

THE SANTA CRUZ HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU:

History of the world famous TREE CIRCUS !!

This will be a slide-illustrated talk by Mark Primack, the moving force behind efforts to publicize and save Erlandson's Tree Circus from destruction.

LEARN the whole amazing story! ...How Axel Erlandson, a struggling bean farmer in Turlock, accidentally discovered the process of natural self-grafting ... How this discovery became a hobby and obsession, and was developed to unprecedented heights of imagination and accomplishment... How Erlandson was inspired to dig up and move his fantastic creations to Scotts Valley in 1946

... His mission of developing the Tree Circus as a major tourist attraction, with over 60 trees by 1957... The uneven fortunes of the Tree Circus after Erlandson's death... Current efforts to save the unique trees.

Primack is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Architectural Association of London. His thesis was on botanic architecture -- growing trees and plants to create habitable spaces. He "discovered" the Tree Circus while on a visit to Santa Cruz in 1976.

Primack states, "I know of no other individual who has taken ornamental grafting to such an extreme. It is not just an oddity. It demonstrates an intriguing option for influencing our environment by creating a unique sense of space with living sculpture."

This program is open to the public at no cost

It marks the beginning of the Society's 1981-2 year Membership in the Historical Society is \$5 per year. Contact the Historical Society @ PO Box 246, Santa Cruz 95061

Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm

In the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Main Public Library, 224 Church Street