



# Fair Oaks Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER



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### QUARTERLY MEETING - JULY 25, 1989

Program Speaker: Jean Yun  
Ranger Naturalist at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Subject: "Nisenan Maidu People"

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks  
Lower Level Dining Room - Phone 965-9887

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Select a casserole, salad or dessert and make your reservations with Adele Copeland, 965-7453, or Julia Campoy, 967-6968

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members and Friends:

We have been fortunate to have had many excellent programs pertaining to the Fair Oaks area. All have been of eras closely related to our present-day living. Our next program will delve deeper into the past, to the time of the first known inhabitants of the area, the Nisenan Maidu Indians.

Our speaker, Jean Yun, is well versed on the subject. She was formerly with the California State Parks and Recreation Department, in the Archeology Laboratories, and was in charge of cultural interpretation and demonstrations of the Native American Community for the Sacramento County Park Department. Miss Yun will bring some artifacts and memorabilia for display.

So many of our members and residents have inquired about the first inhabitants and now we shall have an expert on this interesting subject. Do invite guests and prospective members. Not having a local newspaper now, it will depend on each of us to convey to others in our community the existence of the Society and its purpose. Our short-term and long-term goals are beginning to take form and there is excitement in the air. We are preserving our past and protecting our future.

Isn't our new newsletter format just great? Thank Charlie Hull and his fabulous machine for the new look and expanded news. Now we need an Editor. Any volunteers? Read on.. then give us your opinions and suggestions.

We really do have a good momentum in growth and activity now, thanks to each of you. Come to the meeting; Bring someone with you.

JUNE MELVIN (Mrs. Wm. N.)

### HISTORY CENTER DEDICATION

When: Friday, October 6, 1989, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks

Our Society's Fair Oaks History Center Development Committee has met and members are moving ahead rapidly with plans and preparations for the dedication and opening of the first phase of our proposed History Center.

Committee Chairman Gayle Anita is collecting old photographs of the first families and homes to complete the Center's opening display of 'Fair Oaks Colonists'. More and rare ones are solicited. In addition to the display room, there will be secure storage for valuables. We are very fortunate to have such a place for development into a permanent repository and museum for the benefit of the public and future generations.

### HISTORICAL NOTES - Then and now

Excerpt from "The Fair Oaks Citizen: Progress Edition, 1911"

First store, 1895

Post Office established, January 1896

Water brought into colony by pipe, 1896

First marriage in colony, Niels Monson and Helena  
Rose Roediger, 1896 \*

First church built (Methodist), 1897

First registered physician, Dr. E. H. Buffam, M.D.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Monson were married in their new home at 4432 Kenneth Avenue in 1894. Their youngest son, Carl E. Monson, now living in Sacramento, has offered to give the old home to the Fair Oaks Historical Society in exchange for having it moved to another location. (The present site is being developed into a housing subdivision.) Our Fair Oaks History Development Committee is busy researching possible sites, feasibility, cost estimates, and funding.

A real opportunity for action and achievement! If you have ideas or want to serve on the Committee, phone Gayle Anita, 961-6912.

### MEMBERSHIP LIST AND BY-LAWS

Members in good standing (those who have paid their 1989 dues) at the July 25 meeting will receive a copy of the Society's By-Laws and a current membership list. If unable to attend the July meeting, you may receive your copy at the October meeting.

## **CCHS - What is it?**

The CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES was organized in 1954 to meet the needs of many local and regional historical societies, agencies, and museums for a coordinating agency to assist in the achievement of their goals. Serving as an important vehicle for providing information and a forum for discussion on new techniques and developments of interest to historical societies and museums, the CONFERENCE annually offers four state-wide meetings, workshops, and sponsors an active Young Historians program in addition to its various publications and awards.

The FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the preservation and promulgation of local history.

General meetings are held the last Tuesday in January, April, July, and October. The public is most welcome.

Annual membership dues are \$8 for individuals, \$12 for families, and \$25 for organizations and persons wishing to make a larger contribution. Life membership is conferred upon those contributing \$100 or more. Dues are payable by mail or at the general meetings.

### **Officers:**

President.....	June Melvin (Mrs. Wm. N.), 967-5605
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Its office and base is at the College of the Pacific in Stockton. The Fair Oaks Historical Society is a member.

The CONFERENCE is divided into thirty-eight regions throughout California. The Fair Oaks Historical Society is in Region 7, known as Goldfield Gateway, comprised of Sacramento and Yolo Counties. Four quarterly publications are mailed annually and are available for your perusal at the general meetings.

## **CCHS' UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 23** Santa Barbara; Annual Pre-Fiesta Barbecue sponsored by Santa Barbara Historical Society; Phone (805) 966-1601

**Aug. 2-13** Folsom; Seventh Annual Antique Quilt Display. Admission free. Folsom Historical Society Museum, 823 Sutter Street; Phone 985-2707.

**Aug. 5-13** Sacramento County History Week "Sesquecentennial Celebration" (1839-1989). Watch your newspaper for schedules.

**Aug. 10** Folsom; Youth Day; 1:30-3:00 p.m.; Photo contest, Jobe-Kah Trotta - Folsom storyteller, banjo music and sing-a-long; Admission free; Southern Pacific Depot, 200 Wool St.

**Sept. 8** Chico; Ice Cream Social sponsored by Stanbury Home Preservation Assn; at 307 W. 5th Street; Phone (916) 894-7334

**Sept. 9** Lake Oroville; Admission Day Celebration sponsored by Bidwell Bar Assn; at Bidwell Canyon; Phone (916) 538-2219

**Sept. 16** Forest Hill; Fall Festival sponsored by Foresthill Divide Historical Society; at Forest Hill; Phone (916) 367-2189

**Sept. 23** Auburn; 3rd Annual Harvest Festival sponsored by Placer County Museum; at Bernhard Museum Complex, Auburn (Phone not shown)

**Through Sept. 24** Vacaville; "Solano Women" Exhibit Sponsored by Vacaville Museum; Phone (707) 447-4513

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