

Community Memorial Museum

1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City 95993

On May 17, 1964, the Sutter County Historical Society formally opened to the public the first Sutter County Museum. It was located at 114 Carriage Square, Yuba City.

The date is an important one in the annals of the Society. It marks the attainment of one of the main objectives of the citizens' group, formed early in 1954, "to collect and preserve" records and artifacts of Sutter County, one of the original 1850 California counties. The museum space was leased to the Society, rent free, for a period of five years.

But the Historical Society had its sights set on opening an even better museum, and in 1975 this goal was realized. The Community Memorial Museum was dedicated in October of that year.



The Museum is owned by Sutter County, but among public buildings it is unique, because construction funds were donated by private citizens and did not come from general tax monies.

Howard and Norma Harter gave the acreage on Butte House Road to the county for the large park where the Museum is located. They also established a trust fund for financing the Museum building. Other donors included Gilbert Williamson and

Wilfred and Georgia Williams, as well as many gifts from individuals and organizations.

The Museum has grown over the years. It now boasts a wonderful store; five exhibit galleries; office, storage and work space; a kitchen; and an event/meeting hall. Permanent exhibits include Sutter County agriculture and space dedicated to different local cultures.