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Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara  
Harris-Lass House Museum

Late Spring Edition – May 2026



## Spring Garden Family Fun Day Saturday, June 6, 2026

The Harris Lass Museum, 1889 Market Street (west of Winchester) in Santa Clara will hold a free event for the public on Saturday, June 6, from Noon – 3 p.m. This special event will be a **‘Spring Garden Family Fun Day’** with a variety of activities including Bean Bag Toss, Seed Planting, Face Painting, Finger Painting, Drawing, Coloring, and more. Check-in at the information table and get the layout of the activities and photo ops available. Children get a goody bag and have a chance to earn a prize. Stop by the Summer Kitchen for water or lemonade and cookies. There will be a photo opportunity with a farm scene backdrop.

From Noon to 1 p.m., there will be an opportunity to see a City Fire Truck and to talk to a Santa Clara firefighter who will be bringing something special to share with children.

Short tours of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the House Museum will be offered from 2-3 p.m. Numerous examples of unique or antique ‘Gadgets Galore’ aimed at making life easier or more convenient in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century are on display in mini-exhibits throughout the house. Watch for kitchen gadgets, music playing devices, a speaking tube and even a cabbage slicer!

The Tank House Gift Shop will be open for browsing and purchases from 2-3 p.m. as well.

We hope that moms, dads, grandparents and children of all ages will come and enjoy this fun event together!

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On May 3, 2026 the Harris Lass Museum was open for public tours and for the first time visitors could see and learn about Captain Lass's pool table which was recently donated back to the House Museum by Laurie McManus, the Captain's great-great-great granddaughter.

Laurie visited the museum that day to view the table with her Aunt DeLayne, her father Ron Stevens, her sister and two of her sister's children. Here is the family standing together behind the Captain Lass pool table.

The Captain can be seen in the painting on the left, no doubt remembering the good times he had playing games on that table!

# Harris Lass House Museum

PRESENTS

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Antiques Appraisal Event

ON

Thursday, July 23rd, 2026

11:00am to 2:00pm



Tickets are available for the first 50 guests.

Please send requests no later than July 9<sup>th</sup>.

1. Bring one treasured item to be appraised by our favorite appraisers.
2. Bring your own picnic lunch. Water and soda will be provided.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ (one or two) **tickets** for the **20<sup>th</sup> Antiques Appraisal**

I have enclosed a check for (\$15 or \$30) made payable to the HPSSC .

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form, with a **check made out to HPSSC** and a **self-addressed stamped envelope to:**

**Harris-Lass Appraisal Event  
HPSSC Box 3311  
Santa Clara, CA 95055.**

For more information, call 408 249 7905 or email [info@harrislass.org](mailto:info@harrislass.org)



This cabbage slicer was built by Conrad Renzel of San Jose from mahogany wood salvaged from the James Lick Mill in Santa Clara after a fire there in 1882.

Conrad Renzel borrowed money from capitalist and Harris Lass House builder Henry Harris, when Conrad established his grocery business on South First Street in San Jose in the mid-1860s. After it was constructed by Renzel, the cabbage slicer was used in his grocery store to make sauerkraut.

It was donated to the Museum in April 2024 by

Margaret Ma and the Renzel family. It is now one of the gadgets on display in the Museum in the covered porch area just outside the indoor kitchen.