

# Gold Fever: In Image & Reality

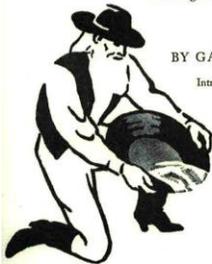
Sacramento River Delta Historical Society  
General Meeting

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Jean Harvie Center 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

## The California Gold Rush

A Descriptive Bibliography of Books and Pamphlets  
Covering the Years 1848-1853

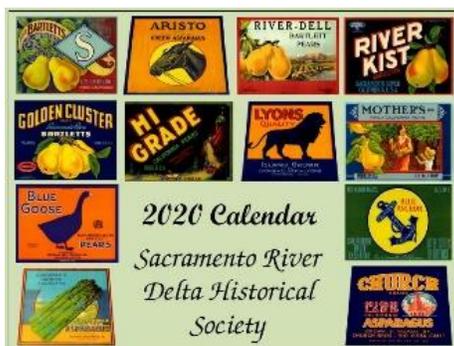


BY GARY F. KURUTZ  
Introduction by J. S. Holliday

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Gary Kurutz, author and retired state librarian, will be our speaker on "Gold Fever: In Image & Reality". Gary served with great distinction for the Huntington Library as Assistant to the Curator of Rare Books and as Bibliographer of Western Americana; for the California Historical Society as Library Director; for the Sutro Library as Head Librarian; and for the California State Library, most notably as Director of Special Collections.

The Gold Rush took place at time when the visual means of mass communication progressed at a rapid pace. Lithographs and wood engravings gave visual credence to the wonderful news that poured out of California. Artists were not immune from gold fever and some real talent came to California first to hunt for gold and then, finding this to be hard and unproductive work, turned back to their god-given natural abilities. Charles Christian Nahl, Harrison Eastman, and George Holbrook Baker, to name just a few, produced illustrations for newspapers like the Wide West, magazines like Hutchings California Magazine, and, of course, books. Some even enjoyed the patronage of prosperous Californians and received commissions to recreate the "Days of 49" in great sweeping paintings. Others like Kuchel and Dresel and Britton and Rey produced birds-eye views of cities and mining camps that so wonderfully portray California's mushrooming growth. The result of all of this made the Gold Rush one of the first important episodes in our national history recorded visually and systematically by its participants. Please come and enjoy this adventure. Program is free to all



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