

The Saratoga Historical Foundation sponsors

“A Tasteful Afternoon”

at the Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards on May 7, 2005

benefiting the Saratoga Historical Museum and McWilliams House.

“A Tasteful Afternoon” offers award-winning wines, gourmet hors d’oeuvres, a souvenir wine glass, a fundraiser drawing, and a boutique, all in a historical location with beautiful vistas of the Santa Clara Valley. This wine tasting event is from 1 pm to 4 pm on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

The Saratoga Historical Foundation is a non-profit organization of people who recognize the importance of preserving the history of Saratoga, California through the acquisition, conservation, exhibition and education provided by its Museum and dedicated volunteers.

The Saratoga Historical Museum was dedicated on July 4, 1976 as part of the American Bicentennial celebration, and is housed in a former drug store built in 1904 originally located on Lumber Street, now Big Basin Way. Through the years the building had been used as a dry-goods store, a grocery, restaurant, an ice cream and candy store, hardware store, then for twenty-five years as the Swanee Purcell dress shop. Scheduled for demolition, it was saved by community efforts and moved to its present location in the Saratoga Historical Park in 1975.



The museum’s permanent displays focus on Saratoga’s background in lumbering, agriculture, and the famed Pacific Congress Springs resort, which burned in 1903. Artifacts of Saratoga’s Native Americans, the Muwekma Ohlone, are also exhibited. The Museum’s new Resource Center is open to the public for historical research.

The McWilliams House (circa 1850) was built by one of Saratoga’s early blacksmiths and is one of the oldest houses in town. Moved to its present site in the Historical Park in 1972, it was originally located next to the Swanee building on Big Basin Way, and served for many years as the Chamber of Commerce office after the move. Now scheduled for historic restoration, the house is administered by the Foundation and Museum volunteers. It is open during normal Museum hours, Friday through Sunday from 1PM to 4PM, or by appointment.



McWilliams House

Advance tickets are \$25 each by April 30, 2005. Please make your check payable to the Saratoga Historical Foundation. Tickets may be purchased at the Saratoga Historical Museum, 20450 Saratoga - Los Gatos Road, Saratoga, or by mail to Nancy Anderson, c/o Saratoga Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 172, Saratoga, CA 95070. For more information, call Nancy Anderson (408) 867-4383 or Marilyn M. White (408) 867-9417. After April 30, tickets are \$30 each, available at the Museum and at the Wine Tasting.