

ARGONAUT GAZETTE

“KEEPING THE PAST ALIVE”

SACRAMENTO, March 2009

Marching towards Spring!

Janessa West, Program Coordinator

*The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.*

*When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.*

- Author unknown

First and foremost, welcome to our two new members David Dutton and Peyton May. And welcome back to Virginia Brumm!

All of us are aware of the current economic struggle. Our merger with the Sacramento History Museum, however, has made us a stronger organization. While we do not know what budget cuts we may be forced to make in the future, be assured that we will continue our annual events and activities.

Looking forward to the month ahead, we will be busy in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th, the Orientation on March 21st and Women's History Day on March 28th. Let's keep our fingers crossed as we march onward.

Renew DEPP Cards by March 31

It's time to renew your discounted parking cards. Please let me know if you cannot make it to the March meeting, and I will e-mail you the required letter.

Web Site Receives a Makeover

If you have not visited www.oslhp.net lately, please do so. Doug Peterson has been diligently working to improve our web site and it shows!



Our president takes a break with Old Tom Moore.

The President's Quill

Greg Tracy, President

Erin Go Braugh, y'all. On March 14th in the afternoon after the general meeting, we will have the privilege of meeting a troupe of dancers whose specialty is performing the cancan. This is the initial meeting, but I am hopeful that with a little persuasion they will perform for us. We may even have the use of the Eagle Theatre that afternoon.

St. Paddy's Day and the parade are only a few days later on the 17th. Come on out and be Irish for a few hours. Then the month is rounded out with Women's History Day and Living History Day on the 28th and 29th. An action packed month indeed!

The OSLHP's training regimen is about to begin again. This year we are making a serious effort to bring our training program standards in line with State Parks living history docent programs. Many of our members are already recognized and do living history at State Park venues. More details to come.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Railroad Museum Dinner

Carol Bassoni

The California State Railroad Museum Roundhouse was the site of a commemorative dinner of the 160th anniversary of the California gold rush on Saturday evening, January 31st from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening was entitled “Gold Rush: What We Ate” and it was a benefit event presented by the UC Davis Good Life Garden.

I attended along with a local resident, Dave Kelley of Kelley Display, whose Irish family roots are firmly represented in California history. One of his cousins operates the stagecoach at Columbia. We were both the object of great interest as we were the only ones in costume. I think I would have lost my silk bonnet to an enthusiastic admirer if it wasn't firmly tied on. Dave wore a beautiful handmade black felt hat with hatband which was a duplicate of the hat worn by the title character in “310 to Yuma”. This was accompanied by a long black coat. He looked very dapper.

There was a presentation by James Henley, retired Sacramento City Historian, and Ann Chandonnet, author of Gold Rush Grub whose topics were of the food, life and times during the gold rush. There was pre-dinner music by the Black Irish Band and dinner music by the El Dorado Brass Band, one of whose members was another long lost cousin of Dave Kelley.

There were many tables of 10 in attendance, too many to count. One of my tablemates had ridden the train from Reno for the event. From Gardnerville, she is a member of the railroad museum there.

The setting was just incredible as we were surrounded by the beautifully restored engines and train cars of the museum. The food was extremely good. The first course consisted of Hangtown Fry (scrambled eggs around an oyster) and acorn and pine nut cakes with warm huckleberries. The second course was “Yankee” baked beans with bacon and molasses, savory beef stew, Lyonnaise potatoes, salmon with wild greens sauce, and sourdough bread from Boudin Bakery. The food was accompanied by generous bottles of sauterne and red Bordeaux wine from French winery Barton & Guestier which dates from 1725, and UC Davis beer

which approximates the beer from the era, as well as iced tea and coffee. The dessert course was pound cake, tapioca pudding, and dried apple and blackberry pie.

In addition to all the above, there was a silent auction to raise money for the Good Life Garden. I bid on a Thomas the Tank Engine dish set for my grandbaby whose favorite toy is Thomas the Tank, but unfortunately, I was not the winning bidder.

All in all, it was just a great evening.

Word Search

Can you find all the character names?

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dariusfy	jrbord	paulinoweaver
elizawithington	julieta vines	roseannakeenan
eugeniedumashunt	lavinawaterhouse	sarahroyce
floralilyofthewest	louiseclappe	seeingthennow
generalwinn	luzenawilson	thomaslogan
jameslee	margaretcrocker	widowchambers

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Free Museum Day

Janessa West

February 7th was a beautiful sunny day, which may have accounted for the number of families that attended Free Museum Day this year. OSLHP set up shop as usual and entertained 563 visitors with opportunities to gamble away their fortunes, quench their thirst with sarsaparilla, purchase water lots, or take home a personalized horseshoe.

The ladies (the proper ones) worked on their handicrafts and enjoyed tea, while Lucky Bill imparted his bottle knowledge, and the Justice of the Peace offered couples the opportunity to either join hands in matrimony or shake off the chains. It was a fine day and Jill's soup was delicious!

If you did not join in the fray this year, make sure to save the date in your calendar for next year!



Mr. Lee and Mr. Borthwick behind the bar at Lee's Exchange.

Redesigned Web Sites

Doug Peterson

The living history web sites have completed the first phase of redesign and are now in use. All of the old content from the main site has been moved to the new site, along with some extras. The list of new features is large. Most importantly, members can have accounts that allow them to add content directly from their own computer. We also have personal logs of time spent on OSLHP activities, so that volunteer hours can be easily documented.

We continue to host photographs on our Flickr site, which is reachable through our main website. Photos from Ghost Tours 2008, Christmas 2008, Free Museum Day 2009, and the Lincoln Reception have been posted recently.

The new museum site is still building content. The old site remains active, and can be reached from links in the new museum. We'll be looking for volunteer curators in the near future, who will be able to add to the collection, create customized tours, and do other exciting things.



Looking down on Biscuits and Prof. Dodge.



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Lincoln Exhibit Opening

Ken Knott

I decided to attend the Golden State Museum's opening ceremony of the Lincoln Exhibit on February 12th since the museum is located 2 blocks from my apartment building, and so, appropriately attired in silk waistcoat, gloves, brown frock coat, plaid trouserloons, congress gaiters and sky-high dandy top hat, I leisurely strolled over to the museum at the hour of 10 o'clock in the morning.

There was a small crowd of living history reenactors and members of the Sons of Union Veterans assembling inside the reception hall, including OSLHP members Bob and Sophie Flaherty, Jason and Jane Hollingsworth, Gwen Shafer, Donna Fipps, Glen Wood, and Eileen Carey, as well as President Abraham Lincoln. There was also a small cohort of Union Army Civil War reenactors as well as a few people in very farby costumes.

The public was admitted at 10:30 which included schoolchildren from an elementary school and some high school students. The program finally got started with Honest Abe welcoming the schoolchildren and relating some anecdotes and personal reminiscences. I thought his manner was exceedingly ingenuous with the children, which undoubtedly captivated them all the more.

Suddenly there was a flurry of activity in the direction of the back of the room, the brass band struck up with a martial air, and Governor Schwarzenegger was conducted in, with Mayor Kevin Johnson close behind. I sounded up with "hats off!" the 'historical' men doffed their hats and the soldiers snapped to attention. Suddenly everyone's rapt attention was focused upon the Governor. You know, he really DOES have a very strong Austrian accent!!

He made some small talk about Mayor Johnson's necktie, showed off a bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln, announced that the bible used by A. Lincoln at his Inauguration Ceremony AND by Barack Obama at his Inauguration will be on display at the Golden State Museum in June. Then Lincoln recited his famous Gettysburg Address, he and Gov. Arnold shook hands and then Schwarzenegger shook hands with the schoolchildren in the front row, working his way over to the Sons of the Union Veterans who were standing just to my left, and worked his way to his right, and just as he got to me and I extended my hand... he turned around and went away. It must have been my intimidating top hat!



OSLHP members with President Lincoln.



Chatting before the ceremonies.

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Ken Knott

This parade is a lot of fun, so c'mon down to Old Sacramento after work on Tuesday, March 17th. You may bring your historic attire and change at the Living History Center, or wear it to work that day! In any case, the wearing o' the green will be the dress code for the event.

We will meet in front of the Sacramento City Dry Goods Store on I Street near 2nd between 5:00 and 5:30 to decorate Ann Tatum's carriage, and the parade steps out at 6:00. Let either Janessa or me know if you need to ride in the carriage. Please sign the Liability Release form included in this newsletter, and get it to Janessa before the 17th.

Traffic last year was extremely difficult. Please park in the parking garage for the Downtown Plaza (next to Macy's), NOT the I Street Old Sac garage. The Downtown Plaza garage will honor the DEPP green cards.

This is a family event so imbibing during the parade is a no-no, but some of us may try to slake our thirst with green beer after the parade. There is a rumor circulating that Kenny O'Knott is going to dye his beard green for the occasion. Remember, everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day!!



Bonnet Workshop

The bonnet-making workshop on March 15 is full, but stay tuned for another offering.

For those who are enrolled, JoAnn has the recommended silk taffeta for sale at Sacramento City Dry Goods in a variety of colors.

Open House and Orientation

Ken Knott, Training Coordinator

Now is the time to tell anyone you know who might be interested in joining the Old Sacramento Living History Program about our Open House and Orientation Day on Saturday March 21st at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento History Museum.

All new members who have not attended any of our classes should come to this event as well. We will be presenting a program about the Living History Program, the importance of the Historic District to the history of Sacramento and California, and an overview of our training program, plus a free tour of Old Sacramento. We would like to have as many people as possible attend this session as it is only offered once a year.

Also, our Docents (who have been through the training program) are invited to come in historic attire to be available to answer questions about the program and make the new people feel welcome.

Victorian Corset Workshop

Sunday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Heritage Park Club House
2481 Heritage Park Lane, Sacramento

Workshop fee \$150
Includes complete Corset Kit.

Send your check or money order to
Of Corset, 361 Pelican Bay Circle,
Sacramento, CA 95835,
or pay online at www.ofcorset.com

For further information
contact Barbara Muran
(916) 419-1889 or barb@ofcorset.com

Upcoming Events

Women's History Day

Janessa West

Remember that we will be Celebrating the Lives of Everyday Women on March 28th.

For the first time, Women's History Day will be a joint event, incorporating a Women-in-History book fair that annually takes place at the Sacramento History Museum. On the patio in front of the museum the following authors will be on hand to sign their books:

- Jody Honor, *The Golden Hub*
- Lynn Cook & Janet Ladue, *First Ladies of California*
- Melba Leal, *Women and the Pony Express*
- Jackie Hanson, *Matilda*
- Naida West, *River of Red Gold, Eye of the Bear*
- Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, *Ties that Buy: Women & Commerce in Revolutionary America*

The living history portion of the event will take place on the 1849 scene under the trees and will be a simple setup of tables and chairs. Please let me know if you need a specific size table or any other prop for your character portrayal.

This is a new twist to Women's History Day, and it should be a wonderful event!



A few of the proper ladies on Free Museum Day.

Living History Day

Richard Vincent

If you plan to attend the Living History Day on March 29 at Waterfront Park, you can complete this form at the next OSLHP meeting, complete it now and send it to me c/o Janessa at the History Museum, or e-mail the pertinent information to rcvincent@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to perform some task that is not listed (i.e., add to our venue), please add that to the form. Sign up for as many tasks as you please!

OSLHP Event Task Descriptions

Event: Living history day

Dates: March 29 (Sun)

		AM	PM
Task:	<i>Take props from storage to WFP; on-site set-up</i>	Times: 10:00	
	Workers needed:	6	
Task:	<i>Tear-down; return props to storage</i>		Times: 4:00
	Workers needed:		6
Task:	<i>Gamblers</i>	Times: 11-2	2-4
	Workers needed:	2	2
Task:	<i>Tend bar</i>	Times: 11-2	2-4
	Workers needed:	1	1
Task:	<i>Skit actors</i>		Times: 2-3
	Workers needed:		4
Task:	<i>Greet/barker</i>	Times: 11-2	2-4
	Workers needed:	1	1
Task:	<i>Info. Table</i>	Times: 11-2	2-4
	Workers needed:	1	1
Task:		Times:	
	Workers needed:		
Task:		Times:	
	Workers needed:		

Worker's name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Circle each task and time that you want to work



Upcoming Events

Museum Weekend Programs

Janessa West

Thank you Penny Adams, Richard Vincent, Doug Peterson, and Sandra Hand for your character portrayals on February 28th!

The next series of weekend programs in conjunction with Old Sacramento Living History will include:

- March 14th - Sacramento City and the Gold Rush, a class by Richard Vincent
- April 11th - Hats & Bonnets talk—**I am looking for someone to talk about why bonnets and top hats were all the fashion!**
- May 9th - A presentation of Sacramento's redevelopment
- June 27th - Sacramento History Jeopardy
- July 4th - Independence Day Picnic and annual croquet tournament



Miss Addie in Lee's Exchange on Free Museum Day.

Riverboat Casino Night

Janessa West

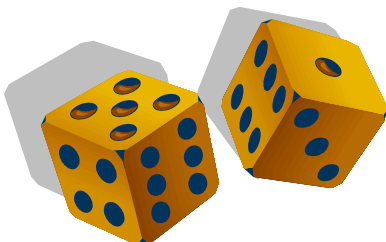
In July 2008, the Sacramento History Museum embarked on a new journey as it split from the Discovery Museum and became a division of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation. With this transition came opportunities for new exhibits, educational programs and special events to highlight our rich heritage here in the Capital City.

With that said, the Sacramento History Museum and Historic Old Sacramento Foundation are proud to present their new fundraiser, *Riverboat Casino Night: Old Sacramento Tournament of Chance*, aboard the Delta King Riverboat on Friday, June 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we finally have a fundraiser that we have all been looking forward to, a casino night. The thought behind the event is that we need an annual unique fundraiser, and what could be more fun than gambling, drinks, an auction, and food! I would like to invite members of OSLHP to come and play and be the dealers for the card games. Also, we are hoping to have the justice of the peace on hand to arrest any cheaters and perhaps even throw a few people in jail.

I am hoping this will be an all-hands-on-deck event. The event will even feature a tournament of champions for those who are lucky enough to still have chips in their pockets to play. We would like to make it a period event; people can come in historic attire or perhaps rent a jacket and hat for the evening.

If you have any suggestions or if you would like to take part in the planning committee, please contact Lindsey Myers, Special Events Coordinator at lmyers@cityofsacramento.org or by phone at 264-7057.



Miscellanea

Librarian's Random Pick

Janessa West

Sharps and Flats: A Complete Revelation of the Secrets of Cheating at Games of Chance and Skill by John Nevil Maskelyne

"If criticism be considered any criterion as to the value of a work, if a multitude of exhaustive reviews and leading articles in the principle newspapers of the world are any evidence of the importance of a subject, this book may be said to have already justified its existence to the fullest possible extent. Indeed, the amount of criticism lavished upon it by the Press in every quarter of the globe would make a quite a library in itself, and one, be it said, containing not a few curiosities of literature." J.N. Maskelyne 1894

This book is available for check out in the OSLHP library, call number GV 1247 M3 1895.

Member Notes

Christie Cummings had a baby boy, George, on February 20th! Best wishes to Christie and her husband.

Letters to the Editor

No letters were received in February.

From your Editor

Catherine Hanson

All OSLHP members are invited to submit items for inclusion in the *Argonaut Gazette*. Articles, letters to the editor, calendar items, and personal news announcements are welcome. The submission deadline is the 25th of the month before publication. Submissions may be modified for length and readability at the discretion of the editor.

E-mail articles to me at:

chanson@library.ca.gov

For those without e-mail access, submissions can be mailed to: 1179 Theo Way, Sacramento CA 95822.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
March				
10 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
14 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting	Living History Center	Greg Tracy
14 – Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento City & the Gold Rush lecture	Sacramento History Museum	Janessa West
14 – Saturday	Afternoon	Shoot-out? Stroll? Cancan?	TBA	Greg Tracy
15 – Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bonnet Workshop	Heritage Park Clubhouse	JoAnn Peterson
17 – Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	St. Patrick’s Day Parade	Old Sacramento	Ken Knott
21 – Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Orientation and Open House	Sacramento History Museum	Ken Knott
28 – Saturday	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Women’s History Day	Front of Sacramento History Museum	Jane Hollingsworth
29 – Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Living History Day	Waterfront Park	Richard Vincent
April				
4 – Saturday		Training classes begin	TBA	Ken Knott
7 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	TBA	Janessa West
8 – Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	TBA	Greg Tracy
11 – Saturday		Bonnet Promenade	Old Sacramento	Jason Hollingsworth
17 – 19 Friday – Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Traders Fair	Sutter’s Fort	
26 – Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Corset Workshop	Heritage Park Clubhouse	Barbara Muran
May				
5 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting		Janessa West
9 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting and Election		Greg Tracy
16 – 17 Saturday – Sunday		NCWA Civil War Event	Gibson Ranch	www.ncwa.org
22 – Friday		Jazz Jubilee Parade	Old Sacramento	
23 – 24 Saturday – Sunday		California State Button Show	Holiday Inn, Date Ave.	www.cabutton.org
28 – 31 Thursday – Sunday		Columbia Diggins	Columbia State Historic Park	

GENERAL RELEASE

This is release of liability. Read carefully before signing.

**FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE BELOW CAPTIONED SPECIAL EVENT, THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO IS REQUIRING YOU TO ASSUME ALL RISKS
BY SIGNING THIS GENERAL RELEASE.**

In consideration of being permitted to engage in the 13TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE (the "Special Event") on TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009 (Date) in or on City of Sacramento owned or controlled facilities, including streets, ("Facility or Facilities"), I hereby voluntarily waive, release, and discharge the City of Sacramento, its respective successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and any and all persons, firms and corporations having any interest in them or any of them from any and all claims, actions or demands of any kind, nature and description, including claims or actions for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage and from any and all liabilities, damage, injuries, action or causes of action either at law or in equity which I have or in the future may have against any such entities or persons or any one or more of them, arising out of or in any way related to or connected with my presence or participation in the Special Event, including but not limited to personal injury, death or property damage caused by my actions, by the actions of any other person present at City Facilities, or by any person providing advice or instruction concerning the Special Event. This release is intended to discharge, in advance, the City of Sacramento, its respective successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and any and all persons, firms and corporations having any interest in them or any of them from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my presence, participation and activities during the Special Event at any City of Sacramento Facility, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the City Sacramento, its respective successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and any and all persons, firms and corporations having any interest in them or any of them.

I understand that serious accidents, including grave personal injury or death, occur from time to time during special event activities. Knowing the risks, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless the City of Sacramento, its respective successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and any and all persons, firms and corporations having any interest in them or any of them who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages. I further understand and agree that this release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

I have read this General Release, understand that I give up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it voluntarily. This General Release shall remain in effect until revoked in writing submitted to the City of Sacramento, Risk Management Division, 915 I Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent or Guardian if under age 18

Printed Name: _____

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