



The Cupola

Newsletter of the PARDEE HOME MUSEUM

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Oakland City Landmark
1975

National Register of Historical Places
1976

Alameda County Historical Society Landmark
1985

California Historic Landmark
1998

The Pardees, Pandemic, and Trilby

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Clare Michaud and Dennis Evanosky also contributed to this article.

Trilby? What, Why, Where, or Whom. The nickname given to Carol Pardee by her father, but why. As a youngster, she cried a lot and thus, Trilby. The third born of four girls (1891-1920), she attended the Anna Head School (Berkeley, CA) and then graduated from the California College of Arts and Crafts. She died on March 4, 1920 from complications of Influenza after two days of being seriously ill.



Madeline, Carol and Florence in 1893

The 1918 flu was known as the Spanish Influenza, but later studies showed it may have had its origin in Asia as did our current Covid Virus Pandemic. At the time, most European countries were involved in World War I and did not report on the influenza epidemic so as not to lower morale. Since Spain was not involved in WWI at that time it freely reported on it so most others felt it had its origin in that country.

At the time of her death Carol's fiancée, Gerald Hanna Hagar, was at

her bedside. He was a graduate of University of California at Berkeley who eventually married Ella Barrows, the daughter of the President of University of California, David Prescott Barrows. After Carol's death, Gerald remained on good terms with her father George. Both served on the Regents of the University of California.



Carol "Trilby" Pardee around 1900

Recently, as we enter the second year of our Covid Pandemic, there has been a renewed interest in the 1918 pandemic. Many of our current preventive measures are the same, masks, hand washing, and spacing. Like today, many then resisted wearing masks. Our intensive care methods today are more sophisticated and better. An example would be the mechanical ventilator to assist breathing and the transport of oxygen to the lungs.

We are fortunate that it took but one year to develop an effective vaccine to prevent Covid influenza. In 1918, an attempt was made to develop a vaccine, but because that virus (H1N1) could not be isolated, it was unsuccessful. It was not until the early 1940's that a useful vaccine for influenza was engineered.

One big difference was that in the 1918 Pandemic children were affected more than older adults were, whereas it is reversed in the current Pandemic. No reason for this has been determined, but it possible that in 1918 older adults had been exposed to a virus in their lifetime that gave them some protection whereas children had not had the same exposure.



Carol's Bedroom at the Pardee Home

Carol Pardee and her family lived in a time where medicine had not advanced to our current state, but until the recent medical advances (vaccine development and ventilators), we were not much better off than those alive in 1918.

Please Take Care of Yourself, Stay Well!

Medical Doctors say we have only two choices concerning Covid-19:

1. Get Vaccinated, or
2. Catch Covid-19

Pardee Home Museum is now open to fully vaccinated visitors.

We want to see you here at the Pardee Home Museum so please get vaccinated and come for a tea!

Two Friends of the Pardee Home Remembered Us in Their Wills

Marilyn Diane Beach (1933-2019) and **Helen "Peggy" Stackable** (1945-2020) very kindly included the Pardee Home Museum in each of their wills.



Marilyn Diane Beach, an Oakland native, passed from this life on September 7, 2019. She was born Marilyn Diane Fini on October 22, 1933, to Thomas G. Fini and Esther J. Beck Fini. She was their only child.

She attended Oakland public schools and was proud to be a graduate of Castlemont High School, Class of 1951. After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1955 as a history major, Marilyn began a teaching career with the Oakland Unified School District that lasted over thirty years, beginning at the very elementary school that she had attended. She was a lifetime member of the Cal Alumni Association.

Marilyn married her high school sweetheart Ron Beach, an officer with the Oakland Police Department. After a few years they amicably divorced and remained close friends until his death.

Marilyn's love of her native city and music met in her work at the White Elephant Sale of the Oakland Museum of California, where for many years she managed the annual sale's music department. She also enjoyed coming to the Pardee Home for one of their Teas.

Another of Marilyn's passions was her walking groups which familiarized her with, seemingly, every corner of the Bay Area.



Helen "Peggy" Stackable was born to Jack and Helen Stackable in Berkeley on June 24, 1945 as a birthday present to her Mom who shared her name. Peggy was the middle daughter of three girls and for 75 years she was a life-long resident of Oakland. She passed away on October 5, 2020

Peggy graduated from San Jose State and worked as a mathematician for Lockheed, Serata Geomechanics, and Lawrence Berkeley Lab. She married Angus MacLean, and later George Gilmour, both deceased.

Peggy made a second career as a devoted volunteer: she was a member of the Oakland Museum Women's Board, working year-round on the White Elephant Sale; she served teas at the Pardee Home Museum; and since 1981, she volunteered at the Woodminster Summer Musicals in the amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park.

Though terribly saddened to hear about the passing of these two women, it was heartening to learn that both of their lives were made happier because of the Pardee Home Museum. Marilyn enjoyed attending our teas and Peggy enjoyed volunteering in serving them. I wonder if they ever met each other during a tea?

Because of their endowments, the Pardee Home Board of Directors decided to do some unplanned but needed upgrades to our museum. You will see photos of some of them on the next page in this edition of the Cupola. To help and honor our wonderful Tea Ladies, the volunteers who prepare and serve our famous Teas, we have completely upgraded our kitchen with new flooring, counters, sink and appliances. We also upgraded our patio outside in the rear garden near the Water Tower with bricks. See the photo of this just to the right.

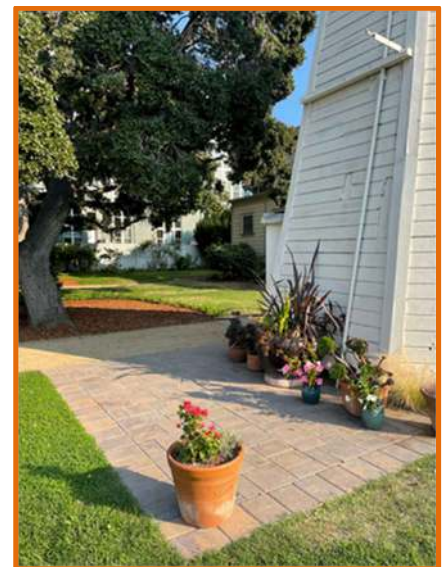
Teas, Tours and Salon are Back!

After more than a year of being closed to the public, we are overjoyed to be welcoming our friends of the Pardee Home back for our delicious Teas, delightful tours and amazing Carriage House Salons once again. Please sign up on our web page for our Teas and Tours. We are currently limiting our inside teas and tours for 6 fully vaccinated individuals and outside teas for 12. Hopefully, this will change as the CDC, California, Alameda County and Oakland adjust their guidelines. We also have a medical doctor on our board who helps us with these decisions.

We were sad not to have our traditional Family July 4th event this year but the Covid situation prevented this from happening. We did have a wonderful Carriage House Salon on July 25th where we welcomed the Golden Gate Music Quartet for a delightful Sunday Afternoon in our garden. We will be having another event on October 10 – A Saxy Afternoon in the Garden. Tickets at:

<https://saxyafternoon.brownpapertickets.com>

Hope to see you then!



Patio newly paved with bricks



Kitchen Repair Before



Photo of Dawn Muller with glimpse of our old yellow kitchen behind her. More below.

Kitchen Repair After With Tea Ladies at Work



Cherie Donahue



Volunteer Application

Yes! I want to volunteer at the Pardee Historic Home Museum.

- Tea Committee
 Docent
 Other: _____

Membership Application

YES! I want to become a member of the Pardee Historic Home Museum.

- Student \$15
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- New Member Renewing

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Thank You for your Help!



Diane Levy, Mary Dial, Ann Brown



Molly Kenny Standing



Nancy Henn



Dawn Muller



Tea Lady Working Hard!



Prep Area off Kitchen

Special Thanks for Great Service to:
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(cabinets and counter top), and
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of [Simple Floors](#) (flooring)

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Pardee Home Holiday Volunteer Party

All PHM Volunteers please save the date ~
Thursday, December 2 at 6pm for a Zoom Party!

The Garden at Pardee Home Museum

If one can look on the bright side of the pandemic, a benefit has been the opportunity to renovate parts of the garden. A couple of displaced tea volunteers (Ann Brown and Diane Levy), an enthusiastic board member (Paul Silberstein), a knowledgeable neighbor (Rosemary Alex), the Pardee Gardener (Pedro Garcia) and others who provided labor and expertise, have masked up, socially distanced, and spent time planting, weeding, watering and readying the garden for the time when we can once again have teas, tours and events.

Volunteer gardener, Ann Brown, who learned her skills from the horticulture classes at Merritt College and honed them while working at the Kaiser Rooftop Garden, has been involved with the Pardee garden for about 4 years. Guided by garden renovation plans drawn up in 2000-2006, she has replaced much of the vegetation in the perimeter beds. Diane Levy and Paul Silberstein join Ann two mornings each week to care for the garden. Rosemary Alex studied landscape / architecture planning at UC Davis and currently is the Parks and Facilities Development Coordinator for the City of Dublin.

Major pruning on the Coast Live Oaks in the front and back yards of PHM, as well as removal of 2 large Bay trees on 11th St, provided a slightly sunnier area for the understory. With the help of Rosemary, a small native garden has begun outside the fenced area on 11th St. She also facilitated two street trees to be planted in the street easement on 11th St. She and a couple other neighbors planted 200 daffodil bulbs along the picket fence.

Three overgrown shrubs at the front gate were removed and Abelias put in their place. Diane weeded, raked, watered, planted and transplanted throughout the front yard.

The Loquat tree at the west end of the Carriage House was slowly dying as was the lemon tree in the back and the Crabapple in the side yard near Castro. All three were removed providing a more sunny open space. At the suggestion of the Pollinator Posse (an Oakland group interested in providing habitat for bees, etc.) and with the help of Rosemary, new plants including Buddleia, Salvias, Catmint, Verbena and others were added. The remains of the Crabapple trunk is now the base for a large pot that includes a variegated Flax and is encircled with plantings of Yarrow, Ajuga and Daisies.

Pedro Garcia and Paul installed metal edging along the interior section of the middle lawn. Liriope borders the edge to provide a separation between the lawn and the large Oak trees.

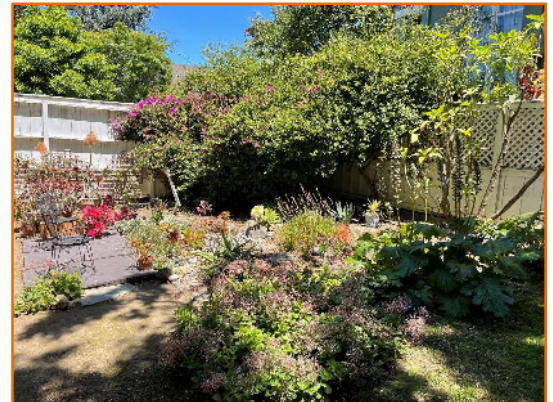
Please stop by PHM to admire the changes that have been made.



**Rear Garden area
above and below**



**Two Gardeners Extraordinaire!
Rosemary Alex & Ann Brown**



**Cactus / Succulent Garden
above and below**

