



WEST SACRAMENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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. until September 30, 2009.

WSHS Museum & Visitors' Center **to close September 30, 2009**

After much discussion and exploration of options, the Board of WSHS Officers' voted to close the present location of the Society's Museum & Visitors Center on Sept. 30, 2009. All historical materials will be inventoried, packed according to specific archival procedures and stored. The Society will continue to meet as needed and plan more outreach exhibits and community events such as participating in the October 3rd Neighbors Fair at the Riverwalk Park and the San Pedro Park 'Show & Tell' Day on October 24, 2009.

WSHS members and interested community persons are urged to visit the Museum on the remaining Fridays and Saturdays of September between 11 am and 4 pm to view the current exhibits. Also, there will be a Celebration of the Society's 16th Anniversary on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at the Museum. This final event in the 3rd Street building will take place from 3 pm until 5 pm, come by and enjoy some anniversary cake with cold drinks.

A special sale of all WSHS merchandise (books, T-shirts, coffee mugs, tote bags, etc.) will take place during the Sept. 27th Anniversary Party with all current WSHS members receiving a 25% discount on any purchase, good time to do some Christmas shopping. Just bring your WSHS membership card to receive your discount—if you don't have a current 2009 card, check with one of the WSHS officers at the Museum to verify if your membership has been renewed.

Questions, call the Museum at 374-1849 or contact any of the officers listed on the back of this Fall, 2009 Newsletter.

WSHS TO HOST "HISTORICAL GALLERY" IN NEW WS COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTER

Article by Thom Lewis

WSHS Past President

In April 2009, the City of West Sacramento broke ground to construct a Community Civic Center as part of the new Yolo County Library, Sacramento City College campus, and Yolo Bus Terminal complex. When completed in fall 2010, the complex, located at the south corner of West Capitol Avenue and west corner of Merkley Avenue, will operate under the management of the WS City Parks Department.

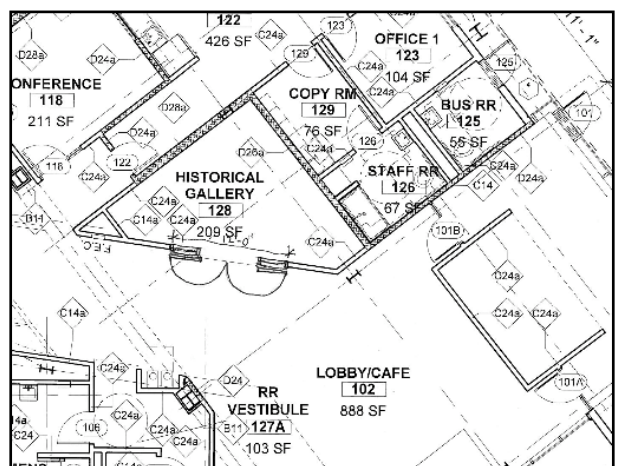
The Community Center will host senior programs, a black-box-theater, parks and recreation activities, after school programs, meeting spaces, workshop rooms, art gallery, history gallery and a small cafe.

As part of this complex, the West Sacramento Historical Society has designated exhibit space. This move will replace the WSHS Museum & Visitors' Center that was located at 324 Third Street in the old historic Washington township area.

The WSHS Historical Gallery is located in this center of the complex (see floor plan below). The exhibit area is approximately a 209 square-foot delta shaped room. Although small, the Historical Gallery, located near the main entrance to the building, will have prime exposure to attract students and teachers from the neighboring community college campus, library patrons, seniors from the nearby senior center, bus terminal travelers, businesses patrons, nearby residents and students of all ages and grades from the local schools.



Proposed Exhibits—The overall main theme will be based on the "Our Journey" exhibition program began last year at the WSHS 3rd Street Museum. It will continue the focus on the various ethnic groups and/or businesses and what brought them to settle and work in West Sacramento. Additional themes or sub-themes could include the early side-wheeler steamships and maintenance yards located on the nearby Sacramento River, the various community volunteer fire departments, and the story of the Port of Sacramento. Each display component will have a separate storyline that includes a condensed history timeline of events for Yolo County, California, and United States. This timeline approach will connect the reader to the early history of this community and the relationships that were experienced and shared during those eventful years. With the addition of small artifacts and short biographies on early pioneers, and the applications of both static and interactive-type displays, the user will be engaged in entertainment leading towards their education in historical facts about the West Sacramento community. Unlike the present WSHS museum where staffing is essential, the proposed displays in the Historical Gallery will not rely on docents during open hours. However, the WS Historical Society will be encouraging those members who have been or are current docent volunteers to continue by being present in the History Gallery from time to time and helping with special events, merchandise sales, etc. This new site should get more public exposure for one-on-one interaction in telling the history of West Sacramento. After the West Sacramento History Society's executive board approves the exhibit theme and storylines, the visuals will be developed and sent to an exhibit fabricator for cost estimate. The next step then will be fundraising including the task of soliciting donations and pursuing grants for materials, construction and installation.



A 'BIG THANK YOU' to WSHS Docents Who Donated Weekly Volunteer Time at the Museum

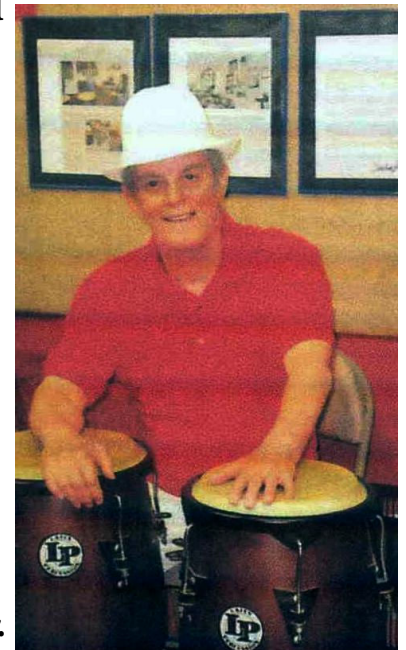


Every Friday, from 11 am to 4 pm, visitors could find WSHS members John Ohlson and Joyce Miller on duty at the 3rd Street Museum. Both John and Joyce enjoy a discussion about politics and have a long history of community involvement. Each Friday, they bring the newspapers to discuss local happenings over lunch while awaiting visitors to the museum.

On Saturdays, the WSHS members Linda Bowron and



Charles Sano donated docent hours from 11 am to 4 pm while enjoying their hobbies of creating art through needlework and making ethnic Puerto Rico music. *See the insert for a full page article written by Charles Sano about his Puerto Rican heritage.*



Stop by the Museum on one of the last Friday or Saturday in September while the Museum is still open and give a Big Thank You to these very interesting and dedicated community volunteers.

WSHS TO PARTICIPATE IN 8th ANNUAL "NEIGHBORS" PARADE/FAIR

On Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, the annual community parade will form at the Elkhorn Park then proceed via Cummings and 5th Street to the Riverwalk Park where food, live music, arts and wares will be available from noon to 5 pm. (check www.wsneighbors.com for details).

WSHS members are needed to help work in the WS Historical Society's booth where books and other merchandise will be on sale! - Contact any of the officers listed on back page to sign up to help!

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ⇒ WSHS Executive Board/Officers meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month as needed. Contact the President Jeri Hughes-Wingfield at 371-7678 if you have questions or would like to attend.
- ⇒ Museum last days to be open are: Sept. 18/19 & Sept. 25/26 from 11 am to 4 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Sept. 27—16th Anniversary Party & Special Sale 3 pm to 5 pm at the 324 Third Street building.
- ⇒ September 30, 2009—Museum closes!
- ⇒ October 3—WSHS booth at the Neighbors Fair at Riverwalk Park
- ⇒ October 24—WSHS booth at San Pedro Park “Show & Tell Day” 1 pm to 5 pm FREE to all with hourly Door Prizes, cooking demonstration and displays.