



Chico Heritage Association – CHA – for over 30 years a volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Chico's cultural heritage

WINTER 2012

## ■ CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ■

### CHA ANNUAL MEETING

#### “Chico's Vanished Schools”

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012

2 – 3:30 p.m.

Chico Branch Butte County Library  
1108 Sherman Ave. at E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Have you ever heard local “old timers” talk about the school they once attended that no longer exists, especially in the rural areas? Small one-room schools (and even larger ones) once dotted these greater Chico area, but gradually vanished as the Chico Unified School District consolidated their function into centralized operations. Speaker Dave Nopel will share materials from his Father's collection that illuminate the stories of this nearly-forgotten schools of Chico's past and how present schools evolved in the Post World War II era. If you have memories (and memorabilia) of some of the old schools, this is your chance to share.

A short business meeting will precede

the program, and refreshments will be available after the presentation.



York School in 1888

### STATE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION VISITS CHICO

Chico Heritage Association was pleased to assist Senior City Planner Bob Summerville in “rolling out the red carpet” for the visit of the SHRC on January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> by providing a trolley tour of Chico's Historic Neighborhoods, buildings and sites. In the 2 ½ hour tour we showed them historic buildings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Salem area, the Language Houses and nearby historic homes in the South of Campus Neighborhood; Diamond Match and the Barber Neighborhood; the Wright-Patrick House; the Northgraves-Bryant-Compton House; the Little Chapman Mansion area; AME Church; One-Mile Pool; Lee-Mansfield House; the Esplanade (homes, the Matador Motel, Sandy Gulch neighborhood, Chico Nut, and Enloe Hospital), the Mechoopda Cemetery and village area, Mansion Park and the Julia Morgan House (President's Mansion/Warrens Reception Center).

Many thanks to Adrienne Pustejovsky, Liz Stewart and John Gallardo for tour research and planning, and to Arlene Ward for adding Native American site information to the tour at several stops. Thanks also to Jon Couch for putting together at lightning speed a brochure with all the sites on it, to Paul Lieberum and Myles Pustejovsky for the job of removing plywood (in the pouring rain) from all the windows at the Wright-Patrick House, as well as all the crew waiting there to be the explainers. The Commissioners and Staff of the State Historic Preservation Office will remember their visit to Chico!



## WE COULD USE YOUR HELP

### NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE PRESERVATION EFFORT!

The Chico Heritage Assn. would like to acknowledge exemplary achievements in preserving our historic buildings, artifacts and cultural sites. We are seeking nominations from our supporters to choose 5 or 6 recipients for this year's awards. Nominations in the past have been in several categories including Phoenix from the Ashes (8<sup>th</sup> & Main Antiques & Tres Hombres), Best Façade Improvement (Old Oser's Building), several Exemplary Home Renovations and Retention of Historic Character (Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> complex). We are open to any efforts to enhance our Historic Heritage including any building or site renovations or additions endeavoring to maintain historic character, historic events, or research to enhance our historic knowledge base. Please send nominations to Paul Lieberum at [lieberum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lieberum@sbcglobal.net)

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

Sometimes we have important time-sensitive items that arise between our newsletter issues that you might like to know about. We would like to inform you via e-mail so you could be involved. If you are interested please let us know your e-mail address, either by our message phone (530-345-7522) or by e-mail to our address at [info@chicoheritage.org](mailto:info@chicoheritage.org). We won't bug you often, or give it to anyone else!

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### ***Message from the President***

Since last I wrote, the energetic and wonderful CHA bunch did a wonderful Fair Booth area on Historic Chico Warehouses; connected with nostalgic Chicoans at the Chico Reunion in City Plaza, reorganized the office storage area, conducted a Yard Sale fundraiser, while continuing our usual business of assisting with research, keeping an eye on various 'at-risk' buildings, sites and features, and continuing work on documenting the history and condition of the Wright-Patrick House. Jon Couch is almost single handedly keeping our website active and attractive. As I often say, I run the meetings, but everyone else does all the work! It's easy to be President with this amazingly devoted group to work with.

And, of course, we couldn't do it without all of the rest of you! Your generous response to the AnnieB's Fund Drive of the North Valley Community Foundation and the request for 2012 dues keeps us solvent and in a position focus our time and energy on our mission – keeping the

Chico area's historic resources protected and appreciated. On behalf of the Board, "THANK YOU so much – know you are truly appreciated."  
*Lucy Sperlin*

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### **CHA BECOMES A BIDWELL MANSION COMMUNITY PROJECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**

At our January meeting, the Chico Heritage Board voted for CHA to become a support organization for the effort to keep Bidwell Mansion open to the public. More than rising to the occasion, Board members volunteered to collectively and personally pay half of a \$1,000 donation from CHA. Perhaps as good an example as could be found of 'putting our money where our mouth is' both individually and organizationally.

#### **CHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Meeting is the first Wednesday of month, 7:00pm, 635 Flume Street**

Lucy Sperlin, President  
Paul Lieberum, Vice President  
Shelley Compton Hutchens, Secretary  
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John Gallardo

Kathleen Hillman  
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# CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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Memberships are due at the first of the calendar year, or if you wish, you may pay in any of the last three months of the preceding year for the following year. Our membership dues and donations provide our day to day expenses, which include our office rent, telephone, insurance, newsletter printing and mailing, photocopying and photography for research. We receive **NO** government funds, and have no paid staff. Please help us save Chico's heritage by your membership and/or donations. Simply fill out and mail this form to: our address on reverse side.

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Individual    \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Family    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Supporting    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 or more-Patron

Please note if any **ADDITIONAL** donation is for the Wright-Patrick Preservation Fund \_\_\_\_\_, The General Fund, \_\_\_\_\_

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## "YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM CHICO WHEN..." REUNION

JIM SECOLA AND OTHERS ORGANIZED A "REUNION" OF PEOPLE IN CHICO - AND FROM FAR AWAY -WHO HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE BY THE SAME NAME. IT WAS HELD IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAZA ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011. MATT CHRISTOPHER DESIGNED A PERFECT LOGO FOR IT.

CHICO HERITAGE ASSN. HAD A TABLE THERE WITH PHOTOS, CITY MAPS, SANBORN INSURANCE MAPS AND A MISCELLANY OF LOCAL HISTORY. JOHN GALLARDO, DARRELL AND NANCY DETER, ADRIENNE PUSTEJOVSKY, MARGARET SIEMSEN, SHELLEY HUTCHENS AND LIZ STEWART TOOK TURNS ANSWERING QUESTIONS. MARGARET SEWED NEW APRONS FOR US. WE TRIED TO KEEP TRACK OF WHO ASKED WHAT, AND WHAT QUESTIONS WE PROMISED TO RESEARCH FURTHER. BUT, FORGIVE US IF WE DIDN'T FOLLOW UP. PLEASE CONTACT US EITHER ON OUR WEBSITE OR E-MAIL LISTED HERE IN THE NEWSLETTER.

SOME OF THE TOPICS THAT CAME UP WERE: TRAIN HISTORY, OLD BRICKS UNEARTHED IN A BACK YARD, HISTORY OF BIDWELL PARK, NOTTLEMAN BUILDING, STUDIO APARTMENTS ON W. 17<sup>TH</sup>, RANCHO CHICO DAYS, OLD HOUSE ON NORTHGRAVES, OLD CHICO HIGH SCHOOL.

THERE ARE DOZENS OF PHOTOS, OLD AND NEW, OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND THE SITE ACTS AS A REAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF REMINISCENCES. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADD TO THE MEMORIES, BE IT A RECIPE FOR THANKSGIVING JELLO, IDENTIFYING A LOCAL TEACHER OR BUSINESS OWNER OR CLEARING UP A MYSTERY SUCH AS: HAS ANYONE EVER WATERSKIED AT ONE-MILE?

AT THE END OF THE DAY WE ALL AGREED THAT THIS WAS A PERFECT VENUE FOR US AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE.

## MANY THANKS TO OUR DONORS FOR 2011!

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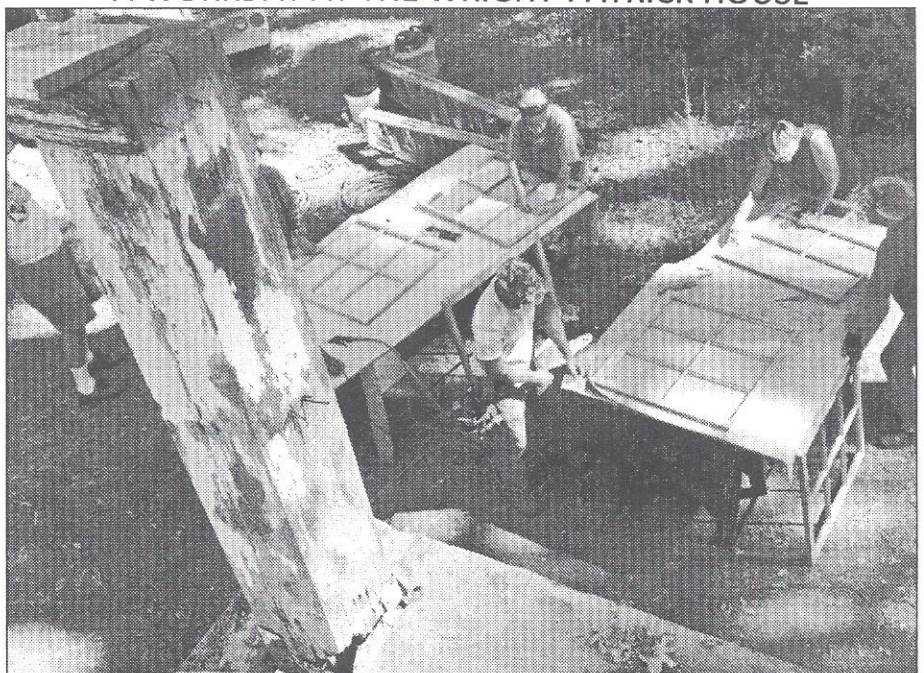
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**A WORKDAY AT THE WRIGHT-PATRICK HOUSE**



*Photo thanks to Richard Macias*

*Shown here are several of our Board members (plus Bob Deter and Chris Gauer) scraping window frames. Note the condition of the large second story porch roof railing post on the left of the picture. This was the condition of the frames when we started, and notice the condition of the frames now! The frames are of beautiful 160 year wood—amazing quality!*





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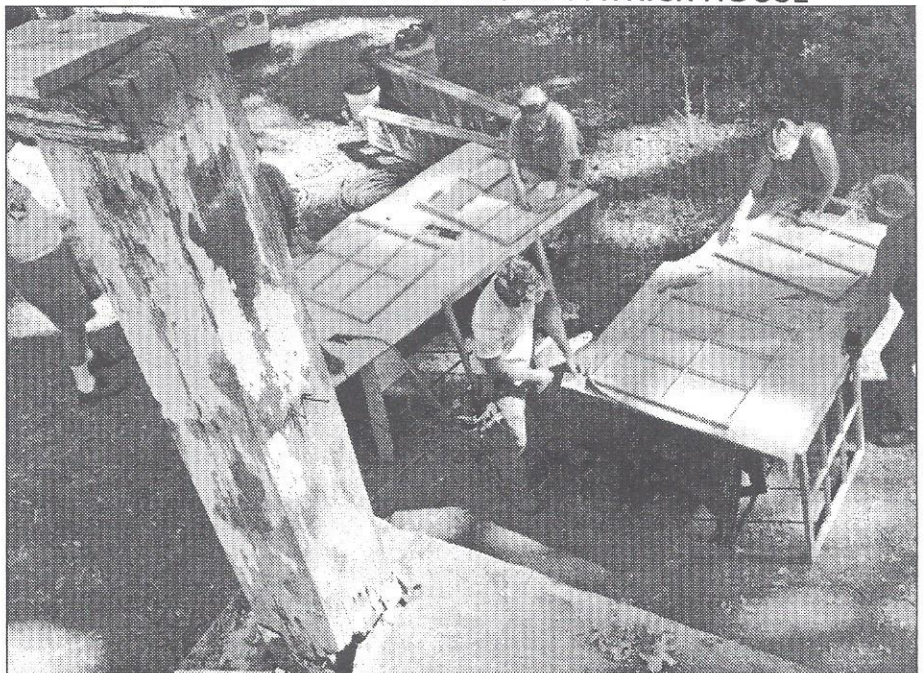
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