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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 BCHS is open to all.

**Members receive:**

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

**BCHS Membership Application**

**Check one:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$50)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$40)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$100)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$25)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (\$35) |  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail with your check to: BCHS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965

**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

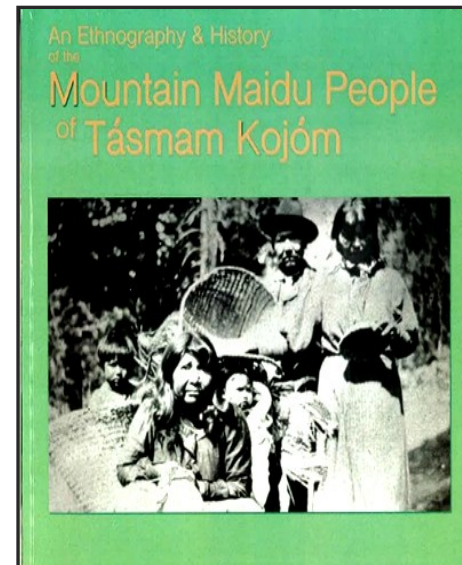
*Museum*  
 Friday from 9 am - Noon  
 Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm

*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  
 530-533-1849

**Bangor Church**  
 5370 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA  
 Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday  
 Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug.  
 530-679-2112

**Mountain Maidu of Tásmam Kojóm.  
 Sunday, January 15 at 2 pm  
 at the Ehmann Home**



Please join us on Sunday, January 15th as we welcome Beverly Benner Ogle to the Ehmann Home for an author signing and discussion of her latest book *An Ethnography and History of the Mountain Maidu of Tásmam Kojóm*. The program begins at 2:00 pm and light refreshments will be available.

The Ehmann Home is located at 1480 Lincoln Street (corner of Lincoln and Robinson) in downtown Oroville. Beverly Benner Ogle is the author of two previous books: *Whisper of the Maidu* (1998) and *Spirits of Black Rock* (2003). She is instrumental in the movement to return the Humbug Valley (Tásmam Kojóm) to its original inhabitants, the Mountain Maidu of Northern California. She currently serves as Vice Chairperson on the Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy.



**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
 Sunday, January 29 at 1 pm  
 The Ehmann Home**

On January 29th, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Butte County Historical Society will be honoring our volunteers with an Awards ceremony at the Ehmann Home. The program begins at 1:00 pm with a light luncheon, followed by the presentation of our 2016 awards and a brief program honoring the many volunteers who have worked so hard for so many years to make our organization successful.

If you would like more information, or if you are interested in assisting with the program, please give us a call at 530-533-9418. We can also be reached by email at buttehistory@sbcglobal.net.



**CALIFORNIA RIPE OLIVES** Ripe Olive Day is coming up on February 21st. Mark your calendar and watch for details in the February Slickens.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, a Happy New Year to all of our members! I hope that 2017 is full of wonderful memories for you. BHCS is starting out on a positive note. First of all, we are delighted to be partnering with the Native Sons of the Golden West Chapter in Oroville to bring about long needed repairs to the historic Oregon City School. It has been determined that the root of our issues there is that the floor has settled unevenly. Once that is remedied, hopefully the remaining issues will be quickly dealt with and the building can receive its desperately needed paint job. By the time of the annual BCHS Memorial Day weekend BBQ, hopefully the school will be gleaming.

The new exhibits at the Museum are coming along nicely. As you may recall, the plan is to redo the various subject areas to reflect the World War I era. So far, the

military, pharmacy, and photography exhibits have joined the Richardson Springs exhibit in the completed category. The entertainment area is currently under construction. Many, many thanks to Joan Parrick, Dixie Hargrove, and Dorothy Lindsay for the numerous hours of hard work that they have put into this endeavor. Also thanks to Sally McCoy for digitizing photos and to Jim Lenhoff and Jean Hathaway and others for lending us various artifacts. If you haven't been to the museum lately, you might want to consider putting a visit on your calendar. It is open on Fridays from 9-12 and Saturdays from 11-3.

We expect to have a year full of interesting programs to entertain and inform you in addition to the four issues of Diggin's and 10 issues of Slickens We look forward to seeing you at our events.  
Nancy Brower

## BULLETIN BOARD

- This year's **Opportunity Quilt** was won by member Sally McCoy. The children's quilt was won by Elinor Hubbard of Oroville.
- **Membership**—if you have not renewed your membership for 2017, it will be noted on your Slickens label. We are past the deadline and the newly increased dues you will pay are also shown on the back page of this Slickens.
- **Chico Office Hours Temporarily Suspended**—With the Chico Heritage Association's move from the Old Municipal Building in Chico, BCHS is suspending office hours in Chico. The new CHA 'digs' in the downtown Garden Walk Mall (225 Main St., Chico) barely accommodates CHA's space needs, but both organizations are working to find a way to maintain a BCHS presence there. So stay posted. Meanwhile, CHA volunteer staff (most of whom are also BCHS members) will gladly relay information, questions, or donations to us if you drop by the new CHA research room near the Wall St. entrance of Garden Walk.



One winner of this year's quilt was a very happy Sally McCoy.

**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

### 2016 Officers

President - Nancy Brower  
Vice President - Dale Wangberg  
Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay  
Secretary - Loretta Watson

### Board Members at Large

Peggie Adamson  
Marjorie Daley  
Kent Fowler  
Jim Holt  
Shirley Miller  
Dixie Hargrove, Ex-officio

### Publications Staff

Diggin's - Nancy Brower  
Slickens - Sally McCoy  
Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin  
Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy

## NUGGETS from the Archives by Lucy Sperlin

### New Exhibits at the Museum - - - -

New and revamped exhibits are enlivening our aging Museum Exhibits. A team of Joan Parrick, Nancy Brower, Dixie Hargrove and Dorothy Lindsay are forging ahead, making adjustments to existing exhibits to reflect the life and times of the decade of World War One, 1910 - 1920. Several exhibits are now in, and we hope to be ready for an April 'Opening.'

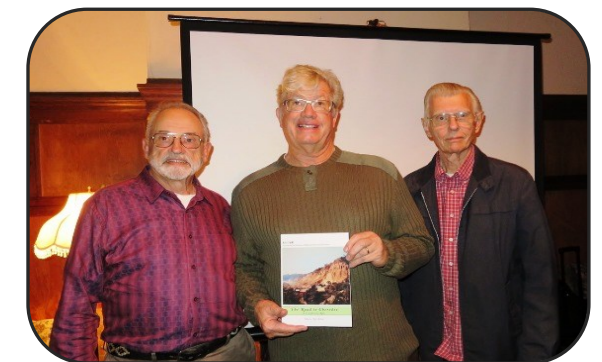
### - - - and the Debut of a Traveling Exhibit

On Saturday February 11, from 2 to 4 pm, we will host an

exhibit opening as a traveling exhibit on the Sutter Butte Canal which will debut at our facility. It has been developed as a mitigation measure for the loss of the historic Haselbusch Headgate which will be destroyed in the construction of a new levee near Gridley. From the early 1900s, the Headgate regulated flow of water from the Feather River drainage as it poured into the Sutter-Butte Canal. Water from the canal was key to the development of farming communities downriver and to the development of new crops. Professionally developed by a Sacramento area firm, it will tell a story about Butte County History that has often been overlooked. The Sutter - Butte Canal Opening will be at the Museum, on Spencer at Baldwin, from 2 to 4 pm.



Larry Matthews (far back left) and Scott Roberts presented their book *The Lost Communities of Lake Oroville* to a full house at the November General Meeting.



Ron Womack, Albert King, Jim Lenhoff at the 2016 Holiday Open House with Ron presenting the book *The Road to Cherokee*, having written the historical background. Albert is a descendent of the author and Jim assisted with background questions,

## The Research Corner

By Nancy Brower

Thanks to a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, yes, you read that correctly, BCHS now has their Oroville High School yearbook collection digitized. This project only required some effort in collecting the yearbooks from various places in the collection and boxing them up, and then returning them to their storage locations when they came back. In return, we have excellent digitized images of each Oroville yearbook in our collection. The collection covers 1914-1991, with the exception of 1917, 1918, 1933-1937, and 1947. If you have any of the missing issues that you would like to donate to the Society, we would be delighted to accept them. In the next month or two, we are hoping to send the Chico High School yearbooks off for digitizing as

well. We have yet to determine what gaps exist in that collection. Yearbooks are a wonderful source of photos of individuals in their youth. They also provide information regarding the whereabouts and careers of alumni in addition to articles covering various local attractions. The digitized images allow us to protect the fragile originals.

An appeal to the collective memory: The archives has the item shown in this photo. It is a bandstand from an unknown band that we believe played in the Butte County area. Can anyone tell us the name of the band and the approximate time that they were active?



Welcome!

New Members

Names Removed



In Memoriam

Names Removed