



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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April/May 2006

Chico Area Archeological and Cultural Tour

June 10 and 11, 2006

The society is sponsoring an archeological and cultural tour of the Chico, Paradise, Oroville area for Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11. The excursion will begin on Saturday in Chico at 10:00 a.m. with a tour of the **Archeological Lab**. Dr. Georgia Fox is scheduled to give us a tour of Archeological Lab in Chico. The (Zoo) Archaeology Lab houses over 750 comparative specimens, featuring the prepared skeletons of mammals, birds, and fish typical of Northern California and the Western Great Basin, where most of Chico State's archaeological research takes place. Following the tour and lunch we will visit **Bidwell Mansion State Historical Park**, **Chico Museum** and possibly the **Stansbury House** in Chico. Each of these sites offers a glimpse of life in the 19th century. We will overnight in the area on Saturday night.

On Sunday after a morning of hiking and/or leisure we will focus on history of the area by visiting the **Honey run Covered Bridge**, one of the few covered bridges left in California and the only tri-span bridge in the United States, **Coleman Memorial Community Museum** featuring local Native American, Chinese and local pioneer artifacts and the **Butte County Pioneer Museum** in Oroville focusing on pioneer artifacts.

Please indicate your interest in attending part or all of the activities by contacting Jan Johansen at janjohansen@thegrid.net or 530-756-6970. Reservations are required.

The itinerary is as follows:

Saturday, June 10, 2006,

10:00 a.m.: Archeological Lab in Chico Tour. This facility offers a location for the collection of remains from archaeological sites, ranging from nineteenth century city blocks or Gold Rush camps to prehistoric Native American villages or hunting sites. These remains have helped to reconstruct past human-environment relationships, such as the economics of animal exploitation, the nature of past environments or even of paleoecological connections. The current exhibition "Gifts from the Earth" explores concepts of Ethnobotany with a look at many different cultures around the world. It's a lush environment with a tropical feel, brimming with information on this relatively new field in anthropology.

We will meet at Chico State University, Langdon Hall at **10:00 a.m.**

12:00: Bring a picnic lunch to eat at **Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park** that is located at 525 The Esplanade.

1:00 p.m.: Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park (525 The Esplanade / (530) 895-6144 open 10:00 to 4:00) The Bidwell Mansion, a three-story Italian villa, was completed in 1868. The mansion is furnished with authentic Victorian pieces. Tour times vary, please call. Tour prices: \$3 adults, \$1.50 children (under 6 free).

2:30 p.m. Chico Museum (141 Salem Street / (530) 891-4366 open 12:00 to 4:00. For tours Contact Paul at the Chico Museum (530) 891-4336 or contact us at chicomuseum@chico.com. There is no cost, but donations are appreciated.) The museum located in the beautiful Carnegie Library building has two main galleries focusing on aspects of Chico's past and present. Two smaller galleries house a permanent Chico Timeline 1837-2000 filled with photos, portraits, and artifacts evoking Chico's diverse history and Chico's Chinese Taoist Temple which features altars and original artifacts from this temple in use from 1890-1939.

If time permits, **Stansbury House** at 307 W. 5th Street / (530) 895-3848 open 1:00 to 4:00 weekends. A guided tour is given of the 1883 former home of Dr. Oscar Stansbury. The Victorian home is beautifully preserved. Tour prices: \$1 adults, \$0.50 children.

Day participants can return home. **Campers** will stay at Philbrook Lake in In Lassen National Forest, 44 miles northeast of Chico. Philbrook Lake is a pleasant family campground and provides good access to the High Lakes area.

<http://www.paradisedirect.com/paradise/h-camps.shtml>

Sunday, June 11, 2006

12:00 p.m.: Honey Run Covered Bridge in beautiful Butte Creek Canyon just outside of Chico. The **Honey Run Covered Bridge** built in 1894 by George Miller, located in Butte Creek Canyon, lays claim to being the only 3-level covered bridge in the United States.

A few miles up the road from the covered bridge is the Coleman Memorial Community Museum.



1:00 pm: Coleman Memorial Community Museum located at 13544 Centerville Road, open: 1:00pm - 4:00pm Sat.& Sun. Admission is free. This museum has local Native American, Chinese and local pioneer artifacts, early 1800 gold mining equipment, and relics of the Civil War era. For more details contact caretaker Sonja Johnson. Contact Phone: 893-9667

2:30 p.m.: Butte County Pioneer Museum, Oroville, open: Friday - Saturday - Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Admission: \$2.00 Children under 12 free** Group tour discounts (15 or more) - \$1.50 For information and Group Reservations call (530) 538-2497

Inspired by her father's passion for history, Florence Danforth Boyle developed a lifelong dream to create a museum dedicated to preserving the memories of the Pioneers who first settled in California and, in particular, the Butte County area.

4:00 p.m.: Return home

If you are interested in more information on the elements of the tour, visit the following web sites:

<http://www.chicochamber.com/> Chico – Bidwell Mansion State Historical Park, Coleman Historical Museum, Stansbury House

<http://www.paradisedirect.com/paradise/h-visit2.shtml> Paradise – Coleman Memorial Community Museum and Honey Run Covered Bridge

<http://www.cityoforoville.org/pioneermuseum.html> Oroville- Butte County Pioneer Museum

Thank you to Ryan T. Brady

Masters Degree candidate, Anthropology CSU, Sacramento

On Saturday, March 18 Ryan T. Brady presented his research on prehistoric wetland settlement and mobility patterns in the Mono Basin, eastern California. He discussed the sourcing of the obsidian artifacts collected at Mono Lake and the possible patterns of prehistoric settlements in three habitat types. The presentation was very interesting. Thank you, Ryan.

2006 Scholarships

The scholarship forms have been distributed to area colleges and universities. If you need additional information or the Scholarship information sheet and application form, contact Jan Johansen. Please give it to any one who might be interested. Scholarship applications are due on **May 15, 2006**.

Garage Sale Fundraiser

Keep saving those items from your spring purge for the Society's **Garage Sale Fundraiser**. In order to continue to offer Scholarships to worthy Archaeology/Anthropology Students the society is planning a garage sale to raise funds. For more information contact Diane Rosales.

Sacramento Archeological Society Book Club

The next meeting of the society's book club will be a **potluck**. The grill will be on. It will be held on Thursday, May 11 at Jan Johansen's home at 505 Cleveland Court, Davis CA at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing Gun, Germs and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies. **All members are welcome even if you haven't finished reading the book.**

The first two books that have been selected for the quarterly book club are:

Gun, Germs and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies, Jared Diamond, W. W. Norton & Company, New York, 1999 and

1491, New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, Charles C. Mann, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2005

Memberships

Sacramento Archeological Society currently has **36** members for 2006. We are always looking for members. If you have a friend who is interested in archeology, encourage him or her to join our society.

If you need brochures to promote our organization, please contact Jan Johansen at 530-756-6970 or janjohansen@sbcglobal.net. We want your support and participation.

Mark Your Calendars

May 11, 2006, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Potluck and Society Book Club, Jan & Tom Johansen's home 505 Cleveland Court, Davis

June 8, 2006, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, location to be announced.

June 10 - 11, 2006, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Chico Area Archeological and Cultural Tour, details attached

July 13, 2006, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Board Meeting, location to be announced

July 15, 2006, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Richard Burrill presentation on "Ishi", Sacramento location, details in next newsletter