

A number of photographs have been collected in the past few months. Here is a special one which shows Phoebe Halverson on the porch of her house on Hartz Avenue. Notice the window sign which say *Phyllis Beauty Salon*. Mrs. Halverson was a beautician and a force to be reckoned with. She helped start the Danville Library with Mrs. Close and Mrs. Ainslee, was active in the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Eastern Star. Thank you to Lee Halverson for sharing some of his family photographs and stories.

Beverly Lane
Curator

Right: Phoebe Halverson on her
Hartz Ave. front porch.



UPCOMING LIVING TREASURES PROGRAM FEATURES BEVERLY LANE

On Friday, July 18, the second of four *Living Treasures* programs for 2008 will take place in the Valley Oak Room of the Danville Community Center from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

This series of programs honors residents in Contra Costa County who have contributed to the betterment of the community. The residents can be recognized for their accomplishments in any area, including: art, literature, music, sports, government, education, or charity. The programs are free to all residents in the Valley.

The July Program will honor *Citizen of the Year* and former Danville Mayor **Beverly Lane**, who is a legend in her own right as she continues to serve the community as curator of the Museum and a Director of East Bay Regional Parks. Her program will cover the period of time of **Beverly** and **Laura Grinstead's** soon to be released book *Vintage Danville*, in recognition of Danville's 150 years of history. Several citizens will play the role of famous settlers while Beverly narrates the program with highlights of historic times.

Reservations are requested for seating and refreshments (925-837-3750). These programs are presented by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and the Leshar Foundation.

Betty Joyce
Program Chair

**The
Branch Line**



LIVING TREASURES PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED

On March 26, 2008 **Don** and **Joan Kurtz** were honored as *Living Treasures*. The program, held in the Diablo Room at the Danville Library, was sponsored by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, the Leshar Foundation and the Danville Library.

The Kurtzes presented their program of the *Tassajara One Room School* to the audience, where 10 guests participated as students. Don and Joan have been in charge of this program for 13 years, serving almost 20,000 third grade students in the area. This first *Living Treasures* program of the year was well received by the 77 residents that attended.

Betty Joyce
Program Chair

Above: Schoolmarm Joan
Kurtz, along with her
husband Don, were honored
as *Living Treasures* in March.

