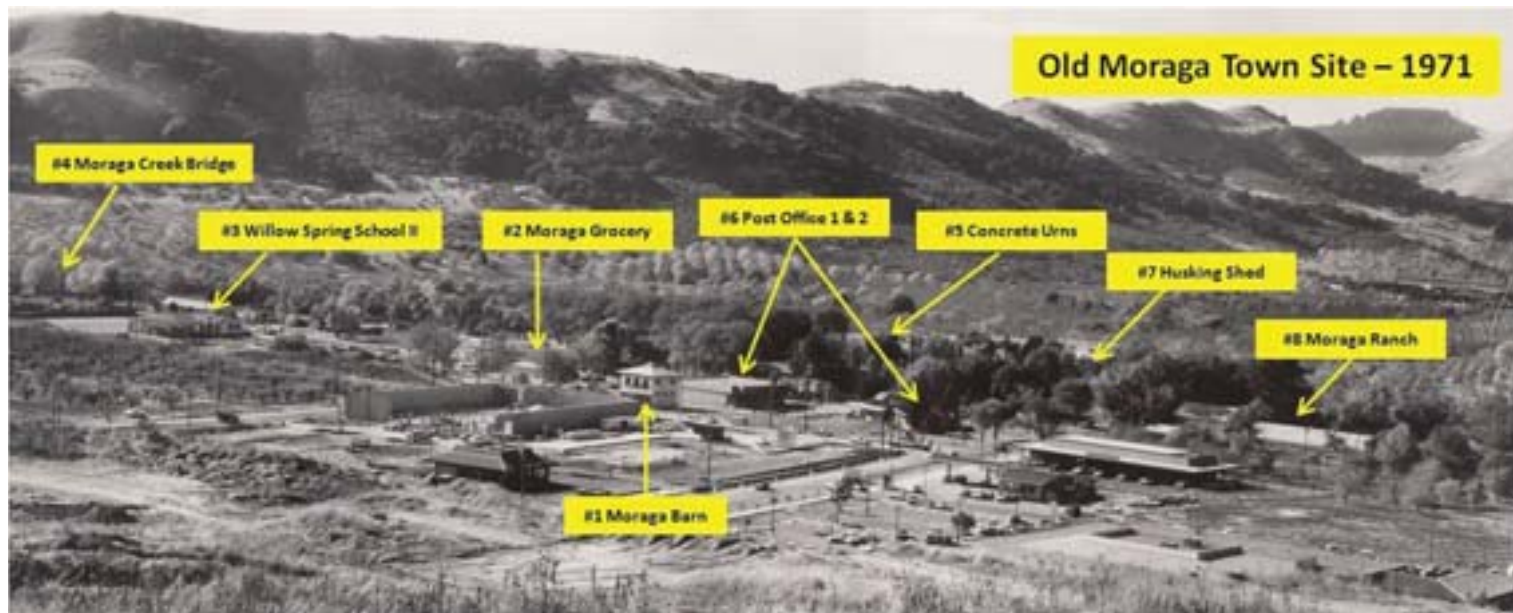


# ~ Life in LAMORINDA ~

## Old Moraga Town Site Walking Tour takes history buffs back in time



History comes alive on the Old Moraga Town Site Walking Tour

Photo courtesy John Kaiser

### By Vera Kochan

It's not exactly a time machine, but thanks to the Moraga Historical Society's continuous efforts to bring history to life for the town's residents and visitors, the Old Moraga Town Site Walking Tour was developed as an interactive way to dis-

cover some notable aspects near the Moraga Shopping Center while getting in some exercise.

Developed by MHS board members and spouses Susan Skilton (research director) and John Kaiser (digital assets coordinator), the couple focused on sites within town that are

still standing and began the informational aspects of the tour with the year 1913.

During that year, James Irvine of the Moraga Company, began to turn the area into a ranching and agricultural mecca. Building the now iconic red and white Moraga Ranch buildings (almost a fully func-

tional town unto itself in its day), soon Irvine's walnut and Bartlett pears were shipped nationwide.

The Utah Construction and Mining Company bought the land in 1953, after Irvine's death, with an eye towards development. Subsequently, developer Russell Bruzzone pur-

chased the area now known as Moraga Shopping Center from Utah Construction in the early '60s when it was still farmland linked by dirt roads.

There are eight locations/stops on the tour: Moraga Barn; Moraga Grocery (not Safeway); Willow Spring School II; Moraga Creek; concrete urns median; two former post offices; the husking shed; and the Moraga Ranch buildings. To begin the tour one can visit the MHS website (MoragaHistory.org), and click onto Walking Tours. Scroll down to Walking Tours and simply follow the instructions or use the QR Code (see on Page C3). There is also a "history lesson" attached to each stop on the website. The tour is approximately 1.5 miles and takes about 35-45 minutes to complete. It is suggested for anyone interested in taking the tour, to read the "background" content beforehand in order to enhance the touring experience.

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## Looking Good in Lamorinda Summer style

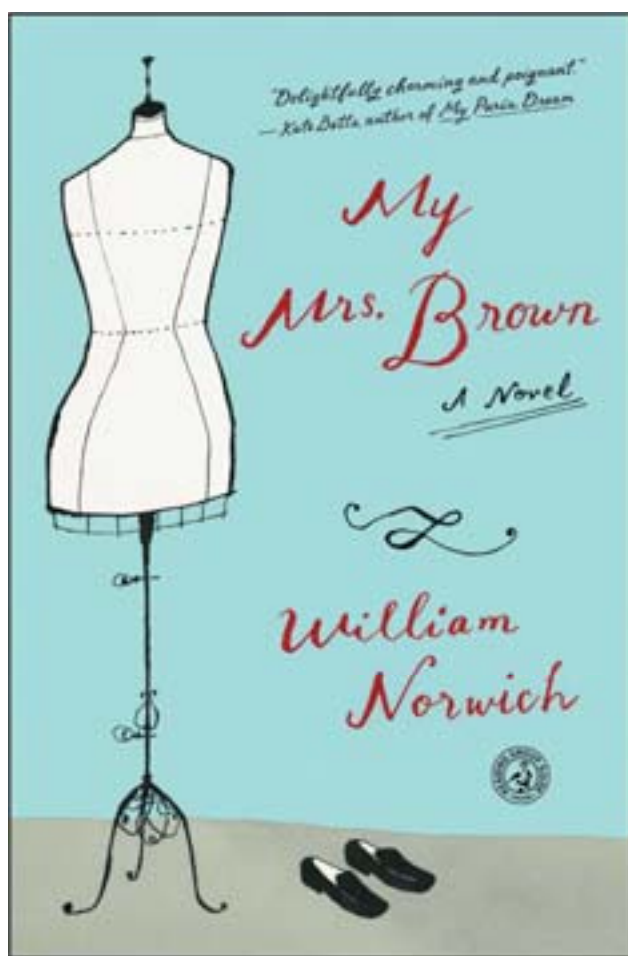
### By Moya Stone

Many years ago I purchased a new swimsuit for the summer. It was a simple one piece with a scoop back. But what made it different was the gold textured

fabric that shimmered in the sunlight. That swimsuit was ahead of its time and I received a lot of compliments. I kept to myself the little secret that my chic swimsuit came from TJ Maxx. That's right! Then and now TJ Maxx in Moraga has an

excellent selection of swimsuits, not to mention sunhats, sunglasses, and other must-haves for the summer. But hurry, swimsuits are going fast.

Expect the unexpected in swimwear for Summer 2022. Designers now consider swimsuits as fashion statements. One piece and bikinis in iridescent, eyelet, and cable knit fabrics are very hot this season. Prints include gingham, floral, and leopard. Probably the biggest trend is the cutout, which Vogue magazine calls "alluring." ... continued on Page B2



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