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**Celebrating
 Ripe Olive Day**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017
 11:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Join us at the Ehmann Home in
 Historic Downtown Oroville
 1480 Lincoln Street at Robinson
 "The House that Olives Built"

**Honoring Lodestar Farms Since 1993
 Jamie Johansson, Owner**

Buffet at Noon with Everything made with Olives

Admission by Donation
Tours of the Ehmann Home will be available
Sponsored by Butte County Historical Society
 530-533-9418 or 530-877-7436



**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
 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



**2017 BCBS Annual Tea
 Mysteries at the Oasis**

**March 11, 2017
 Ehmann Home - 1480 Lincoln Street - Oroville, CA**

The 2017 tea is using Dixie Hargrove's collection of Middle Eastern coffee and tea items as inspiration. The Hargrove family lived in Lebanon during the 1950s and brought them home when they returned to Chico. They include a coffee roaster, coffee grinder, and both coffee and tea cups. They will be on display the day of the tea. Expect the decor and the food to follow the oasis theme. We hope to have a speaker on the subject of coffee. The particulars regarding the tea are on the enclosed flyer, so contact your friends and make plans to come to the Oasis. Groups of four or more are guaranteed a reserved table.



BCBS 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) | |

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that the first month of 2017 is over already. BCHS has a number of events scheduled during the next two months, so there will be plenty of options to fill your time. The ever popular Ripe Olive Day is coming up on February 21st. Come and enjoy the program and partake of a tasty buffet of items made with olives and/or olive oil. That is followed by the Annual Tea on March 11th, when the organizers are inviting you to the Oasis. If you are interested in hiking in the Sutter Buttes, March 19th is the day. April 1st will bring the annual Wildflower Festival sponsored by the Feather River Parks and Recreation District. BCHS will have the Oregon City School open and staffed with volunteers that day and on weekends through the wildflower season.

I would like to express my thanks and that of the Board of Directors to all of our dedicated volunteers.

These individuals catalog items, act as docents in the Museum and at the Ehmann Home (and at the Oregon City School in the spring), they repair buildings, perform research, create exhibits, develop and put on fundraisers, etc. If you are looking for a way to make a difference in the community, we can find a role for you. Give us a call at 533-9418 Thursday through Saturday or drop us an e-mail at buttehistory@sbcglobal.net.

The roll out of the new Museum exhibits continues. Joan, Dixie, and Dorothy are doing a fabulous job of putting a World War I era focus on each of the major subject areas—the military, pharmacy, photography, and the movies are complete. More areas are under development. Come by and take a look!

Nancy Brower

BULLETIN BOARD

- The opening of the **Sutter Butte Canal exhibit** has been postponed. The group that is creating it ran into unexpected delays, so it will be rescheduled for late March or early April. Look for a notice in the March *Slickens*.
- **Membership Renewal**—Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If we have not received your renewal check for 2017, there is a pink stripe on your label. If it indicates that you haven't paid yet, and you believe that you did, please contact us.
- **Thank You!** For those of you that didn't get the opportunity to attend the wonderful volunteer luncheon Sunday I would like to take this opportunity to again thank those volunteers that have so generously given of their time for our major fundraisers. The Tea and The Gala were big successes mainly because of these people. So, "thank you" again to Nancy Brower, Shirley and Ed Miller, Dixie Hargrove, Loretta Watson, Lori Wangberg and Linda Dewey. I would also like to thank both Ed and Shirley Miller for taking on the marketing of the Opportunity Quilt this year. They both organized the tickets and made sure the quilt was taken and set up at many events. Dorothy Lindsay
- **Spring cleaning** is just around the corner! Please bring any unwanted items to the Ehmann Home on Saturdays from 11am to 1 pm. We will store them in the basement until the One Mile Yard Sale on Sept. 2nd.

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

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President - Nancy Brower
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Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy



Beverly Benner Oogle and her son Ken

A Most Interesting Talk on the Mountain Maidu People

On Sunday, January 15th, Beverly Benner Ogle visited us at the Ehmann Home and discussed her latest book "*An Ethnography and History of the Mountain Maidu People of Tasmam Kojóm*", the area in Plumas County we now call Humbug Valley. Bev was joined by Kenneth Holbrook, CEO of the non-profit group Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy. Ken (who is also Bev's son) shared some insight in to the long process the Mountain Maidu people have gone through in their quest to regain control of this small, but spiritually significant portion of their ancestral lands.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, January 29th was the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Ehmann Home. About 35 members gathered to partake in yummy food and be thanked for their efforts in assisting the society. Alberta Tracy spoke about those who help maintain the Ehmann Home and provide tours, prepare food and help serve on Ripe Olive Day, help plan and present the Perry Mason Days program, assemble the mailings, and plan for and serve the Olive Festival. Lucy Sperlin thanked those who catalog and do research at the archives, work as museum docents, maintain the computer system, and plan and assemble the new museum exhibits. Nancy Brower thanked the tea committee and those who she calls on to assist with research questions. It takes many hands to make an organization work smoothly, and we are fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals.



The Research Corner

By Nancy Brower

Have you ever consulted a city directory as part of your research strategy? If not, you should consider it for questions that cover the 20th century. City directories are very helpful in locating people, particularly between the censuses that were only taken every ten years. They provide names, addresses and occupations, and often employers as well. They can be utilized to identify the location of a business also, often listing the owner or person in charge. Business listings can help identify who was providing certain services in a given year. The BCHS Archives has a collection of local directories, as do the Butte County Library branches. Chico State has digitized early directories which can be found online at <http://www.csuchico.edu/lspr/bcd/index.htm>.



Annual Sutter Buttes Hike March 19th

That's Peggy Adamson welcoming you to another fun Sutter Buttes Hike next month. If you have questions or want to get on the list early, call her at 530-534-8145. Details will be in the March *Slickens*.