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Summer 2016

The Newsletter of the Family of Folsom Historical Society Museums

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS



Our local intrepid Eagle Scouts lend their talents and dedication yet again! Find out how a flatbed truck, a crane, and a lot of rope helped breathe new life into one of Pioneer Village's permanent displays. Also, mark your calendars for the return of the Folsom History Museum gift shop clearance sale.

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DEPARTMENT ROUND UP



The temperatures are climbing and we're looking back at the waterways that helped shape Folsom's history...and keep us cool in the process. Read on to take a peek at some of the pictures from the Folsom Historical Society collection to see how summertime life has flocked to the water when the temperatures rise.

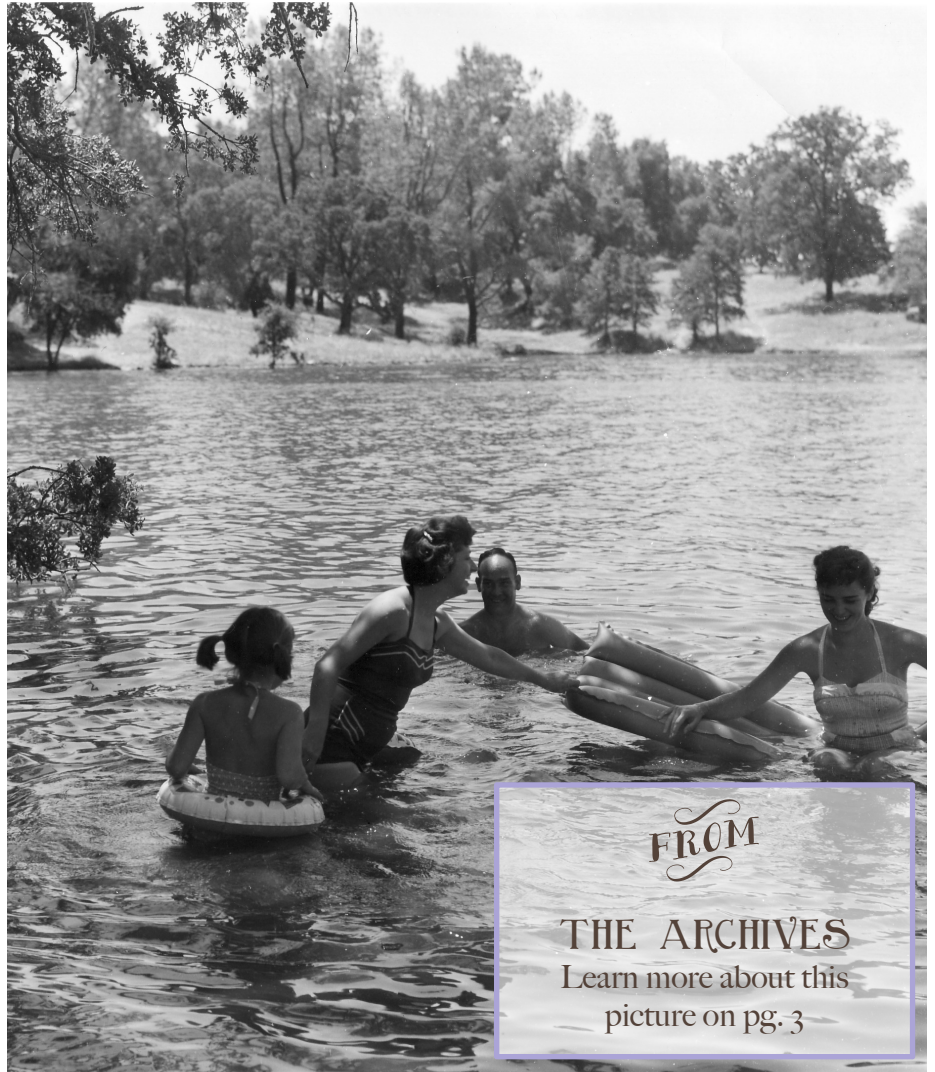
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FROM

THE ARCHIVES
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WELCOME!

FROM Jeff Ferreira-Pro, President, Folsom Historical Society:

For this newsletter I'd like to acknowledge the amazing work that is being achieved by our incredible volunteers and staff. First, my gratitude and admiration to Linda Setnik and Kathleen O'Connell for curating the beautiful Slaves of Fashion exhibit. If you haven't seen it yet, please put the exhibit on your summer agenda. It closes on September 4th. Cameron O'Shaughnessy's Eagle Scout project adding the North Ashland Station Exhibit is one of many Scout projects that have provided enhancements to Pioneer Village. Thanks also to Jerry Schroeder . . . *continued on pg. 4*

DEPARTMENT ROUND-UP

HELP THE ARCHIVES SOLVE A PHOTO MYSTERY!

A recent donation to the FHS archives has unexpectedly revealed a mystery we are in the midst of trying to solve. Amongst the items given to us was a framed photo of this unidentified man (photo at left) with the following poem cut from a newspaper tucked into the frame next to him:

*For All Who Mourn (by
Arthur Guiterman)*

That he was dear to you so
many a year
But darkens your distress?
Would you he were less
worthy and less dear
That you might grieve the
less?

He was a golden font that freely poured
What goldenly endures,
And though that font be gone, its bounty stored
And treasured, still is yours.

The past is deathless. Souls are walls too deep
To spend their purest gains.
All that he gave to you is yours to keep
While memory remains.

Who never had and lost, forlorn are they
Far more than you and I
Who had and have. Grudge not the price we pay
For love that cannot die.



The frame was in terrible shape and was starting to damage the photo. We decided to take the frame off to save the picture and in doing so, we uncovered another photo hidden underneath!



WHO WAS MRS. LA VAY?

Hidden underneath the portrait and poem was this photo of a woman identified only as Mrs. La Vay. No other information was provided. Does this striking beauty look familiar to anyone? Her high collar and pompadour hair place her right at the turn of the century. Who was Mrs. La Vay? Who was the man in the portrait? Help us piece together this puzzle!

Send in your clues to us at:

admin@folsomhistoricalsociety.org

with **The Mysterious Mrs. La Vay** as your subject headline.



Happy bathers enjoy the waters of Folsom Lake as a family, circa mid-1950s. From the Folsom Historical Society collection.

SUMMER ON THE LAKE...

Summertime temperatures are getting brutal out there! Once we see those highs hitting triple digits, we decided to nostalgically dive into our photo archive to see how past Folsom residents spent those dog days.

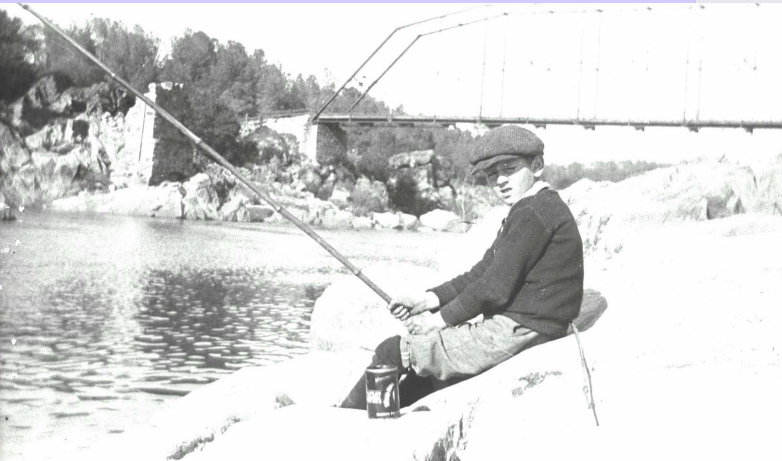
What we found was that, just like today, Folsom Lake and the American River

were the lifeblood of town. After all, these vital waterways are what helped the fledgling Granite City grow in those early years of the California Gold Rush.

Enjoy these refreshing photos from the archives whenever you feel the heat starting to wear on you!

Remember: The Folsom Historical Society archives are available for researchers upon request.

Please visit our website www.folsomhistoricalsociety.org to find out how to make an appointment.



With his bait can at the ready, a young fisherman tests his luck and skill on the banks of the American River, circa 1920. From the Folsom Historical Society collection.

DEPARTMENT ROUND-UP

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“Slaves to Fashion” curators Linda Setnik (left) and Kathleen O’Connell in period clothes at the exhibit opening reception.

Photo by Massiel Bobadilla

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

VISITOR COMMENTS ABOUT “SLAVES TO FASHION”

- “The best ‘Slaves of Fashion’ exhibit I’ve ever seen in all my travels – very comprehensive and very complete. AWESOME!” | Medford, Oregon
- “Wonderful!” | Roseville
- “Love this place!” | Folsom
- “I had no idea women wore so many undergarments—and on hot summer days too.” | Grass Valley

KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

BY Roberta Long

Ask Linda Setnik and Kathleen O’Connell what they enjoy about volunteering at the Folsom History Museum and this is what they say:

LINDA – I initially volunteered at the Folsom History Museum to date their pre-1920s clothing. I love being around the older clothing and accessories, and am glad to be able to share my knowledge and enthusiasm with others in the vintage fashion and quilt shows and in exhibits like “Slaves to Fashion.”

KATHLEEN – I enjoy being on the front desk and talking about the museum and Folsom with visitors. It’s great getting to know other volunteers and the museum staff. I also enjoy maintaining the clothing collection.

Linda and Kathleen are curators of the museum’s clothing and accessories collection. They worked for six months to select, prepare and display the second “Slaves to Fashion” exhibit, showing this summer in the beautiful air-conditioned Wells Fargo exhibit hall. “Slaves to Fashion” tells a dramatic story of how women’s and children’s lives were captive to the dress codes of the Victorian and Edwardian periods (1850-1925).

This season’s exhibit is every bit as fascinating as the first. It combines favorite pieces from the 2014 exhibit with others that have never been seen. No wonder this exhibit is so popular. Linda and Kathleen take joy in sharing their passion.

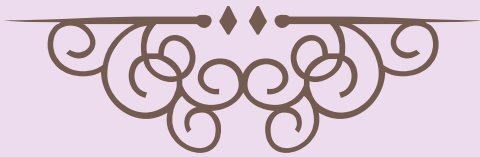
Linda became interested in history in the 7th grade when she started reading historical novels. She graduated with honors from CSU Northridge with a focus on American History. She branched into women’s social history and began reading their 19th century diaries. She went on to collect photographs of women in elaborate 19th century dress and wanted to know the dates of the photos, which is mainly possible by dating the clothing.

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Not satisfied with the available books on fashion, Linda did her own research using primary 19th century documents. Her research resulted in two books on dating clothing and telling why women dressed as they did and how it affected their lives.

Kathleen has been interested in textiles and clothing since she was in high school doing sewing and embroidery. After she started volunteering at the museum about 12 years ago, the director suggested that the curator then, Joanna Schwilk, could use extra help.

Kathleen started working with the collection in 2009. She finds the variety of items in the collection very appealing, and is especially interested in the handwork shown in many pieces, from the dresses to the handkerchiefs.



If you are interested in textiles and history, and would like to join Linda and Kathleen in caring for the collection at the Folsom History Museum, contact:

Massiel Bobadilla, Director of
Archives/Collections at
admin@folsomhistoricalsociety.org
or 916-985-2707, ext. 12.

BOOK A TOUR!

Linda & Kathleen offer private, guided tours of “Slaves to Fashion” for the run of the exhibit. Dive deeper into the history of the pieces on display and learn about the evolving styles of the 19th century.

To book a tour, visit our website
FolsomHistoricalSociety.org
or call 916-985-2707.



STAFF REMARKS

ANTHONY IKEDA KOLAR

Executive Director



Good summer everybody! Here we are in the middle of the hot season and FHS is as busy as ever. We have been spending most of 2016 rebuilding our organization's structure from the bottom up and have completed quite a bit. Part of all of that work is evident in the new look and feel of our newsletter and

website, done by our amazing Director of Archives and Collections, Massiel.

The biggest news to our membership is the updated price of admission for our two museums. The price has increased so that we can continue to improve and upgrade our operations, and the quality of our permanent and temporary exhibits. This increase brings us into the 21st century and allows us to begin to properly reflect Folsom's unique stories pertinent to our community's sense of self.

We are looking forward to seeing you all this summer. Expect to hear about us more often over the coming months because we will be building our in-house marketing, and hopefully reaching those who are not already familiar with Folsom's rich heritage. We will also be creating more partnerships with local schools by providing more tours for school children, supporting our school system in educating and nurturing our upcoming generation.

Keep watching us through our newsletter, website, and social media! Over the next year we will be offering our membership even more events throughout the year to entice and educate, and hope you will join us in our adventure.

KARLA DAVIS

Director of Education



CALLING ALL PARENTS! Folsom History Day Camp starts 9/10/16!

An exciting interactive day camp focusing on Folsom's rich history as a hub for the Gold Rush and other "firsts" in CA, is being offered by our Education Department. Starting Sat. Sept. 10, the camp will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer Village on the corner of Leidesdorff and Wool St. in Historic Folsom. Held on the second Saturday of each month, our camp staff includes elementary teachers, museum docents, Folsom and Bella Vista High School students and local artists. We've created fun-filled learning experiences integrated with the Arts and designed for students in 3rd through 6th grade. Parents can drop children off at the Pioneer Village Living History Museum for a full day of pioneering crafts, music, dancing, storytelling, poetry, drama and art projects that help us uncover and discover our local history with "new eyes." Aligned with CA elementary History-Social Studies, Language Arts and Visual and Performing Arts standards, students will learn history through hands-on, minds-on engagement with the Arts. To guarantee a small student to teacher ratio, enrollment is limited to 20 children.

Register online via the Education tab at our website: folsomhistoricalsociety.org by Friday, August 27th.

Fee: \$30/day per child; \$5 discount for two or more siblings.

Or contact me at Education@folsomhistoricalsociety.org for more information or to volunteer.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME (continued)



JEFF FERREIRA-PRO

President | Folsom Historical Society

(continued from pg. 1) . . . for leading our relationship with the Boy Scouts – and also for launching our new walking tour program. From our paid staff, a big thank you to Karla Davis for launching the Folsom History Day Camp, to Massiel Bobadilla for overhauling our archives management system and the improvements to this newsletter, our website and all our other online media, to Anthony Ikeda Kolar for all the operational improvements that allow our organization to operate more efficiently than it ever has before, and finally a big welcome to our newest staff member, David Harper, who is now insuring that the Museum of Wonder & Delight is consistently staffed during our published hours of operation. This is certainly not a complete list.

My thanks to the many others who make the Historical Society such a delightful extended family! I would have liked to thank all of you individually, but Massiel has given me a 250-word limit ☺ so I've only mentioned a few examples.

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

- COUNTLESS THANKS to the team of Eagle Scouts who contributed their time and energy to revamping the new water wheel display at Pioneer Village! Catch a video of all the action here:



tinyurl.com/PVwaterwheel

- The Clearance Sale is coming back to the Folsom History Museum gift shop! Keep an eye out for discounted treasures starting August 2nd and going through Labor Day.



- Is anyone looking to donate a paper shredder that is still in working

condition? The FHS office is in need of some shredding. Please call 916-985-2707 to find out how to make your donation.

Do you have a historic home in Folsom that you'd like to open up to the public for our annual Holiday Home Tour fundraiser? If so, please contact Candy Miller at folsomecandy@sbcglobal.net or at 916-988-7699

NEW ADMISSION PRICES MORE WAYS TO VISIT OUR MUSEUMS

In response to visitor demand for better options for visiting all our museums, we're launching a brand-new visitor admission tier to make it easy to make the most out of your Folsom visit!

We are also expanding benefits for our FHS members. As of July 2016, members in good standing will now be able to visit both the Folsom History Museum and the Museum of Wonder & Delight for free!

Check out our revamping pricing and find the admission that works best for you.

Admission Prices for the Folsom History Museum and the Museum of Wonder & Delight

	<u>For One Museum</u>	<u>For Two Museums</u>
Adult:	\$10	\$15
Senior (60+):	\$8	\$12
Youth (6-17):	\$4	\$6

Children 5 and younger: Free at both museums

FHS Members: Free at both museums

And for a limited time only, enjoy discounted adult admission! Simply bring in the coupon found on the last page of this newsletter any time before the end of September to get one adult admission for the price of a child admission. Ride out the last of this summer heat in our air-conditioned galleries!

Interested in becoming a Folsom Historical Society Member? Find out which tier is right for you, as well as some of the great perks that come with membership by visiting our website!

Check out FolsomHistoricalSociety.org and click on the **GET INVOLVED** tab at the top of the page and follow the link that says **Become a Member**.

HISTORIC FOLSOM WALKING TOURS



*See the hidden gems of our
historic town!*

Weekends
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.



Adults & Seniors: \$15
Children under 12: \$10



What You'll Learn

- How the gold strikes in the region helped shape the Gold Rush
- What daily life was like in 19th century Folsom
- How fire and flood shaped the early town
- Meet the noteworthy names that helped build Folsom into the city we know today

Meet Folsom's Past and Walk Through its Present

Docent-led walking tours of Historic Folsom are being offered by the Folsom History Museum. Experience a living history and gain an understanding of how Folsom came to be, grew and developed into the interesting city it is today.

This 1 ½ hour tour covers four city blocks and is ideal for groups looking for a fascinating peek into the past. To request a tour date, please visit our website at

FolsomHistoricalSociety.org or call the Folsom History Museum at **916-985-2707**.

Tours are available Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and leave from the Folsom History Museum at **823 Sutter Street**.

Weekday tours are available upon request.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 | 10AM TO 1 PM



ANTIQU EVALUATION DAY

This year's team of volunteer appraisers includes:

Randall Abbott: Asian & Middle Eastern Arts & Antiques

Jim & Karen Alkons: Paintings, prints, watercolors

Dale Baker: Coins, paper ephemera, postcards, correspondence, vintage photos, historical documents, and stamp collections

Gary Cox: Generalist specializing in collectibles, furniture, china, and political items

Jerome Evans: Tribal art, including Native American, African, and Oceanic

Nick Nicholson: Stringed musical instruments

Roman Oleynik: Clocks, pocket watches, watches, and jewelry

Emily Schell: Generalist

Greg Tracy: Firearms, military memorabilia, and weapons

Barb Velasco: Generalist

Antiques enthusiasts are invited to bring family treasures and garage sale finds for informal evaluation and identification during the 19th Annual Antique Evaluation Day on Sutter Street in Folsom. An impressive team of volunteer appraisers, covering a wide range of specialties, will offer collectors a unique opportunity to learn more about their antiques and collectibles.

Cost of Evaluation:

\$8.00 per item or

\$35 for five items

Limit of five items per person

This year's Evaluation Day is made possible with the support of The Folsom Telegraph, Folsom Lake Bank, the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, Folsom Rotary Annes and Andy, the Rotary Club of Folsom, and Karen's Bakery Café.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support programs of the Family of Folsom Historical Society Museums



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*Good through September 30, 2016. Valid at the Folsom History Museum or
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