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APRICOT ORCHARDS BY THE NUMBERS

For about a century, beginning in 1880, the Santa Clara Valley was the largest commercial fruit orchard in the world.

INDIVIDUAL FARMS:
25,000

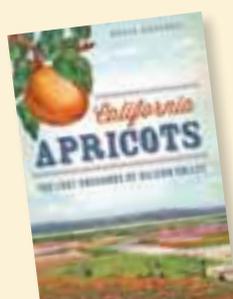
ACRES OF ORCHARDS:
200,000

APRICOT TREES:
7 million

ANNUAL APRICOT HARVEST:
160,000 tons

CANNERIES IN THE VALLEY IN 1930s:
30

SEASONAL JOBS CREATED BY CANNERIES:
20,000



The Apricots of Los Altos Hills

Summer is coming to an end and the rolling hills around us are the dusty color of adobe. Aging apricot trees planted long ago will soon begin to shed their leaves. At local markets, you'll find reminders of the warm days past in the orange, scented, sweet, dried, California apricots: true local treasures. In Los Altos Hills, the remnants of the apricot orchards that once filled our acres are another reminder of the waning summer and of our history. The exotic apricot trees harken back to the time of the Franciscan missionaries, who brought the first apricot seedlings with them as they walked the dusty paths from Mexico into the Santa Clara Valley. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]



“The ’cots from the hills were always as sweet as candy.”

PETER PAVLINA, APRICOT GROWER

Those first small orchards of the padres were transformed by the Gold Rush, when farm boys who didn't make a fortune in the diggings found another way to mine success. The orchards planted in that era turned the Santa Clara Valley into the largest fruit-producing region in the world for the century that followed.

The soil in the valley south of San Francisco Bay had some of the richest topsoil these new Californians had ever seen. Add to that plentiful artesian wells, magnificent weather, and easy access to the Port of San Francisco, and it's no wonder the orchard business took off. Prunes and apricots dominated the landscape, though all stone fruits prospered here.

At the turn of the twentieth century, the University of California's Edward Wickson analyzed this Asian fruit's surprise success in its adopted home. There were seven million apricot trees then in the Santa Clara Valley, where the apricot found a perfect place to thrive. "It is close to the ocean but moderated from it by San Francisco Bay on one side and the Coast Range on the other," wrote Wickson in *The California Fruits and How to Grow Them* (1926). "The air has a clearness and brilliance from its aridity which makes each day of the long growing season more than a day in other climates ... and we have not only size, but quality, color, aroma — everything which makes the perfect fruit precious and beautiful beyond words."

The foothills above the valley — places like Los Altos Hills — provided a micro-climate within this environment that was even better. When the warm air of the

valley rises into the foothills at night, it is trapped by the cool air from the Pacific Ocean, as that air moves down from the Coast Range. At elevations between 300 and 800 feet above sea level, growers say, there is a warm belt that produces magnificent apricots.

Charles Olson, a third generation local grower, says he could always spot apricots from the orchards of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. "They are the richest orange color and the sweetest to the taste," he

soldiers traveled through the ports of the West. Having discovered California in their travels, many veterans returned. In the years that followed, the population of Santa Clara County doubled every decade. With great universities nearby — David Packard himself was a graduate of Stanford — entrepreneurs flocked to the region with its perfect climate and charming towns. The changes that followed may have been inevitable.



Apricot trees, at the Packard orchard near Elena Road, are surrounded by drying trays on a hot summer day. Below: Grower Nick Vojvoda (far left) supervises his workers on his 30 acre orchard in Los Altos (1950).

says. Peter Pavlina, a second generation grower who lives with his wife Carole in Los Altos Hills, agrees: "The 'cots from the hills were always as sweet as candy."

One part-time grower who spanned two eras — the Santa Clara Valley's peak as an agricultural giant and its later predominance as Silicon Valley — was David Packard, who founded Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto in 1939. After

the company became successful, Packard and his family moved to a home in Los Altos Hills surrounded by more than sixty acres of apricot trees.

Charles Olson met the technology giant one day when Packard drove down to Sunnyvale to look at Olson's trees.

Olson says Packard loved nothing more than to get on his tractor after a hard day at the office and work among his apricot trees.

During World War II, millions of American

But locals are lucky. The work of preservation has not been forgotten. Los Altos has the 10-acre Gilbert Smith Heritage Apricot Orchard surrounding its city hall and library — a library it shares with Los Altos Hills. Saratoga established its Central Park Orchard in 1984 where it cultivates 13 acres of apricots and prunes. Sunnyvale created Orchard Heritage Park, preserving an apricot orchard that Charles Olson had been operating since 1977.

Thanks to David Packard, Los Altos Hills also benefits from preservation. His 67-acre apricot orchard is privately maintained today — by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation — but the open space those trees provide and the history they represent are as public as can be. All who drive up into Los Altos Hills can glimpse the trees on Elena Road in all seasons. From the pink-and-white blossoms of spring, to the scent of apricots on the summer breeze, to the falling leaves of autumn, this historic orchard provides a unique vista, and a reminder of our past, for all to enjoy.



Guest writer: Robin Chapman, author of *California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley*. To learn more, visit www.historypress.net.

Smart Controllers Save Water



Landscapes are often overwatered by a margin of 200%. Smart controllers, also known as ET controllers and weather-based controllers, respond to daily changes in the weather by adjusting either the runtime of the individual irrigation zones, or the watering days, or both. To advance water conservation, some states already require smart controllers for new landscape installations. There are also many rebate programs offered by cities and water purveyors for retrofitting this technology into existing systems. Note that inefficient, problem-riddled irrigation components will not magically improve their performance if a smart controller is installed. Rather, a smart controller will very quickly reveal the weaknesses of an inefficient or faulty system.

There are two sources of weather data that inform smart controllers. One source is professional grade that uses off-site weather stations. Note that these often charge homeowners a small monthly fee for the acquisition and delivery of the data. The other source is on-site weather sensors, monitors, and soil-moisture sensors. This strategy involves buying the equipment up front, with no ongoing data service fees.

There are more than 30 models of weather-based smart controllers and eight soil-sensor-based controllers on an approved list from Smart Water Application Technologies. It can be daunting to decide which controller would be the most appropriate in any given situation. The best way to determine which controller to choose is to consult with someone in your area who has hands-on experience with a number of different controllers. Contacting a local water purveyor, professional irrigation supply store, or landscape contractor trade organization are a few possibilities.

There is, of course, a learning curve to understand installation, usage, and monitoring of irrigation systems that use smart technology. Many manufacturers offer extensive tutorial videos and literature on their websites. The manufacturer's sales and technical support teams are also extremely helpful in ensuring that the controllers are installed and monitored properly.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE A HIT

Early morning rain faded away to usher in a glorious summer day as adults, children, and pets — dressed in patriotic colors along with their decorated wagons, bicycles, and scooters — gathered at Town Hall to participate in the town's Fifth Annual Los Altos Hills Fourth of July Parade. Fremont Road was closed to traffic to allow the parade, led by two Station 14 fire trucks and a vintage Santa Clara County sheriff's car, to proceed from Town Hall to Gardner Bullis School. Parade participants were treated to coffee, Italian sodas, and delicious organic watermelon slices from long-time donor Milk Pail Market. Beaming smiles amid a sea of red, white, and blue was a true indicator of another successful community holiday event.





LOS ALTOS HILLS HOEDOWN

The Los Altos Hills Hoedown will be held on Saturday, September 7, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Westwind Community Barn, located on 27210 Altamont Road. The event and activities are free; food and beverages will be available for purchase. This year's hoedown will feature live bluegrass music by Sidesaddle & Co., old-fashioned arts and crafts, a farmers market, a BBQ, and free entertainment for the entire family. The Community Farmers Market provides an opportunity for residents to set up a table to sell their garden-grown fruits and vegetables. Hand-pressed apple cider will be available with apples from DeMartini and press from Hidden Villa. The event will also highlight textile demonstrations, quilting, knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving by Custom Handweavers, soap making, leather tooling by Silicon Valley Leathercraft Guild, puppet making, and family-oriented games and prizes. Come view the Equestrian exhibitions in the upper arena, featuring the 4-H mini horses and riding demonstrations from the Pacific Ridge Pony Club. The 4-H, Youth Commission and Pony Club will host a bake sale. Several local wines will be poured. If you would like to participate in our Farmers Market, host a craft table, game, help teach knitting, crocheting or embroidery, pour wine or donate to the event, please contact Sarah Gualtieri 650-947-2518 or sgualtieri@losaltoshills.ca.gov.



BOB JOHNSON

Bob Johnson is the quintessential Renaissance man — well versed in history, science, art, philosophy, and politics. Johnson is currently the president of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Commission. As an effective and much-respected former councilmember, his guidance and wisdom is frequently sought after by those contemplating public office. He generously offers his counsel in an impeccable British accent with a warm, reassuring smile — and a gleam in his eye that belies a youthful disposition and outlook.

You were born in Ireland but educated in England. Tell us about your early education.

I was born in Ireland to an Irish mother and an English father. My early education was in Ireland, and secondary in England at a boys-only school of a Catholic monastery, where my chosen science subjects were augmented with lots of Latin and the classics.

You studied mathematics and physics at London University but were drafted into the British Army. Tell us about that.

Having dual Irish and British citizenship, I was drafted into the British Army in 1943, and a year later found myself, as a young Signal Corps lieutenant, leading 83 soldiers of Britain's Indian Army down into the jungles of Southeast Asia.

Your mother once gave you some wonderful advice before you left for the war. Can you share that with us?

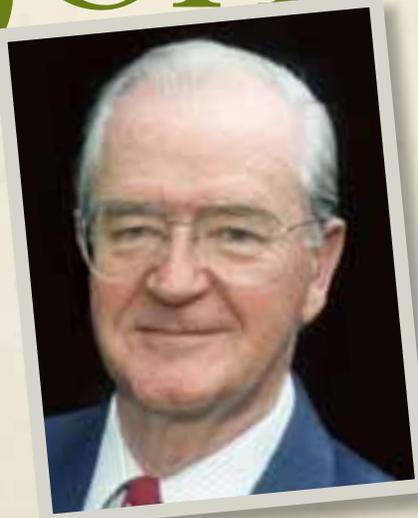
Seeing me off to boot camp at the train station, my mother gave me two pieces of advice that have guided me ever since. Rule number one: married women are strictly off limits; and rule number two: bear in mind that all women, even the plainest, are beautiful, if you take the trouble to search out that beauty.

After you finished your university studies, what lured you to America?

American ingenuity was just realizing the promising future of its great invention, the transistor, but the country was rudely awakened by the appearance of the Soviet Sputnik satellite, and recruiters from U.S. companies were combing Europe for technically qualified people to come and help America catch up. The recruiters offered an irresistible opportunity to join the space race, so I came.

What were some of the companies and projects you worked for?

I worked initially for Transitron, in Wakefield, Massachusetts, but soon was



lured to California to work for Hewlett-Packard. HP eventually worked together with Monsanto on light-emitting materials, and I later joined Monsanto. The HP-Monsanto teams eventually developed all those traffic lights and auto brake lights you see everywhere today.

Did you have any mentors that dramatically impacted your life or career?

My most memorable mentor was Sandy Sloan, a former city attorney to Los Altos Hills. She taught me everything I know about municipal law and, better still, how to cross-pollinate her precise legal advice with a modicum of common sense.

When did you meet your wife?

I met my late wife in Austria in 1946 when I was in charge of local telephone operations in the city of Graz. Three years later I returned to Graz and married her. We have a son and daughter. Sadly she passed away in 2002, after 53 wonderful years of marriage.

You lived for some time in Palo Alto. What attracted you to Los Altos Hills?

Our occasional visits to Los Altos Hills just to admire the scenery or visit friends already here, made us long for that quiet bucolic serenity not available in Palo Alto.

Tell us about your involvement in town government?

After early retirement I volunteered for the Los Altos Hills public safety committee. Six years later, when the town council was trying to replace our policing contract with the county Sheriff in favor of the Los Altos police force, six charming but determined ladies from the Murietta Lane area persuaded me to run for town council. To my amazement, I prevailed in a field of eight candidates.

What were some of the key issues during your terms?

The main issue of the 1988 election was an initiative which would have broken our one-acre minimum. I seemed to be the only candidate steamed up about this issue, opposition to which helped me get elected. In 1999, during my third term as mayor, a really significant issue was resolved by passing an ordinance establishing the fast-track system for simplifying the building of new homes.

What did you enjoy most about being a city councilmember?

Persuading warring neighbors to make peace, usually by making them realize how much they really had in common.

How has the town changed since you first moved here in the mid 1960s?

The law of supply and demand has rendered our limited rural acreage enormously expensive, so the 3,000 square-foot redwood ranch home with the roses around the door is no longer the norm.

Sadly, you lost the love of your life, but you found love again. How did you meet your current wife?

Rita and I, both widowed, had been parishioners of St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos for decades, but never met. During Lent in 2004, we both attended morning Mass for the 40 days of Lent. By chance we sat every day in the same pew, and were introduced during an after-Mass coffee social on St. Patrick's Day. Something magical happened, and we married soon after. We recently celebrated our ninth anniversary.

You are very passionate about your hobby. Tell us about it.

Photography was a consuming passion all my adult life. The old photographic film processes were difficult enough even before the artistic aspects entered in, and I loved the challenge. With the arrival of Photoshop and digital cameras, much of the challenge has gone.

You are also an avid reader. What are some of your favorite books?

I am Mr. Omniverous when it comes to books. Just say everything from Virgil's *Aeneid* (in Latin) to Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch of the LAPD. My iPad and Amazon.com conspire to feed my addiction!

What advice do you have for young people?

Decide to study a subject you love, and then go for it!

Wildflowers

California hillsides were an explosion of color during the short spring wildflower bloom before European annual grasses were introduced to California by explorers. It remains unclear whether “golden California” refers to the color of dry grasses or the blankets of yellow wildflowers that once graced the hills. Although the wildflowers no longer dominate, they are still out there for everyone to enjoy, and they can be cultivated easily in yards and roadsides, too.



What is a Wildflower?

While some wildflowers are garden escapes, the general consensus is that wildflowers are native to California, essentially meaning they were here before other plant species were introduced by humans. Native wildflowers evolved along with native wildlife and are a vital element in every vegetation community. Although appreciated for their colors, they also provide nectar for insects and hummingbirds, and produce seed or fruit that feed birds and other wildlife.

Wildflowers in Los Altos Hills

Los Altos Hills contains several habitat types that support wildflowers in the spring. Grassland species include the iconic California poppy, as well as sky lupine, Douglas

iris, clarkia, and tidy tips. Species in the woodlands are sometimes less colorful, but still beautiful, such as the California buckeye or trillium. The chaparral contains monkey flower, California bee plant, California lilac, chaparral currant, and California fuschia, among others. Streamside wildflowers include the sweet-smelling mock orange, the pink-flowered salmon berry, California rose, and California blackberry. The urban garden is capable of supporting all of these.

Benefits and Strategies

Wildflowers are beautiful, and never fail to delight. But they have a bigger benefit, which is to support a lot of different insect and animal pollinators that also pollinate our crops. Flowering plants have co-evolved

with their pollinator partners over millions of years. The diversity of color, form, and scent in flowers is a result of the relationship between flowers and pollinators. Plants have evolved many intricate ways to attract pollinators, including visual cues, scent, food, mimicry, and entrapment.

Pollinators in turn have evolved specialized structures and behaviors that assist in plant pollination. Iris flowers have nectar guides that readily direct a bumblebee to the pollination structures, so the hairs on its legs catch the pollen as it crawls into the flower. Several flowers are tube shaped with the stamens sticking out so a hummingbird can sample the nectar and incidentally collect pollen at the same time.

Blue flowers attract bees which see them in the ultraviolet range. In many bee-pollinated flowers there is a region of ultraviolet reflectance near the center of each petal that helps the bee find the flower's center. This ultraviolet light is not visible to the human eye. Bats and moths that are active at night find it easier to find white or pale flowers. Nocturnal flowers are often white and fragrant to attract these pollinators. Beetle-pollinated flowers tend to have large open flowers that are easier for the clumsy fliers to land on.

Wildflower Awareness

California lilac and western redbud provide beautiful displays of blues and bright pinks in March in the Interstate 280 median between Foothill Expressway and Magdalena Road, as well as in hillsides and some yards. Monkeyflower graces the chaparral with an orange flower in April and May, and is easily found on a hike at the Rancho San Antonio Preserve, Hidden Villa, or Byrne Preserve. Stands of California buckeye trees bloom white in winter; a significant stand is on Interstate 280 near the southbound exit to Page Mill Road. The most spectacular wildflower displays occur in grasslands in open space areas outside of town, but it is possible to bring those displays to Los Altos Hills.

FUN FACTS

About 80% of all plant pollination is by insects or animals; the remaining 20% is mostly by wind, but sometimes plants are pollinated by water.

Some plants stagger the timing of pollen release to improve the chances of being pollinated.

The pollen from plants that are animal pollinated is sticky and barbed so it will stick to the animal.

Plants flower at different times of the year to decrease competition for pollinators and to provide pollinators with a constant supply of food.

wildflowers in town could flourish if the roadside weeds are mowed after the wildflowers have gone to seed. But wildflowers are not limited to meadows. They also occur on shrubs, and native shrubs can be considered for their dual landscape values of screening and wildflower display. The added benefits of encouraging wildflowers include drawing more birds and butterflies to the yard.

Encouraging Wildflowers

Some homeowners are replacing lawns with wildflower meadows that consume less water, and provide a memorable spring display. The key to encouraging wildflowers is to put away the mower and to let them go to seed, then to leave the cuttings in place. Roadside



Mule Ears



Shooting Star



California Poppy



Owl's Clover



Iris



Elegant Clarkia



Indian Paintbrush

FARM FRESH

Along the winding western end of Moody Road, the fields of Hidden Villa Farm spread out like a beautiful seasonal tapestry against the green hills. More than just an idyllic view, Hidden Villa is a thriving, working organic farm, supplying over 50,000 servings of fresh organic produce to the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, in addition to filling 125 weekly basket subscriptions, and selling bunch after bunch of fresh-picked produce and flowers every Thursday at the Los Altos Farmers Market. This sustainably-grown bounty comes from the hands of expert young farmers, innovators in growing the sweetest veggies, fruit, and flowers — all in a way that protects and nurtures the delicate soil and water balance unique to this part of California.

For community members who wish to make their own backyards produce more food and flowers, organically and water-wise, Hidden Villa is hosting a series of workshops intended just for the local gardening community — learn what varieties grow best in local zip codes, directly from master farmers. Hidden Villa's Home Farm Series, taking place this fall and into the spring, will give gardeners the tools and hands-on confidence needed to grow and eat from their own home garden.

Upcoming fall 2013 workshops include an olive harvest and curing workshop on November 10, and a class on making wreaths with local blossoms on November 16. Continuing on into the winter and spring, there are workshops planned on soil preparation and sheet mulching strategies; seed starting; water-conserving flower gardening; fruit tree pruning, and more. Workshops will include a farm lunch, be smaller in size so that gardeners get hands-on assistance, and be held in Hidden Villa's working fields and greenhouses.

For more information, contact Maggie Shields at communityprograms@hiddenvilla.org. Registration for the fall workshops in the series may be found now at www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events.



On Saturday, September 28, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD) will host an Open House from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for all residents of the community. The event will be held at the El Monte Fire Station (located at 12355 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills near the intersection of El Monte, Moody, and Elena Roads) and highlights the work that goes on at the fire station. Firefighters will be available to demonstrate the vehicles and fire equipment used to fight fires and provide emergency services. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to bring their children to learn about the life and training of a firefighter.

Guests will also learn what it is like to live in a fire station. 24/7 coverage is provided by the Santa Clara County Fire Department in three shifts, each comprising four firefighters and a Battalion chief. Every firefighter is trained to Emergency Medical Technician level (EMT) and at least one on each shift is a fully qualified paramedic.

Information about Emergency Preparedness program opportunities will be provided. LAHCFD offers all residents critical Personal Emergency Preparedness Training and Senior Emergency Preparedness classes scheduled throughout the year. More than 1,000

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

residents have successfully completed Emergency Preparedness classes, and over 200 residents have been trained for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). During the open house, residents are invited to view a CERT team drill taking place in the parking lot adjacent to the Fire Station. The Emergency Supply Trailers will be on display.

Company B (l - r): Chief Rich Salazar, Justin Stockman, Captain Debbie Stocksick, John Rizzi, and Matt White





ART EXHIBIT

Town Hall will host Allied Artists West, The Professional Artists Group of Santa Clara County. This group of 24 nationally known and emerging professional artists have received wide recognition for the quality of their paintings. All the artists have won awards, some in national competitions. Several of the artists are sought after as instructors and jurors. These artists paint in oil, acrylic, watercolor, collage, mixed media, and include photographers, working in styles ranging from photorealism to abstraction. The show will open August 30 and run through March 2014. Residents are invited to attend a reception on Sunday, October 13, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at Town Hall.



New Treatment for AFib

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S., accounting for one in four deaths each year. Atrial fibrillation (AFib), a heart rhythm disorder, is one of the most common types of heart disease, affecting nearly three million people. AFib is an irregular heartbeat in the upper chambers of the heart that causes blood to pool and develop into clots. These clots can leave the heart and travel to the brain, potentially causing a stroke.

On occasion, people with AFib show no symptoms and are diagnosed during a routine physical exam. The most common symptoms associated with AFib include: rapid heartbeat or fluttering, dizziness, shortness of breath, fatigue, and chest pain or pressure.

If a person experiences any of these symptoms, he or she should contact their doctor to discuss whether they may have AFib. Anyone experiencing chest pain or pressure should call 911 and seek immediate medical attention.

Patients with AFib are usually treated with blood-thinning medications. However, some people are not able to take these due to severe complications with excessive bleeding. These patients may be candidates for a minimally-invasive alternative treatment called the LARIAT procedure. The catheter-based procedure uses the FDA-approved LARIAT™ Suture Delivery Device to close off the area where blood pools from the rest of the heart, restoring regular blood flow and potentially blocking stroke-causing clots from traveling to the brain. Dr. Chad Rammohan (pictured above), medical director of the El Camino Hospital Chest Pain Center, is one of only a few Bay Area physicians specially trained to perform this procedure.

As always, a well-balanced diet and regular physical activity are key to a heart-healthy lifestyle. This information brought to you by El Camino Hospital, as part of AFib Awareness Month. Visit www.elcaminohospital.org/heart for more information or to contact a physician.



BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL 10 YEARS OF INNOVATION

Since its inception in 2003, Bullis Charter School has educated hundreds of children from Los Altos and the surrounding areas. What started as a small K-6 school by parents looking for an individualized education for their children has blossomed into an established K-8 program that has garnered national recognition for its innovative approach to education. As the school enters into its tenth year, Superintendent/Principal Wanny Hersey — who has been with the charter school since the beginning — has seen the school take an unprecedented path in public education. “In everything we do here — from performance-based compensation for our teachers to integrating the latest technologies into our core curriculum for students — we are showing what is possible in public education, and paving the way for 21st century instruction and learning.”

FabLab@BCS

This fall, all students at BCS will have the opportunity to design and innovate in a digital fabrication laboratory — the FabLab@BCS — as well as a MakerSpace, which will be housed on the new site at Blach Intermediate School campus.

This digital workshop will be equipped with laser-cutters, 3D scanners, and 3D printers that allow students to work directly with the technology throughout the entire process from generating ideas to completing an artifact.

Guiding students through the design process will be David Malpica from Stanford University’s Transformative Learning Technologies Lab — a multi-disciplinary group dedicated to creating innovative methods of teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in schools in the U.S. and abroad.

With Malpica, students will first participate in a series of workshops to learn specific skills such as soldering, 3-D modeling, laser cutting, and visual programming. Once students have a foundational skill-set, students will be put into teams to go through the design thinking process to generate solutions to real-world problems. In this stage they are ideating, designing, prototyping, and testing — all in their own way and at their own level.

What students used to make out of cardboard and school supplies will now be made using the latest design technolo-

gies that are being used in competitive industries around the globe. The FabLab@BCS is the first of its kind to be available in a public elementary school, and is already generating a great deal of excitement.

“I’m thrilled that my children are going to have so many different opportunities to learn about and explore our world,” said Vicki Lee, parent of current BCS 3rd, 6th, and 8th graders. “I’m so grateful that the teachers and administrators continually put their students, our children, first and think outside the box to help them grow.”

One of the reasons we are so excited to have the FabLab@BCS is because it allows us to collaborate with Stanford to test this concept and find ways to make it work in public education.

Partnership with Stanford

The FabLab@BCS will not just benefit children at BCS — it will be used for research and curriculum design in partnership with Stanford University’s Dr. Paulo Blikstein, creator of FabLabs.

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Above: FabLab Director, David Malpica, teaches BCS students how to use zSpace, a sophisticated design technology. The student wearing 3-D glasses uses the stylus to easily render and manipulate holographic objects in space.

St. Luke's CHAPEL

in the Hills

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills is an Anglican church that was formed in Los Altos Hills in 1964. The first day of worship for Anglican parishioners was on Thanksgiving Day of that same year. Their first task was to find a building to house their church. Soon they came across the old Purissima School building located on Duval Road. The building was originally constructed in 1901 and was used both as a one-room schoolhouse and as the town hall. Eventually, as the local population grew, it was no longer used as a schoolhouse, except for a brief period in the 1940s when Bullis School was being remodeled. The church purchased the abandoned building, which was in dire need of attention, and began remodeling it. An office and sacristy were added onto the west side of the building, and a steeple and narthex were added to the front. Finally, the parishioners rolled up their sleeves and dug out the earth beneath the building to build the fellowship hall.

Anglicanism

The word Anglicanism is derived from the Medieval Latin phrase *ecclesia anglicana*, meaning "English Church." Anglicanism is the Catholic faith as expressed through the Church of England; it represents — in its theology and forms of worship — a middle ground between 16th century Roman Catholicism and Protestantism (specifically, Lutheran and Reformed varieties).

More than five centuries later, the Anglican Church is made up of 38 Provinces that include 77 million members in 164 countries. It is the third largest Christian church, right after Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. Whereas other churches have modernized their liturgy, St. Luke's has preserved the Anglican traditions of worship going back five centuries. Parishioners, led by Father Michael Penfield, who was installed as rector in 2002, use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer — compiled in 1549 by Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury — and read lessons from the King James Bible (originally published in 1611). Anglicans have preserved both Morning Prayer on Sunday and Evensong on the third Friday of each month. The church also offers Bible study on Saturdays. The church welcomes all residents to worship or participate, regardless of their denomination.

A Sense of Community

Since the church is small — 35 to 40 parishioners — it fosters an intimate, friendly, and family-like environment where they know each other well and support one another. St. Luke's parish is very active in serving the larger community, working together to help local charities, like the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, and supporting food drives, and a food pantry for the homeless and those in need. St. Luke's parish is fortunate to be a long-time member of the Los Altos Hills community and its doors are always open to all who seek fellowship in faith or wish to explore their spirituality.





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CALENDAR



Sept 7

Sat., 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Hoedown

Held at Westwind Community Barn. Features live music, arts, and crafts. Lunch is available for purchase. To learn more see page 4.

Sat., 5:30-11:00 pm
Shake, Rattle & Roll

Hosted by the Los Altos Community Foundation. For ticket information visit www.losaltoscf.org.

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Thu., 6:30 pm
Foothill College STEM Lecture
TED Talk presenter



and noted bioengineering research scientist Jonathan Trent, Ph.D., will speak about his research with algae to produce energy. The evening will also feature live music. The event is open to the public. For more information, visit <http://foothill.edu/SLI/speakers.html> or e-mail WoodworthLaura@fhda.edu.



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Wed., 7:30 pm
Program on Elder Fraud
Town Hall council chambers. Informative and interactive presentation by Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Janet Berry. Learn the best practices for preventing fraud. To

learn more, contact Deborah Padovan at 650-941-7222.



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Wed., 7:00-9:00 pm
Smart Irrigation Technology and Climate Suitable Landscapes

Town Hall council chambers. For more information, contact Kit Gordon at water@greentownlosaltos.org.

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Wed., 7:30 pm
Eliminating Global Poverty
Town Hall council chambers. Brian Evans, economics instructor at Foothill College, and



student members of the Foothill Microeconomics Club, will discuss their efforts to eliminate global poverty through KIVA and The School Fund. To learn more, contact Laura Woodworth at woodworthlaura@fhda.edu.

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Sun., 2:00-5:00 pm
"Old Timers" Heritage Gathering
For residents who have lived in LAH 35 years or longer. Sponsored by the Los Altos Hills History Committee. RSVP to Deborah Padovan at 650-941-7222.

Calendar events are also posted on town's website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov