

## WEST SACRAMENTO'S FIRST MUSEUM OPENING – Feb. 20, 2005

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The West Sacramento Historical Society celebrates the opening of their museum and visitor's center, the **first museum for the City of West Sacramento**, on Sunday, February 20, 2005, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The museum is located at 324 Third Street in the Broderick district of West Sacramento. A ribbon cutting ceremony and presentation of a Proclamation will take place with various dignitaries from the city and community.

The historical society's first exhibit at this site highlights photographs from their recent publication, *Images of America – West Sacramento*, a pictorial book on West Sacramento beginning with photographs from the early 1900s to present day. The exhibit will have photographs based on the six categories of the book: early inhabitants, Washington Township - Broderick, Bryte, West Sacramento, Southport and the City of West Sacramento. "Community members opened their personal collections to us for the book. These family photographs tell the history of the community. The WSHS is very appreciative to everyone who helped make this book a success," states Thom Lewis, President of the society.

Artifacts from the community will also be on display as well as the large painting, *Washington 1909*, by Marleen Hoffman that depicts the West Sacramento riverfront prior to the building of the I Street bridge. Two of the three historical society's fire engines (Old Mary built in 1927 by volunteers and Yellowbird built in 1954/55) will be on display outside the museum. A few museum members will be dressed in early volunteer fire department attire. Historic fire department memorabilia will be exhibited.

Music and refreshments will be provided at the reception.