

The History Show

2009.023.001 Los Altos History Show #1: **The Historical Commission.**

Members of the Historical Commission discuss its purpose, structure and goals. Topics: City Inherits Smith House, 1974. The History House Auxiliary, purpose, origins and functions. Footage from children's Christmas party at History House--originally aired February 1987. Guests include Commissioners Geraldine Kavanaugh and Pinky Whelan. Gary Carson-Hull hosts.

2009.023.002 Los Altos History Show #2: **Anna Knapp Fitz.**

Artist/Author Anna Knapp Fitz talks about her early years in Los Altos and shows many of her 86 paintings which interpret the people and the landscapes of Los Altos. Topics include her German origins, the locations of many of her landscapes and life working at an orchard. Includes paintings of buildings and locations since destroyed. Originally aired March 1987. Nancy Schnabel hosts.

2009.023.003 Los Altos History Show #3: **Raphael Myers.**

A long time resident recalls dirt roads and Main Street when moving to Los Altos in 1912. Topics include: driving at age 12, apricot and prune orchards, memories of the Shoup and Weidman families, archival photos and memorabilia, two-cent stamps, getting a driver's license with no test and owning an electric car in the 20s. Many school photos are shown and fellow students recalled. Guest: Raphael Myers. Originally aired April 1987. Pinky Whelan hosts.

2009.023.004 Los Altos History Show #4: **Elders of Los Altos: Early Residents.**

The early residents recount what Los Altos life was like in the teens, twenties and thirties. Topics include the railroads, the landscape, schools and The Great Depression. Guests include Marjorie Robinson-Bryant, Ed Woodworth and Edgar McDowell. Originally aired May 1987. Gary Carson-Hull hosts.

2009.023.005 Los Altos History Show #5: **Early Residents.**

Los Altos Hills historian shares her knowledge of the early times. Topics include immigrants, agriculture and land acquisition. Originally aired June 1987. Guest: Rosemary Myerott. Nancy Schnabel hosts.

2009.023.006 Los Altos History Show #6: **Charlotte Gregory: Early Resident.**

Longtime Los Altos resident discusses the opening of her family pharmacy in 1924. Topics include early business practices and famous customers. Originally aired July 1987. Guest: Charlotte Gregory. Pinky Whelan hosts.

2009.023.007 Los Altos History Show #7: **Historical Commission: Goals.**

Revisiting the topics found in Program One, The Historical Commission, but this time from the point of view of two other former commissioners, Audrey Fisher and Julie Rose. Originally aired October 1989. Pinky Whelan hosts.

2009.023.008 Los Altos History Show #8: **Museum Directors.**

Three local museum directors discuss the origins, collections and philosophy of their cultural institutions. Guests include Monte Duran, Madeline Crawford and Lynn Strom Berg. Originally aired January 1988. Bill Howard hosts.

2009.023.009 Los Altos History Show #9: **Mountain View's 85th Anniversary.**

Bands, fire trucks and interviews with locals help celebrate the town's founding. This video was shot entirely on location by Wulf Schrader and was originally aired April 1988. Introduced by Nancy Schnabel.

2009.023.010 Los Altos History Show #10: **Eleanor Cranston Cameron.**

Famed author and sister of Senator Alan Cranston discusses her life and times. Topics include politics, her marriages and writing career. Includes many family photos of early times in Los Altos. Originally aired March 1988.

2009.023.011 Los Altos History Show #11: **1898 Pine Lane Home.**

Turn of the century life reflected in the architecture of this home being restored on Pine Lane. Includes information about the original owners and details of the restoration effort. A video tour is included. Guest is Barbara McCarthy, current owner of the home. Originally aired April 1988. Patricia Smith hosts.

2009.023.012 Los Altos History Show #12: **Dave Ellsworth.**

Early resident discusses his family's route in settling in Los Altos. A journey from a pineapple plantation in Hawaii to the hills above Chico. Includes rare Los Altos snow scene photos and recollections of World War I. Guest Dave Ellsworth. Patricia Smith hosts.

2009.023.013 Los Altos History Show #13: History of Palo Alto.

Co-authors and historians discuss the origins of Palo Alto. Topics include early missions, ranchos, the Ohlone people and times when condors and grizzly bears ruled what is now downtown Palo Alto. Guests Pam Gullard and Nancy Lund. Originally aired January 1989. Patricia Leach hosts.

2009.023.014 Los Altos History Show #14: The Ohlone Civilization.

Archeologists reveal little known facts about the first Los Altans, the Ohlone Indians. Topics include tools, rituals, lifestyle and art. Many artifacts are shown. Includes video tour of Rancho San Antonio and Redwood Grove. Guests Linda and Mark Hylkema. Originally aired August 1992. Heidi Kuhn hosts.

2009.023.015 Los Altos History Show #15: Sister City: Syktyvkar, Russia.

A video odyssey chronicling a tour of the Russian city taken by a group of civic minded Los Altans. A discussion of the goals of the sister city program. Guests Mike Bruno, Natasha Sharypova. Originally aired October 1992. Heidi Kuhn hosts.

2009.023.016 Los Altos History Show #16: Hidden Villa.

A discussion of the stunningly beautiful 1600 acre oasis donated by the Duveneck family for the enjoyment of all. Includes video footage of this paradise as well as a tribute to the family that made public access available. Guest Mary Davey. Originally aired January 1993.

2009.023.017 Los Altos History Show #17: Los Altos: A Century of Photos.

Book Publisher talks about his book, *Los Altos, a Century of Photos*. Topics include how land was sold and what businesses occupied Main Street. Many photos from the book are shown. Guest Paul Nyberg. Originally aired January 1993. Former Mayor Penny Lave hosts.

2009.023.018 Los Altos History Show #18: Valley of Heart's Delight.

Author and historian, Yvonne Olson Jacobsen, discusses her book, "Passing Farms, Enduring Values: The Story of the Valley of Heart's Delight." Segment includes rare film footage shot in 1922. Guest Yvonne Jacobsen. Originally aired February 1993. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.019 Los Altos History Show #19: A Walking Tour.

Buildings: their architecture and history of use are described by local expert. Topics include lost buildings and new buildings designed to fit the landscape. Includes video walking tour. Guest: Steve Aced. Originally aired April 1993. Catherine Byers-White hosts.

2009.023.020 Los Altos History Show #20: The Los Altos Library.

Librarian talks about the history and use of the facility since its inception. Topics include funding and how the library must adapt to the coming of the Internet age. Guest: Carol Tefft. Originally aired May 1993. Catherine Byers-White hosts.

2009.023.021 Los Altos History Show #21: The Emerson Home.

A discussion and tour of a turn of the century farmhouse which was once owned by one of Los Altos' pioneering families. Unique architectural flourishes make this home a landmark in the community. Guests: Sherrill and John Walker. Originally aired October 1993. Catherine Byers-White hosts.

2009.023.022 Los Altos History Show #22: The Pink Horse Ranch.

Famed local architect discusses his life, career and viewpoints on architecture. Included is a video tour of his home and surrounding land. Topics: rerouting a creek illegally and apologizing later. Guest Wendell Roscoe. Originally aired May 1994. Catherine Byers-White hosts.

2009.023.023 Los Altos History Show #23: Fashions 1900-1960.

Victorian formal wear, flapper attire and groovy sixties outfits are shown off by live models and discussed by the wardrobe collector. All of the clothing is of exceptional quality and beautifully maintained. Guest: Mary Carol Burdett. Originally aired March 1994. Catherine Byers-White hosts.

2009.023.024 Los Altos History Show #24: History House 1930s Gala.

A discussion about the re-opening of the History House. Includes a tour of a reconstructed authentic 1930' home complete from kitchen utensils to radio console. Footage of the 1930' themed gala including Dixieland Band, tours and many antique autos. Guest: Erin Finnegan. Originally aired June 1994. Heidi Kuhn hosts.

2009.023.025 Los Altos History Show #25: The Griffin House.

Chairman of the Committee to Save Griffin house discusses efforts to prevent demolition of the house. Topics include: fundraising efforts and the story of the original owners. Photos of the house are included. Originally aired October 1994.

2009.023.026 Los Altos History Show #26: Los Altos Parks.

Activist citizen/councilman discusses the resistance to setting aside land to construct public parks. Topics include: land donations and city council appropriations. The coming-to-be of Redwood Grove, McKenzie Park, Heritage Oaks and The Shoup Garden House. A video tour of the parks is included. Guest: Roy Lave. Originally aired January 1995. Erin Finnegan hosts.

2009.023.027 Los Altos History Show #27: California History Center at De Anza College.

Formed in 1967, this history center operates as a clearing house, promoter for the study of history, publisher and classroom. Director discusses the facility and some of the programs offered. Topics: Gold Rush, Victorian Homes, John Muir. A video tour is included. Guest: Kathi Peregrin. Originally aired April 1995. Erin Finnegan Hosts.

2009.023.028 Los Altos History Show #28: The Grenier Home.

Home situated on the original Winchester-Merriman property and subsequently purchased by Paul Shoup was built in 1908. Located on Orange Ave., it represents an era when Los Altos was just beginning to grow. Original photos as well as present day video are included. Guest: Irene Grenier. Originally aired March 1995. Erin Finnegan hosts.

2009.023.029 Los Altos History Show #29: Senator Alan Cranston.

Former U.S. Senator discusses his life and times. A foreign correspondent changes course to serve his country. Topics include: athletics at Stanford, Herbert Hoover, and why he didn't make the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team. Guest: Senator Alan Cranston. Originally aired May 1995 Erin Finnegan hosts.

2009.023.030 Los Altos History Show #30: Historical Buildings.

A discussion about the necessary criteria included in the designation of historical buildings. Topics include age, architectural integrity and use. Photos of historically designated buildings are included. Guests: Steve Aced, Mark Sandoval. Originally aired October 1995. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.031 Los Altos History Show #31: The Ohlone Civilization: Tools and Rituals.

A Redwood Grove naturalist demonstrates fire starting, artifact uses, Ohlone rituals, singing and folklore. A demonstration for children is captured on tape. Guest: Keith Gutierrez. Originally aired December 1995. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.032 Los Altos History Show #32: Librarian, Carol Tefft.

Thirty year veteran Librarian discusses her career. Topics include: technical changes, the history and origins dating to 1912, introduction of the Internet. Included is a video tour of the most recent incarnation of this Los Altos cultural treasure. Guest: Carol Tefft. Originally aired February 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.033 Los Altos History Show #33: History House Origins.

History House Museum Coordinator discusses her switch from design engineer to museum director. Topics include Gilbert Smith's 1902 acquisition of a premier apricot orchard. The farmhouse for the orchard is later donated and becomes the original History House Museum. May photos are included. Guest: Amy Heath. Originally aired March 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.034 Los Altos History Show #34: Memories of the 1930s.

Childhood friends recall their experiences during The Great Depression. Topics include: growing your own food, how the agricultural industry sheltered Los Altos from the worldwide suffering, and how they spent the childhood years. Guests: Bob Taylor, Bob Keeler. Originally aired April 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.036 Los Altos History Show #36: Treasure trove of 1930s memorabilia is found at The History House Museum. Grandma's kitchen captured as if frozen in time. Kids enjoy the wonderment of discovery during this comprehensive tour. Guest: Liz Nyberg. Originally aired October 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.037 Los Altos History Show #37: Winchester-Merriman Home.

Current owner and designer discuss the charm of this Victorian Los Altos landmark. Topics include: the home's historic past as Chandler School for Girls, the purchase in 1888 by Sara Winchester heiress of the rifle company bearing her name. A video tour is included. Guests: Susan Okin, Cheryl Witt. Originally aired October 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.038 Los Altos History Show #38: Juan Bautista de Anza Trail.

A discussion about the historical designation and re-enactment of an explorer's horse trail extending from California into Arizona. Topics include the Spanish colonization of California, the missions, and crossing the desert and mountains. Guests: Doni Hubbard, Nancy DuPont and Steve Haze. Originally aired October 1996. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.039 Los Altos History Show #39: The Marini Home Part I.

Owner of landmark 1926 home, built by Frank Marini as summer home for his unmarried siblings. Topics: the career of Marini, his philanthropic activities and political involvement. A video tour of this beautifully restored home is included. Guest: Nan Geschke. Originally aired March 1997. Judie Johnson hosts.

2009.023.040 Los Altos History Show #40: The Marini Home Part II.

A continuation of the tour of the landmark 1926 Marini Home. Included is a video of some of the early days of this classic restoration. Topics include: finding artisans to fabricate fixtures no longer manufactured and staying true to the original. Tour guide: Nan Geschke. Originally aired March 1997. Introduction Judie Johnson.

2009.023.041 Los Altos History Show #41: The Furuichi Family.

Third generation nursery owner discusses his family's business and years in Los Altos. Topics include: the family's internment in U.S. prison camps during World War II, how the family managed to retain ownership of the nursery property when other Japanese American families had their property seized. A video tour of this thriving business is included. Guest: Dean Furuichi. Originally aired April 1997. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.042 Los Altos History Show #42: A Sense of Place.

Federally funded documentary showcases Los Altos historical homes, businesses and people. Stunning video chronicles the Ohlone beginnings, the beautiful mountain terrain and the early Mexican Ranchers. Interviewees include Alta Brinton, Eleanor Cameron, Art Carmichael, George Cummings, Roy Dunnett, Ruth Erichson, Audrey Fisher, Anna Knapp Fitz, Ben Furuichi, Irene Grenier, Bob Grimm, Marion Grimm, Kitty Hislop, Jack Huston, Ed Jackson, Yvonne Jacobsen, Mel Kahn, Gertrude Kraenkel, Mary Kurtz, Penny Lave, Roy Lave, Wendell Lehr, Dick Liewer, Lucille Liewer, Edgar McDowell, Pete McElroy, Raphael Myers, Ann Nelson, Kay Payne, Colin Peters, Vance Phillips, Mark Sandoval, Jerry Tossy, Tamme Tossy and Pinky Whelan. Originally aired May 1997. Writer Nan Geschke, Narrator: Ed Snively.

2009.023.043 Los Altos History Show #43: The Making of Silicon Valley: A One Hundred Year Renaissance.

Filmmaker discusses his documentary chronicling the rise of one of America's most important industrial sectors, Silicon Valley. Many clips from the film are shown. Narrated by Walter Cronkite. Guest: John McLaughlin. Originally aired June 1997. Nan Geschke hosts. Note: This show coincides with another program (#35).

2009.023.044 Los Altos History Show #44: 55 Pepper Drive.

A discussion about the Adams family and their home built shortly after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Original photos of the house as well as a diary kept by the owner who lived in a tent while the house was being built. A video tour of the home is included. Guest: John Baer. Originally aired October 1997. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.045 Los Altos History Show #45: The Los Altos Town Crier: Fifty Years.

Los Altos newspaper publisher discusses what was going on in 1947. Topics include: transistor, Jackie Robinson, Tupperware, Apricots, television and the railroads. Many photos and advertisements are shown. Guest Paul Nyberg. Originally aired October 1997. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.046 Los Altos History Show #46: Pioneer Life.

A discussion about the first eight Caucasian families who settled in Southern Los Altos circa 1850. Photos, maps and diary readings help tell the story of life in those times. Topics include: farming, schools and the gold rush. Guest: Linda Schultz. Originally aired September 1998. Laura Cline and Beverly McChesney co-host. Narrator: Nan Geschke.

2009.023.047 Los Altos History Show #47: Anna Knapp Fitz.

Friends recall the life of Anna Knapp Fitz. Includes taped interview with Anna Knapp Fitz who brings her childhood memories to life with humorous stories. Fitz's love of history is well documented in her work, many paintings of her work are shown in a clip depicting Anna's participation in the art docents program. Guests: Merry Edwardson, Virginia Carlson. Originally aired February 1998. Nan Geschke hosts. Coincides with Program #2.

2009.023.048 Los Altos History Show #48: The Shoup Home.

Current owners of the historic home discuss the current restored state as well as the history of its original owner, President of The Southern Pacific Railroad and pillar in the founding and shaping of Los Altos. Includes a video tour of the home. Guests Stevie and John Day. Originally aired March 1998.

2009.023.049 Los Altos History Show #49: Kahn's Pharmacy.

Pharmacy owner and star former employee discuss the 1939 beginnings of landmark drug store known to Los Altos. Topics include famous customers, an infirmary set up during World War II and a changing business model. Photos of the early years of the pharmacy. Guests: Mel Kahn, Frank White. Originally aired April 1998. Chuck Geschke hosts.

2009.023.050 Los Altos History Show #50: The Elders of Los Altos.

Group of seniors discuss their lives during the Great Depression. Topics include hobos and tramps, working for food, depression proof businesses and how to be happy when poverty knocks on the door. Lunch all week for \$1.25. Guests: Sister Helen Costello, Armond King, Ruth Erichson, George Cummings, Evelyn Troedson and Lucille Liewer. Originally aired May 1998. Virginia Carlson and Gloria Bares co-host. Coincides with Program 4.

2009.023.051 Los Altos History Show #51: Railroads in Los Altos.

A discussion about the important role railroads played in the development of the Los Altos community. Topics include: the 1908 electric trains which once ran along what is now Foothill Expressway, the free rides for potential land buyers in Los Altos and the commuter routes into San Francisco. Also included is a video tour of elaborate model railroads. Guests: Bob Brown, Fred Vertel. Originally aired October 1998. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.052 Los Altos History Show #52: Cherry Avenue.

The orchards in this area were the largest since the 1906 Earthquake. Homes dating to 1915 re included in this walking tour. Topics include: apricots, grain fields and aviaries. Includes on-location interview with homestead owner Lucille Liewer. Guest: Don McDonald. Originally aired November 1998. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.053 Los Altos History Show #53: Villa Rosa.

A discussion about this elegant, ornate home, its original owners and how typewriters played a role in its existence. A video tour of this property is included. Features a master bedroom with nine French doors. Guests: Judy and Van Fucilla. Original aired December 1998. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.054 Los Altos History Show #54: Winemakers.

A discussion about the first four families to occupy Rancho San Antonio and develop them into farms. Wine expert also discusses the first wines including Granache and Zinfandel. Includes maps, illustrations and photos of the early occupants. Guest: Charles Sullivan. Originally aired February 1999. Beverly McChesney hosts.

2009.023.055 Los Altos History Show #55: Eleanor Cranston Cameron.

Famed guest discusses her prominent family dating to 1870. Topics: her father's rise from carpenter to architect of fine Victorian homes. Topics also include: her brother's ambition to become a U.S. Senator, her marriage to Hollywood filmmaker, Don Cameron, and how Wallace Stegner inspired her writing career. This program coincides with program #10. Originally aired March 1999. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.056 Los Altos History Show #56: The Celebrity Forum.

A discussion and review of the forum which has brought celebrities to the stage at Foothill College. Director of Forum recalls feting guests such as Alistair Cooke, Truman Capote, The Grateful Dead and Bob Hope. Guest: Dick Henning. Originally aired April 1999. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.057 Los Altos History Show #57: Al's Barber Shop.

Fifty year old barber shop is a step back to an almost extinct Norman Rockwell like view of Americana. Owner traces the history and goes on at this town meeting place. Topics include: how The Beatles almost put the shop out of business and the fiery political discussions with his employee of 46 years. Includes footage of the closing celebration of this Main Street mainstay. Guest: Al Galeridge. Originally aired May 1999. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.058 Los Altos History Show #58: The New History House.

Plans for the new Education Center at History House Museum that is at the time of this show under construction. A discussion about the funding, building, future uses and architectural concept of this privately funded enterprise. Guests: Madelyn Crawford, Bob Grimm. Originally aired October 1999. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.059 Los Altos History Show #59: The San Antonio Club.

During World War II hostesses gathered here to entertain troops stationed in the area. A discussion about the war years in Los Altos. Topics: include coast watches, Japanese camps, and how businesses re-tooled to support the war effort. Also included footage and a discussion of War Memorial. Topics include fundraising for the memorial, commissioning and the dedication. Guests: Don McDonald, Bill Henderson, Jay Brandon. Originally aired October 1999. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.060 Los Altos History Show #60: The Ohlone Civilization.

Stanford anthropologist talks about his archeological digs that have yielded both knowledge of the people and many artifacts used in their daily lives. Topics include: The University Village dig in 1952, how home building uncovered the past. Includes photos of artifacts carbon-dated to 3400 years ago. Guest Bert Gerow. Originally aired December 1999. Nan Geschke hosts. This program coincides with #14 and 31#.

2009.023.061 Los Altos History Show #61: Deer Hollow Farm.

Resident who lived at Deer Hollow Farm recalls growing up on this beautiful property. Topics include: cattle roundups, rattlesnakes and a cowboy life. Property, now open to the public, runs programs for children. A video tour of the restored Grant's cabin is included. Guests: George Perham, Johnny Jonigan. Originally aired January 2000. Beverly McChesney hosts.

2009.023.062 Los Altos History Show #62: The Art Docents.

Volunteers enrich the lives of school children with in-classroom visits to spread the appreciation and creation of art. Topics include: the organization's origins, the recruiting and training of volunteers. Includes an on-location segment showing the program in action in the classroom. Guests: Nancy Garnowski, Marlene Grove. Originally aired April 2000. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.063 Los Altos History Show #63: Edgar McDowell: Los Altos Life 1920s 1930s.

Resident whose father attended Stanford in 1895 recalls his life and times as well as the life and times of the community. Topics include: the railroads, Paul Shoup, the early days of the boy scouts and Herbert Hoover's career. Included: photos from the era. Guest: Edgar McDowell. Originally aired March 2000. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.064 Los Altos History Show #64: The Erichsen Home.

Fifty year residents of the Los Altos house discuss their family history dating back to the founding of a feed and fuel store in 1916. Topics: 1929 Model A Ford truck, life in the 1930s, Los Altos Grammar School, selling apricots and changes to Los Altos over the past five decades. Includes a video tour of the home. Guests: Ruth and Wallace Erichsen. Originally aired May 2000. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.065 Los Altos History Show #65: The Juana Briones Foundation.

1847 historic Adobe home, in danger of demolition, was once the home of Juana Briones (b. 1802), business woman, landowner and humanitarian. Topics include: her eight children, a sailor's refuge at the Presidio, a successful argument with the Supreme Court over land ownership and obtaining a separation of marriage from a strict bishop. Efforts to save the home and discussion of historic importance of adobe homes. Guest: Jeanne McDonnell.

2009.023.066 Los Altos History Show #66: The Ginzton Home.

International style Architect Joseph Stein designed this home in Los Altos Hills. A beautiful surrounding garden designed by the renowned Thomas Church and others is featured. Once the home of Artemus and Edward Ginzton, their daughters discuss what life was like growing up in this unusual home. Topics include: Ginzton family history and their connection to Stanford. Includes video tour of the home. Guests: Nancy and Ann Ginzton. Originally aired June 2000. Nan Geschke hosts.

2009.023.067 Los Altos History Show #67: Paint the Town.

Local newspaper publisher showcases his latest project, a book depicting familiar Los Altos locations as seen through the brush strokes of local artists. Many of the paintings found in this book are shown and discussed. Guest: Paul Nyberg. Originally aired June 2000. Nan Geschke hosts.