

Yolo County Historical Society



Prez Says

Welcome back to our newsletters. The fair is over, and it was a great success. Everyone is very impressed with our new schoolhouse look, and our fair museum. I have included some photos in this newsletter of the museum. We were able to begin a display of the Sugar Queens in Yolo County. Thanks to Judy Aubachon for tracking down materials and the Archives for giving us some information. It does take a village.

We are updating our membership roster. I know some of you would like to have your newsletters sent snail mail and others wish to have it sent via e mail. Please think about what the best way is to receive the news. It's difficult when people say they never receive the newsletter and it has been sent via mail or email. Remember, if you change your email, please let me know so I can change it on our roster. You can reach me at khwoodland@aol.com.

Just a reminder, that **dues are due**. Hopefully everyone has received an envelope. If you have not received one, please let me know so I can send one to you. If you have not paid by this month, this will be your last newsletter. We would hate to lose you.

We are welcoming two new individuals to our board. Ramon Urbano and Ginger Day. Both have been members for a long time and are committed to preserving history in the county. Welcome!

As Always,
History Rules!

Kathy Harryman

DuPree & Cain Honored

The Yolo County Historical Society is pleased to honor Merrily DuPree and John Cain as recipients of Yolo Philanthropy Award. Merrily and John serve as Co-directors of the Hattie Weber Museum in Davis.



Merrily is the Museum's Exhibit Manager, bringing history to life through engaging displays. She creates exhibits herself and helps guide projects by others, making sure every story is shared in the best possible way. She took over the Hattie Weber Museum after Dennis Dingesman passed away and has done a remarkable job, keeping the Museum open and constantly changing the exhibits for the Davis Community.

John is the Museum's Collection Manager, caring for the artifacts and stories that make up our local history. While this is usually a full-time job on its own, he also juggles many other responsibilities that keep the museum running smoothly.

Together, Merrily and John handle everything from writing reports and caring for the historic WPA Building to coordinating with the City of Davis on maintenance needs and organizing events that welcome the community into the Museum.

They make a great team, and their shared dedication keeps the Hattie Weber Museum a vibrant part of Davis and Yolo County history!

2025 Yolo County Fair Display Photos

Kathy Harryman provided these photos from the County Fair Museum.



Museum doorway with agricultural implements loaned by the California Agricultural Museum: A rotor tiller and a potato planter (blue).



(above) Display case, courtesy of Terry Keith, showing advertising items that were given out to fair attendees.

(right) Sugar Fair Queens – from Judy Aubachaon, one of our members. Display by Kathy Harryman.





Construction of the Spreckels Sugar Plant – photos taken by Kenneth A. Meserole, the Chief Engineer for Western Sugar Refinery (Spreckels Sugar) and loaned to us by his grandson, George Boyd, to use for the fair. They will be given to the Yolo County Archives.

Boy Scouts – display by Jenny Lillge.



Photos of Woodland from the Yolo County Archives.



The church in Dunnigan – from a group that works with the Native Sons of the Golden West to restore the church. Hopefully we will be able to meet out there soon.



This is our display. Kathy highlighted the high school yearbooks throughout the county along with several Woodland High School football game programs from the 1950's, on loan from Janet Denny.

There were several other displays that she will include in the future newsletters.

THESE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS

by Kathy Harryman

Remember when we had a newspaper?
Remember when in the newspaper, there were recipes?

My mother loved to collect recipes from the newspapers in the Bay Area. She cut them out and pasted them into used binders. One binder is an old **Endorsement Book** from **Title Insurance**. She pasted the recipes onto the binder pages of the book. One page still has the **Rule of Title Practice** on the bottom with four cookie recipes at the top.

She would comment, 'not bad' when she tried the recipe, or "perfect, good recipe," or even change the recipe; "try with 1 cup sugar and 1 cup brown sugar instead of 2 cups brown sugar."

When she passed away, she had a collection of six binders filled with recipes all cut out of the newspapers. What a kick to go over the old binders and read the recipes again and see her comments.

We received a binder donated by Sharon Zinsli filled with recipes from different individuals in Yolo County.

The album was made by Tilly Anderson, wife of Art Anderson, who lived in the 900 block of Third Street, Woodland. These recipes even had photos of the cook!

I thought it would be fun to include some in the newsletter. Hope you enjoy.



COMMUNITY ★ FARE ★

LEMON PUDDING CAKE

By MRS. JOE RICHTER
1316 Rancho Way

Cream 1½ tablespoons butter with ¾ cup sugar and beat in 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest (rind). Add 3 egg yolks and beat well.



Stir in 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour alternately with ¼ cup lemon juice and 1 cup milk.

Fold in 3 egg whites, beaten stiff with a pinch of salt.

Turn the batter into a buttered casserole, set the casserole in a pan of hot water, and bake the cake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 1 hour, until the cake on top tests done. The bottom of the casserole will contain a thick lemony sauce.

★ FARE ★

ORANGE KISS ME CAKE

By MRS. LEO SLAVEN
P.O. Box 144, Zamora

Sift in one bowl:
2 cups flour,
1 teaspoon soda,
1 teaspoon salt,
1 cup sugar.

Add:

½ cup shortening,
¾ cup milk.

Beat well.

Add:

2 eggs,
¼ cup milk.

Beat well.

Grind and fold in:

1 large orange pulp
and rind (save juice
for frosting).

1 cup raisins.

½ cup walnuts.



Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees. Bake in 8 inch cake pans about 25 minutes or 13 x 9 inch sheet pan about 30 minutes.

Use your favorite frosting or mix together.

COMMUNITY ★ FARE ★

PHEASANT ALLA ANTONIO

By REMO RICCI
216 Marshall Avenue

4 pound pheasant,
2 cups vinegar,
4 cups cold water,
1 cup Sherry,
4 strips salt pork or
bacon,
1 clove,
2 teaspoons chopped
parsley,
2 cloves garlic,
2 large onions,
2 large carrots, diced,
3 teaspoons flour.
Salt and pepper to
taste.



Blend vinegar and water, bring to boil. Turn off flame and add carrots, garlic, parsley, clove and 1 onion. Allow to cool.

Put pheasant in this mixture. Let it marinate for 24 hours in a cold place.

Now prepare as follows:

Take pheasant out of mixture and dry it with absorbent paper. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; rub with flour. Put 4 strips of salt pork or bacon over pheasant. Add whole onion and place in baking pan.

Brown pheasant on both sides in hot oven. Then add all vegetables in which pheasant was marinated and add a little of the liquid.

Lower heat to moderate oven. Baste occasionally with liquid, using enough to make a gravy. Roast for about 1½ hours or until tender. Then add Sherry and simmer slowly for 10 minutes.

Serve very hot.

(This recipe can also be used with venison.)

COMMUNITY ★ FARE ★

BPW Week Special

SMOTHERED PHEASANT

By MRS. EUNICE HYS
624 Third Street



Pheasant,
½ cup hot fat,
1 cup sliced onions,
1 cup water,
1 can condensed
milk.

Clean bird, cut up. Boil in seasoned flour. In Dutch oven, brown pieces slowly on both sides in the hot fat, turning once. Top with onions. Pour over 1 cup water and 1 can condensed milk. Cover lightly.

Bake at 325 degrees until tender, about 1 hour. Serves 4.

Ella Frances Taylor Becomes Bride of Dr. Joseph Spinelli

A home in Galt has been and they were married established by Dr. and Mrs. Rose headpiece. Joseph Samuel Spinelli, who white chrys returned Thursday from their honeymoon in Santa Cruz. The couple exchanged vows

Peter 90th

An 90th birthday celebration for Peter Wana, 90th birthday, is planned for tomorrow from at the home daughter-in-law Mrs. George home in 1001 10th street. All friends resident of invited to day celebra

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Several Episcopal St. Luke's in Woodlawn two day of copal Chas northern on Tuesday. The sessy the Trinit ramento. Repre organia Mmes. ident, Warr WILSON T me

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