

Golden Nuggets

SACRAMENTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SCHS Event: Tuesday Nov. 25, 7:00 PM (Social Time, 6:30)

William Burg: Historic Preservation in Midtown Sacramento

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building, 5380 Elvas Ave., Sacramento



Twentieth Street home restored by Bob & Roberta Rakela, Midtown preservation pioneers. Photo courtesy of Mickey Abbey.

November's SCHS meeting will feature a talk by SCHS vice-president William Burg about his new book, *Midtown Sacramento: Creative Soul of the City*. The book documents Midtown Sacramento's emergence as a symbol of Sacramento's creative and artistic communities, connected to the region by its central location and unique amenities. While the book covers many subjects including music, theater, art galleries and coffee shops, this talk will focus on the neighborhood's role in the historic preservation movement.

Earlier efforts to preserve and restore historic sites focused on major landmarks and interpretive uses, including the restoration of Sutter's Fort, the creation of Old Sacramento, and efforts to save the Alhambra Theatre. Midtown's preservation advocates of the 1970s focused on restoring single-family homes for residential use. The Sacramento Old City Association was formed to share skills and resources developed. Because many SCHS members, past and present, were also involved with historic preservation, our organization became natural partners with SOCA, championing Aubrey Neasham's philosophy of "preservation for use."

Please join us to hear stories of the people, alliances, triumphs and losses of Sacramento's preservation movement, and how historic preservation still plays an active role in Sacramento's present and future. Books will be available for sale and signing. Free parking is available in the attached lot or on the street.

A Taste of History Holiday Social

Panel Discussion with Area Cookbook Authors & Food Historians

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:15 (social time and book signing, 6:30)

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building, 5380 Elvas Ave., Sacramento

Holidays are about tradition, friends, family and community. That's why we'd like you to join us at the annual **A Taste of History Holiday Social**, Tuesday, December 16 at the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building.

This year local cookbook authors and food historians will take us on a culinary journey through Sacramento's long history of published cookbooks, recipes and food journalism. The panelists will start with the first community cookbook published in 1872, touch on *Sacramento Bee* writers of the Katherine Kitchen column, and provide an overview of our many successful award-winning food and wine authors. Ann Rolke, food writer, cookbook author, editor and Taster-in-Chief of Tasty Books cookbook events, will moderate the program. Three local cookbook authors and food historians will join her. Their books will be available for purchase and signing. Copies of *A Taste of History - Vintage Recipes from Sacramento Regional Cookbooks* will also be available just in time for holiday shopping.

This appetizing conversation is bound to make you hungry, so we'll also offer tasty, traditional sweets and savories from recipes provided by our panelists. We'd love you to bring your friends and family, and a home cooked treat of your own to share. If possible, bring along the recipe or another family favorite with the story of how it become part of your family tradition. With your permission, it may be included in *A Taste of Home*, to be published in late 2015.

This promises to be a delicious evening and a great way to launch the holiday festivities. Be sure to come early enough to meet, greet and be merry. The site and parking are accessibly designed.

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| Saturday Nov. 8 | 10 AM | <i>Battles, Skirmishes and Forays: Courage Under Fire</i> Celebrate Veterans Day by hearing the stories of famous and not so famous men, the battles they fought and the courage they displayed. Free, but donations are welcome and help preserve the cemetery. | Old City Cemetery Broadway at 10th St., Sacramento Free parking in lot opposite entry oldcitycemetery.com 916-264-7839 |
| Saturday Nov. 8 | 9:30 AM to noon | <i>Sacramento Preservation Roundtable</i> Join SOCA and other local history groups for updates about the current state of historic preservation in Sacramento at the Llewellyn Williams Mansion, a city landmark building. A \$5 donation is requested but not required. Continental breakfast will be served. | Sacramento Hostel 925 H St., Sacramento info@sacoldcity.org |
| Saturday Nov. 22 Fri - Sat Nov. 28-29 | 10-5 10-5 | <i>Native American Film Festival.</i> Informative, contemporary, and sometimes controversial Native films will be shown throughout the day. <i>Indian Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair.</i> Find unique hand crafted items and meet and support native artists. | California State Indian Museum 2618 K Street, Sacramento |
| Fri - Sat December 12-13 | 10-4 | <i>Historic Folsom Holiday Home Tour.</i> Visit 4 historic homes, an historic church, the Murer House and the Folsom History Museum all decked out for the holidays. There will also be a Holiday Boutique. Tix \$20, and will sell out. | Folsom Historical Society 823 Sutter Street, Folsom 916-985-2707 folsomhistorymuseum.org/special-events/ |