

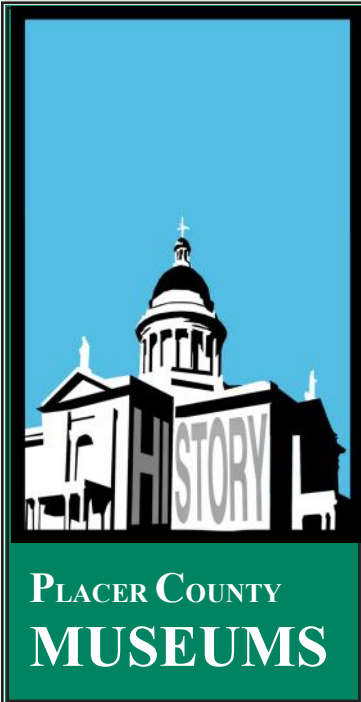


The Placer

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Administrator's Notes

by Ralph Gibson, Museums Administrator



When the final trick-or-treater wanders from our door back into the darkness of Halloween, my attention turns to the Holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

As before, our plan is to have our museums decorated for the season by the Saturday after Thanksgiving, which means a lot of our museums will start looking like Christmas in mid-November. It takes weeks to get all the decorations up in the five museums we decorate, so that means a few “But it’s not even Thanksgiving yet!” Grinches, will just have to endure.

It’s a wonderful time of year and I can’t wait! The Bernhard will be decorated for Victorian Christmas; we’ll have Christmas at the Courthouse in the Treasury of the Placer County Museum; a Welsh Christmas at the Griffith Quarry Museum; a touch of Gold Rush Christmas at the Gold Rush Museum; and Christmas on the Home Front at the DeWitt History Museum.

As year’s past, we will also host S’mores & Stories at the Bernhard Museum on December 13th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We’ll have storytelling on the porch, Ukulele Music with Auburn String Jam, walk-thru tours of the Bernhard House and, of course, s’mores around one of three campfire pits.

The Placer County Museum in the historic Courthouse will also take part in each night of Old Town’s Country Christmas event on December 14th and 21st also from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mrs. Claus will read stories to children in the Treasury, we’ll have a craft station for kids and free cookies and hot apple cider! Admission to all of our museums and these great programs is always FREE! So please, come by and see us during the Holidays!

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New Donation Highlight

by Kasia Woroniecka, Curator of Collections



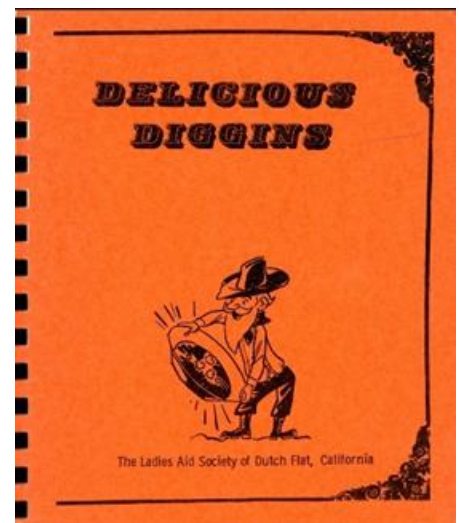
This fan dates to about 1910-1930. For centuries fans served as a practical and convenient means of keeping cool. Like many functional items, their designs evolved creatively, especially during the Victorian era. At that time, fashion dictated that every woman own a fan, leading to a wide range of options—from inexpensive printed souvenirs sold by street vendors to exquisite hand-painted pieces crafted from mother of pearl and embellished with gold and precious jewels. It is

through donations like these that we can continue to bring history to life for our visitors. If you have items with Placer County history that you are interested in donating, please contact the Curator of Collections, Kasia Woroniecka (kworonie@placer.ca.gov) or the Curator of Archives, Kelsey Monahan (kmonahan@placer.ca.gov) to find out how.

Savoring History: Holiday Recipe Ideas from the Dutch Flat's Ladies Aid Society

by Kelsey Monahan, Curator of Archives

As we approach another holiday season I'm sure many of us are getting out our recipe books and planning out our holiday meals. One of my favorite cookbooks in our collection comes from the Dutch Flat Ladies Aid Society, founded in 1933 as a "helping hand" organization for the Methodist Episcopal Church and community of Dutch Flat. In addition to raising funds to support church repairs, they also donated to charities and made Christmas gifts and food baskets for families in need. The Dutch Flat Ladies Aid Society building is now the home of the Golden Drift Museum.



The 1964 cookbook "Delicious Diggings" published by the Society includes over 300 recipes inspired by the group's bake sales, potlucks, dinners, and annual barbecue. When it was first published the cookbook cost \$2 and the first edition sold out in 20 days.

Consider this fall making the "Old Hotel Plum Pudding" once served at the Dutch Flat Hotel. Feeling adventurous? Try the "Holiday Molded Seafood Salad," and let me know how it is!

124. OLD HOTEL PLUM PUDDING

Mrs. Charles Kempster (Lois)

1 c. beef suet, finely chopped	1 tsp. salt
2 c. bread crumbs	1 tsp. cloves
1 heaping c. seeded raisins	2 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. currants, well washed	1 tsp. nutmeg
1 c. blanched almonds, chopped	4 eggs, beaten
1/2 c. citron, sliced thin	1 tsp. soda in warm water
	1 c. milk

Flour all fruit well in 1 pint flour. Then mix remainder as follows: In large bowl put well beaten eggs, sugar, spices and salt in 1 c. milk. Stir in fruit, chopped almonds, bread crumbs and suet. Add dissolved soda last. Then add remainder of flour used to coat fruit and nuts. Put in containers. Can use baking powder cans or 1 lb. coffee cans. Cover and steam 4 hours. Serve with your favorite wine, brandy or hard sauce. Makes approximately 6 1 lb. puddings. Note: This was the first recipe I used where measurements instead of weights were given. It was a favorite on holiday menus at Dutch Flat Hotel when we were proprietors. First tried this pudding in 1906, San Francisco earthquake year.

Salads Dressings

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MOLDED SALADS

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229. HOLIDAY MOLDED SEAFOOD SALAD

Mrs. Thomas J. Edwards (Bea)

1 pkg. lemon jello	1/3 c. pickled onions, sliced
2 c. V-8 juice	1 c. shrimps or crab meat
1/3 c. stuffed green olives sliced	1/2 c. sweet pickles, chopped

Dissolve jello in 1 c. hot V-8 juice, stir until dissolved, add 1 c. cold juice, set aside to cool. When jello thickens, add other ingredients, mix. Mold in individual molds or 1 bowl. Serve on lettuce cups with or without mayonnaise.

Note; This is my own recipe and is a must for our family at holiday time.

Volunteer Spotlight

by Kelsey Monahan, Curator of Archives

This month the Archive and Research Center celebrates a huge milestone: volunteer Joyce Panciera has completed scanning over 5,000 negatives from the Auburn Journal Collection! Thanks to her hard work and dedication this collection of images from the 1950s and early 1960s is now accessible and discoverable! Joyce has been part of the archive team since 2015, so we sat down to talk about her time here. I also asked her to share what some of her favorite images were.

What do you like about volunteering at the Archives?

“I like being involved with history and being assigned different projects in the Archives. I’ve also organized the maps, conducted Oral History interviews, and compiled research about the DeWitt Military Hospital.”

What have you liked about working with the Auburn Journal negatives? “It’s been wonderful to see all of the different types of activities that would happen and how well they were documented by the paper. I also like seeing pictures of people I remember, like Bill Cassidy that ran the Auburn Journal. Even though the photos only go back to the 1950s you can also really see how the buildings have changed.”

What is a fun fact about you? “I have a passion for woodworking and tile working. I like to decorate my home with tiles that were gifted to me by my patients during my career as a home health nurse for 30 years.”

Thank you Joyce for all of your hard work!

June Tollefson operating a perforating machine, published on March 30, 1961. Joyce contacted members of the community to track down the type of machine being used!



Old Auburn Cemetery Tour

by Katy Bartosh, Curator of Education

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Murder, Mayhem and Mystery Tour at the Old Auburn Cemetery a success! We were thrilled to welcome nearly 700 visitors who were captivated by the chilling tales of Rattlesnake Dick, Alma Bell, Elmer Gum, Frank "Big Dip" Dependener, and many more intriguing characters. Your contributions brought these haunting stories to life!



Pictured: Karen Chesney, Carol Cramer, Bev Call, Rebecca Hemphill, Karen Allen, Gary Koolhof and Heather Watkins-Koolhof.

Volunteer Appreciation Movie Event

by Bryanna Ryan, Supervising Curator

Over 80,000 visitors came to our Placer County Museums in 2023, and the numbers keep growing! From busy school programs to seasonal events, tours, and open museum hours – it is exceptional volunteers who make all the difference. Last year, our volunteers donated over 12,000 hours of their time to promote local history and enrich our communities. We are so grateful to be a part of your lives and share in the joy that comes in exploring what makes this region so special. As a small token of our gratitude, we hold an annual "Volunteer Appreciation Movie Day." On Monday, October 21st we celebrated the day at the Roseville Veteran's Memorial Hall with a showing of the 1996 film, Phenomenon which was mainly filmed in Auburn. It was our pleasure to see so many friendly faces this year and we look forward to the next one!

S'mores & Stories

At The Bernhard Museum

Join us around the fire for hot cocoa, peppermint s'mores, holiday stories, and live music with Auburn String Jam.



New Victorian Christmas exhibits will be on display!

Old Town Christmas

December 14th & 21st 5 to 8 pm



Auburn's Historic Courthouse will be open for Old Town Christmas!

Visitors will be treated to crafts, cookies, cider, Mrs. Claus at the fireplace reading stories, and the event's only indoor public restroom.

FREE

FREE!

Please call 530-889-6500 or go to placer.ca.gov/museums for more information

Placer County Historical Society

Dinner Meeting

When: **Thursday, December 5, 2024**

Meeting at 6:00, Dinner at 6:15, Speaker at 6:45

Speaker: Frank Nissen

Location: **Veterans Memorial Hall**
100 East Street, Auburn, CA

Dinner cost: \$30.00.

Speaker presentation: Free

Please RSVP to rsvp.pchs@gmail.com



Please go to www.placercountyhistoricalsociety.org for more information

Placer County Historical Organizations

Colfax Area Historical Society

Jay McIntyre, President, (530) 346-8599
colfaxhistory.org

Donner Summit Historical Society

Bill Oudegeest, (209) 606-6859
donnersummithistoricalociety.org

Foresthill Divide Historical Society

Annie DeMaria-Norris (916) 206-4479
foresthillhistory.org

Fruitvale School Hall

Community Association
 Mark Fowler

Golden Drift Historical Society

Sarah Fugate, (530) 389-2121

Historical Advisory Board

Glenn Vineyard, (916) 747-1961

Joss House Museum and Chinese History Center

Larry Finney, (530) 305-9380

Lincoln Area Archives Museum

Elizabeth Jansen, (916) 645-3800

laamca.org

Lincoln Highway Association

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Loomis Basin Historical Society

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Maidu Museum & Historic Site

Kaitlin Kincade, (916) 774-5934
roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum

The Museum of Sierra Ski History and 1960 Winter Olympics

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North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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Roseville Historical Society

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Calendar:

Please confirm all meeting times and locations with each organization

Foresthill Divide Historical Society Meeting:	Monday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m.
Golden Drift Historical Society Meeting:	Monday, December 2th at 7:00 p.m.
Historical Advisory Board Meeting:	Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30 p.m.
Loomis Basin Historical Society Meeting:	Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m.
Placer County Historical Society Meeting:	Thursday, November 7th at 2:00 p.m.
Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society:	Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Rocklin Historical Society Meeting:	Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.
Roseville Historical Society Meeting:	Tuesday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m.



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