



...for over 30 years dedicated to the preservation of Chico's cultural heritage.

CHA PRESERVATION MONTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 12—WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN HISTORIC CHICO led by John Gallardo - meet at 1:00pm at the sidewalk in front of Bidwell Presbyterian Church. The tour will last approximately two hours

May 16—OPEN HOUSE AT OUR OFFICE, 5:30-7:00pm at 635 Flume St. for a tour and light refreshments

May 26—WALKING TOUR OF ANOTHER SECTION OF DOWNTOWN HISTORIC CHICO led by John Gallardo - meet at the City Plaza at 1:00pm. The tour will last approximately two hours

May 31—PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM 7:00pm at the Chico Library. Awards will be presented for exemplary projects that maintain the character of our community in categories such as:

“Continuing Restoration” to Ray Murdoch for the Earl House

“Adaptive Reuse” to the Hudson Dealership

“Historic Structure Rescue” to the old Puritz gas station

“Sensitive Addition” to the home at 794 E 6th Street

“Vernacular Recovery” to the home at 377 E. 6th Street

And special recognition to Rick and Nancy Ostrom, for being the first homeowners to place their home on Chico's Inventory of Historic Places under the new City Preservation Ordinance

RESEARCH HOURS AVAILABLE NOW

Thanks to Liz Stewart, a member of our Board, (and sometimes John Gallardo) for hosting open hours at our office. On **WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 3:00** they will be available to help anyone who is interested in research on historic places or topics in the Chico area. The address is 635 Flume Street. Research is done on a donation basis, the amount you feel appropriate for the time involved.

OTHER PRESERVATION EVENTS IN MAY

STANSBURY HOME PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION is holding a Wine and Jazz Garden Party on Friday, May 4 at 5:00pm. Hopefully this information is not too late for you to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CITRUS SCHOOL! Built as a WPA Project in 1937, Citrus School is celebrating 75 years on May 10 at 1:15 at the school playground. There will be a one-hour program, a tour and a tea. If you are a former student or have artifacts relating to the school, you might like to take part.

BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY annual BBQ at Oregon City School on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00pm - Contact Dorothy Lindsay at 846-0421 for reservations. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children Deadline for reservations is May 21.

IN MEMORIAM - DEBRA “JACKI” HEADLEY

A founding member of Chico Heritage Association in 1981, Jacki was a longtime board member and treasurer. Historic preservation and our quality of life were very important to her, and she was a tireless supporter of the cause. Chico has lost one of its great citizens, but our memory of her and her legacy lives on.



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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

"Chico's Vanished Schools" was the program topic at the CHA Annual Meeting on February 19. Dave Nopel shared some of his father's large collection of school photos. Others who attended also shared school memories, including a 1938 home movie of the old Bidwell School on Nord Ave. (now a Grange Hall).

We were able to report a very successful year in 2011, with thanks to all of you that we were able to adequately fund our organization and our goals for the year.

It was also a successful year in our efforts to encourage preservation of Chico's heritage through Preservation Month Awards for heritage preservation projects around Chico; a new website (thanks to Board member Jon Couch); participation in the "You Know you're From Chico when..."; featuring Chico's historic warehouses in an exhibit at Butte County Fair; and continuing work on the Wright-Patrick house; and helping with research inquiries.

We were also pleased to display our beautifully framed *Resolution of Recognition* from the State Historic Resources Commission for our efforts toward preserving Chico's history.

HELPING KEEP BIDWELL MANSION OPEN

CHA was among several community organizations to give over \$1,000. More than half that amount was met by special contributions from our Board members.

Our President, Lucy Sperlin, served as a member of the steering committee that guided the successful fundraising effort. Another Board member, Mike Magliari, was involved as a member of the Bidwell Mansion Association Board. It was a big job, but worthwhile and successful.

We will continue to be part of ongoing efforts to help the mansion be sustainable for future years.