



# Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

## Newsletter

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## “Ishi and His Remarkable Legacy”

by

**Richard Burrill**

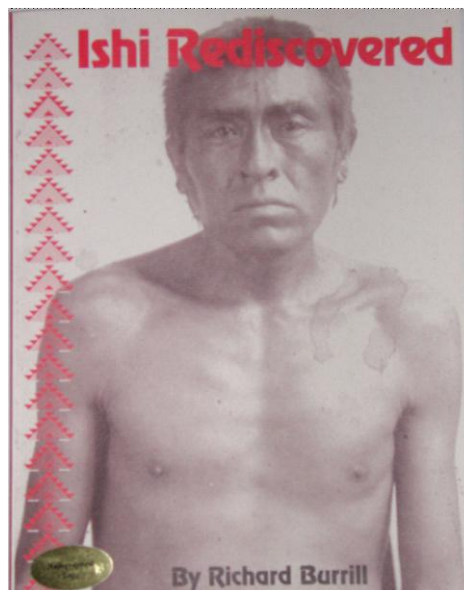
Saturday, July 15, 2006 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Yolo County Library: Arthur F. Turner Branch  
1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento

Author Richard Burrill brings the legacy of Ishi to life in a gripping presentation.

Ishi was born in his first world in 1854, but by the time he was 10 years old all but fifty of his 4000 Yana language family members were killed by White Indian killers. His tiny band became experts at hiding and surviving. He was found alone, hungry, and had prepared to die when "captured" on August 28, 1911 near what is today Oroville, CA.

Anthropologist, Thomas Waterman became fascinated with Ishi and took him to San Francisco. Ishi, in his second world, made several new friends, became a charming, generous, and charismatic museum teacher.



Tragically, Ishi died an early and untimely death from tuberculosis, passing away on March 25, 1916. But his appreciation, gentlemanliness, and tremendous knowledge of the Old Ways of Stone Age America shall never be forgotten partly because of him.

An authority on the life and ways of Ishi, Richard Burrill tells Ishi's remarkable story which he has compiled in three books: Ishi Rediscovered (2001),

Ishi In His Second World –Oroville- (2004),

Ishi in His Second World –San Francisco, 1911- (2006).

Richard Burrill continues his Ishi related research and is working on his Ishi in His First World (1848-1911) book for 2009. He will be available for book signing.

“Ishi and his Remarkable Legacy” will be presented from **7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Community Room of the **Yolo County Library: Arthur F. Turner Branch**, located at **1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916/375-6465)**. Direction from **U.S. 50 and Business I 80**: exit **north** on **Jefferson Avenue**. Go one block and turn **right, east** on **Merkley Avenue**. Go about 150 yards, and turn **left** into the Library parking lot.

**Join us and bring your friends** to this very special event. We would like to fill the room with interested listeners. For more information contact Jan Johansen at 530-756-6970.

## **Chico Area Archaeological and Cultural Tour**

On Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11 ten Society members journeyed to Chico, Centerville, and Oroville area for an archaeological and cultural tour. Dr. Georgia Fox and Adrienne Scott, Curator started the tour by introducing the **Archeological Lab at Chico State University**. This facility is dedicated to teach the process of creating a museum exhibition. The current exhibition “Gifts from the Earth” illustrates concepts of Ethnobotany with a look at many different plants originating from around the world.

Next Archaeologist, **Dr. Gregory White**, awed us with his finds from Northern California. He talked about his most recent excavation of a cave near Red Buff. At this site he found positive evidence of human life in the cave dating to more than 4000 B.P. Dr. White will be leading three excavations this summer for which volunteers are needed. For more information contact Dr. White at [GWhite@csuchico.edu](mailto:GWhite@csuchico.edu)

In the afternoon we had a change of pace. History of the area was the topic for a tour of **Bidwell Mansion** and **Patrick Ranch**. At the “Patrick Ranch 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Threshing Bee and Far Equipment Display” we were fortunate to not only observe the old method of threshing wheat but also we had the opportunity to talk with Native Americans from the Mechoopda Tribe. They had dance regalia, provided acorn soup and illustrated native temporary lodging.

On Sunday the Honey Run Covered Bridge was the first site to visit. This bridge was built in 1887, washed away by a flood and then rebuilt in 1896. This picturesque bridge in Butte Creek Canyon is the second longest covered bridge in California. Up the road from Honey Run Covered Bridge is the Coleman Centerville Museum. There we enjoyed learning about the Maidu, pioneers, the gold rush, and the Chinese. Butte Canyon was a booming area in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Gold was removed by every possible method: panning, digging, hydraulic mining, tunneling and finally dredging. The Indians, Chinese, mountain men and miners whose population numbered in the 10,000s have all passed into time. The canyon is now quiet and peaceful.

Butte County Pioneer Museum in Oroville extended the groups focus on the history of the area. Two floors in the museum house artifacts from the century of pioneer settlement. If you are visiting Oroville, take time to delve into the past in this richly displayed museum.

# Sacramento Archeological Society Book Club

The next books that will be discussed in the Fall will be 1491, New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, Charles C. Mann, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2005.

## 2006 Scholarships

The Society is please to announce Amanda Bauer as the 2006 scholarship winner. Amanda has an Associate Degree in Social Science with an Anthropology Major from Sacramento City College. This fall she will be attending University of California, Berkeley majoring in Anthropology. The Society's scholarship will help Amanda fund her participation in the Czech American Archaeological Field School. Congratulate Amanda and look forward to hearing about her experiences at a future Society's meeting.

## 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.

## Memberships

Sacramento Archeological Society currently has **39** 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. We want your support and participation.

The annual dues are:

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| Student/Limited Member | \$15   |
| Individual Membership  | \$25   |
| Family Membership      | \$35   |
| Sponsor                | \$100 - 499 (individual)<br>\$500 - 999 (business) |
| Patron                 | \$1000   |

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## Mark Your Calendars

**July 13, 2006, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., **Board Meeting**, Roger and Lydia Peak's home,  
916/371-6391**

**July 15, 2006, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., **"Ishi and His Remarkable Legacy"**, Richard Burrill,  
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**August, 2006, **No Board Meeting****