



West Sacramento Historical Society Newsletter

April, May & June, 2009 www.westsachistoricalociety.org

Museum and Visitors Center is located at 324 Third Street, West Sacramento (old Broderick district), California 95605.
Open Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other hours by appointment, phone (916) 374-1849

Just a few of the activities of WSHS Members!

- ⇒ Attending WS City Council meetings
- ⇒ Volunteering at the San Pedro Park workdays
- ⇒ Testifying at WS City commissions hearings
- ⇒ Hosting a reception at 3rd St Museum after the plaque dedication
- ⇒ Celebrating the 100th birthday of a long-time member
- ⇒ Providing display and meeting space for the Art Guild
- ⇒ Participating in county-wide joint historical meetings.
- ⇒ Provided weekend walking tour of old Washington-Broderick area
- ⇒ Co-sponsored first historic "Walk About" of Riverbank-Bryte area.
- ⇒ Working with the new Bryte & Broderick Community Action Group
- ⇒ Restoration work on three vintage fire trucks
- ⇒ Serving as docents at the WSHS Museum

WSHS Actively Involved in all of the West Sacramento Neighborhoods!

Museum Events & Meetings at 324 3rd Street in old Washington/Broderick Neighborhood

- ⇒ **3-14-2009:** New WSHS officers were installed at the general membership meeting & 15th Birthday Celebration for the Society. Jeri Hughes-Wingfield, 2009-2011 President stated her goals are to begin the development of a printed timeline of the Society's community events, achievements and interactions with the City of WS and other local non profit groups as well as seek out more WSHS members who will volunteer as docents at the present Museum location. Photo at right shows Roger Sornsen swearing in Mickey Fausett as Treasurer, Thom Lewis as Past President, Jeri Hughes-Wingfield as President, Kathy Perrigo as Member at Large and Jim Brewer, 1st Vice President. Not shown are 2nd Vice Martha Mills and Secretary Sharon Freitas who terms do not expire until 2010. The installation ceremony was held in the main exhibit room of the Museum which is currently featuring an exhibit on the Latinos of West Sacramento.



Plaque Dedication at River Walk Neighborhood!

- ⇒ **04-01-09:** WSHS dedicated the 'first' State Registered Historical Landmark at the River Walk, north of the Tower Bridge. It marks the location of the Hapgood, Hume & Company salmon cannery built in 1854. Members of the Hume family present included Mary Jane & David Hume with niece Roberta Maloy standing to left of WSHS Past President Thom Lewis. Assisting with the dedication were Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Chamber of Commerce CEO Denice Seals. This dedication marks the end of the WSHS's long campaign to raise the required costs: donations were received from River Cats Foundation, City of West Sacramento, WS Chamber of Commerce Project Pride fund and WS Historical Society.



SEE INSIDE FOR PHOTOS & EVENTS IN THE RIVERBANK/BRYTE NEIGHBORHOOD—ALSO A SPECIAL INSERT WITH AN OFFER FOR SMALL BUSINESS' MEMBERSHIPS & A SHORT STORY BY MICKEY FAUSETT ABOUT "A Bryte Gal and a Broderick Boy"

WS HISTORICAL MEMBERS KEEP BUSY ATTENDING EVENTS

Yoshie Takagi Iwasaki, long time WSHS member celebrates her 100th Birthday!



04-01-09: Yoshie Takagi Iwasaki (shown in photo from the WSHS Women of West Sacramento 2007 exhibit) was honored by the City of West Sacramento with a proclamation originally requested by the WS Historical Society. She has already received a letter from Governor Schwarzenegger, a framed resolution from California State Assembly and was featured on an April 16th broadcast of the Today Show from Sacramento.

Yoshie's life has included farming, raising a family, life in Tule Lake during WWII as well as lots of volunteer work with her children's schools, PTA, Scouts, Yolo County 4 H, local Election Boards, and the Buddhist church in Sacramento. Congratulations Yoshi!!



WS Art Guild finds a home at WSHS Museum

04-11-09: By working cooperatively with the Historical Society, the WS Art Guild has an on-going display at the WSHS Museum at 324 3rd Street as well as a 2nd Saturday special artists' event each month. Linda Bowron (shown above) currently has a large showing of needlepoint handiwork all of which is available to purchase. Linda serves as the Docent at the Museum each Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm along with Charles Sano who provides individualized tours of the Latino exhibit currently being featured.

Joint Meeting with Yolo County Historical Society held at the Jazzyblues Café in old Washington/ Broderick neighborhood!

3-22-09: More than 30 attendees were at the Jazzyblues Cafe when the Yolo Historical Society held a joint meeting with WSHS. New President Jeri Hughes-Wingfield presented outgoing president Thom Lewis with a Certificate of Appreciation and a monetary gift from his officers. Mickey Fausett & Roger Sornsen talked about growing up in the Washington/Broderick area and then attendees joined 2nd Vice President Martha Mills in a walk through the historical areas including the 4th Street Delta Style Victorian homes and the WSHS Museum on 3rd Street.

WSHS Supports New Community Action Group for the Bryte and Broderick Neighborhoods!

The Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group was established in 2008 with the support of the City of West Sacramento as part of the City's Community Engagement and Visioning Project. The goals of B&BCAG are:

- To encourage Bryte and Broderick residents to take an active part in their community's future.
- To listen to Bryte and Broderick voices and help them open doors to solutions.
- To establish projects and programs that will enhance the educational opportunities, the environment, and the services available to the Bryte and Broderick community.
- To work with the City, other organizations and businesses toward sustaining a healthy, informed, and engaged community.

To learn more information about B&BCAG, go to www.bryteandbroderick.org

Arbor Day Proclamation presented by WS City to WSHS member Joan Liffing.

04-15-09: The City of West Sacramento presented an Arbor Day Proclamation to Joan Liffing, a long-time resident of West Sacramento whose garden has been the site for many local gatherings. The proclamation, currently on display at the City Hall will be part of a May 2, 2009 Arbor Day Celebration at Bryte Park.



WSHS CO-SPONSORS HISTORIC 'WALK ABOUT' OF OLD RIVERBANK/BRYTE NEIGHBORHOOD!

4-18-09: A Historical 'Walk About' joint project between the San Pedro Association and WS Historical Society took place on Saturday, April 18 in the old area known Riverbank then as the town of Bryte from 1915 until 1986. Photo to right shows WSHS Past President Thom Lewis reviewing the map of the seventeen historical sites identified for this first self-guided 'walk about' with San Pedro members Celestino and Dennis Freitas. Interested community members were invited to a light breakfast followed by



a brief orientation to the specific sites noted on the map. A large crowd then spent the morning on a self-guided walk. If anyone missed this event and would like to purchase the 20 page booklet for a donation of \$5, contact Sharon Freitas at 916.421.5768 or at safreitas@aol.com.

During the Historic Walk About, Jeri Hughes-Wingfield, new president of WSHS visits with Bob Jackson, grandson of Mike Bryte who established the first dairy farm in the Riverbank area.



WSHS MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING—DON'T GET LEFT OUT!

Each January, the current members of the WS Historical Society are asked to renew their annual membership. Costs range from \$11.50 for a single senior, \$17.50 for a regular single to special discounts for couples. Pick up a membership brochure at the Museum or visit the website to see what category your membership fits. This spring, over 30 new members have joined — please welcome the following new WSHS members when you see them:

Scott & Jill Blunk
Pat Coughlin
Harlow's Westside Motorcycle
Robert Irwin & Rafael Diaz
Jeff Loftus
John Mello
Alfonso Navarro
Michael Plaisted
Gary Reason
Amanda Ridge
Charles Sano
Barbara Smith
Owen Smith
Charles & Lauren Todd
Jennifer Vasquez

Buena Vista Rancheria
Mary Jane Holmes & Scott Debley
David & Karen Hume
Joanne Kilgos
Roberta Malloy
John Miller
William & Gertude Norton
Dan Ramos
Frank Richards
Phyllis Runyan
Dave Shpak
Dianne & Darrell Smith
Kathleen Stinton
John Turner
Judy Vasquez

If you are not sure if your dues have been paid or if you have not received a new 2009 WSHS membership card, contact Mickey Fausett or Thom Lewis (see back page for contact information) or leave a message at the Museum, phone 371-1849.

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All WSHS newsletters are
posted in color on the
website—see “What’s New”
at**

www.westsachhistoricalsociety.org

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Historical Society Chair - to be announced

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- ◆ Year long Calendars are available from the Museum. Stop by, say ‘Hello’ to the volunteer docents and pick up a copy of the 2009 calendar!
- ◆ Business meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am until 11 am.
- ◆ For the latest schedule of special events and/or meetings, check the WSHS website at:

www.westsachhistoricalsociety.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Volunteer Docents are needed to
work in the WSHS Museum from 11
am to 4 pm on Fridays or Saturdays,
drop by and sign up for a shift!
No experience is needed, just a
friendly smile!**