



Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum E-News

Double Identity

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Miss Viola Lugo's class, 4/29/1914, Santa Maria; or 4th grade, Lucas Hall, 1910, Mrs. Phoebe Erkins. Our records produced two photos exactly the same with two different identifications. As it was at least 100 years ago, we don't expect anyone in the class to remember, but if you can help us track down any info that would help us determine which is correct we would appreciate it! There is a child in a wheelchair on the end.



See you next year!

Bare fact: Over 500 attended the event

Update on our preservation efforts

The team here at the museum is approaching the 6,000 mark in the obituary database. We have also entered over 4,000 photographs, into Past Perfect, our archival database. This represents 100% of our standard-sized photos. We are beginning to scan the over-sized and scrapbook pictures in our possession. This process is very detailed and requires innumerable hours by many dedicated volunteers. Currently we have 15 volunteers working more than 125 hour per week!

Annual Dinner for the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society is January 25, 2015. Make plans to join us; details in the quarterly newsletter!

Veterans Exhibit

Come by and check out our Veterans' display. We love donations! Old uniforms, hats, medals, anything military. If you know Bill Wurth, come see his navy uniform! We also have Scoop Nunes' uniform from Korea! The new standard for military clothing may be perform, protect, and conceal, but these old uniforms look like WOOL. They weigh plenty and the size is SMALL!



New Local Book

A new local book has been published. In my opinion it is a very lovely story that offers a window into the history of a generation of Japanese Americans growing up in the tumult of WWII. The magic of the book is the acceptance and forgiveness readily apparent that this generation holds towards the United States. Like the palm in a hurricane, Bend with the Wind, portrays a life walk worth reading about. The author, Naomi Shibata, did part of her research here at the museum.