



*Chico Heritage Association—CHA—since 1981 a volunteer not-for-profit  
Organization dedicated to the preservation of Chico's cultural heritage*

*APRIL 2017*

## ▪ CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ▪

### **MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH**

We will also have a booth at the Plaza after the Pioneer Day Parade on May 6

**AWARDS PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM:** 7:00pm, Wednesday, May 24, 2017

1200 Park Avenue, south corner entrance

**LEARNING ABOUT THE BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Speaker: Dale Wangberg, long time BCHS Board Member

**HISTORICAL WALKS:** Approx. 2 hours (Donations accepted)

**South of Campus Historic District**-led by John Gallardo

Saturday, May 13 at 10:00am, Meet at steps of Bidwell Presbyterian Church

**Downtown**-led by Randy Taylor & Frank Roberts

Sunday, May 28 at 10:00am, meet at the Old Municipal Building steps

**ESPLANADE HOME TOUR:** Monca sponsored, CHA assisting (in June.) See inserted flyer

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### **BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Butte County Historical Society (BCHS) is now sharing our "Research Library" (AKA our office) in the Garden Walk. It is a win-win for both organizations to share this space. They have an extensive book collection for sale here. They will be available at any of our open hours. Also available for sale will be every copy of the "Diggins" quarterly publication from 1957 to the present. Articles from start to 2008 have been indexed.

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### **RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT OUR "RESEARCH LIBRARY" OFFICE**

Come in and see our resource material. We have books, magazines, maps, etc., to help you with your research of people and buildings. Get ideas and sources for working on, restoring and decorating your Craftsman or Victorian era home. Among the resources we have are:

Chico newspapers ( see info. on page2)

Old House Journal Magazine

Preservation Magazine

This Old House Magazine

Style 1900 Magazine

American Bungalow Magazine

Butte Co. Historical Society "Diggins" for reasearch & for sale

(some) ANCRP Publications

Dogtown Territorial Quarterly Magazine/Calif. Territorial Magazine

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1884, 1886, 1890, 1921, etc.

Polk Directories

Features:

Chico Historical Resources inventory

South of Campus Neighborhood Register Historic District

Books: include

Julia Morgan, Architect

Ripples Along Chico Creek

Butte County History, 1882

History of Butte County by Joe McGie

plus many others

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### **CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Chico Heritage Association is to encourage and support the preservation, maintenance, enhancement, restoration and protection of buildings, neighborhoods, monuments, artifacts, and natural resources that exemplify or constitute a part of the historic, architectural and cultural heritage of the greater Chico area.



# BARBER RECREA- TION GROUNDS

CHICO ELECTRIC RAILWAY PRO-  
VIDES PLACE FOR OUTDOOR  
AMUSEMENTS.

Baseball, Football, Tennis and Track  
Athletics Provided for at South-  
ern Terminus of the Street  
Car Line.

The Chico Electric Railway Company has arranged for a recreation ground at Barber which will serve the public well in affording a place for holding all kinds of open air amusements, especially baseball, football and track athletics.

The recreation grounds are located immediately north of the electric car barn and adjoining The Diamond Match Company's peach orchard, a portion of which will be within the enclosure. The square of land, 500 feet on each side, is now being plowed preparatory to grading and rolling.

Superintendent Frank Clough says a baseball diamond, football rectangle and a cinder path are to be built, and the entire square will be enclosed with a six-foot board wall, so that when it is desired to charge an admission fee, those who enjoy the amusement can be compelled to pay.

Tennis courts are to be prepared, so that public tournaments may be held.

A grand stand sufficient to seat 700 people is to be built. This will be covered and in front will be a screen to protect the spectators from being struck by foul balls during games of baseball. "Bleachers" are also to be built sufficient to accommodate about 500.

The new grounds will be ready for use about three weeks hence, but the first important attraction to be held there will be the Northern California Interscholastic Athletic League's track meeting on April 15th. At this meeting there will be nine schools of Northern California represented, ten men from each school to participate. The schools to enter teams are Oroville, Sutter City, Colusa, Willows, Red Bluff, Redding, Corning, Marysville and Chico.

This city has long needed enclosed grounds and these will fill the demand admirably.

## FROM THE PAST



BROADWAY, AT 2<sup>ND</sup> ST., LOOKING SOUTH C.1900



CHINESE PARADE ON MAIN STREET, C. 1905,  
BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS.

# A LOOK BACK - TO 1886

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## THANK YOU'S

Kris Kappettini for her donation of one-month's rent  
Chico Museum for the collection of newspapers  
Eric Norlie for 5 metal shelves for the newspapers  
Darrell & Nancy Deter for fan and folding chairs  
Sean Chen (next door) for many items when needed  
Other Board Members for many hours & donations  
too numerous to list!

## THE NEWSPAPERS

The newspapers referred to above are the Chico newspapers that have been stored in the basement of the Chico Museum for many years, and not accessible to the general public. They date from early 1900s, some even earlier. They are very fragile, but can reveal much information that is almost impossible to find elsewhere.



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## ANSWER TO LAST NEWSLETTER'S "WHERE IS IT" QUESTION



### WHERE IS THIS?

Here is the location of the decorative item from our February Newsletter. As you now can see, it is located on the edge of the canopy in front of Art, etc. at 122 W. 3rd Street

<b>Edwin Jagger</b> <b>Shaving Gear</b> Sheffield, England	<b>Crabtree &amp; Evelyn</b> <b>Toiletries</b> Lotions, Soaps etc.
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## TIDBITS OF USEFUL INFORMATION

Randy Taylor has made up several magnets that have old photos of Chico scenes for a small donation of \$2.00. They are available at our office, or at any event we have. Randy promises that more historic merchandise will be coming soon.

CSU Chico has added more information to its digital collection. The easiest way to access it is to "Google" CSU Digital Collections, and see all the wonderful material there.

## RESPECT THE WALLS EVENTS

submitted by Debbie Meline

**May 6th:** A booth at Mike Boggs' Richardson Springs Tour, 9:00am. The event runs until 6:00pm, but our group will only be there until 3:00.

**May 21th:** Tour of Old Humboldt Road, with guest speaker and guide, Dave Nopel. Details are still being determined (times and hikes and final destination.)

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**The move to new office space has resulted in CHA having to pay a higher rent.**

Two former board members have stepped up and given donations to cover a month's rent (\$650). Another former board member is giving a monthly donation. A challenge has been issued to other members to come forward and make similar donations. If you can meet this challenge send a check, with the notation - For Rent - to our post office box. Or better yet stop in during office hours and see for yourself what a donation toward rent is making possible. Can you meet the challenge? Below are the amounts you might choose.

**one month's rent - \$650**

**one week's rent - \$162.50**

**one day's rent - \$21.67**

**CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - APRIL, 2017**

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:

**Chico Heritage Association, P.O. Box 3517, Chico, CA 95927**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ new member: \_\_\_\_\_ or renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please note if any **ADDITIONAL** donation is for **THE CHALLENGE** \_\_\_\_\_ The General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ or Other \_\_\_\_\_

**WRIGHT-PATRICK UPDATE**

In February Adrienne Pustejovsky presented an all too short "paper" on the Wright-Patrick House, at Anderson at the annual meeting of the State of Jefferson Historical Group, an informal coalition of historians and archaeologists based in Northern California and Oregon. Several Board members also attended. Our purpose was to bring this priceless piece of heritage to their attention (preaching to the choir, so to speak), in preparation for getting out the word to the greater community.

In the meantime, the last of the upstairs windows have been replaced and rescreened, structural damage addressed, and some exterior doors refurbished at the house. Our mission is to keep it from disappearing. Stay tuned for the latest chapter in this continuing saga.

**WATCH LIST**

Humboldt Wagon Ruts/Rock Walls	
Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater	The Esplanade
Faculty Row Houses	Anna Barney House,
W. 3rd St.	
Downtown Post Office	413 Salem St.
Heritage Trees	

**CITY COUNCIL - ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

As part of the 5-year review of the General Plan, the Legislative Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has proposed amending Title 19 of the Chico Municipal Code to strip the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board of its project design oversight and approval responsibilities. Ours, as well as City staff's position at the most recent City Council meeting was to oppose this change. The Council agreed to staff's proposal to streamline the ARHPB via more thorough vetting and training of Board members and to revisit the changes in 6 months.

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Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well, spring has sprung (although it feels like winter as I write this) and that means the activity at CHA is accelerating. After a whirlwind move to our new office, moving in the old newspapers, holding our annual meeting, and preparing for the upcoming Preservation Month's (May) various celebrations, we have a lot to be excited about. We also gained two new excellent board members: Eric Norlie and Frank Roberts, but lost two due to scheduling conflicts, Maddie Mc Henry and Ryan Rodriquez.

We've had great support for our move and our new location is giving us the exposure to the community that we lacked in the Old City Building. If you haven't already, we encourage you to come down to the Garden Walk Mall and check us out. Also, please check out the various activities described elsewhere in this newsletter that we have planned for Preservation month and beyond.

Also take note of our new ads and insert of local history. We urge you to support the businesses that have chosen to support us with these ads. Have a great spring and enjoy Preservation Month.

We are more than pleased that younger and more "tech savvy" members have joined us. Plus they are "get it done" kind of guys.

**ERIC NORLIE** is a fourth-generation Chico native with a passion for Chico's history and future... His past adventures included four years as the caretaker of the Titan Missile Base near the airport, remodeling the downtown Masonic lodge into the Arroyo Room Ballroom & Banquet Facility, and writing and self-publishing The Chico User's Guide, a comprehensive guide for the Chico area. Presently, he wears many hats as a commercial artist, property manager, and a stay-at-home dad.

**FRANK ROBERTS** says that "As an alumnus of Chico State with degrees in both Math and English, I of course have an avid interest in History. Having originally wandered into the old jail cells less than a year ago to inquire about the naming of the "Courthouse Square" (Downtown Plaza), I soon found a welcoming home of knowledge and material about Chico and the greater area. No one has kicked me out yet, so I've taken to organizing while reading and digitizing other media in the office, plus throwing in the occasional tech advice and help. I hope to continue helping out where I can to assist with the flow of cultural information to other inquisitive minds in the community in the months and years ahead."

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

Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, at the Garden Walk, 225 Main St., Ste. D

Paul Lieberum, President

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