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*Joining the Butte County
 Historical Society*

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCBS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- 10% discount on museum store purchases
- Early notice of BCBS programs and activities

BCBS 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
 (Temporarily Closed)
 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

**Butte County Museum Weekend
 February 25th and 26th 2023**

Saturday February 25th and Sunday the 26th is the Butte County Museum weekend. The event is countywide and participating institutions will be offering free admission and presenting new displays and content for the education and entertainment of the visiting public.

This event also marks the seasonal re-opening of the BCBS Museum and History Center at 1749 Spencer Avenue in Oroville. In participation with the Museum Weekend activities, we will be open 10 am to 4 pm on both days. New interpretive displays are scheduled for unveiling during this event. Check our February issue for more information.

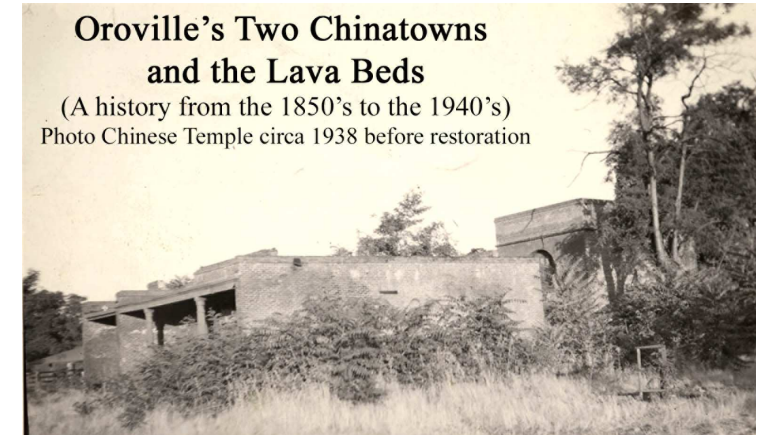


To see a color copy of this newsletter online, visit our website at buttecountyhistory.com.

While you're there, check out our expanding resources for researchers of Butte County's fascinating history. (And our bookstore)

**Oroville's Two Chinatowns
 and the Lava Beds**

(A history from the 1850's to the 1940's)
 Photo Chinese Temple circa 1938 before restoration



**Re-Scheduled to March 18th at 2:00 pm
 1749 Spencer Avenue, Oroville CA.**

Please join us on March 18 as Larry Mauch presents his research into the Chinatowns of the Oroville area, exploring how and where the Chinese people lived, worked and conducted their daily business. Based on research and interviews with descendants of the Oroville area Chinese, Larry's program promises to be a fascinating look at Oroville's past.

Light refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there.

Remember

Memberships expire on December 31st. Please check your mailing label to determine if you paid your dues for 2023. If not, you can mail them in, stop by the Archives on a Thursday or Friday morning, or pay through our website at:

buttecountyhistory.com
 Thank you.

BCBS Membership Application

Check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$35) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$55) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$45) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$105) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$35) |
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Mail with your check to: BCBS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965



BETSY WATLING VAN LAAN LORENZ

Longtime member, Betsy Watling Van Laan Lorenz, 97, died on October 8, 2022, in Chico.

Raised in New Jersey, with nursing training and practice in New York, she taught in the CSU Chico nursing program for 35 years, retiring in 1989.

A BCHS Museum and Archives volunteer and major donor, she is fondly remembered by her fellow workers.

Betsy is shown in the above photo working on scrapbooks in 1989. From the BCHS institutional archives.

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

Board Meets at the Butte County History Center the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

2023 Officers

- President - Larry Tracy
- Vice President - Dale Wangberg
- Vice President, Finance - Larry Mauch
- Secretary - Sandy Brodrick
- Treasurer - Janet Bertagna

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- Marjorie Daley
- Dixie Hargrove
- Lynsea Wells
- Peggie Adamson
- Daniel Ballard
- Dorothy Lindsay

Past President

- Kent Fowler

Publications Staff

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

And The Winners Are...

The drawing for the 2022 quilts took place at our holiday program on December 10th. The first ticket drawn was for Gay Evans. Her ticket was a Christmas present from a member of her sewing group, who was herself a quilt winner a few years ago. The second winner was Ron Ullman.

Welcome!
New Members

Mike & Linda Taylor - Oroville

Mark Arends - Chico

Victoria Arista - Oroville

Darlene Hooker - Oroville

In Memoriam

Betsy Van Laan Lorenz

Linda Peele Haddeman

Save the Date!

**Butte County Museum Weekend and BCHS
Re-Opening: February 25&26**

**Presentation: Oroville's Two Chinatowns
March 18th.**

The Holiday Express was a Great Success!

Our annual Holiday Open House was themed towards railroads this year and model railroads in particular. In the past this event has been a one afternoon gathering, but this year we extended the activities in to the week before and after the public date and invited local schools to attend by appointment. Due to a power outage that hampered operation of our electric railways on the December 10th public date, the displays remained active and opened to the public again on December 17th.

Over 200 people passed through our doors during the private and public events. This included more than 150 students and chaperones from Manzanita School, Spring Valley School and Butte Valley Homeschooling Co-Op. Young people attending were treated to a special reading of *The Polar Express*, a children's book authored by Chris Van Allsburg with the reading provided by Sandy Brodrick.

The BCHS volunteer crew that made this possible was headed up by Dorothy Lindsay with the assistance of Deb Ellison, Dixie Hargrove, Peggy Adamson and Sandy Brodrick. Thanks to all who aided and participated in this fun event!

A special Thank You to the folks who provided the model railroad displays:

- David Dewey
- Jean Hathaway
- Dick Watson
- Matt Padgett
- Keith Johnson
- Robert Saville

Their generous donation of time and displays made this event a success!



Students and chaperones prepared for *The Polar Express*



Robert Saville putting the final touches on his "scrap iron" train display.

David Dewey provides instruction on model railroad operation.