



West Sacramento Historical Society Newsletter

October, November & December, 2008

www.westsachistoricalociety.org

Museum and Visitors Center is located at 324 Third Street, West Sacramento (old Broderick district), California 95605.
Open Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other hours by appointment, phone (916) 374-1849

PLAN TO ATTEND

October 11, 2008—2nd Saturday Event
The West Sacramento Art Guild in cooperation with the WSHS Museum offers special art viewings during regular Museum hours.

October 18, 2008—Field Trip to Heidrick AG History Center in Woodland. Interested participants need to sign up and order lunch by Tuesday, Oct. 14—either visit or call the Museum at 374-1849 (see page 2 for details).

November 18, 2008—General Meeting of all WSHS Members, 6:30 pm. Members and interested guests are invited to attend this end of year information meeting at which time the future plans of the Museum and the Historical Society will be discussed. Prior to the meeting, beginning at 5:00 pm, the Museum gift shop will be open and will offer huge discounts on many items including cookbooks, wooden toys, etc. so come early and do your Christmas gift shopping!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Docents wanted: Volunteers are needed to work in the WSHS Museum from 11 am to 3 pm on either Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday—drop by and sign up for a shift! No experience is needed, just a friendly smile!

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS:

- ◆ An exhibit honoring the late Arthur F. Turner has been installed at the temporary library at 840 Jefferson Boulevard. Grandson Bryan Turner provided several photographs and historical documents related to the Turner family and West Sacramento Land Company.
- ◆ The historical display at Elkhorn Village Elementary School is extended for 6 months.
- ◆ Another exhibit is being prepared by the Board of WSHS to be exhibited at the La Bou Restaurant on Jefferson Boulevard soon. These exhibits are part of the West Sacramento Historical Society's community outreach program.

At the WSHS Museum Now!



Members of WSHS and community members are invited to view a special exhibit highlighting the Latin American items donated to WSHS by long time resident Virginia Seamans.

This collection of artifacts, books, art pieces, clothing and household items were brought back to West Sacramento by Virginia and her husband, Dr. Theodore Seamans. They spent many summer vacations visiting friends in Mexico. During the school year, Dr. Seamans taught French, Spanish and Latin at James Marshall High School.

NEWS FROM THE WEST SACRAMENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 18 Field Trip:

A field trip is scheduled for Saturday, October 18 to the Heidrick Ag History Center with lunch at the Elkhorn Station Roadside Bar and Grill. First opened in 1997, the Ag Museum, located in Woodland, exhibits farm implements, tractors and harvesting machinery dating from the late 1800s through the middle of the last century. Touring this Woodland Museum will take from 1 to 2 hours.

A carpool will leave from the WSHS Museum by 9:30 am and after the tour, stop for lunch at the historical Elkhorn Station by the river. For a group admission rate we will need to have 10 participants. Deadline to sign-up will be Tuesday, October 14. Lunch menus will be available at the museum for advanced orders. Please call the WSHS museum at 916-374-1849 and leave a message.

Bryte Fire Department firehouse at Lisbon/Yolo update:

Progress has taken the glacial approach, but we are now getting closer to closing the deal to move into the decommissioned firehouse in Bryte. We should begin moving into the building after minor maintenance and repairs are completed, interior is cleaned, and shelving is installed. While the initial use envisioned included hosting public events and other venues, until accessibility (ADA) and potential contaminants are removed, the building will only be used for fire apparatus storage, a place for maintenance, museum collection storage, and an office.

Fire Apparatus Committee:

Due to mechanical, safety, and logistics, Old Mary and Engine #4 (1954 International) did not go to the Yolo County Fair this year. However, if you had gone to the California State Fair, Old Mary was parked at Camp Smoky through the entire fair's duration. Fearless Pat Stanley drove her to the fairgrounds and Sierra Hart Towing brought her back to the storage garage in West Sacramento.

For the entire month of August, Engine #4 was at Riverview International Truck Shop for maintenance. During her stay with Riverview, the engine received some needed TLC and new electrical wiring for headlights. Both Old Mary and Engine #4 were scheduled to be participants in the October 4, 2008 Neighbors' Fair Parade in West Sacramento.

15th Anniversary of WSHS held on September 16, 2008:

Kathy Perrigo, WSHS Member at Large, organized this year's anniversary celebration. To celebrate we had a meat and cheese platter, salad, vegetables, soft drinks and a decorated cake. The event, held at the museum, was celebrated by around twelve members and two city council members, Bill Kristoff and Mark Johannessen. A long-time member, Jim Armstrong, who has been MIA for the last several years' was also in attendance, see, miracles can happen!.

MORE NEWS!

Election of New Officers:

This year ends the 2-year term of President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP. If you are interested and want to get more involved with the historical society because you don't agree in the direction we are taking the organization, we aren't doing enough for the community, or you have other concerns, please contact a member of the nomination committee. This year's ad hoc committee includes Louisa R. Vessell at 451-2113 and Charlotte Dorsey at 617-2288. Nominations for President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents and Member at Large are due by the end of December. Next year, 2009, the Secretary and Treasurer positions are due.

TRAINING:

If you are seriously interested in archiving and working with museum collections there will be series of workshops sponsored by the Balboa Art Conservation Center. The workshops, held at California State University, Chico are scheduled for October 15-17, 2008.

Day 1: Care of Collections, Books

Day 2: Care of Collections, Paper and Photographic Materials

Day 3: Care of Collections, Textiles or

Day 1-3: Emergency Preparedness Intensive for Material Culture Collection

Cost to Enroll

1 workshop	\$100 Professional	\$50 Student
2 workshops	\$185 Professional	\$95 Student
3 workshops/	\$250 Professional	\$125 Student

For additional information please contact Balboa Art Conservation Center (BACC), P.O. Box 3755, San Diego, CA 92163-3755, Tel 619-2236-9702 or WRFSO@BACC.ORG or Website at www.bacc.org

Treasurer/Financial Report: Net Worth As of August 31, 2008**Assets**

Cash and Bank Accounts		Balance
101	Checking/Historical Society:	-\$831.73
102	Checking/Museum:	\$3,767.21
	Total Checking	\$2,935.48
Art Guild		-\$32.16
203	Yolo Co CU Women's Exhibit	0
204	Yolo Co CU	0
205	Yolo Co CU Regular shares	\$1,750.81
	Total CU Shares	\$1,750.81
	Yolo Co CU Money Market Account	\$3,047.68
	Total Accounts	\$7,701.81
Other Assets		
400	Inventory books	\$10,374.33
410	Gift Shop Inventory	\$227.50
	Total Other Assets	\$10,601.83
Investments		
	Brokerage	\$86,685.28
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$104,988.92

Special Project Savings Breakdown:

Fire Apparatus: \$2,056.00
 Cannery Plaque: \$1,700.00
 WSHS/RVAC
 Museum Campaign \$20,000.00

Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group

We are bigger than the walls that divide us

Bryte Broderick Community Action Group
 West Sacramento, CA 95605
www.bryteandbroderick.org

After a March 23, 2008, kickoff event and through a series of community interviews, the Bryte and Broderick residents expressed their hopes and dreams for their neighborhoods. A promising partnership emerged. Residents and city staff agreed it takes more than one tool to build community. The City of West Sacramento provides an array of services and Bryte and Broderick can supply vision, leadership and passion.

On August 8, 2008, residents developed a shared vision created in words and pictures, which will serve as a blueprint for neighborhood planning. They formed a new working group, the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group. Some of the issues the group plans to address are Education and Schools, Parks and Gardens, Youth Projects, Events and Arts, Senior Services, and Police and Community Relations. Check their website at www.bryteandbroderick.org for dates of future meetings and events.

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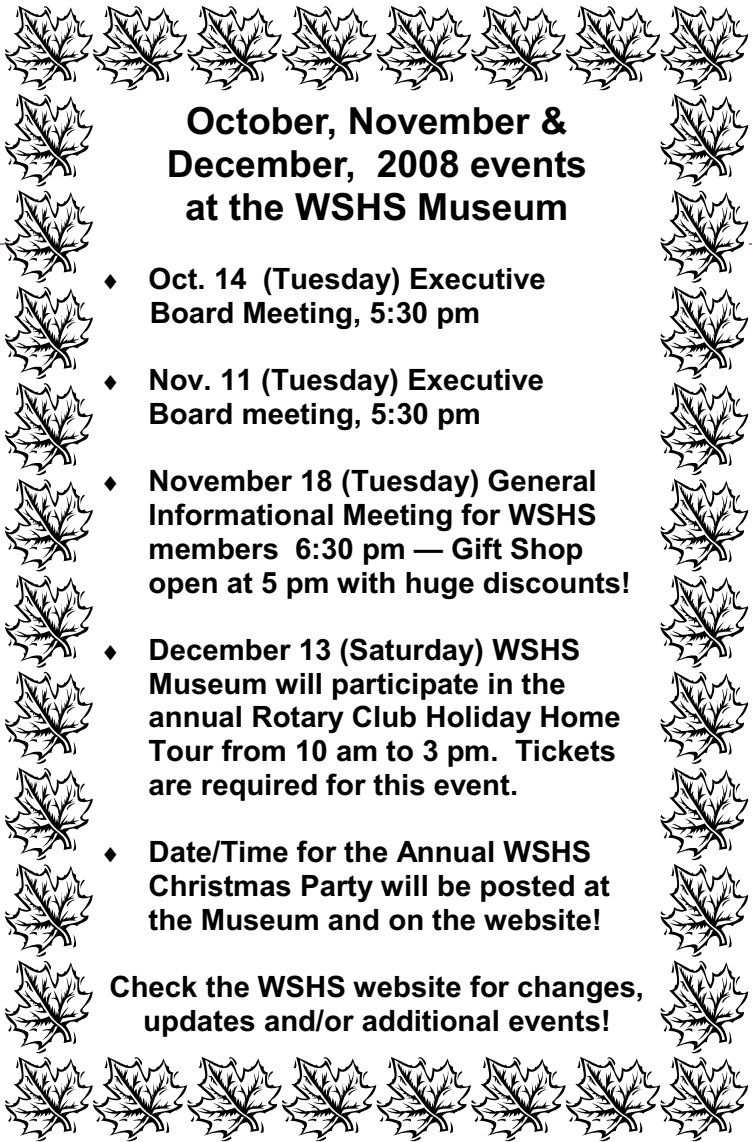
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All WSHS newsletters are
posted in color on the
website—see “What’s New”
at**

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**October, November &
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at the WSHS Museum**

- ◆ **Oct. 14 (Tuesday) Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 pm**
- ◆ **Nov. 11 (Tuesday) Executive Board meeting, 5:30 pm**
- ◆ **November 18 (Tuesday) General Informational Meeting for WSHS members 6:30 pm — Gift Shop open at 5 pm with huge discounts!**
- ◆ **December 13 (Saturday) WSHS Museum will participate in the annual Rotary Club Holiday Home Tour from 10 am to 3 pm. Tickets are required for this event.**
- ◆ **Date/Time for the Annual WSHS Christmas Party will be posted at the Museum and on the website!**

Check the WSHS website for changes, updates and/or additional events!