Guest Speaker: Sonoma County Historian and Author Gaye LeBaron
How I Learned About “Paradise” While Writing Local History

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Book signing to follow

FREE ADMISSION – Advanced tickets not required
Schroeder Hall, Green Music Center
Sonoma State University

Gaye LeBaron is a native Californian and a 68-year resident of Sonoma County. She wrote her first column for The Press Democrat in 1959, after several years as a reporter and was the daily columnist until her retirement in 2001. She continues to contribute a “historical perspective” column twice monthly and is the author of multiple books. She lectured for 35 years on Sonoma County history in Santa Rosa Junior College’s (SRJC) Community Education program and has taught several courses for OLLI@SSU.

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The first 50 years of Sonoma County’s 170-year history came in the midst of what the pioneer New York journalist Gilbert Seldes called, for good reason, “The Stammering Century.” Seldes was referring to the proliferation of what were known as Utopian Communities. The Utopians reached California in 1875 with the Brotherhood of the New Life in Fountaingrove on Santa Rosa’s northern edge.

The Wonder Seekers of Fountaingrove by LeBaron and author Bart Casey, tells of Harris and his disciples. There’s a lot to say, not only about Fountaingrove but also about other efforts to establish “paradise” in Sonoma County.

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