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BCHS Information Membership Application

Joining the Butte County Historical Society

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte • 10% discount on museum store County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

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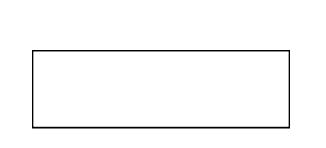
- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly • publication)
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BCHS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home

1480 Lincoln, Oroville Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 530-533-5316

Museum - Archives

Corner of Spencer and Baldwin Oroville 530-533-9418

Museum Friday from 9 am - Noon Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm

> Archives Thursday and Friday 9 am - Noon

Oregon City School 2100 Oregon Gulch Road Oregon City, CA Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm 530-533-9418

Bangor Church 5730 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug. 530-679-2112



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Report on the Museum and Archives

BCHS has started a review of our Museum and Archives operations, both financial and the physical layout. The goal is to increase the number of new displays per year in the museum and improve the flow of materials through the archives accession process. With the addition this last year of the updated software for the archives management (which is proving to be a huge improvement in collecting and accessing information by securing it in the cloud) we also want to improve the physical workflow to achieve further optimization. We feel these improvements will result in more frequent, interesting displays which in turn will encourage more visitors to the museum and the museum bookstore. The first phase is with the museum, followed by the archives. We will keep you informed of our progress!

Watch for a Grand Re-Opening of the Museum and Archives later this Spring!

We are in the early stages of "paint planning" for the Museum and Archives buildings. We will let you know as the time approaches!

As of press time for this issue of the *Slickens*, Butte County remains in a restrictive tier of the public health mandates and we are unable to open to the public. We will begin re-opening as the situation improves, beginning with the Ehmann Home, followed by our other facilities later in the Spring.

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Shirley Miller

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Shirley Miller. Many of you will probably recognize her as the baker of delectable cinnamon rolls that were sold at the Oregon City BBQ and other society events. She was in charge of the opportunity quilt promotion for several years, taking the guilts to various events in order to generate increased ticket sales. She also worked at local fairs and fund raising events selling BCHS books and other items. Shirley managed the gift shop. She and her husband Ed sorted and inventoried our entire back collection of Diggin's after they were moved to the museum. Shirley also served as a Director on the BCHS Board. Our condolences go out to her husband Ed and sons Robert and Michael. She will be missed.



Shirley is shown here working on the Diggins inventory in 2014

Reminder:

Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If your dues have not yet been paid for 2021, there is a yellow stripe on the label. We hope that you will continue with us on our journey to preserve and make available the fascinating history of our area.

The BCHS Mission

is to preserve Butte County's rich and varied history, making it engaging and meaningful for all.

Board Meets at the Ehmann Home the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

2021 Officers President - Larry Tracy Vice President - Dale Wangberg Secretary - Sandy Brodrick Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay

Board Members at Large Margorie Dalev Natalie Williams Tim Jones Larry Mauch Phil Ravert

> Past President Kent Fowler

Publications Staff Diggin's - Nancy Brower Slickens - Dale Wangberg

Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy



New Member:

Don Treco



In Memoriam Judy Volpato Shirley Ann Miller

Remember!

If you have research needs please don't hesitate to call us, email us or contact us through Facebook. The Archives are not open to the public, but several volunteers are able to access the collection and they are ready and willing to assist you! Phone: 530-533-9418

Email: buttehistory@sbcglobal.net



Are you aware that BCHS has been publishing the *Diggin's* quarterly since 1957? The back issues are a literal treasure trove of fascinating information. The *Diggin*'s indexes are one of the first places that I check when I'm asked a question regarding Butte County history. If you haven't checked out the list of past issues, it can be found on our website at www.buttehistory.com. Click on Bookstore and you will find the link to the list. We have printed indexes available that cover the issues from 1957-2008, but the list of titles is also very helpful.

One can find articles about famous people like Ishi, Freda Ehmann, Governor George Perkins, and John Bidwell along with others about people who aren't widely known outside their families, but still led fascinating lives. There are writings about mining, agriculture, specific buildings, the Chinese in Butte County, pioneer travels to California, the Jewish communities of Butte County, early schools, and the list goes on. There is most definitely something to interest everyone. *Diggin's* provides fascinating reading even if you aren't looking for a particular topic.

Follow-up on last months Mt. Ida Article:

It was pointed out to me by a BCHS member that the designation Mt. Ida is found in several other locales, including New Zealand, Colorado, and Arkansas. In Greek mythology it was the birthplace of Zeus. As a former teacher, Judge Gray was likely to have been aware of the mythological connection. Or he may just have liked the name Ida since it was his daughter's name.

Mystery Photo Answer

Last month's mystery photo is actually a machine used for the application of ammonium sulfate fertilizer on farm crops. Ammonium sulfate was one of the first synthetically produced chemical



fertilizers utilized in crop production.

The gentleman on the right is believed to be demonstrating the difference in crop growth with the use of the chemical fertilizers as opposed to manures that were traditionally used.



Upcoming Events

Re-Open Ehmann Home (TBA)

Re-Open Bangor Church (TBA)

BCHS Yard sale (May 1)

Re-Open Archives (TBA)

Re-Open Museum (TBA)

Oregon City BBQ (Tentative-TBA)

Olive Festival (June 19)

All re-opening and event plans are subject to change due to public health mandates.