Susanne Salvestrin Lecture Series #1

The Stone Bridges of St. Helena

We’re excited to be kicking off a new year and the Susanne Salvestrin Lecture Series with a presentation on the Stone Bridges of St. Helena. Most of St. Helena's stone bridges built after the mid-1890s were replacements for old wooden spans. The stone bridges were notable for their low cost to build and maintain.

Immigrants brought their skills to their new home
Not surprisingly, it was an immigrant and famous stone builder, Scotsman Robert H. Pithie, who introduced the stone bridges to the Napa Valley. Pithie collaborated with another group of skilled immigrants, Italian stone masons, to build the Pope Street Bridge.

Mariam Hansen, Research Director of St. Helena Historical Society, will be the presenter for this lecture.

This lecture will be presented via Zoom; details to follow.
Susanne Salvestrin Memorial Lecture Series. Watch videos on the Mexican Land Grants, the Bale grist mill, the Chinese and the Italian-Swiss immigrants in Napa County.

**Our first lecture on Stone Bridges is January 19**

This lecture will be posted to the new YouTube channel shortly afterward, so if you can't make it to the Zoom session, you can view it on YouTube. Key in "St. Helena Historical Society Lecture Series". To subscribe, you'll need to create an account, sign in and click on the "Subscribe" button.

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**The Heritage Center is Now Open!**
St. Helena's native inhabitants were way ahead of us. They used mortars and pestles to grind acorns

Join us at the Heritage Center!
We're open every Saturday from noon-4:00pm.
1255 Oak Avenue, St. Helena, CA 94574

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