

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, a reminder that April 9th is Free Museum Day in Woodland. By the time you receive this newsletter, if publicity goes as planned, you should be aware of this event being sponsored by the Society. There will be 13 Museums open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and you can pick up the flyer with a listing and map at the first Museum visited.

Second, the Spring Trip sign up is elsewhere in the newsletter. Make sure you sign up quickly as seats always go fast. We will be visiting both Stockton and Lodi, a trip that has been requested a number of times in the past few years.

Also, when you receive a call from Avery Campbell, who will be looking for "BAKERS", please remember to thank him for chairing the Country Bakery at the May Festival. All proceeds do go to the Museum. This is a commitment that was made eons ago as the Society's support of their ongoing program.

Near the Country Bakery, you will find the Society's Book Sale. We do not yet have "Hollywood Comes to Woodland", authored by David Wilkinson, but it won't be long before we will be having a book signing "event".

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on the upcoming Spring Trip. There will be a form to fill out with an RSVP deadline for you to fill out and return. Don't miss out as the bus will fill up quickly!

It has been a while since I have made a pitch for you, the reader, to consider becoming a Society Board member. We meet once a month usually on the 2nd Monday alternating meetings in Davis and then in Woodland. Please join us.

Peace,

BJ Ford, President

SPRING LAKE SCHOOLHOUSE

We have scheduled schools and will be up and running... Yeah... and spring is here, almost. The following information is from some articles that were given to me from Lynn Campbell. Thank you, Lynn. The Daily Democrat published an article entitled, "Anniversary Year for Historic Springlake Schoolhouse", published on August 17, 2000. Here are a few highlights ... "The one-room county schoolhouse was built in 1869, a mile east of the Yolo County Fairgrounds. Each child brought 50 cents per week to pay for the teacher. The schoolhouse was moved 3 times before it ended up on the grounds of Willow Spring School. In 1950, the Yolo County Historical Society raised \$350.00 to buy the building and move it to the fairgrounds, where it still resides. Many thanks to the members of the Historical Society for having the vision to realize the importance of this historical monument."

Kathy Harryman

FREE MUSEUM DAY

April 9, 2011

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christian Church Museum

509 College Street, Woodland

Hattie Weber Museum

445 C Street, Davis, 10 am – 4 pm

Heidrick Ag History Museum

1962 Hays Lane, Woodland

Hay's Antique Truck Museum

1962 Hays Lane, Woodland

Yolo County Historical Museum

512 Gibson Road, Woodland

Mark Reiff's Home

57 Jefferson Street, Woodland

Spring Lake Schoolhouse

Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland

Woodland Museum of Biblical Archaeology

240 West Street, Woodland

Springlake/Woodland Fire Museum

Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland

Woodland Opera House

340 Second Street, Woodland

Woodland Fire Museum

532 Court Street, Woodland

HATTIE HAPPENING'S

The Hattie Weber Museum set a record for attendance – 112 – on March 8. The occasion was Pig Day at the Farmer's Market, augmented by Pig Day at the Hattie Weber. Roberta Stevenson again brought a portion of her extensive collection, about 100 pigs and one dog ("He really wanted to come", explained Roberta). The pigs ranging in size from tiny to enormous, covered the spectrum of color and were made of clay, china, plush, cotton, wool and some unidentified materials. Some sang and danced, others just looked adorable, all were a big hit with the children and many parents declared they would return alone to see the exhibits.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit is down, as are the valentines that graced the Museum for the February ArtAbout event and later. John Lofland has installed a new exhibit based on his newest publication, E-500s People, describing the residents of an E Street block in Old North Davis. He highlights nine residents with notable contributions. Did you know the inventor of fruit cocktail owned 517 E St., the breeder of the mass produced strawberry lived at 530 and the man who persuaded Bob Hope to perform in town to raise money for the Senior Center lived at 512? Other notables

and a fascinating glimpse of "ordinary" people are seen in Lofland's work and the exhibit.

Susie Boyd, who lived at 527 until she moved to Mount Shasta, is the only cross-over to the other new exhibit, "Davis Women in Public Service". Pictures and biographies of Davis women who served on the School Boards, City Council, County Board of Supervisors, California Assembly and California Senate are shown. The stories of the "firsts", Kathleen Green, Emily Burdette, Betsy Marchand, Helen Thomson and Lois Wolk are especially interesting.

Coming soon will be the second phase of "Davis Industry, Windmills to Robots."

The Museum is again selling bricks for the memorial rose garden to honor mothers, grandmothers, and other exceptional women in the lives of Davis and Yolo County residents. The cost is \$50. Sales begin March 18 and continue until May 7. The price includes a lettered brick and a picture/biography supplied by the buyer to be featured in a special "Honoring our Mothers" exhibit and reception on May 7. The bricks will be installed next summer. For more information, contact the Museum or Mary Lee Thomson at (530) 756-0517 or joe-vra@pacbell.net.

SCHOOLHOUSE CLEANING

A big "thank you" goes out to the following who braved the weather, and squatters, at the Spring Lake Schoolhouse on Saturday morning, March 19th: Philip & Kris Turner, Bob & Lynn Campbell, Kathy Harryman, BJ Ford, and Jeannette Molson.

Armed with an industrial vacuum, swiffer dusters, windex, and paper towels, the schoolhouse was cleaned in no time and is now ready for its first Spring class.

VISION STATEMENT

The Yolo County Historical Society strives to preserve, protect, and acknowledge the diverse history of Yolo County through education, communication and advocacy.

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“DUCK DAYS PAST: TULE LANDS BEFORE THE CAUSEWAY”

David Hickman’s talk, on **Sunday, April 17th from 2 – 4 p.m.**, is scheduled at the California Department of Fish and Game Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, located at 45211 County Rd. 32B (Chiles Rd.) Davis, CA 95618.

The Headquarters Bldg., where the talk is scheduled, is near the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area. That sign, showing the logos of the many Yolo Basin partners, marks the location of one of the nation’s most exciting developments of wetland conservation and education. Covering 25 drive square miles and home to nearly 200 species of birds, the Wildlife Area is located in the heart of one of the county’s richest agricultural areas, alongside one of America’s busiest people throughways I-80, and next to a bustling metropolitan area, Sacramento. The 16,000 acre Yolo Wildlife Area is one of the largest public/private restoration projects with 3,700 acres of land in the Yolo Bypass floodway restored to wetlands and other associated habitats, with more restoration in the works. The California Department of Fish and Game manages the Yolo Wildlife Area to promote an increase in waterfowl and other bird populations.

A notice in the local newspaper reads:

GAME LAW VIOLATORS

Almost every evening reports of shotguns are heard in the direction of the ponds in the Yolo tule basin, and they can have but one significance.

That a steady warfare is being waged against the young wildfowl bred in these ponds is certain. Most of those engaged in the unlawful business of killing young wild ducks masquerade as fishermen, but their real business is well understood by many.

The sportsmen of Yolo County should see to it that the vandals are checked in their nefarious work or brought to judgment. If something is not done to put a stop to the destruction of the young ducks there will be no fall shooting in this vicinity.

All Yolo County Historical Society General Membership meetings are open to the public.