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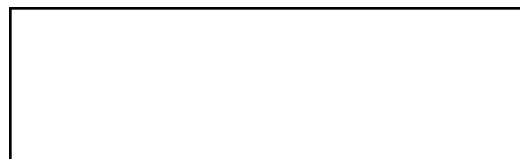
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BCHS Information



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

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 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Archives
Thursday and Friday
9:00 am - Noon

Oregon City School
2100 Oregon Gulch Road
Oregon City, CA
Saturday — 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Call 530-533-1849

Bangor Church
5370 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA
10:00 am - Noon on 1st & 3rd Sat.
Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug.
Call 530-679-0775

BCBS Membership Application

Check one:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$50)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$35)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$25)
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 Address _____
 City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____

Mail with your check to: BCBS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965

“THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON TEA”

It's just a few days away! Do you have your tickets for this fun filled day?

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 am (sold out) and 2:00 pm
The Ehmann Home - 1480 Lincoln St. Oroville

The Tea Committee has worked to make this the best tea ever! We encourage you to bring your husband or male friends. Men love to come, and we will serve them coffee if they prefer. The first session is sold out, so get your check in fast if you want the open spots for the second seating at 2 pm. You will experience the same fun and excitement as in the first session.

Once again the young ladies from Butte County (Fair) Queen's Court will assist us. We look forward to seeing them and their mothers each year. Historian Michele Shover will speak at both sessions, and we will have exciting raffles and door prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Gift Shop that we can sell during the Teas, just give me a call. Remember, we are doing this as a fundraiser for the Society so we can



continue with our programs, outreach and preservation activities.

We hope you and your group will come and enjoy our Tea as we celebrate the Chinese New Year of the powerful Dragon. Again if you

need tickets, send your check to BCBS - Tea, P.O.Box 2195, Oroville, CA, 95965 or stop by the Museum or Archives during open hours listed on page 4. Thank you for all your support. Pat Pascale, 589-2591.

“FOLLOW THE MONEY”

The Use of Coins, Currency and Gold Dust in the Early American West

Sunday, February 26, 2 pm
The Ehmann Home - 1480 Lincoln St. Oroville

Presenter Ron Brown will explain trends and customs in mediums of exchange, including: resistance in the West to the use of currency and coins from the East during the Pioneer era and the need for small demonization coins, with the response of the US Mint. Visual aids will accompany the presentation. A randomly chosen free door prize will be given to a lucky attendee.



Ron and Francine Brown moved to Oroville in 2000 and are new lifetime members

of the BCBS. Ron is a life member of the American Numismatic Association having collected and studied US coinage for 40 years. He is often asked to appraise items and collections. From the void in Canadian coin reference material, Ron entered into Co-Authorship writing of *The Book of Canadian Coins and Their Varieties*, now in its ninth edition.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Old buildings require love and attention in order to keep them structurally sound. I would like to express the gratitude of the Board of Directors toward all of our members who have so generously donated to our building maintenance fund. Additionally, many have contributed to the Save the Bidwell Mansion campaign. We will print a list of donors in next month's Slickens.

Grayson Sorrels, Bob Weitze, and Jack Lindsay all deserve kudos for their efforts to clean up the brush

around the Oregon City School and to eradicate the poison oak. Jack Lindsay and Lowell King have also completed some Ehmann Home maintenance projects and repaired a broken pipe at the Oregon City School. Again, many thanks.

Next on the list is a work day to clear unneeded items from the Ehmann Home attic. If you are interested in helping, leave a message at 533-9418 or 533-5316.

Nancy Brower

Oroville Meteorite Coming to 58th Annual "Paradise of Gems" Show

April 7th and April 8th, 2012
9 am to 5pm & 9 am to 4 pm

Elks Lodge 6309 Clark Rd., Paradise CA

BCHS will have a booth. Let us know if you are available to volunteer for a few hours.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Memberships expire on December 31st each year. If there is a pink stripe on your mailing label, you haven't renewed yet for 2012. We hope that you will continue to support the preservation and promotion of Butte County history.

Do You Have the Bidwell Bridge Collector plate BCBS sold in 1975?

We are trying to make a complete set of our plates that we hope to sell as a fundraiser. If you have this plate and would be willing to part with it, please call Pat Pascale at 589-2591.

The BCBS 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

Officers

President - Nancy Brower
Vice President - Dale Wangberg
Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay
Secretary - Lucy Sperlin

Directors at Large

Peggie Adamson
Hugh Campbell
Marjorie Daley
Jim McDonnell
Dixie Hargrove
Patricia Pascale

Ex-Officio Members

Past President - Alberta Tracy
Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin

Publication Editors

Diggin's - Nancy Brower
Slickens - Sally McCoy

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 11
4th Annual BCBS Tea
"The Year of the Dragon"
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Sunday, February 26
"Follow the Money"
2 pm—Ehmann Home
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Sunday, March 18
Sutter Buttes Hike
(See Page 3)

Sunday, April 15
"The Humboldt Road"
2 pm—Chico Library Meeting
Room

Welcome! New Members

Names Removed

In Memoriam

Names Removed

BCBS Sutter Buttes Hike Early This Year

Sunday, March 18 from 8 am to around 3 pm

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

Deadline for Reservations and Payment: Sunday, March 11th



Once again we have the opportunity for BCBS members, family and friends to have a wonderful outing in the scenic Sutter Buttes arranged by our own Peggie Adamson via the Middle Mountain Foundation. For those of you who haven't gone before, it will be on the Historic Dean Ranch area of the Buttes with a gentle hike in the lower valley for those preferring a more leisurely pace, and another hike at elevation for the more adventurous among us.

We will meet at the Black Bear Restaurant on Hwy 99 in Gridley (left side in a shopping center about midway through town) at 8 am and arrange carpools to drive in with the fewest number of vehicles. Remember to bring a little gas money for the carpool driver. We will return

to the Black Bear around 3 pm. Bring lunch and a beverage and **CLOTHING TO FIT THE WEATHER.**

Be sure to make your reservations soon. The deadline will be close by the time you receive your March Slickens and there is a limit of 30 people. The cost is \$35 for BCBS members and \$40 for non-members. Please call Peggie by phone to make reservations and arrange payment:

Peggie Adamson 530-534-8145

Thank you Peggie for making the arrangements. It will be a lot of fun and we look forward to a big turn-out. For more information about the Sutter Buttes and Middle Mountain Foundation, check <http://www.middlemountain.org>.

Political Turmoil in 1902 Sherriff's Election

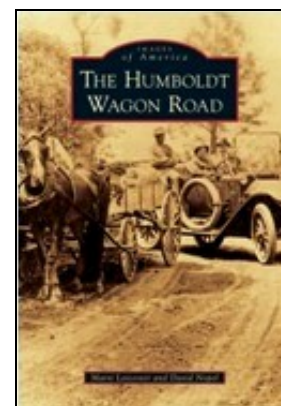
On Sunday, January 22, BCBS Vice President Dale Wangberg provided a presentation at the Ehmann Home recalling the events of 110 years ago, when political turmoil erupted in Butte County as two men battled for the Office of Sherriff. As recounted by Dale, the contest between S.H. "Dutch" Wilson and James M. Chubbuck created problems that affected the race for Superior Court Judge and caused a disruption in relations between the District Attorney and the Butte County Board of Supervisors. The one vote majority which initially gave Wilson the victory guaranteed a court challenge that eventually went all the way to the California Supreme Court. Along the way there were ballot recounts, discarded "illegal" ballots, charges of voter fraud and concerns of voter confusion over a new ballot system (sound familiar?)

The talk was attended by over 30 people, including several members of the law enforcement community, both active and retired.



Presenter Dale Wangberg and retired Butte County Sherriff Perry Reniff discuss 1902 election results.

New Book on the Humboldt Wagon Road



New to the BHCS Museum and Ehmann Home Stores in February: *The Humboldt Wagon Road* by Marti Leicester and David Nopel traces the history of this important route from its beginnings in 1863 through the present day. As part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, it adheres to their template of providing a succinct

history of the subject followed by 100+ pages of photos accompanied by extensive, informative captions. The majority of the photos are attributed to private collections, which adds especial value to the publication as they are not otherwise easily accessible. Marti and David have done a great job in portraying the range of people and places who were associated with the route. It played a very important role in the history of Butte County, and as such this book should be of great interest to local historians. The old wagon ruts are still visible in many locations. The book retails for \$21.99, but BCBS members receive a 10% discount. Plan to attend our April program meeting to hear more about the Humboldt Rd.