

THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM
NEWSLETTER

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Here is summer on our doorstep, and the garden is looking greener and flowerier. I hope you saw the blue bell flowers that came up in spring, lining the walkways and encircling the trees. Now the snowballs and mock orange are finishing, and the roses and wisteria are picking up.

We finished training for 5 new docents. Judith Pence and Anne Shordon-Ong began giving tours, diving right in and doing a great job. Unfortunately, Judith is unable to continue; we will miss seeing her at the home. Jane Lewis, Betty Kennedy, and Jean Gregory are providing very helpful backup service. And, of course, thank you to all our regulars who have been working on tours. With all of you taking over so many of the tours, I am able to get back to my registrar's work.

The Northwest Coast/Eskimo display is being expanded to another bookcase in the billiard room. Please give us your input on what works or doesn't, and how it goes over with your tours. I will be doing another on smoking pipes in September.

Plexiglass has been placed over the medicine cabinet opening in the master bathroom, so we are leaving the cabinet door open for viewing.

Another addition you can consider using on your tours is a photocopy of 2 pages from the Chap Record in the twin bed room. Some visitors have enjoyed Carol Pardee's comments on the boys she met in 1910. The photocopy is on the chest by the door.

Would anyone be interested in a tour of Mountain View Cemetary? One of the walking tour guides offered to give us a tour if we had enough interested people. Please respond by June 15th.

When George Pardee's family lived in the Governor's Mansion, they boiled all the water they used. Governor Pardee attributed many illnesses to bad municipal water. He had tried to improve Oakland's water from the time he was on the Board of Health in 1888, and it must have been a source of great satisfaction to have had a hand in the creation of EBMUD.