

# Sacramento River Delta Historical Society March 2024 Bulletin



The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society has long thought of ways to honor the landmark businesses, individuals, and organizations whose presence in the Delta make a difference.

Our first inaugural **“The Delta”** Award will be presented to **Giusti's Place, the iconic Delta restaurant, Mark Morais and the Giusti family** for their over 100 years of affording hospitality, food, and cheer to those of us who live, work, or visit here. The gala dinner will be held at the Ryde Hotel on Saturday April 27, 2024, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm, or so.

We hope you'll join us. Individual tickets are \$75 or a table of eight for \$500 and features a wonderful buffet-style dinner, a silent auction, the awards presentation, house wine, a no-host bar and much more.

You can purchase tickets by sending a check payable to SRDHS, P.O. Box 293, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 or by credit or debit card on **eventbrite.com**. For more information you can email: [srdhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:srdhspresident@gmail.com) Or just search for **Delta Awards** or cut and paste this URL into your browser and it will take you directly to the site:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../the-delta-awards-inaugural...>

**Tuesday, March 19 – Hidden Figures – Women of the Delta.** *Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market Street, Walnut Grove. Doors open at 5:30. Program from 6:00 to 7:30.*

We'll talk about the deep roots of women in the Delta, whose stories are either seldom told or impact on the Delta glossed over. From the *Ylamne* women who created watertight cooking baskets and cradle baskets for swaddling and carrying babies, to pioneering women like *Eliza Gregson*, a passenger aboard the first steamboat to travel on the Sacramento River, *Alice Murakami*, an early founder of the River Road Gallery, and *Maria Gonsalves*, who cooked for over 30 years for those who toiled in the fields and ran a “pop-up” taco stand, in the early 70's. The program will also feature *Delta Mello*, executive director of the Sacramento History Museum who will portray, *Charmain London*, the wife of author Jack London. Her role in navigating delta waterways and contribution to Delta literature (not to mention significant editing of her husband's work, has long been ignored. We invite you to share stories of the women in your life who deserve recognition, too.

## **Delta Stories – The History Journal of the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society**

Are you a storyteller? We're looking for individuals to contribute to our new journal, due out this July. Articles should combine research with storytelling to present a taste of the historical, cultural, political, social, and/or cultural dynamic that shaped the time and the region's historical journey. It's also a forum to exchange ideas, publish newly discovered information and provide valuable information to the community. We welcome community histories, editorials, articles, essays, letters, book reviews, interviews, personal narratives, photo essays, poetry and even short stories that provide a mix of historical exploration, current debate and future perspectives that capture the diverse and dynamic nature of the Sacramento River Delta. To contribute send a query to our editorial team – [srdhspublications@gmail.com](mailto:srdhspublications@gmail.com)