

COLLECTIONS AND CURATOR



Jan Habiger preserves and indexes an antique traveling dress.

Volunteers meet each Wednesday at the Museum to collect, document, store, and learn about the Museum's collections. One wonderful new donation is a set of scrapbooks created by Nina McPherson Williams which include obituaries of several Podvas, McPhersons and the Rev. R. S. Symington; poems; and two wonderful line drawings which feature teacher A. J. Young who taught at Tassajara School from 1879-1883. **Betty Casey** is currently indexing these books. Want to join us? We need more volunteers who like to be precise and want to research our history.

Beverly Lane, Curator



New additions to the Museum's collections are entered into the database by Arni Habiger

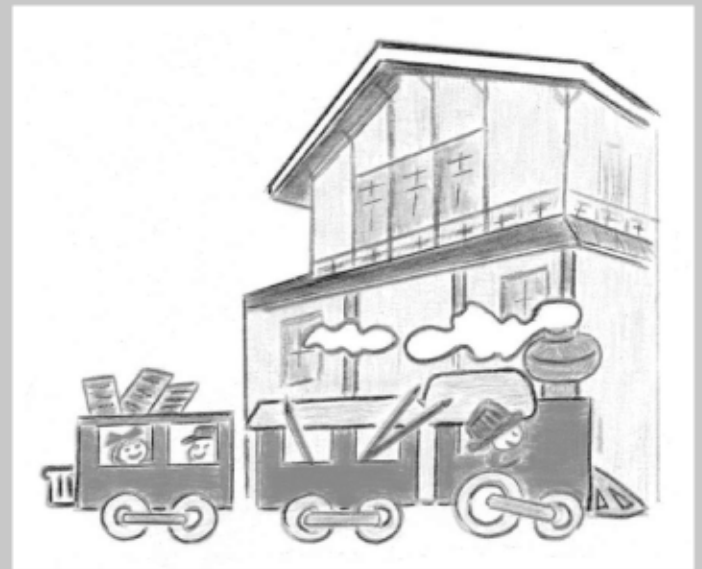
Local History Curriculum Project

Third graders and their teachers continue to benefit from Museum assistance as they teach local history. There are now 98 third grades in the School District, with several others in private schools.

This year a video on the history of the Valley is being completed by **John Balquist**, under a grant from the Leshner Foundation. The Arcadia photograph books, *San Ramon Valley*, *Alamo*, *Danville*, *San Ramon* are being presented to each classroom. The book placement is underwritten by the Kiwanis of San Ramon Valley.

In October **Gail Kamerer** and **Kathie Petrie** presented a workshop for the lead third-grade teachers from each school. It helped teachers understand how to use the curriculum effectively.

And, of course, Passports to the San Ramon Valley, which each child receives, will be distributed again. These Passports provide third grade research opportunities as the student and parent tour the cemetery, Museum, parks, Tassajara School and Forest Home Farms. All of us have seen these small researchers at the Museum as they learn about prehistoric animals, the Southern Pacific train and rancho life.



DANVILLE'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

Danville incorporated in 1982, and this year marks a special anniversary. **Seng Lovan**, Danville Librarian, allowed the Museum to mount a small exhibit on this anniversary during July and August. Five drawings of the first council were displayed and many artifacts from that time. Thank you to volunteers **Susanna Schlendorf**, **Jim Lane**, **Ross Smith**, **Keith Ohlsen**, **Beverly Lane**, **Ralph Cozine**, **Sandy Varco** and **Jan Habiger**.

