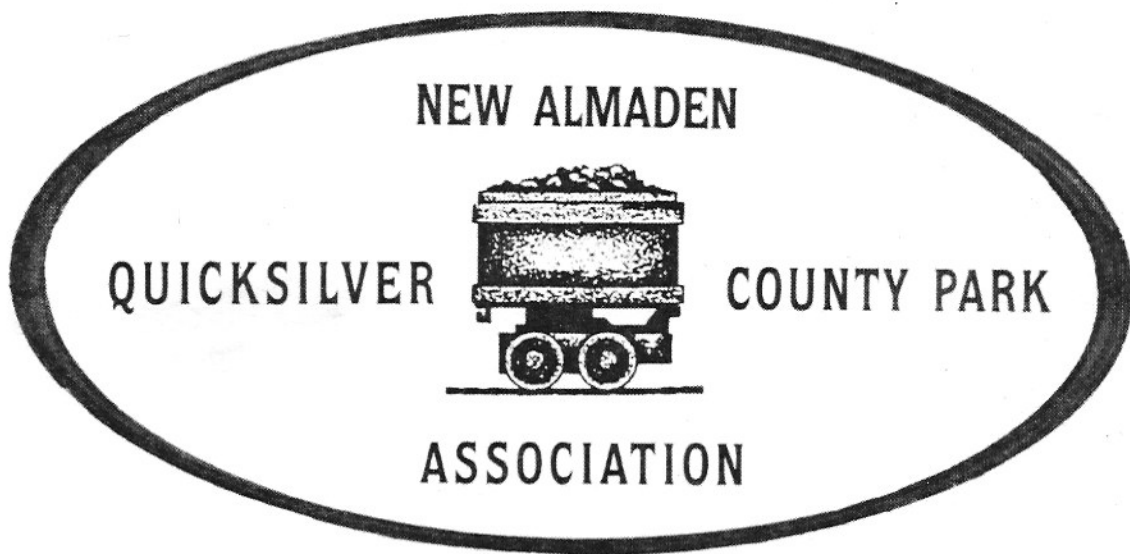


NAQCPA



35TH ANNIVERSARY
PIONEER DAY

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The facts and opinions listed in this booklet were culled from the first 98 issues of the NAQCPA newsletters. Items are identified by issue following the issue with this symbol [Spring 1983].

PURPOSE

The New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association (NAQCPA) held its first board meeting on February 22, 1983 and established goals for itself. Here are the goals:

1. To increase public awareness, understanding, and enjoyment of the historical, recreational, biological and geological resources of Almaden Quicksilver County Park
2. To encourage and facilitate community involvement in
 - A. The development, maintenance, and protection of recreation facilities within the park
 - B. The commemoration, restoration, interpretation and protection of historical resources within the park
 - C. The interpretation, management, and protection of natural resources within the park
 - D. The establishment and operation of interpretive programs and facilities within the park.

[4/1983]

IMPORTANT SPECIAL EVENTS.

NAQCPA Board Events

The initial **Board of Directors** was elected in April 1983. It includes Kitty Monahan, Dick Forst, Nancy Mason, Bob Clement, Scott Denham, Fred Celsi, Mike Cox, Kay Carmody, Steve Lorenz, and Peggy Melbourne. (Kitty and Mike Cox remain on the board. [4/1983]

NAQCPA logo selected and accepted [4/1983]

NAQCPA incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit [8/1984]

NAQCPA has 500 members [Fall 1994]

NAQCPA signed memorandum of understanding with parks [Aug 1997]

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Santa Clara Quicksilver County Parks Items

Larry Norris, New County Parks and Recreation Director was appointed this month [4/1983]
Possible acquisition of Rosetta property [1/1984]
County Parks purchases Connie Perham's museum collections and leases her museum until the county history center is built. [9/1986]
Park is declared as Super Fund Site [12/1986]
A five stage remediation plan is proposed for the park [Issue 13]
Jacques Ridge added to county park [Fall 1994]
Reception for Paul Romero, new parks director. [Jan 1996]
Casa Grande is offered for sale to County Parks [Fall 1996]
Purchase of Casa Grande close to completion [Summer 1997]
As of 12/31/1997, Casa Grande is now owned by parks. [Winter 1997-1998]
Museum at Carson House, open since 1949, closes. [Winter 1997-1998]
Museum at Casa Grande opens at Pioneer Day with 54 docents. [Summer 1998]
Robbie Lamons is Director of the Museum [spring 1999]
John Slenter becomes a staff member of museum [spring 2000]
Paul Romero, Parks Director, retired [Spring 2002]
Lisa Killough becomes Parks Director
Casa Grande Renovation begins in fall 2008 [Winter 2008]
Casa Grande re-opened in fall of 2010.

Field Trips – Trail Items

Monthly public Programs were started with talks about wildlife (Henry Colleto), the mine (Mike Cox), and a showing of a 1960 documentary about New Almaden and the mines. [4/1983]
Kitty Monahan leads first History Field Trip of the Park on October 22, 1983 [9/1983]
Fifty people turned out for first annual Trail Days to improve maintenance of trails. [1/1984]
Picnic area proposed near Day Tunnel [5/1984]
April Trail established [Spring 1989]
Plans made to add trails from Santa Teresa, Calero and Quicksilver Parks, [Dec 1990]
1990 Trail Days to connect April Trail to Santa Isabel and to the Randol trail. [Apr 1990]
Stiles Ranch Trail in planning stage [Apr 1990]
John Atwood provides an excerpt from his record book as last surveyor on the hill [Spring 1991]
Trail Plan update offered by Mike Honda, County Supervisor [April 1992]
First Trails day remembered (1876) to Woods Road [April 1995]
Completed Great Eastern Trail [summer 1995]
150 Volunteers completed the Yellow Kid Trail. [Spring 1999]
NAQCPA is sponsor of Healthy Trails [winter 2008]

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Education

Slide shows developed to show community organizations [5/1984]
Park tours begin in April 1984 [8/1984]
Jerry Graham from Bay Area Back Roads aired a segment on New Almaden featuring Kitty Monahan [9/1987]
List of mine owners from 1824 through 1966 [Aug 1989]
Bob Clement reports on mushrooms in the park [Dec 1990]
Living History Day in May, 1990 [Aug 1990]
Delores Taranga lives in house #329 at Bull Run [Aug 1990]
\$45,000 allocated to Pioneers to preserve the Hacienda Cemetery [Dec 1990]
41 names listed on cemetery records according to Dick Hill [Dec 1990]
Story about Jennie Danielson written by Richard Battin (from Mercury News of 7/11/1974) [April 1991]
Essay by Gage McKinney, *First Cornish Miner at New Almaden*, receives first prize at Santa Clara County Historical Essay Contest. [[Aug 1991]
September 1992 pubic meeting concerning mercury contamination at park [Sep 1992]
Gage McKinney introduces A C Todd to NAQCPA [Aug 1993]

NAQCPA Projects

Begin work on restoring mine office at reduction works. [8/1984]
Grant applied for to secure the rotary furnace on Mine hill. [8/1984]
Museum at Bulmore House opens. (Connie Perham's home.) [Issue 13]
Mine tube mill from Guadalupe Mine is delivered by Jim Zinardi, owner [Issue 13]
NAQCPA participates in Quicksilver Mounted Patrol. [9/1986]
Received grants to publish Jimmy Schneider's book [Apr 1991]
\$41,000 grant received to restore the Mine Manager's House on the hill [6/1985] (It burned to the ground prior to any work.)
Mike Cox announces that the Closing Mine Entrance project finished [12/1985]
Museum center restoration delayed due to mercury vapors in the soil. [9/1986]
Museum catalog project began and the manual written by Micki Ryan [12/1986]
Planning for CCC monument at site of CCC Camp [April 1992]
Powder House damaged by earthquake. Committee meets to restore it [Dec 1993]
Army Corps of engineers pressured to clean up Mt Umunhum [Dec 1993]
Artifact inventory by Nancy Valby is completed [Fall 1996]
Plans to rebuild the Blacksmith Shop [Aug 1998]
The "ore cart" mailbox built by Dennis Moran [Dec 2000]
New Computer and special software designed by Don Armstrong added to save archives [Apr 2000]

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Museum Archiver now has 800 images. [July 2001]
Blacksmith shop restoration completed [fall 2004]
Monument celebrating the civil war crisis at New Almaden [Aug. 2005]
New book, **Images of America: New Almaden**, by Mike Boulland and Art Boudreault sells out at book signing (Current sales total 3,500.) [Apr 2006]
Archives moves out of Casa Grande to the County Archive Center [Spring 2008]
Santa Clara County commends NAQCPA for its efforts to preserve New Almaden history. [May 2008]
New Almaden photos dedicated at Almaden Community Center library [Winter 2008]
Map desk protected from the weather [Dec 2009]
Work begins on “outdoor museum at Hacienda” [Spring 2009]
Signs for outdoor museum approved [Winter 2010]
The Bell Tower completed by Bruce Bartlett and volunteers [2015]
Water Tower at Casa Grande renovation begun [2016]
Rebuild of Chinese Pagoda researched in cooperation with Fred Eberle of San Jose Rotary Club, Adam Min, Bruce Bartlett and more [2016]

Contributing Writers

Frances Fox: (History Awards) [6/1985]
Bob Clement: (Rats in the hills.) [6/1985]
Mike Cox: (Mine Closures) [12/1985]
Dr. Ronald Wong: Sam the Boss [Dec 2007]
April Moen: her mother, Guadalupe Madero [Sep 2007]
Jeanne Howard: About her mother, Sarah Boudreault [Aug 2008]
Russell Pearce: The Bulmores of New Almaden by [Aug. 1998]
Gage McKinney: Rev William Roberts visits New Almaden in 1847 Dec 1989]

Awards

Kitty Monahan, Roberta Jamison, and James Williams, awarded **Local History Award** from Sourisseau Academy [6/1985]
Kitty Monahan, named **Citizen of the Year** by Almaden Times [4/1988]
Kitty Monahan, Randi Kirshbaum, Director of American Express, and Gail Wilson, wife of governor, receive the **Take Pride in California Award** [Dec 1993]
NAQCPA receives **Most Outstanding Group Award** from parks [Spring 1996]
Art Boudreault receives **Volunteer of the Year**. [Spring 2002]
President’s Call to Service Award with letter from President Barack Obama, earned by NAQCPA members **Art Boudreault, Mike Boulland, Kitty Monahan, Ronald Horii**, plus three other Park volunteers. [2014]

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Books by NAQCPA Members or about New Almaden

- Angle of Repose***: Wallace Stegner (1971)
Cinnabar Hills: Milton Lanyon and Laurence Bulmore (1967) [Sep 1996]
Cornish Miner in America, A. C. Todd [Aug 1993]
Crisis at Quicksilver Hill, Norman Pope [Summer 1990]
Crosses in a Gold Field, Gage McKinney [Apr 2005]
Down in the Cinnabar Mines, J. Ross Browne, Harper's New Monthly Magazine, (October 1865)
Four Mining Engineers [Sep 1996]
From Cinnabar to Quicksilver Jim Campbell, [spring 2009]
Geology and Quicksilver Deposits of the New Almaden District, Santa Clara County, CA: Edgar Bailey (1964)
Guide to Wildflowers of Almaden Quicksilver County Park, edited by Art Boudreault [summer 2003]
High and Holy Place, Gage McKinney, [Sep 1997]
Images of America: New Almaden, Michael Boulland and Art Boudreault [April 2006]
Legend of Santa Teresa [Sep 1996]
Life in the Mines of New Almaden: Reprints of Harper's magazine articles from the 1800s.
Mary Hallock Foote, Author – Illustrator of the American West, By Darliss Miller [Dec 2009]
Quicksilver, Jimmy Schneider [Spring 1991]
Quicksilver Reflections, By Kenneth Holmes (2002)
Residents and Owners of Casa Grande in New Almaden, (2010) by Art Boudreault
Samuel Fowler Butterworth, (2014) by Art Boudreault
South Bay trails: Frances Spangle and Jean Rusmore (1985)
When Miners Sing: The Grass Valley Carol Choir: Gage Mckinney [Sep 2001]
A Victorian Gentlewoman in the Far West: The Reminiscences of Mary Hallock Foote: Edited by Rodman Paul (1972)

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Poems

A Tale by A Guilty Ol' Miner [Feb 1989]

The Red Cave and Gold by Richard Wachs [Dec 1990]

Fun Stuff

New Almaden Cinnabars won their baseball game against the Mercury News sports staff at Living History Day, [6/1985]

Connie Perham corrects an earlier article about her age. She is 82, not 89.
[Apr 1990]

Story about wild pigs in Quicksilver County Park by Martha Schuss [Aug 1991]

Visit by **Fred Hauck Jr** and his sister Irene. [Summer 1995]

15th Pioneer Day honors the 100th anniversary of Diamond Jubilee of British Queen Victoria's coronation. Gage Mckinney interviewed on BBC because this was the only celebration in the U.S. [Aug. 1997]

Discovered that Delores Taranga is a man [Spring 2002]

Dr. Ronald Wong describes his descendants from "Sam The Boss".

Quick Facts

Half of park is within the boundaries of the New Almaden National Historic Landmark District

First mercury mine in North America, began in 1845

100 species of wild flowers identified in park

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Obituaries

- Dr. Edgar Bailey** (1915 – 1983) co-authored *Geology and Quicksilver Deposits of the New Almaden District, Santa Clara County, CA* [9/1983]
- Geraldine Camilleri – Behme** (1919 – 1988). With husband, ran the mines in the 1940's and 50's.
- Viril O. Norton**, (1915 – 1995) Won Great American Horse Race of 1976, [April 1995]
- Friedolin Kessler** (1913 – 1995) one of the WPA's most exceptional artists, worked as a CCC volunteer, authored the linoleum cuts of New Almaden [summer 1995]
- Hank Calloway**, artist and NAQCPA member [summer 1995],
- Ray Stark** (1910 – 1999) often said, "Everything is going to turn out all right". [Aug 1999]
- R Bert Barrett** (1884 – 1959) [his arm is buried at New Almaden [Dec 1999]
- Constance B Perham** (1909 – 2001) Founder in 1949 of New Almaden museum [Jan 2001]
- Kay Carmody** (1917 – 2001) Avid horsewoman, returned from safari to Victoria Falls in Zambia three weeks before she died [Jul 2001]
- Dr. Arthur Cecil Todd**, (1909 – 2003) Cornish scholar with an acute interest in New Almaden [winter 2003]
- Gina Farnquist** (1939 – 2002) charter member of the Board of Directors of the Christmas in the Park Parade. [Winter 2004]
- Dick Barrett** (1911 – 2005) Mercury News local history writer [Dec 2005]
- Albert DeRome** (1885 – 1959) Painting of Guadalupe Mine [Dec 2005]
- Dr. John Rowe** (1915 – 2003) Author of many books about the Cornish in America [Dec 2007]
- Patrick Tilman** (1976 – 2004) New Almaden native, Football Player, died fighting for USA in Afghanistan [Spring 2007]
- Dorothy Minkel**, (1921 – 2007) New Almaden Postmaster [Apr 2007]
- James Madison Arbuckle** (1935 – 2007) San Jose historian [Sep 2007]
- Leroy Epperson**, Restored a cabinet that was in the Mine Office [Summer 1998]
- David Miller**, built the blacksmith office at Casa Grande [Summer 1998]
- Sarah Boudreault** (1933 – 2008) provided food for parties, supported Pioneer Days [Summer 1998]
- Lisa Killough** (1955 – 2016) Parks director
- Dutch Mapes** (1915 – 2009) bricklayer, he completed the Tillman monument at age 92. Great Horseman, often taking long trips in back country with wife Nancy. [Dec 2010]

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Pioneer Days

- 1st annual Pioneer Day held at **Casa Grande** on October 1st, 1983 [9/1983]
2nd annual Pioneer Day held at **Casa Grande** on October 13st, 1984 [8/1984]
3rd annual Pioneer Day held at **San Cristobal** on October 12, 1985 [6/1985]
4th annual Pioneer Day held at **Connie Perham's museum** on Oct 11, 1986
5th annual Pioneer Day held at **Connie Perham's museum** on Oct 10, 1987
[1/1988]
6th annual Pioneer Day held at **Englishtown School** on October 8, 1988
[10/1988]
7th annual Pioneer Day held at **Bull Run** on October 14, 1989 [Aug 1989]
8th annual Pioneer Day held at **Powder House**, October 13, 1990 [Dec 1990]
9th annual Pioneer Day held at **America Shaft**, October 12, 1991 [Oct 1991]
10th annual Pioneer Day held at **CCC Monument**, Oct 10, 1992 [Fall 1992]
11th annual Pioneer Day held at **English Town**, October 9, 1993 [Dec 1993]
12th annual Pioneer Day held at **Powder House** on October 18, 1994
13th annual Pioneer Day held at **Mexican Camp**, October 14, 1995 [summer
1995]
14th annual Pioneer Day held at **Casa Grande**, October 12, 1996 [Aug. 1996]
15^h annual Pioneer Day held at **Victoria Shaft**, October 11, 1997 [Aug. 1997]
16^h annual Pioneer Day held at **Casa Grande**, October 17, 1998 [Aug. 1998]
17^h annual Pioneer Day held at **Methodist Church Site**, October 9, 1999
18^h annual Pioneer Day held at **English Town**, October 14, 2000 [Dec 2000]
19^h annual Pioneer Day held at **Day Tunnel**, October 13, 2001
20^h annual Pioneer Day held at **Buena Vista Shaft**, Oct 12, 2002 [Winter
2003]
21st annual Pioneer Day held at **Senador Mine**, October 11, 2003 [summer
2003]
22nd annual Pioneer Day held at **Blacksmith Shop**, Oct 9, 2004 [Fall 2004]
24th annual Pioneer Day held at **Hacienda**, October 8, 2005 [Aug. 2005]
25th annual Pioneer Day held at **Spanish Town**, October 14, 2006 [Aug. 2006]
26th annual Pioneer Day held at **Santa Isabel Shafthouse**, October 13, 2007
[Spring 2007]
26th annual Pioneer Day held at **Wood Road, Jacque Ridge**, October 11, 2008
[summer 2008]
27th annual Pioneer Day held at **English Camp Map House**, October 10,
2009 [summer 2009]
28th annual Pioneer Day held at **Casa Grande**, October 9, 2010 [spring 2010]
29th annual Pioneer Day held at **Outdoor Museum** October 8, 2011
30st annual Pioneer Day held at **Incline Railroad**, October 13, 2012
31st annual Pioneer Day held at **Outdoor Museum** -October 12, 2013
32nd annual Pioneer Day held at **Rotary Furnace** October 11, 2014
33rd annual Pioneer Day held at **Bell Tower, Hacienda**, October 10, 2015
34th annual Pioneer Day held at **Walkway at Casa Grande**, October 8, 2016
35th annual Pioneer Day held at **Outdoor Museum, Hacienda**, October 14,
2017

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Connie Perham