

# ARGONAUT GAZETTE

“KEEPING THE PAST ALIVE”

SACRAMENTO, June 2010

## June Bug

*Janessa West, Program Coordinator*

*I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.*

*- L.M. Montgomery*

Get the June Gold Rush Bug and head up to Columbia State Historic Park to participate in the annual diggins event June 3-6. This is a good way to get your feet wet and experience a taste of what our annual re-enactment event, Gold Rush Days, will be like in September.

Also this month is the annual Pony Express Re-ride. This year is more special than the last as it is their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Come take part in the re-ride on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. on Second Street near the Pony Express Statue. If you would like a commemorative letter, please write to NPEA, 2482 Rd M, Emporia KS 66801.

And finally, our monthly meeting is on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Come prepared to start planning our Gold Rush Days venues!

## Thank you!

Thank you to the members of the 2009-2010 Executive Board. It would be impossible for Living History to exist without your guidance and governance.

I would like to thank Penny for her years of service on the Executive Board and for her continued support on the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation Board of Directors.

Thank you as well to Richard who has served as Member-at-Large and has been extremely helpful in developing new skits, the variety show, and adding his voice to our group of singers.

Jill, Jan, Bob, and Greg—a new year awaits you! Last but not least, congratulations and welcome to Doug, Candi, and Yolanda!



## From the President

*Jill Quinn, President*

Our summer season in Old Sac promises to be the best ever for our group. Red Barn Productions has been retained to provide eleven weekends of historically correct summer entertainment on the streets of our fair city. This production group is the driving force behind the Dickens Fair and the Renaissance Fair in the bay area. The plan is to bring in volunteers that participate in these events and join forces with OSLH volunteers to produce some very high quality entertainment for the citizens of Sacramento. OSLH will bring the history of the Sacramento Gold Rush era, and Red Barn Productions will add the theatricality to the events. Waterfront Park will be outfitted with a stage for the entire summer. The daily premier event will be held on the stage. Other smaller events will take place throughout the streets of Old Sac. This promises to be a most significant milestone for our group. More details will be announced as they are known. Stay tuned.

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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### Just another day in Painters Paradise!

*Terry Eargle*

On Saturday May 1, the Oak Park Business Association sponsored the first “Painters Paradise, Painting a Bright Future!” The weather cooperated to create a beautiful spring day in the up-and-coming Oak Park community. The event featured several local artists painting on canvas *en plein air* (in the open air) utilizing the historical buildings and (how exciting!) these OSLH members: Donna Fipps, Carol Bassoni, Yolanda Starr, Skip Baker, Harm Wilkinson, and Ray and me. Candi Zizek also stopped by to visit and mingle with the many visitors.

It was fun participating in something new, at least for us—being models for artists. Many of us have been captured in photos, film, and now we can add canvas!

After posing, we visited the many vendor and community organization booths and told everyone about the OSLH, and we said that we hope they would, in turn, come and visit us in Old Sacramento, our little “Paradise!”

Both Patrice and Deborah would like us to pose in the future, at Patrice's 12<sup>th</sup> and S St. Gallery and at locations in Old Sacramento. We'll coordinate the dates and send out an email for interested participants. The world is a giant canvas, just waiting to be painted...



*Patrice Miller paints Donna Fipps.*



*Terry and Ray Eargle model for Patrice Miller.*



*The assembled models*



*Harm Wilkinson poses for Don Nicholson.*

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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### OSLH Members Risk Their Lives for the Betterment of the Confederate Cause

*Sythy Blanton Vaughn, a Proud Relative*

It was a lovely May morning. The Union Army was camped on the North hill at Gibson. It was obvious they had the Confederates outnumbered. Miss Addie Carter and Miss Victoria Carter decided to take matters into their own hands and attempt a dangerous reconnaissance mission to see if they could obtain any intelligence that could assist their brave boys in grey.

They approached the Union camp walking casually, glancing around to rapidly assess the number of troops and cannons in the immediate vicinity. They were confronted by a guard who demanded their camp pass. Miss Addie calmly stroked the gentleman's cheek with her delicate gloved hand and asked how she and Miss Victoria could obtain said pass. He buckled under their beauty and took them to the Sergeant Major's tent.

Of course the wily Officer demanded to know the reason the two lovely ladies were gadding about the encampment. Thinking quickly on her delicate feet, Miss Victoria advised him they were there to raise the spirits of the troops. Perplexed, the Sergeant Major sent them off to the General's tent. They repeated their intentions to the good general, and all was going quite well when the general's wife emerged from the tent and demanded he dispatch them immediately.

They were escorted back to the Sergeant Major with the message from the general that his wife was riled, and he could only fight one battle at a time.

Seeing the look of confusion on the Sergeant Major's face, and having already obtained more than enough intelligence to provide to their beloved boys in the Southern camp, Miss Addie and Miss Victoria took their leave, inviting the men to look them up when they received their pay vouchers. Their escort received a kiss on the cheek for his attendance to their needs, and they left the camp of the enemy living to report their findings to the CSA.

During the battle, it was obvious that the information Miss Addie and Miss Victoria risked

their lives to obtain gave the great soldiers of the South an advantage. The first match went to the glorious Confederate Army.

As Miss Addie and Miss Victoria strolled away from the field, the last smoke of the cannons dissipating in the air, their breasts swelled with pride at the service they had rendered that day, and they knew that their efforts had brought about a great victory.



*[Photos from marianme, Flickr.com]*

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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### Crocker Birthday Party

*Doug Peterson*

The Crocker Art Museum's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration included appearances by re-enactors from the Capitol Museum, the City Cemetery, and OSLH portraying Amy Crocker, Margaret Crocker, and EB Crocker. This event was the end of the "Crocker and the Gilded Age" exhibition, which featured many of the Crocker's possessions.



*The Crocker family enjoys birthday cake.*



*Ashley and Biscuits party like it's 1885.*



*Candi Zizek, Skip Baker, Kelley Williams, and Donna Fipps  
[Photo by Bill Wilbur, EdenLuna Photography]*

### CMTA Conference Reception

*Candi McCarthy Zizek*

Almost 100 city treasurers from all over California donned straw hats, neckerchiefs, and Old West gear to celebrate, dine, and dance at their annual conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in April. Elizabeth Cardwell, party organizer for California Municipal Treasurer's Association (CMTA), and Kelley Williams, CMTA outgoing president, coordinated with Janessa to import some Living History ambiance for the event. Skip Baker was in charge of the gold panning, while Donna Fipps and I mingled with the guests, who enjoyed sharing their old time memories. CMTA sent a check of \$100 to enrich OSLH coffers as a thank you for our time.

Professional photographer Bill Wilbur of EdenLuna Photography ([www.edenluna.com](http://www.edenluna.com)) was hired by CMTA to photograph the party, and it took no time for men and women alike to don guns and hats for some fun portraits including the OSLH participants in historical attire.

Attendees experimented with the gold dust panning. All agreed that the dining was divine and the Hyatt Regency was a fine provider of worthy accommodations for such a fine up-and-coming 1850 City of Sacramento. The chef agreed that the side of beef he offered was the rarest of rare, and soon folks were dancing away in oblivious frivolity with peculiar gyrations and the most modern of music.

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## Upcoming Events

### Parlor Singers

*Doug Peterson*

A singing practice will be held at 9 a.m. at the Eagle just before the June membership meeting. We'll sing during the stroll following the meeting.

If you haven't joined us for singing in the past, don't be shy. We love fine voices and appreciate the historic authenticity of less-than-fine ones too. Enthusiasm makes up for a lot! You already know most of the tunes.

### June Enrichment

#### Discovery of Monroeville

*Jill Quinn*

Dave Freeman will provide his firsthand account of how he used modern technologies such as Google Earth and GPS to find the 1850 town of Monroeville.

This town was the county seat of "Colusi" county. Dave has discovered the following landmarks from Monroeville:

- Monroe House, which was the courthouse
- Weston home site
- Ide's cabin (he died there in 1852 of smallpox)
- Monroe Landing – a riverboat landing

This site is currently pending registration with the California Office of Historic Preservation.

Don't miss this interesting edification about our fellow Argonauts.



*Ken Knott taught gambling games at the May enrichment.*

### Independence Day Picnic

*Yolanda Starr*

Based on the responses I received to the poll, July 3<sup>rd</sup> came out as getting the most votes. So the potluck and variety show will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Waterfront Park.

The potluck will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be an area set up for croquet and horseshoe games. Looking forward to seeing you.



### Variety Show

*Ashley Griffiths*

The variety show will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. after the picnic in Waterfront Park. If you would like to participate in the show, please contact me no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately the Ballroom Society won't be able to participate this year. Perhaps some of the students would volunteer to dance for us instead?

I will be out of town until June 3, but feel free to send me an email or call my cell phone if you have questions/comments/concerns! 415-847-5354 or [Ashley11765@aol.com](mailto:Ashley11765@aol.com)

### Civil War Days, Angel Island

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Come learn about the life and times of the common soldiers of the Civil War and their experiences while stationed at Camp Reynolds. See living history demonstrations, learn 19<sup>th</sup> Century military tactics, and gain an appreciation for the culture that helped to shape an era. The event is free to attend.

Contact Ashley Griffiths if you want to go as part of a group.

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## Business

### Election Results

*Ken Knott, Nominations Committee*

Incumbents held on to half of the offices in this year's election. The Vice Presidential position was the only one requiring the members' votes to determine, and Doug Peterson prevailed. Donna Fipps dropped out of the race for Member-at-Large at the last minute due to other commitments, giving the two remaining candidates, Yolanda Starr and Candi Zizek, no contest.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to Penny Adams for her many years of dedication to the Old Sacramento Living History Program. She has faithfully served as VP for the past three years, and served for years before that in various offices. Due to scheduled hip surgery, Penny was unable to be present for the May OSLH meeting. I anticipate Penny's continuing participation to resume after her convalescence. Thank you, Penny!

### Bylaws

*Janessa West*

As Living History continues to grow we, from time to time, need to adapt our bylaws to better serve our members. Last year the descriptions of the duties of the elected officers were included in the bylaws. As another year has passed we have continued to change, voting to dispense with dues, and we continue to evolve the roles of the elected officers.

Please review the suggested bylaw changes. These changes were suggested by the members of Living History and refined by the Executive Board. These changes will be voted upon at our June meeting.

#### Article I. Name

SECTION 1.01: The name of this organization shall be "Old Sacramento Living History" and will be referred to as the "Organization" in these Bylaws.

#### Article IV. Members

SECTION 4.01: Adult Membership shall be granted to any individual 18 years of age or older, upon application *and consideration*.

*a) Categories of membership shall include Active Members and Friends.*

*Active Members shall participate in a minimum of ten events and designated OSLH activities throughout the Fiscal year in order to be eligible to vote. In order to obtain Active Member status, applicants must complete the nine hour training program provided by OSLH. Active Members record their volunteer hours by signing in at OSLH events and recording individual volunteer hours on a monthly volunteer log to be turned in by the 5th of each month to the Program Coordinator. Active Members receive free admission to the Sacramento History Museum with a volunteer service contribution of 25 hours, are invited to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, receive a mentor, are eligible to receive discounted parking, and may attend special Historic Old Sacramento Foundation and affiliated events.*

*Friends are not fully participating members of the organization. Friends may attend OSLH events if they are sponsored by a current Active Member who will vouch for their historical accuracy. Friends may request a monthly copy of the Argonaut Gazette in order to participate in OSLH activities and events. Some Friends may be invited to the annual Volunteer Appreciation lunch based on their volunteer hours or skills, this is at the discretion of the Program Coordinator and the Executive Board.*

*A record of the number of OSLH sponsored events and activities attended by each Active Member shall be kept by the Program Coordinator and shall be made available to the Membership at each General Meeting. The list of those Active Members eligible to vote in the annual elections shall be made available in March.*

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## Business

### Bylaws (continued)

SECTION 4.05: All Organization members shall be required to *record their volunteer hours and to submit them to the Program Coordinator by the 5th of each month.*

### Article VI. Officers

SECTION 6.02: The duties of the Officers will be as follows:

(a) *PUBLIC PROGRAMS COORDINATOR (also referred to as PROGRAM COORDINATOR) -- The Program Coordinator shall be subject to the control of the Director of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, and shall have supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Organization. The Program Coordinator shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, attend the General Membership Meetings, actively participate in the Organization's activities, and shall be facilitator between the Organization and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, represent the Organization at meetings of other groups, appoint committees, and foster public relations. The Program Coordinator shall maintain the Character Registry and encourage members to develop and register their historic character. The Program Coordinator shall maintain the membership records and shall also perform such other duties as may be required by the Organization, the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation or by these Bylaws.*

(d) *SECRETARY -- The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings and ensure a book containing all meeting minutes is kept at the principal office of the Organization, or such other place as the Executive Board may order. The Secretary will also be responsible for correspondence of the Organization, and such other powers and duties as may be required by the Organization or by these Bylaws.*

(e) *TREASURER -- The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept a written record of such petty cash financial transactions, budgets, proposals for funds and monies saved by the Organization. The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Board and to the members an ongoing current record of all*

income, expenses and balances pertaining to the Organization and report to the President. The Treasurer shall reimburse members for expenses incurred on behalf of the Organization from petty cash for amounts up to \$20.00 not requiring prior approval, or up to \$35.00 when pre-approved by the Executive Board. Expenditures greater than \$35.00 will require a check from the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation from funds held by the Foundation on behalf of Old Sacramento Living History.

### Article VII. Elections

SECTION 7.01: The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting held in May of each year and the Officers-elect will assume their offices on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year. In March the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective Offices. This slate shall be presented to the members at the April meeting and shall be included in a monthly newsletter before the May meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor and nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot. *In March the list of those Active Members eligible to vote will be made available at the General Membership Meeting. Those wishing to challenge their status may come before the Executive Board at the April meeting.*

SECTION 7.05: Vacancies in elective offices *shall be appointed*, after notice to the members, at the next regular business meeting succeeding the regular meeting at which the vacancy was created. *Appointed officers shall serve until the next election.*

### Article VIII. Executive Board

SECTION 8.04: The *Program Coordinator* shall serve for as long as she/he is employed as the Director of the Living History/Visitor Center for Historic Old Sacramento Foundation. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, *and Members-at-Large* shall be for a period of one (1) year.

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## Miscellanea

### A Great Gift Idea for Yourself

*Linda Calmes*

I have found a fun little publication called *The Victorian Lady's Book* from Everson, Washington. In each issue is:

- Fashion Department: Featuring fashions and accessories of the Victorian Era.
- Sewing Department: A complete sewing pattern in each issue as well as sewing techniques and tips and a quilt block.
- Workbasket: Handcraft items with instructions and patterns as well as other period patterns.
- Domestic Science: Receipts of interest from the past and recipes of use for today.
- Children's Department: Stories, games, riddles, and puzzles with the kids in mind.

Regular columns include: In the News: Items from period newspapers, Hat, Head and Hair: From the neck up, Grains of Gold: Tidbits, Trivia and Inspiration, Dear Diary/Letters from Home: the War Years: Items of Interest from 1861-1865.

The *Lady's Book* is published quarterly at \$18.00 per year:

- Phone order (360)-966-5132
- On-line at [www.ladysbook.com](http://www.ladysbook.com)
- Mail: 7060 Joy Road, Everson WA98247

I have enjoyed it myself and wanted to share it with other members!



### Skalet Jewelers

*Candi McCarthy Zizek*

I am trying to develop relationships with our neighbors in Old Town. I recently spent some time discussing historical jewelry with Howard Skalet.

In the late 1800's Ben Skalet arrived in New York City from Russia and began working with precious metals and gemstones. Today Skalet Family Jewelers, Inc. is a fourth-generation family business run by brothers Howard and Adam Skalet, focused on expert craftsmanship and unique pieces. Howard studied at Gemological Institute of America, and Adam at the Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts.

Since 1992, the Skalets have been right next to Eagle Theater! If you wander through, you will see the collection of fine handcrafted gold jewelry, nugget jewelry, quartz with gold, and other items.

For the summer of 2010, Skalet Jewelers is offering our OSLH members a 30% discount on jewelry appraisal by appointment.



[Photos from OSLH Virtual Museum]

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## Miscellanea

### Causes of Death

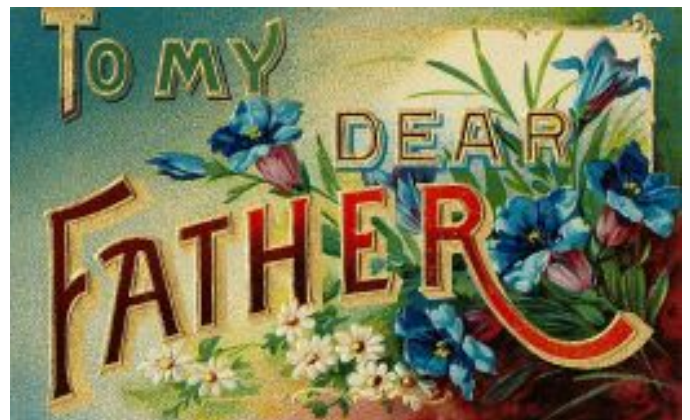
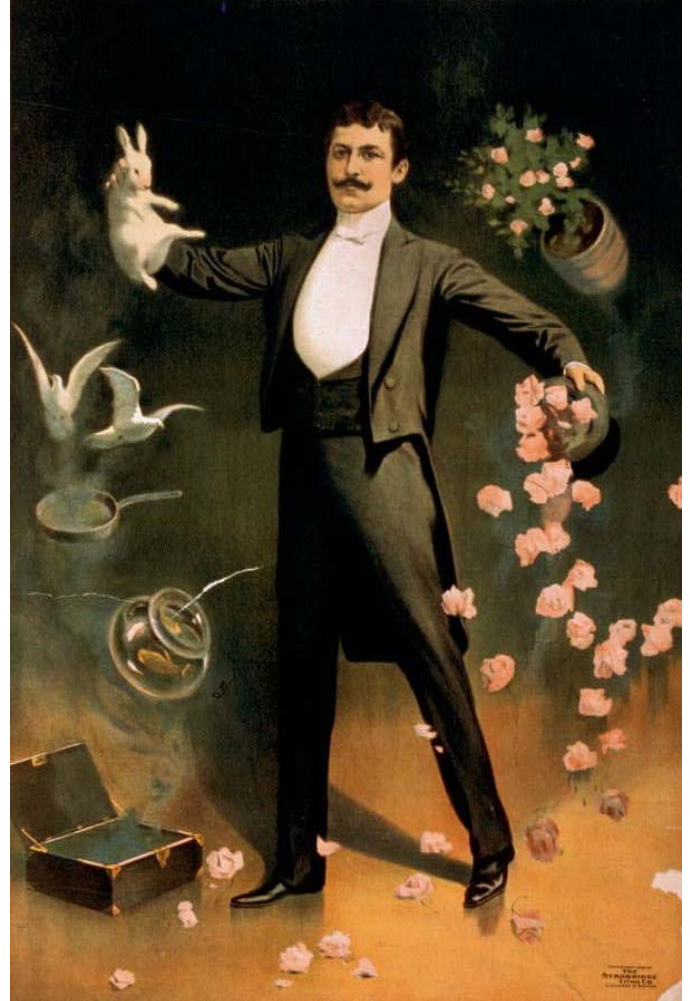
*Richard Vincent*

Doctor Logan tabulated the cases of 1251 deaths in Sacramento from 1851-1853. It's pretty clear that at Living History Days, the shooters and the hangman aren't likely to get you and that you can eat what you want without fear of stroke or heart disease. But watch out for the water and the communal toothbrush!

Fevers 21%  
Diarrhea and dysentery 19%  
Cholera 9%  
Unknown 9%  
Phthisis (tuberculosis) 6%  
Inflammation of brain 4%  
Enteritis 3%  
Wounds & accidents 3%  
Smallpox 3%  
Dropsy (stroke) 2%  
Intemperance & exposure 2%  
Drowned 2%  
Erysipelas (skin infection) 1.4%  
Debility (old age) 1.4%  
Bronchitis 0.9%  
Liver complaint 0.7%  
Suicide 0.7%  
Heart disease 0.6%  
Scurvy 0.6%  
Executed 0.6%  
All other 9%



### Happy Father's Day!



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## Miscellanea

### Librarian's Random Pick

Janessa West

*The Sutter's Fort Costume Manual: A Guide to the Clothing Worn in California and the Far West, ca. 1845*, by David W. Rickman

This month's pick is the wonderful costume guide book created by Sutter's Fort. If you are a new member still trying to put together a basic everyday outfit, this is a great reference. There are two copies available for checkout and one in-house (reference only) copy.

**Welcome Summer!**



### From your Editor

Catherine Hanson

All OSLH 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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### 2009-2010 OSLH Officers

Jill Quinn, President  
Penny Adams, Vice President  
Greg Tracy, Past President  
Jan Bullard, Secretary  
Bob Flaherty, Treasurer  
Richard Vincent, Member-at-Large

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
<b>June</b>				
3 – 6 Thurs. – Sun.		Miners Diggins	Columbia State Historic Park	Ken Knott
7 – Monday	11:00 a.m.	Pony Express Re-ride	Pony Express Statue, Old Sac	Janessa West
8 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board meeting	Sacramento History Museum	Janessa West
12 – Saturday	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Parlor Singers practice	Eagle Theatre	Doug Peterson
12 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting	Eagle Theatre	Jill Quinn
12 – Saturday	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Stroll and singing	Old Sacramento	Penny Adams/ Doug Peterson
12 – 13 Sat. – Sun.		Civil War Days	Angel Island	Ashley Griffiths
19 – 20 Sat. – Sun.		Pirate Festival	Vallejo	
22 – Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Joaquin Murieta – Real or not?	Medical Society, Elvas Ave.	Sacramento County Historical Society
26 – Saturday	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Family Treasures Benefit	Sutter's Fort	
<b>July</b>				
3 – Saturday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Independence Day Picnic	Waterfront Park	Yolanda Starr
3 – Saturday	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Variety Show	Waterfront Park	Ashley Griffiths
6 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board meeting	Sacramento History Museum	Janessa West
10 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting	Eagle Theatre	Jill Quinn
10 – Saturday	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Stroll	Old Sacramento	Penny Adams
16 – 18 Fri. – Sun.		Civil War event	Duncan Mills	
<b>August</b>				
6 – Friday	TBD	Volunteer Appreciation Event	TBD	
10 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board meeting	Sacramento History Museum	Janessa West
14 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting	Eagle Theatre	Jill Quinn
14 – Saturday	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Stroll	Old Sacramento	Penny Adams
22 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New Member Training Class	Sacramento History Museum	Ken Knott, Richard Vincent
29 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New Member Training Class	Sacramento History Museum	Ken Knott, Richard Vincent
<b>September</b>				
3 – 6 Friday – Monday		Gold Rush Days	Old Sacramento	Janessa West

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**Up and down;  
or,  
Fifty years' colonial experiences  
in  
Australia, California, New Zealand, India, China, and the South Pacific;  
being the life history of Capt. W.J. Barry.  
Written by himself, 1878.**

...in the fall I returned to Sacramento, and found the town had sprung up like a mushroom, and it was still going ahead fast; money appeared to be as plentiful as stones in the street, and I came to the conclusion that it would be a good place to try and settle in.

I lodged at a newly opened hotel called the New York, where I had to pay two dollars per meal or six dollars per day, and find my own blankets for sleeping in. I here made the acquaintance of a man named Mulvin, a butcher from New York. He had opened a place of business on the levee, close to the river bank, and called it the Washington Meat Market. I made him an offer which he accepted, and I started in business with him. The shop was nothing great, but we had a splendid cattle-yard, and a very convenient place for slaughtering; but wages were very high, and ran away with a great share of our profit, and I began to look out for some means of increasing and extending the business, especially as at this time emigration to Sacramento had fully set in, and for many months the town was like a fair. I bought an allotment in Sixth Street for 1000 dollars, and ran up a large hotel and a butchers' market alongside. It was a capital site, being on the corner of Sixth and Fifth Streets. There was a horse-market opened close by, and I commenced auctioneering. With this and the other businesses I was doing famously, almost in a manner coining money. I employed a manager to look after the hotel, and servants, who were principally females, employed as barmaids, &c. In the commercial rooms there were tables which I let to dealers at two dollars a-day; when they disposed of a mule the purchaser generally "shouted," that is, called for drinks, and in this way a considerable trade accrued. Champagne was the favourite beverage of the mule-driver, and the price then was ten dollars per bottle. The packing of goods to the diggings was mostly

done by mules, and a very large business was done in buying and selling these useful animals.

I was almost constantly engaged at the horse-market, which was in a hollow about a mile from the levee or esplanade, fronting the river, and became quite a popular character, and was generally known as the "John Bull" auctioneer. Building was going on continuously, and Sacramento was now an immense place: but in the winter of this year it received a severe check in the shape of a tremendous flood, which swamped half the town. I had seven feet of water in the hotel; and the town being low and flat in its situation, the dead water remained for two months, and caused a deal of sickness, mostly fever and ague, and nearly ruined half the population. I was near death's door myself with the epidemic, and when I was well enough to get about, I found nearly all my earnings swept away, and I was almost a poor man once more, However, I plucked up heart, got the house into thorough repair, and business soon came back as good as ever.

*Submitted by Dave Freeman*