



Prez Says

Well, it certainly has been a fast summer for all of us. It's the beginning of September and the kids are in school; the fair has happened and is gone and we are now officially "on again."

Lots of events happened this summer. The Yolo County Fair was the biggest. I have included an article from Dino Gay regarding the Museum's success. I was very happy with the building. It became a reality when all the items were completed, and we both looked at it and were very proud.

We have spent all the money from Big Day of Giving and money that was allocated from our funds for the map placement and the glass for the cabinets. We still need security and hopefully the next Big Day will provide that for us. There is an accounting of the monies in this newsletter.



In October we will have the **Stroll Through History** and in November we will have **Tillyfest**, a new activity sponsored by the Native Sons of the Golden West.

This is the time when dues are due. If you received an envelope with your newsletter, please remit. We always can use monies to help support history throughout the county.

There is also an article for volunteers. Please read that, and if you can help, please reply. I have taken over a lot of small jobs and have decided to let them go. Look at the jobs and the job descriptions and the amount of time needed to perform the task. Many hands make light work.

Just a note: **Sacramento Preservation Society** (preservationsacramento.org) is having their 46th annual Home Tour on Sunday, Sept. 18. **Buy** your tickets.



Remember, as always,
History Rules!

Kathy Harryman,
President, Yolo County Historical Society

Join or Renew!

Yearly dues (membership runs from 7/1 to 6/30)

\$25 Household

\$50 Business (name in all the newsletters)

\$100 Patron (name in all the newsletters and a discount on our trips)

We are a 5013c tax deductible organization – ID# 23-7086043

Make out check to *Yolo County Historical Society*.

Mail to: YCHS
PO Box 1447
Woodland, CA 95776

Congratulations to Us!

A Dream Becomes a Reality at the Yolo County Fair

We did it! We had at least 600 visitors to the museum – average about 50 per weeknight and about 225 on the weekend days.

Thanks to all of you who signed up for and attended a shift or two. And a special thank you to Rob Coman and Dino Gay for doing an eight-hour shift on Sunday to fill in the blanks.

Special thanks to Mike for making the map shadow box, to Terri for the thorough cleaning and last-minute display of local milk bottles, and to Paul for tidying up the windows, pass through, and display case. All these volunteers are from the Native Sons. You are all super!



Thanks to all the groups who participated. Visitors were really impressed that twelve historical groups from across the county worked together to make the museum happen.

Now, to look to the future: Can we open up the museum to the school children when they come to the school house? Can we open the museum to the community maybe on the 2nd Saturday of the month? We will need docents for those activities. Can you help?

Does anyone have

- extra fans for the museum? The AC is wimpy in the 100+ degree heat.
- a long wooden conference table with chairs for meeting and events? We have an oval one, but it is too small for meetings.
- a refrigerator that they would like to donate for the kitchen?



The Bermuda grass on the side of the building needs to be killed so that we can grow the grapes that Andy propagated. We will need a drip system and weekly monitoring of the plants.

Can someone help with that project? The grapes will be the ones Blower grew on the property.

If you went to the museum, please share your thoughts either with me or Dino. We would like to hear more.

Kathy and Dino

We have a Winner!

Our own Reva Barzo won the quilt raffle at the fair. The quilt was donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Phyllis Bishop. The quilt was made by Nell Leake's mother, Ida de Meyer.

Inside the new County Fair Museum



Woodland Stroll Through History

This year's Stroll Through History is going back 70 years – to what is still called “mid-century modern.” Woodland has some wonderful examples of this still-popular style, and four of these custom homes will be on the tour. There also will be a re-purposed and remodeled Streng home.

The Streng homes are examples of mid-century modern made affordable to young families, and the one on the tour has been redesigned into a large, light-filled daycare center.



A Brief History of Woodland

The historic core of old Woodland has not been forgotten. Go to the web site (strollthroughhistory.com) and check out all the new **free guided tours** and the **downtown events**.

Mel Russell and the Yolo County Archives are hosting a guided WW1 Exhibit in the Administration Building – see page 6.

Join us on Saturday, October 8. **Buy tickets!**

County Fair Museum Financial Statement

INCOME (Big Day of Giving)

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| Year 2021 | \$ 1,755.00 |
| Year 2022 | \$ 1,485.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,240.00 |

SPENT

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| Lighting | \$ 1,729.78 | Fixtures | 612.72 |
| | | Replaced the fluorescent lighting. | |
| | | Lights | 217.06 |
| | | Added bulbs. We will need more. | |
| | | Installation | 900.00 |
| | | Electrician fee to install lights. | |
| Time Line | \$ 593.63 | Foam board (FedEx) mounted time line from beginning of Yolo County to the present. | |
| Door Sign | \$ 105.00 | Plastic mounted sign | |
| TOTAL | \$2,428.41 | | |

There are a few bills remaining to be paid.

Next goal: Security

HELP – Job Assistance Needed

Many of these tasks require very little time. But they are important to the success of this historical society. Please help. It's always fun to work with a partner.

Fair Job – 1-2 hours per year

Phone people to volunteer to be in the schoolhouse during the fair. We are there Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from the opening of the fair to 8 p.m. The shifts are two hours long and we staff two people per shift. This year, the fair people opened and closed the building. In the past, both Pat and I opened and closed. Pat will work with the volunteer the first year.

Membership Chairperson – 1-2 hours per year

Receive information from the treasurer and record the membership information on the computer. I have it in Excel and it is very easy to record new information and check to make sure the addresses and other information is up to date. If you want to do this job and do not have a computer, we can work with that too.

Newsletter Chairperson – 1-2 hours per month

1. Pick up the newsletter from L & S Printing in Woodland.
2. Fold, attach members name to the newsletter and stamp them.
3. Mail it at the post office.

There are about 52 members who request a paper copy. I will forward the newsletter to the people on the email list. The treasurer will buy the stamps and the tabs, and I will provide the names.

School House Docent – 2 hours per month in Spring and Fall

Work with another individual to provide a program for the 3rd graders in Yolo County (we usually only have Woodland and Davis). The program is already established. You just follow it. You work with a partner and only work when there are classes attending. This year we are going to try to work only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

School House Scheduler – 3-4 hours per year

Receive the reservation information from the 3rd grade teachers and schedule them. You need to work with the fair office to make sure there is nothing else scheduled. Then communicate with the teacher. Send out the information packet before the visit to **assure a successful experience**.

NOTE: The Historical Society pays for any needed supplies for the above jobs.

If you are interested in any of these jobs, please call me at 530 662-2189. Leave a message. I will return the call – Kathy.



Honoring the Dead of WWI: A Photographic Exhibition

from Mel Russell, Event Coordinator

Last year, as you may know, we organized a photographic exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that we rescheduled due to the pandemic. The exhibit "Honoring the Dead of WWI: A Photographic Exhibition Commemorating the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Yolo County Dead" will now be showing in Gallery 625 of the county building, 625 Court St. Woodland, from October 7th through November 29th, 2022.

To honor our living veterans in the county we have dedicated the opening reception to them on the evening of October 7th, 2022. At 5:45 pm, outside, there will be a short, simple, "Opening Ceremony" which will include recognizing the veterans of all the branches of the Armed Services, and the American Legion Post 77 performing a "Missing Man" ceremony, ending with taps. The reception, hosted by the "Friends of the Yolo County Archives" in the gallery, runs through 8 pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite all the members of the Yolo County Historical Society to our event. We especially invite all those that have served in the Armed Forces and their families to the ceremony and reception to be recognized and honored.

But, in addition, I would also like to ask for your support in honoring our veterans by asking your members to help us by taking a few simple steps.

ONE: TELL A VET

Obviously, we want as many veterans as possible to attend and with the pandemic it is harder to reach people than ever, but we really want our vets to know that they are being honored in this way. By the way, our "Guests of Honor" are the relatives of boys who served in WWI, four of which did not return. We hope this will help reinforce to our current veterans that they too will be remembered. So please pass the word on to any veteran you may know or meet.

TWO: ASK A VET

We know many vets no longer drive and so we would like to ask if your organization would be willing and able to offer your local veterans who need transportation a ride to and from the event. If possible, expand your offer to include family, friends, neighbors, fellow employees. In other words, any veterans you might know or meet. We are asking members of all our county service groups to do this, so hopefully, with the help of everyone, any veteran who wishes to attend will be able to do so.

THANK A VET

Even if you know a veteran may not be able to attend the event, ask them anyway! Please let them know they are being honored in this way and that we thank them for their service.

Download flyer with details of the event. Hoping to see you all at the ceremony and if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me – yolocountyWW1@gmail.com (530) 304-6154.



"LEST WE FORGET"
Commemorating
Yolo County and
World War I



Patrons

The following folks support the *Yolo County Historical Society*. We could not run this organization without their help. Thank you very much!

You can also be a patron by **contributing** \$100 or more.

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Please support these local businesses.

They support the *Yolo County Historical Society*.

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Thank you!

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Format articles in Word and send as email attachments to Kathy Harryman khwoodland@aol.com

Change of Address

Please notify Kathy Harryman khwoodland@aol.com of any address changes (it costs nearly \$1.00 to get your correct address from the Post Office and your newsletter mailing is delayed). Or sign up for delivery as an email PDF attachment (see above email).

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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