

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the hopes that you will receive this newsletter prior to Sunday, March 28th, just a reminder that our March program is a visit to Mary's Cemetery and Chapel, Corner of County Road 98 and County Road 15, 2 p.m. Several Society members have family members buried at the Cemetery. They will share memories. The Chapel will be open and refreshments served in an anteroom.

Last month, I wrote that Board member, Kathy Harryman, along with former board member, Starr Barrow, had been sharing their expertise in antiques to enhance the Yolo County Historic Museum (the Gibson House) as it undergoes a cleaning with the rearranging of some of the living areas. Last week, I had the opportunity for a walk through with Kathy. The transformation is well done and something for the citizens of Yolo County and Woodland to feel proud. As soon as it is open again to the public, make time to visit. The Heidrick Ag Museum, the Historic Woodland Train Depot, and the Hattie Weber Museum are all preparing exhibits which will be placed in what was the dining room for the Gibson's staff.

Lastly, a big thank you to board member, Dennis Dingemans, who planned the Society trip to Colusa and Glenn County. It was an informative and enjoyable trip for the bus "full" of Society members and friends. At the Central Valley Museum, where docents were available for information and also provided refreshments, Society member and author, Ann Schuering, told us about her new book about the "Wheat King of Glenn County; a really great trip.

Peace,

BJ Ford, President

SAVE THE DATES

April 25th: Visit to Capay Cemetery, 2 p.m.

May 16th: 32nd Annual May Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Yolo County Historical Museum (Gibson House) Woodland

June 17th: Annual June Picnic, Friends of the Yolo County Archives, Yolo County Historical Museum members, and Yolo County Historical Society members. Held on the grounds of the Gibson Museum,
6 p.m. Happy hour
7 p.m. potluck dinner
7:45 p.m. program

September 11th: Stroll Through History Fundraiser - Fashion Through the Ages.

HATTIE WEBER MUSEUM SETS RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE

The first three Saturdays in March saw a record number of visitors at the Hattie Weber. Pig Day, featuring part of Roberta Stevenson's extensive collection of plush, metal, ceramic, etc., members of the swine family, drew almost 90 visitors. About 80 visited on each of the next two Saturdays. The school bell on the sidewalk outside rang all day!

Brick sales are still in progress. Orders will be taken for Memorial Rose Garden engraved bricks until April 15th. The new bricks will be dedicated on May 8. They honor mothers, grandmothers, and other exceptional women.

New exhibits are planned for the Gibson House museum showcases, for Picnic Day, for Mother's Day, one in connection with

the opening of the new Bicycle Museum on April 28, and a major one on Davis industry and commerce.

NORMA SIMPSON

Norma Simpson, charter member of the Yolo County Historical Society passed away suddenly on August 29, 2008 in her home on 4th Street in Woodland, which had been her parents' home. She was the daughter of Agnes and Norman Simpson, and the sister of Charlotte Buchignani.

She was a third generation resident of Woodland. Her grandparents were Charles and Caroline Simpson of College Avenue, when living. Caroline Simpson was the daughter of Louisa and Henry Schneegas of Yolo, and the sister of Emma Schneegas Snowball of Knights Landing. Henry and Louisa Schneegas are buried in Mary's Cemetery, and Norma often contributed care to the cemetery.

Norma was an enthusiastic member of Native Daughters, Woodland Parlor No. 90, for 62 years. She contributed several artifacts to the Gibson Museum. She was, also, a lifetime member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association.

She is survived by her sister, Charlotte, and former brother-in-law, Robert Buchignani, and nieces and nephews of Woodland and San Jose; also by cousins in Woodland and Sacramento. She is missed by family and friends.

Our apologies for not recognizing Norma, at the time of her death, for her contributions to the Yolo County Historical Society and to her community.

SPRING LAKE SCHOOLHOUSE

Well, we are all booked up for the last 2 weeks in April and all the weeks of May. Our ladies are ready to go. On Tuesday, March 23, a meeting with the American Legion of Honor took place for proper flag instruction. According to the Legion, we are obligated to fly the current flag. All questions are now answered. So, if

you pass by the fairgrounds, look for the flying flag at the schoolhouse. You will know that we are in session.

Kathy Harryman
School Coordinator

TIME TO CLEAN THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Saturday, April 10th at 9 a.m. members of the Society will spend the morning getting the Spring Lake Schoolhouse, located on the Yolo County Fairgrounds, ready for the school children of Yolo County to begin their Spring visitation program. The cleaning of the School has become a Spring ritual. There is a need to brush off the dust, polish the desk tops, and wash the windows. This program, under the leadership of Kathy Harryman, is fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers who look forward to their day to welcome these students to school as it was in 1890. So, please come out and help get the schoolhouse ready for the first visit. Bring window cleaner, old rags, and paper towels. The cleaning shouldn't take more than an hour or so.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have a story or stories, that you would like to share about your family who lives, or once lived in Yolo County, please submit them to the Historical Society for inclusion in the newsletter.

April 2010

**“Cemeteries of Yolo County
Stones, Bones and Stories”**

Capay Cemetery

**Sunday, April 25, 2010
2 P.M.**

Located on the west side of Road 85-B about a half mile north of Road 21-A (21-A is also known as Highway 16 westbound). If you are coming west on HWY 16, go past the right side turn-off to Esparto's Main Street. Instead, keep going about a mile further west on 21-A past the Esparto turnoff. Road 85-B will be intersecting Road 21-A on the north/right side of 21-A.

The Capay Cemetery was created in 1876 by the Odd Fellows who bought 6 acres then and added 5 acres in 1893 and another 3 acres in 1894. They sold blocks of 8 graves in a “family plot” for only \$10 per plot. In 1923/1924 the Odd Fellows donated all 14 acres to the newly-created Yolo County cemetery district that today owns and manages this fantastic cemetery of interesting stones and dense landscaping vegetation. A final 5 acres was conveyed to the Capay Cemetery District in 1980 by the Scheurings for future potential expansion of the graveyard. Many pioneers and their families are buried there.

Dennis Dingemans will again be our host and guide as we visit another Yolo County Cemetery.