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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 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

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 _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

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



Come to a Rock & Roll Dance!

at The Ehmann Home
 1480 Lincoln Street
 Historic Downtown Oroville

Friday Night - January 17, 2020

Refreshments - \$10 per person
 530-533-9418 or 530-809-5576

The Five Satins

"You Belong to me"

"For Your Love"

The Silhouettes

The Contours

"Daddy's Home"

The Reflections

Little Anthony & the Imperials

"Get a Job"



BCHS Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, January 26 at 1 pm
 The Ehmann Home
 1480 Lincoln, Downtown Oroville

Please join us at the Ehmann Home on Sunday, January 26th for the annual Butte County Historical Society Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. All you need to bring is your appetite! All volunteers are welcome; past, present and potential!

Volunteer Appreciation Guide



Through the years our organization has been blessed with many dedicated and talented volunteers. They are the back bone of our Society and this is our opportunity to publicly say "Thank you!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Historians:

Normally I ask this question, why is history important to us? But I'm going to tell you why it's important to me and how it came to be so.

I was born in the city of San Fernando in 1966 just outside Los Angeles and largely raised in Sylmar.

I was fortunate to live across from a cemetery as a boy that is known today as Pioneer Cemetery or Morning-side Cemetery. It was designated a California State Historical Landmark No 753 in 1961. Although heavily vandalized and neglected for most of my childhood years in the 70's and 80's, it has since been preserved and beautified. The monuments always made me wonder about who these people were? How did they get here and why did they come? What were their accomplishments and failures? These thoughts always haunted me but in a very wholesome way.

As a Boy Scout in Troop 111 we were required to perform community service in order to advance in rank. One of the many memories that I have was the annual Las Posadas pageant held at the Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills. Funny thing is I really don't

remember what we did to save my life but in all likelihood it was the setting up and tearing down of chairs and tables and other needful but mundane tasks. This pageant and the historic adobe has been on my mind for some years now.

I strongly believe that these places that I took for granted as a kid are responsible for the very things I do today. Had I not lived across the street from the Pioneer Cemetery I most likely would not be involved with the preservation of Hamilton Cemetery in our very own Butte County. If I was not a Boy Scout and volunteered at the Pico Adobe would I have the reverence and duty of our much-needed preservation for our historical treasures? Maybe, but I think not.

There is power in places, things and people, these events were the seeds planted in my consciousness when I was a child, our Society has the same effect on the public - we are planting the seeds for tomorrow's generation, some may germinate quickly others longer, we reap what we sow.

I for one thank all those volunteers that contributed to the making of who I am today.

Kent Fowler

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

2020 Officers

President - Kent Fowler
Vice President - Dale Wangberg
Secretary - Sandy Brodrick
Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay

Board Members at Large

Margorie Daley
Dixie Hargrove
Tim Jones
Larry Mauch
Phil Ravert
Larry Tracy

Publications Staff

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

Heartfelt Thank You's!

♥ Casey Sohnrey for the lovely dining room set given to the Ehmann Home.

♥ Mr & Mrs Ron Womack for so many lovely things that made for a profitable Collectible Sale.

Christmas Open House Happenings

Winners of the quilt drawings were **Ruby Roethler** and **Ty Thresher**.

Winner of the Christmas Tree drawing was **Lucy Sperlin**.

The newly elected BCHS officers were inducted and the 2020 list is to the left of this article.

3rd Thursday History Talk

January 16, 2020

Mug Shots Coffeeshouse
2040 Montgomery St
Historic Downtown Oroville
5:30 Dinner & 6:00 talk

Speaker—Paul Bowman
Mill Creek Indians
(Not a BCHS event)

Welcome!

New Members

Carter Bonney - Brush Creek

Terri Castaneda - Carmichael

Wanda Chilton - Oroville

Christel Gillespie - Chico

John Keesey - Chico

Roxine Kolbuke - Oroville

Linda MacMichael - Chico

Butte County through the Eye of the Artist Exhibition

Saturday, February 8th from 2-5

at the BCHS Museum (1749 Spencer Avenue, Oroville)

Admission: \$5 per person

BCHS is preparing for the Second Annual art show, which will spotlight Butte County artists. The exhibition will feature paintings both new and old and will include depictions of historic places as well as more general scenes. If you are an artist, or you have paintings by a local artist which you would like to see included in the exhibit, please contact us at 533-9418 and leave a message.

There will be raffles, refreshments, and the opportunity to enjoy the artwork from many local artists. One special raffle will be of a numbered piece of Orient and Flume glass art.

This year we are working on a sip and paint opportunity to be held at a local venue. It will be guided by a local artist. We plan to start selling the limited number of tickets at the art exhibition. Hope to see you there.



This month's featured artifact is a very special kind of gold pan, and a real treasure of an addition to our collection. It is a gold pan made of wood, or a 'Batea' in Spanish, a type used by Mexican and Spanish gold miners during the gold rush. Constructed of a single piece of wood, it has been shaped into a shallow bowl 4 inches deep and 16 1/2 inches in diameter. Adding to the intrigue of the batea is that it is obviously well used and has old repairs using copper sheet metal. A mend on the bottom of the pan covering a large split, is about 5 x 8 inches, with tiny nails around the edge. A second mend is on the interior of the pan where it has split at the rim, and has been held together with a 4 inch strip of copper, similarly edged with tiny nails. This is a marvelous example of an artifact which is more interesting and tells us more by being in poor condition, than if it were

pristine and new.

The batea came in with several other old gold pans in the Huntington collection a few years ago and was so large that we have only recently gotten caught up enough to finish the cataloging."



Note the darkened oval ring where the nails holding the metal patch on the bottom have discolored the wood.

Metal mend on bottom of pan.



New On the Bookshelf

By Nancy Brower

BCHS stores recently stocked *The Sound of the Snow Geese* by Dax Meredith, a story of her escape from the Camp Fire with her son. Other recent additions include

Las Plumas by Bob Richardson, recounting stories of the families who lived and worked at the Great Western/PG&E power plant, and ANCHR's newest publication regarding the Richardson family.

