy at her home on May 1, 2017. She discusses her background and the issues she faced while serving on the Board of Supervisors for Santa Cruz County, California.

1:00:55

1:00 Birth (Santa Monica), early years (East Coast)

1:23 Arrived Santa Cruz 1963

2:00 Organizing League of Women Voters (LWV)

3:00 College - St. John's

4:40 Beach Flats, move to La Selva Beach

6:00 Early political efforts: JFK campaign

6:50 1st President SC LWV

8:40 County politics 1960-70s: volatile with much newspaper coverage of local issues

9:20 Social changes stem from Cabrillo and UCSC

11:30 Cabrillo Bond measure

12:15 LAFCO issue: extend Santa Cruz to Capitola

12:50 Celia von der Muhl

13:00 Activities: Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, LAFCO public member, later became Board of Supervisors representative to LAFCO

16:40 Coastal Commission appointment

- 17:10 Capitola-specific planning, including 41st Ave
- 18:40 Bob Garcia
- 21:00 Wingspread: environmental and public benefit issues
- 23:45 Reasons for supporting Wingspread: Economic benefits from proposed development
- 27:40 City of Capitola position on Wingspread
- 28:16 Public access to coast, future of Wingspread land
- 29:00 Parks: Polo Grounds, Hidden Beach, Corralitos, Seascape, Willowbrook
- 30:10 Natural disasters: 1982, 83, 85, and 89: Flood and earthquake
- 31:10 Love Creek Slide
- 32:50 Eureka Canyon
- 33:35 Leon Panetta
- 35:00 Earthquake
- 36:40 Agriculture land
- 37:00 Measure J
- 38:50 Watsonville and Agriculture
- 39:40 Soquel Creek Water District
- 40:40 Spheres of Influence
- 41:00 North Coast agriculture
- 41:15 Farm Bureau of Watsonville
- 42:00 LAFCO, Pajaro Valley, Corralitos Creek
- 43:15 Franich property
- 46:30 Measure J impacts on growth
- 47:10 Adoption of Urban services line preventing sprawl
- 50:00 CEQA lawsuits
- 52:00 Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary & Leon Panetta
- 53:25 Offshore drilling
- 53:40 Lawsuits re land use decisions
- 54:00 Viviano Project (San Andreas Road residence)

- 55:30 Seascape development
- 55:40 Marilyn Liddicoat and recall election
- 56:00 Board of Supervisors as object of scorn
- 57:00 First run for Board
- 58:30 Environmental lawsuits
- 59:00 Accessibility of local politics

## Tom Louagie 55:41

In the late 1960s, Tom Louagie was proprietor of a tavern in Capitola, California, called The Local. In this interview, Tom tells how he came to settle in Capitola and his experiences running The Local during Capitola's "Hippie Era."

- 1:00 Early life, coming to California, working at Soledad Prison
- 2:42 First visit to Capitola
- 3:40 Move to Capitola, El Salto
- 4:09 Teaching school in Freedom
- 5:10 Van's Village, becoming a DJ
- 8:46 Switch to live music, "Hippies"
- 11:14 One Hand Clapping
- 12:00 Problems with police, city hall
- 14:14 Capitola in the 1960s, disappearing beach
- 14:42 Artist Al Palm (aka Olaf Palm)
- 17:30 After hours breakfast
- 18:50 Buys the tavern
- 20:01 Naming contest
- 20:32 Other bars in Capitola
- 21:36 Grass Cookie
- 22:45 Looses lease
- 24:21 Re-opens Club Zayante
- 27:30 Arts and Crafts Scene, businesses

- 33:16 Blues singer Jesse Fuller
- 35:15 Decorating The Local
- 36:29 Begonia Festival and Charlie Nothing
- 39:48 Local characters, more on One Hand Clapping
- 42:36 Rent in the late 1960s, depressed economy
- 45:20 Spiro Benias, Bowling Alley
- 46:00 Club Zayante, music scene
- 50:25 Monterey Folk Festival
- 52:48 Singer/waitress Kathy

#### Ted Maddock 44:11

Ted Maddock shares his memories of the California towns of Soquel and Capitola. He discusses his family history in the area and his career as an artist and sign maker. Recorded April 28, 2015.

- 1:00 Born Santa Cruz
- 1:25 Joshua Parrish (came from Ohio)
- 1:56 Ancestors: Anna Jean Parrish Ed Wyman John Maddock (grandfather) Ed Wesley Maddock
- 2:52 Growing up in Soquel
- 3:07 first home Center Street
- 3:36 Wyman house
- 4:04 Cunnison Brothers Garage employed his father
- 4:30 Moved to Santa Cruz
- 4:46 Schools: Soquel Grammar School Hall School Watsonville High
- 5:30 Frank Hill
- 6:05 Changes in Soquel
- 6:40 Teen years worked in agriculture
- 8:04 Capitola Airport
- 9:27 Russell Rice, wife Esther

- 10:28 Martin B-10 bomber landed in Capitola
- 11:50 Hobbyist model planes
- 13:25 Maddock's Bakery
- 13:39 Harold Maddock
- 14:30 original location
- 15:07 Bakery sold, retained name
- 15:30 Mirrors (calendar) souvenirs of bakery
- 16:06 Soquel Pioneers (Laura Maddock (grandmother) a founder of Pioneers
- 16:45 1947 graduated Watsonville High
- 17:15 attended Hartnell College, learned signmaking
- 18:10 first job as signpainter
- 18:39 attended San Jose State hoping to become an art teacher or graphic artist
- 19:15 returned to signpainting full time
- 19:40 Pioneers Picnic Fliers collection
- 20:50 advent of digital signmaking
- 22:50 his first computer
- 25:12 World War II memories
- 25:55 Ice making
- 26:24 Watsonville airport construction
- 28:04 Blimps at Old Airport (Salinas Road)
- 28:50 Rationing
- 29:52 School schedules adjusted so students could work the harvest
- 30:30 High School Sports
- 31:10 Earthquake
- 31:36 Lodge Sisters
- 32:15 Julia Lodge (Martina Castro granddaughter)
- 35:22 Cedora Duff
- 36:36 Dick Nutter, his 2nd wife part of Pringle family, Lloyd Pringle, Anthony family of Santa Cruz

- 37:28 Lloyd Pringle Postmaster, James Farley visited PO as a candidate running aginst Roosevelt
- 38:44 Music of 1940s, collects jazz music
- 39:50 Capitola Dancehall (Saba) hosts Harry James
- 40:40 Lionel Hampton plays in Watsonville
- 41:46 Louis Armstrong in San Francisco
- 42:14 Kuumbwa Jazz Center

#### Patrick McCormick 50:21

Patrick McCormick talks about his background and about working in the Planning Department in Capitola, California, during the 1970s. Several major projects took place including housing, the undergrounding of utilities, and approval of the Capitola Mall. After leaving Capitola, McCormick was director of LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) in Santa Cruz County, California.

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## Barbara McCrary 1:21:39

Barbara McCrary shares her memories of growing up in Soquel, California, in the late 1930s and 1940s, including raising chickens, riding her horse, and going to school.

- 0.51 Maternal grandparents, Jones and Iliff families
- 6:26 Father and father's family in Russia
- 8:07 Father's trip across Russia
- 17:59 Crossing the Pacific and settling in California
- 19:44 Father comes to Soquel
- 20:22 Learning English, meeting Ethel Jones
- 21:35 Parents married 1928, poultry business
- 22:55 Growing up in Soquel, brother Eugene
- 24:45 Love of horses
- 27:21 Gasoline shortage, picnics
- 28:10 Sheppa place, Louise Lovett
- 29:24 Selling the ranch

- 31:06 Freeway, airport, riding horse at beach
- 33:15 Capitola Theater
- 34:14 Going to school
- 43:01 Piano lessons
- 44:54 Things that cost money
- 45:42 Sarah Prescott
- 46:39 Near disaster with buggy, grandfather
- 48:12 Selling of the Glen Haven property
- 50:56 4-H Club, raising chickens
- 55:49 Sewing
- 58:09 Soquel crops
- 1:00:16 Betty the sheep
- 1:00:59 41st Avenue and Brown Ranch
- 1:01:40 Riding horse on freeway
- 1:04:38 Fishing at Seacliff Beach & Soquel Creek
- 1:07:10 Playing chess
- 1:08:19 Graduating from Santa Cruz High School
- 1:09:20 Meeting Frank "Lud" McCrary

## **Skipper Nurre [with Rosemary Shaffer]** 23:32

September 9, 2015 interview with Skipper Nurre and Rosemary Shaffer at their family condo in the Venetian Court in Capitola California.

- 0:53 Early visits to Capitola
- 2:33 Anne Bucher
- 5:00 Life in Capitola, Jo Jo, and The Plumb Tree
- 6:56 Movie Theater
- 7:31 Purchasing the unit
- 8:40 Capitola changes
- 10:05 Venetian Court color scheme

11:38 Flood of 1982

13:48 Storm waves of 1983

14:16 Interior of the unit

15:58 Earthquake of 1989

16:20 What makes the Venetian Court special?ghl;...

## Nutter Family History (Part 1)

1:30:53

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Dick Nutter and Marilyn (Pringle) Nutter share their family histories in the Soquel and Capitola area of California. This was recorded in 2005 for the Capitola Historical Museum. The interview was conducted by Carolyn Swift, Museum Director at that time.

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#### **Nutter Family History, Part 2**

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Dick Nutter and Marilyn (Pringle) Nutter talk about their family histories in the Soquel and Capitola areas of California. This video was made in 2005 for the Capitola Historical Museum and is hosted by Carolyn Swift, Museum Director at that time.

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#### Alverda Orlando 1:13:31

Longtime Santa Cruz County, California, resident Alverda Orlando tells about her long and fascinating career as a librarian and her research on the history of Davenport and the Santa Cruz County "North Coast."

1:00 Early life

1:56 Move to Davenport, school

3:13 Beginning interest in libraries

5:23 High School

7:48 Attending San Jose State

9:43 Davenport Branch Library

12:00 Geraldine Work and political convention

14:14 East Santa Cruz Library

- 17:08 Branciforte Library, genealogy collection
- 20:22 Newspaper indexing, research, computers
- 25:11 Beginning of interest in Davenport history
- 31:30 Life in Davenport
- 33:21 Cement Plant
- 40:24 John P. Davenport and whaling
- 46:18 Nuclear Power Plant
- 47:45 Community involvement and meeting Elio Orlando
- 51:53 Welcoming interracial families
- 54:12 Bertha Coope
- 54:30 Dust problems
- 57:52 The Davenport jail
- 1:03:08 Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument
- 1:08:07 Floods
- 1:11:14 Librarians in the family

#### Beth Porter 33:22

Beth Porter shares her fond memories of childhood visits to the seaside resort of Capitola, California, including the beach, hot dog stand, merry-go-round, theater, and bowling alley.

- 0:37 Family history
- 2:04 Parents
- 3:30 Early family visits to Capitola
- 4:50 Beth's early memories of Capitola
- 8:50 Favorite spot on beach
- 9:20 Lagoon and water
- 10:27 Roaming around the town, food
- 14:25 Sister, Ardith Porter
- 16:19 Arcade games
- 17:01 Bowling

- 18:39 Fishing, merry-go-round
- 19:26 Begonia Festival
- 20:02 Movie theater
- 22:00 Loss of beach, hippies
- 23:01 Visits in later years
- 24:09 New Brighton Beach
- 25:16 Work in San Jose, move to Capitola
- 26:42 Loma Prieta Earthquake
- 28:45 How Capitola has changed
- 29:40 Volunteering at the Capitola Historical Museum
- 30:45 Fire department
- 31:32 Five generations in Capitola

## **Barbara Reding** 41:25

An interview with longtime Capitola, California, resident Barbara Reding. She tells about first coming to Capitola and her experiences restoring the historic Superintendent's Building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

- 0:58 First visit to Capitola
- 2:45 Capitola in 1969 and the Superintendent's Building
- 8:43 A state and national landmark
- 11:04 First Wharf to Wharf race
- 13:14 The restoration process
- 15:29 Home restoration
- 19:00 Former Hooper family residence
- 20:41 What's not to love about Capitola?
- 21:13 Art & Wine Festival
- 25:39 Barbara's art work and coloring book3
- 29:31 Christmas lights
- 30:45 Begonia Festival

## 32:59 1989 Earthquake

#### 35:45 1982 flood and 1983 storm waves

## Willa Dean Reynolds 56:08

Dean Reynolds Interviewed in her Soquel home on November 20, 2017.

- 0:53 Birth and early life
- 4:37 Marriage and trip to California
- 6:24 Soquel in 1946
- 8:29 Husband's work and family
- 10:11 Family comes to Santa Cruz
- 12:04 Building house in Monterey Bay Heights
- 16:16 Fruit trees
- 17:00 Sunday drives
- 18:00 Oaks, gullies, and roads
- 21:53 Old San Jose Road
- 23:10 Maddock's Bakery
- 23:57 Freeway
- 24:40 Capitola
- 26:31 Begonia Festival
- 29:09 Soquel-o-rama
- 30:35 Girl Scouts and Youth Center
- 32:20 PTA
- 33:01 Indexing old newspapers
- 39:05 DAR
- 39:50 Michael Lodge and Martina Castro
- 44:00 F. A. Hihn
- 45:19 Carrie Lodge
- 46:45 More on Lodge

## 48:41 Floods and earthquake

#### 54:60 Grandfather

#### Mick Routh 43:10

Former Capitola City Council member Mick Routh (served from 1972 to 1996) discusses his years on the council, including challenges and accomplishments.

- 1:00. Growing up
- 3:19. Firefighter / Running for Council / Development
- 5:50. Important Issues / Rezoning / General Plan
- 7:05. Police Department
- 8:15. Accomplishments in the 1980s
- 9:40. Capitola Controvercies
- 12:24. Council Term Limits
- 13:53. Stipend / Studying the Issues
- 16:30. Preserving Community Character
- 17:45. Wingspread
- 19:09. Begonia Festival
- 22:06. Art &. Wine Festival
- 22:54. Esplanade Park / Sewer Line
- 23:51. Wharf
- 24:45. Rispin Mansion
- 27:04. Natural Disasters of the 1980s.
- 31:29. Junior Guards / Softball
- 33:06. New City Hall
- 34:40. Current Activities / Redtree / Hotel
- 38:18. Library History
- 39:27. Advice for Future Council Members

## Rosemary Shaffer – See interview with Skipper Nurre

## Stanley D. Stevens 1:22:45

Stanley D. Stevens was for nearly 30 years in charge of the map collection at the University Library, UC Santa Cruz. He is the author of numerous publications on Santa Cruz County, California, history—many of them aimed at helping other researchers. He is an authority on the life and accomplishments of F. A. Hihn (1829-1913), pioneer owner and developer of Capitola.

- 1:05 Growing up in Paso Robles
- 3:21 San Jose State, United Nations, and meeting his wife, Carli
- 5:15 Marriage and move to Santa Cruz
- 6:20 Move to Capitola
- 8:20 Move to Plum Street in Santa Cruz
- 9:00 Move to new house
- 10:00 Getting job at UCSC Library; interview by Don Clark
- 13:07 Becoming map librarian and starting the map collection
- 17:06 Decision to focus on maps of Santa Cruz County
- 18:11 Why maps are important to historians
- 19:15 How he became interested in F. A. Hihn; collection of Donald Younger
- 22:54 1889 County Map donated by Hal Hyde
- 24:40 Noel Patterson and Hihn family donations
- 26:32 Transcription and indexing of Hihn Company letters
- 27:33 Hihn and the development of Capitola
- 30:50 First wharf in Capitola
- 31.44 Hihn and transportation
- 34:09 Locomotive in Smithsonian
- 35:23 Hotel Capitola and Hihn's other hotels
- 37:50 Hihn and the Pioneers society
- 39:30 Hihn and the Paso Robles Inn
- 42:10 Loma Prieta Earthquake

- 44:50 Acquiring files from Noel Patterson
- 48:45 Researchers Anonymous
- 51:19 Santa Cruz County History Journal
- 55:25 Projects that benefit other researchers
- 57:05 Santa Cruz County Place Names book
- 1:02:14 McPherson Publications Fund
- 1:08:23 Photographers of Santa Cruz County
- 1:14:42 Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt
- 1:20:00 Biography of F. A. Hihn

## Carolyn Swift 1:36:46

Capitola historian and former museum director Carolyn Swift shares her memories of Capitola and the mid-county area in the 1960s and 1970s and her years as a newspaper reporter. She also explains how she came to write some of her books on local history.

- 1:00 Early family history
- 4:22 Spent early years in Watsonville
- 8:20 Grandfather worked for Martinelli's
- 9:20 Earthquake in 1950s
- 10:50 Flood of 1955
- 12:48 First trip to Capitola
- 14:52 More on Watsonville
- 16:35 Pajaronian wins Pulitzer Prize
- 23:00 Moving to La Selva Beach, crowded schools
- 30:00 Cabrillo College, Catalyst
- 34:30 Capitola in the 1960s
- 40:10 Working at Sylvania
- 42:30 Starting in journalism, Pajaronian & Green Sheet
- 47:28 The murders
- 49:11 National Organization for Women

50:47 Refocus on history

55:15 Mr. Toots and the storm of 1982

57:48 Storm of 1983

1:01:20 Mr. Toots newsletter

1:02:21 Morris the cat

1:04:41 Indians

1:07:47 Working for Janus and the Mid-County Post

1:09:17 Museum job, Olaf Palm

1:12:03 Book projects

1:19:17 Historic preservation

1:23:39 Capitola cliches

1:27:09 Rispin Mansion

1:33:13 An engaged community

## Carolyn Swift: Rispin Memories 6:23

Historian Carolyn Swift shares her thoughts on H. Allen Rispin and the historic Rispin Mansion in Capitola, California.

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## Carolyn Swift: More Rispin Memories 10:44

Capitola historian Carolyn Swift tells about researching the life of Henry Allen Rispin and how, little by little, the story emerged. Rispin owned the resort town of Capitola, California, during the 1920s.

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#### JO JO URBANCIC 33:38

Capitola local Jo Jo Urbancic is interviewed by Niels Kisling. Interview was on December 8, 2016.

1:50 Capitola in the 60s

2:40 JoJo's family

6:30 JoJo as Santa Claus

7:40 Begonia Festival float (miniature wharf)

8:20 Art & Wine Festival volunteer

9:58 Capitola Rod & Custom volunteer

10:15 Merry-go-round

13:00 Capitola Theater/Audrey Jacobs

15:37 Frank Ealy on JoJo teaching fishing

16:02 JoJo as "Mayor of the Wharf"

16:55 Bowling Alley

18:59 Saba

19:21 Navy Ship visits Capitola

20:30 Natural disasters (floods of '55, '82, earthquake)

21:20 JoJo's education

23:12 Snowfall in Capitola (1974)

26:30 Earthquake

26:41 Big Brothers & Big Sisters

COMMENTS: Greg Tedesco 4:00, 6:17, 27:30 Pam Greeninger 5:48, 26:41, 27:18, 28:56 Ron Graves 6:07, 27:01 PROMINENT NAMES MENTIONED: Tom Shanahan 7:30 Toni Castro (Chamber) 9:00 Dave Peyton 9:26 Andy/LaVerne Antonetti 10:51 Audrey Jacobs 13:00 Dan Malich 14:09 Ron Graves 14:18

#### Jan Wilson 42:15

Jan Wilson shares her memories of working at the Capitola Theater in Capitola, California, during the 1950s while attendingn Watsonville High School and Hartnell College. She also tells about some of her family history and her successful career baking cakes and make flower arrangements for weddings.

0:43 Family history

2:14 Move to Santa Cruz County

3:50 First trip to Capitola

4:30 Early jobs

9:47 Working at Capitola Theater

12:50 Driving to work

15:01 Capitola in the 1950s

20:20 Movies

21:24 Watching movies being filmed

23:15 Cost of tickets

23:39 Wax Museum

25:37 Fire of 1957

26:51 Patio restaurant

27:45 Attending college while working at theater

30:00 More on working at theater, Christmas

31:07 Hartnell College

33:35 Marriage and move to Swanton

36:35 Career

#### Earthquake Memories from 1989 17:11

Residents of Santa Cruz County, California, share their memories of the October 17, 1989, Loma Prieta Earthquake. Everyone who was in central California on that date remembers exactly where they were when the quake hit. Some of the stories are scary, others humorous, all are interesting. These clips were excerpted from interviews done for the Capitola Memories Project by the Capitola Historical Museum in Capitola, California. For the entire interviews, visit the Museum's YouTube channel.

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# **Tours & Lectures**

#### Capitola History 36:49

This lecture on Capitola history was presented by Capitola Museum Curator Frank Perry on Feb. 24, 2018 for museum volunteers. It is available here for volunteers who were not able to attend the event on the 24th.

## **History of Capitola Wharf** 7:45

History of the wharf at Capitola, California, on Monterey Bay.

## Capitola's Cooperstown Connection 59:18

A lecture on baseball hall-of-famer Harry Hooper by historian Geoffrey Dunn. Sponsored by the Capitola Historical Museum, Capitola, California. Hooper lived in Capitola for over 60 years, including his years as a major league player, and had an important role in the development of the town.

## **Reinventing Capitola** 10:53

This walking tour of Capitola, California, explores the changes made to the town in 1919-1920 by owner Henry Rispin and his architect, George McCrea. McCrea was assisted in the project by Helen Benbow. This tour was conducted by the Capitola Historical Museum in May, 2021, near the end of the pandemic and includes many historical photographs of the town.

## **Harry A. Kay** 22:55

Lecture on Santa Cruz area photographer Harry Kay presented in January, 2019 by Frank Perry.

The Venetian Court – See interview of Skipper Nurre with Rosemary Shaffer

#### Rispin Mansion Tour 2006 18:15

Historian Carolyn Swift and restorer Ron Beardslee tour the historic Rispin Mansion in Capitola, California. This rare look at the interior took place three years before the building was gutted by fire in 2009. Rispin built the mansion between 1919 and 1921. It remains on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Santa Cruz County History, Part 1, by Carolyn Swift 21:53 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

Historian Carolyn Swift shares highlights from the history of the Santa Cruz, Soquel, and Capitola areas in central California. This video was recorded in the 1980s and digitized from an old video tape in the collection of the Capitola Historical Museum.

## Santa Cruz County History, Part 2, by Carolyn Swift 21:00 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

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## **Loma Prieta + 30: A Lecture on the Loma Prieta Earthquake** 59:59

The Loma Prieta Earthquake of October 17, 1989 did over \$6 billion in damage to the Monterey Bay and San Francisco Bay areas of central California. This lecture was presented by Capitola Museum Curator Frank Perry on the occasion of the quake's 30-year anniversary, October 17, 2019. It focuses on the geologic setting of the epicenter and phenomena associated with the earthquake. The lecture was held at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History and was sponsored by that museum and the Capitola Historical Museum. This video was created by combining an audio recording with the slides used in the talk. The speaker is introduced by Marisa Gomez of the natural history museum staff.

#### Tour of the Cowell Lime Works Historic District 41:45

This historic lime manufacturing site is on the campus of the University of California, Santa Cruz. Lime from here was used to build San Francisco in the decades just after the Gold Rush and was later shipped up and down the West Coast. The tour guides explain what lime is, why it is important, and the steps in manufacturing lime in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

## History of the Lime Industry in the Felton - Santa Cruz Area 27:26

Narrated slide talk by Frank Perry.

## **Exhibitions**

## Tips on Creating Exhibits for Small Museums 47:37

The retiring curator of the Capitola Historical Museum reflects on his fifty years of working in museums and shares tips on creating exhibits. He discusses research, lighting, design, colors, graphics, etc. This interview is part of the "Capitola Memories Project" and is for non-profit educational use. It was recorded June 10, 2021.

## "Perspectives - Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder" Preview (2022) 12:53

This is a 12 minute, 52 second silent preview of the 2022 Capitola Historical Museum exhibition entitled, "Perspectives - Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder". The exhibition will run through December 2022. The exhibition explores the different perspectives of Capitola through both the art and words of its beholders, past and present. It features perspectives from The Pioneers, The Promoters, The Sportsmen, The Pleasure Seekers, The Conventioneers, The Developers, The Artists, The Hippies, and the Residents. The way we perceive a place depends upon why we came there and how we interact with it. The reasons for passing through or coming to stay are diverse and myriad. And so too are the depictions of Capitola over its long history. Taken together, they tell a compelling story. Accompanying these diverse perspectives are period artifacts and pieces of rarely seen artwork from the museum's collection, including some of the earliest depictions of Capitola to modern views created for the annual Plein Air juried art competition and exhibition held every autumn. One exhibit case brings to life the lobby of the grand Hotel Capitola, designed and built by Edward Van Cleek under the direction of Frederick Augustus (F. A.) Hihn in 1895. The exhibition also provide the opportunity for visitors to share their own unique perspectives of Capitola. The exhibition includes a new painting by local artist Ann Thiermann which depicts Indigenous people conducting traditional fishing and foraging of sea life at what we know today as Capitola Beach and Lagoon. Please come by the museum to enjoy the entire exhibition. The admission free Capitola Historical Museum is located in the little red building at 410 Capitola Avenue, next to Capitola City Hall. The museum is open every Friday through Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m. For further information you may contact the museum at 831-464-0322.

## "Capitola Then & Now" (2020-2022) 38:33

Lecture by Frank Perry, Curator of the Capitola Historical Museum, on the "Capitola - Then and Now" exhibition, Feb. 29, 2020. Exhibition ran from March 2020 through January 2022

#### "Capitola Obscura" (2019) 45:01

Lecture about the exhibition at the Capitola Historical Museum titled "Capitola Obscura: Little-known Facts About Capitola History." Presented at the museum volunteer orientation, February 23, 2019. To see the video mentioned in the lecture go to the following on YouTube: Steam in the Rockies - Eureka & Palisade 4-4-0 #4 on the Durango & Silverton. Photo of the "Jupiter" courtesy of Don DeBold. This entire video is copyright 2019 by the Capitola Historical Museum. Exhibition ran from March 2019 through December 2019.

## **Photos by Ravnos** (2016) 41:43

Ole Ravnos was a professional photographer in Santa Cruz County, California, in the early 1900s. This lecture was presented in 2016 in conjunction with an exhibition of his work at the Capitola Historical Museum titled "Photos by Ravnos: Capitola in the early 1900s." For this video, audio from this lecture by Museum Curator Frank Perry was combined with the slides used in the talk. For some pictures of the Ravnos exhibition, visit the Capitola Historical Museum website and click on "Past Exhibits."

## "Take Me Out To Capitola" (2014) 1:33

A sneak peek at the exhibition "Take Me Out To Capitola: The Life and Times of Harry Hooper." The exhibition runs through Dec. 28, 2014 at the Capitola Historical Museum. Admission free. <a href="http://www.takemeouttocapitola.weebly.com">http://www.takemeouttocapitola.weebly.com</a>. Exhibition ran from March 2014 through December 2014.

# **Educational Documentaries & Motion Pictures**

## "Hello, This is Capitola Theater" 16:31

This celebration of the Capitola Theater was done in 1990 by Holly Keenan, who worked at the theater, and includes interviews with owner Audrey Jacobs, employees, and patrons. It beautifully captures the spirit of this beloved Capitola, California, theater at that time. Built in 1948, the theater closed in in 1996, and the building was demolished in 2010. **The documentary was found on an old video tape in the Capitola Historical Museum collection, was digitized, and is presented here for non-profit educational use.** 

#### Capitola in the 1950s 24:04 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

These home movies of the town of Capitola, California, in the 1950s were presented to the Capitola Historical Museum by Brad Macdonald and are shown here courtesy of the Macdonald family. Mr. Macdonald added narration and presented this video to the Museum on the occasion of the town's 50th anniversary as an incorporated city. Capitola is a small resort town located on the shore of Monterey Bay.

#### Capitola Begonia Festival Documentary 16:54 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

For 65 years the town of Capitola, California, was host to an annual Begonia Festival. The signature event of each festival was the nautical parade of decorated floats down Soquel

Creek. This documentary was commissioned on the occasion of the 65th and final festival in 2017.

## The Testing Block 1:06:27 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

This 1920 western drama stars William S. Hart and was shot partly in Capitola, California, and in nearby Felton and Ben Lomond. This copy was digitized from the original 35mm reels in the collection of the Library of Congress. The music is from digitized piano rolls made between 1899 and 1920.

## "The Testing Block" with Introduction 1:13:49 COPYRIGHT CLAIM

The Testing Block is a 1920 movie western shot in Capitola, Ben Lomond, and Felton (Santa Cruz County, California); and in the Santa Clarita Valley (Los Angeles County, California). It stars William S. Hart, Eva Novak, and J. Gordon Russell. It was directed by Lambert Hillyer. This version was digitized from an original (on six reels) in the collection of the Library of Congress. It is presented with a short (7 minute) introduction by the Capitola Historical Museum that tells about the actors and the shooting of the movie.

## Story Book Parade, Santa Cruz, California, 1957 3:54

This home movie footage shows the East Santa Cruz Businessmen's Association Story Book Parade, October 26, 1957. The children assembled at Branciforte Elementary School, marched south on Branciforte Avenue, north on Soquel Avenue, and south on Seabright Avenue to Gault School. This movie footage was shot on Branciforte. The theme is children's story book characters. There were four divisions: individuals as story book characters, wheels (bikes and trikes), pets, and youth groups. First, second, and third place trophies were awarded within each division. Several local school officials served as judges, including Paul Walters, superintendent of the Soquel-Capitola schools. Original movie in the collection of the Capitola Historical Museum.

#### West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, California, circa 1950 1:23

This home movie footage was taken from Lighthouse Point, looking west. The prominent offshore rock at the west end of "Its Beach" no longer exists. The natural arch seems to be just starting to form, but has not yet eroded all the way through. The movie also shows cormorants on Seal Rock. Original movie in the collection of the Capitola Historical Museum.

## Fiesta Parade, Santa Cruz, California, 1946 4:39

This home movie footage was taken on Pacific Avenue near Walnut Avenue. The parade has a history theme, emphasizing the Spanish and Mexican periods in Santa Cruz history. There are floats, bands, horses, and an old fire truck. Near the beginning is the Santa Cruz High School band, dressed in red. Note especially the colorful drill team (from San Francisco) sponsored by the Santa Cruz Chinese Merchants. At one point, a photographer steps out to get a photo. That is almost certainly George Lee, well known Santa Cruz photographer at that time and prominent member of the Chinese community. Floats include ones by the Santa Cruz Art League and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Subjects include Mission Santa Cruz, sawing a redwood log, a covered wagon, and a re-enactment of the flag raising on Iwo Jima. Fiesta Queen Doris Foote rides one of the floats with attendants Bunte Braun, Jolene Brogdon, and Jo Ann Briggs. There were 30 floats and cars, only some of which are shown here. Original movie in the collection of the Capitola Historical Museum.

## Boats & Begonias, Capitola, California, circa 1950

This home movie footage shows sailboats at Capitola and scenes of the famed Vetterle & Reinelt Begonia Gardens. This video dates from within a few years of the first Capitola Begonia Festival. Vetterle and Reinelt were located on the north side of Capitola Road between 45 and 47th Avenues. Capitola was once the begonia capital of the world. Original movie in the collection of the Capitola Historical Museum.

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# Music In Capitola

Capitola Serenade with Ukulele Dick 4:01

# **Capitola History Mystery Quizzes**

## Capitola History Mystery 1 1:14

The first in our series of video quiz questions about the history of Capitola, California.

## Capitola History Mystery 2 1:27

History quiz about Capitola, California

#### Capitola History Mystery 3 1:35

Test your knowledge of the history of Capitola, California, with this video guiz question.

Capitola History Mystery 4 1:29

This one proved to be harder than we thought. This week's question should be easy.

Capitola History Mystery 5 1:32

This week we have a special Halloween question.

Capitola History Mystery 6 1:32

Mary reveals the answer to the Halloween question and asks a new one about the trees near the Museum.

Capitola History Mystery 7 1:52

This week's question concerns a famous Californian who ran the Grand Hotel Capitola.

Capitola History Mystery 8 1:35

This time host Mary Harpin asks about Fairview Park.

Capitola History Mystery 9 1:29

This week Mary asks a question about Capitola's founder, S. A. Hall.