

Octagon friends stage vintage fashion show

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Octagon, the Santa Cruz County Historical Museum, Friends of the Octagon will stage a luncheon and fashion show on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Titled "Elegant Eighties," it will feature sixty fashions from 1882 to 1982. The fashion show and luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn, starting at 11:30 a.m. with a social hour.

The show will trace history of clothing both locally and nationally. On display will be gowns from the Pajaro Valley Historical Society and the Octagon collections, as well as items from private donations. Included is the collection of the late Haziel Piper, formerly California State Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star.

Also noteworthy is a 20's gown owned by Mrs. Warren Harding when her husband was president of the United States. There will be dashing bathing costumes from the early 1900s and ball gowns from the 1800s through today's styles shown by Ford's Department Store.

Reservations at \$12.50 per person may be made at the Octagon Museum, 118 Cooper St. For more information, call the museum at 425-2540 or M. J. Vernier, 475-7437.

The Octagon was dedicated in October, 1882 as the Santa Cruz County Hall of Records. In 1970, when new government buildings were constructed a dedicated group of citizens saved the old structure from demolition and founded the Friends of the Octagon. Currently there are 195 members dedicated to restoration, preservation and historical education. Their goal this year is to raise \$24,000 to remove a modern false ceiling and to restore the Octagon to its original appearance.



Beatrice Armanino and Barbara Burkhart will be among models giving a nostalgic glimpse at yesterday during the Friends of the Octagon fashion show.