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**Susanne Salvestrin Memorial Lecture Series 2023**



**MARCH 16 @ 7pm**

**Contributions of Minority Women to the  
Development of Napa Valley**

**Featuring local historian Rebecca Yaeger**

At the Heritage Center Museum | 1255 Oak Ave.

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**The McCormick Ranch Carriage Takes on a New Role**



The St. Helena Historical Society once again partners with Patti Coyle and her High School drama students. Watch for our carriage as it becomes a surrey during the Drama Department's spring production of "Oklahoma".

The carriage has been in the Heritage Center's Community Room, but it came from the McCormick Ranch, which was founded around 1870 at the top of Spring Mountain. Descendants Edna McCormick Learned and daughter Sandra donated the buggy to the Historical Society.

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## What's New From the Collections Team



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the former Leaning Ranch, located at the end of Langley Road in St. Helena. This site had a rare year-round spring where the local tribes had an encampment on their way to and from Sonoma County and the Pacific Ocean.

From the many broken arrowheads and obsidian chips found at the campsite, it appears that the tribes made arrowheads on their stopovers.

**This very large spearhead was found in 1973 along Highway 29**



The spearhead was found just 400 feet north of Ehlers Lane by Mrs. Trione on her property. This site has a year-round trickle of a creek coming down off Spring Mountain behind the Trione Home.

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**St. Helena Chinese Memorial Committee  
Formed to Commemorate the Chinese**



A project is underway to mark the Chinese Burial Ground at the St. Helena Public Cemetery. Research Director Mariam Hansen is leading this effort to create a memorial to commemorate the contributions of the Chinese.

### **47 people and counting . . .**

"Right now there are about 47 names to be added to a memorial. Napa Marble says it will take five months from order date to receive the stone. We're aiming high and will scale back if necessary," said Hansen. Mayor Dohring is part of this committee and he urged application for a City grant that's due on Feb. 24.

### **The Historical Society is supporting the Committee on this project**

John Sales, Bonnie Thoreen, Mariam Hansen, Mayor Dohring, John McCormick, Catherine Dann, Joyce Chan and others are on the Chinese Memorial Committee.

For those who joined us for the excellent January program on the Chinese in the Napa Valley, featuring John McCormick, you are aware that the Chinese played an important role in the development of the Napa Valley--and there's very little recognition of their effort.

### **The Chinese were a major labor force in the Valley**

laundries. At one time, there were more than 2,000 Chinese living in small Chinatowns throughout Napa Valley. Despite their hard work and contributions, the Chinese experienced hardships and discrimination. Anti-Chinese Leagues sprang up to harass and intimidate them.

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