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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 • 10% discount on museum store County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- purchases

Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

BCHS Membership Application

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BCHS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home 1480 Lincoln, Oroville

(Temporarily Closed)

530-533-9418

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

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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Happy New Year 2024

Toys Through Time was the theme of this year's Holiday Open House at the Museum. A variety of toys and games dating back 100 years or more were on display at the BCHS History Center on Spencer Avenue in Oroville. Volunteers provided crafting opportunities of corn husk dolls, rope wreathes and other frontier era items for the young and the young at heart.

Friday, December 8th was a specially scheduled opening for the students of Manzanita School to view the exhibits and work on the crafts.

Our public opening on Saturday December 9th included all of the above and the drawing for the annual Opportunity Quilt, drawings for some unique games and baskets and grand prize drawings for a special Barbie Doll set and an RC race car.

A Special Thank You to All Who Helped With This Event!

Those listed below helped in part with set-up, toys for display and crafts with the children

Peggie Adamson	Doro
Sandy Brodrick	Dick
Dixie Hargrove	Nanc
Dottie Welton	Ellie
Jan and Pat Bales	Joan
Phil Ravert	Susar
Dale Wangberg	BCH

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> BCHS Holiday Open House: Great fun and a great way to close out the year!

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Joe Barron of Oroville shows the quilt he won in our annual opportunity drawing

Reminder

Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If your dues have not yet been paid for 2024, there is a yellow stripe on the lbel. We hope that you will continue with us on our journey to preserve and make available the fascinating history of our area.

Thank You!

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

2024 Officers

President - Larry Tracy Vice President - Dale Wangberg Vice President, Finance - Larry Mauch Secretary - N. Brower (Interim) Treasurer - Janet Bertagna

> **Board Members at Large** Marjorie Daley Peggie Adamson Daniel Ballard

> > **Past President** Kent Fowler

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

Where Does It All Come From?

Have you ever wondered where the items in the BCHS Archives collection came from? The answer, for the most part, is people like you.

Sometimes the donor is decluttering their place of residence due to an impending move. At other times items are donated after the death of a family member. Photos are loaned to us to be scanned, and the originals are returned to the owner. Archives volunteers also collect items from yard sales, friends, etc. The community is an amazing resource in our efforts to preserve Butte County history.



New Members

Micha Rinkus - Chico

Joe & Connie Barron - Oroville

In Memoriam:

Wilma Stevens Hill

Save the Date

February 24th and 25th: Explore Butte County Museum Weekend

Presentations are being planned for March, April and May. More information TBA.

Planning has begun for the 2024 Butte County Olive Festival scheduled for June 15th

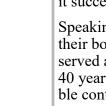


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Sometimes it takes a village to locate an illusive document. Recently I was asked to find a copy of Freda Ehmann: an appreciation by Elbert & Alice Hubbard (1911). It wasn't familiar to me, despite the significant amount of material that BCHS has on the Ehmann family, Freda in particular. A search of PastPerfect, our cataloging program, turned up one possibility, the Elbert Hubbard Scrapbook. Unfortunately, a check of the item, which is in the Ehmann Home library, determined that it doesn't include the tribute. However, when asked, Daniel Ballard remembered seeing something about this item. A poster at the Ehmann Home displayed the cover of a small brochure, and the desk in the store turned up a few copies of the appreciation. We were thrilled to find this small five-page tribute to preserve for posterity. The Hubbards declared that the Ehmann olives were the best "because Mrs. Freda Ehmann has put her mind and heart into making and marketing the best." Elbert Hubbard was the founder of the Roycroft artisan community in New York and was a major influence on the Arts and Crafts Movement. He wrote many sketches of famous people. He and his wife Alice perished with the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915.

Photos from the BCHS Open House





By Nancy Brower

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Bits and Pieces of interesting information

Shout Out: To Dorothy Lindsay and Dixie Hargrove. Their many days of work leading up to our Holiday Open House made it successful!

Speaking of Dixie and Dorothy, both are stepping down from their board duties in 2024. Both are past Presidents and Dorothy served as Treasurer for many years. Between them they have over 40 years of service to BCHS. Thank you ladies for your incredible contributions to the Society!

The BCHS History Center Museum is closed for the winter but will re-open during the Explore Butte County Museum Weekend on Saturday and Sunday February 24th and 25th. We will have some new and exciting exhibits.

About the new exhibits scheduled for 2024; BCHS will be providing exhibit space for the South Oroville African American Historical Society to display the history of their families and community. We are looking forward to it.

It was sad to see Huntington's Sportsman's Store close its doors after so many years of service to the community. Many of us enjoyed their free museum in the back of the store. Some portion of the local artifacts and display cases is being donated to BCHS for use in our Museum. Check your February Slickens' for more in-

That's all for now