

Golden Nuggets

SACRAMENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Repeat Performance: Sacramento Historical Society Presents Gregg Lukenbill

Early Sacramento: An Island in the Stream

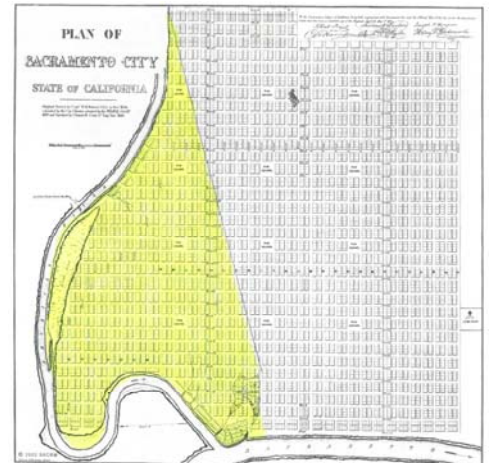
Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 PM (Doors Open 6:30)

Columbus Hall, 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento

Join us for a new and improved encore presentation of Gregg Lukenbill's Early Sacramento: An Island in the Stream! Due to an overflow crowd in January that had to turn away scores of people at the door (resulting in our newly developed RSVP system), Island in the Stream will be presented at Columbus Hall across J Street from the Sac State entrance. Unless otherwise noted, Columbus Hall will be the Historical Society's official venue for future events.

Learn how and why the City Grid was surveyed onto the original river beds' confluence, Sutter's Lake, China Slough, Brighton, the Freeport Railroad, and more. Find out how the City that won the West, unified, electrified, and enlightened the world in spite of 360 degrees of flooding. You can't make this stuff up!

NOTE: RSVP is required for admittance. Please RSVP as soon as possible to reserve a seat (visit www.sachistoricalsociety.org/events-1/early-sacramento-an-island-in-the-stream-1). We look forward to seeing you there.



Sacramento Historical Society Presents Mark Davidson

Mexican California: Cattle Empire

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 PM (Doors Open 6:30)

Columbus Hall, 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento



How these cattle operations worked, and the many key events related to them, will be highlighted with vivid descriptions and images.

Starting with the Spanish Mission Era in the late 1700s, California's open country and generally mild climate formed a perfect location for a successful cattle ranching program to help offset the tremendous expense involved with Spanish colonization expansion plans for Alta California. The trade opportunities (primarily hides and tallow) with key European and Russian merchants also helped finance the expansion of their important military presidios near key strategic coastal locations.

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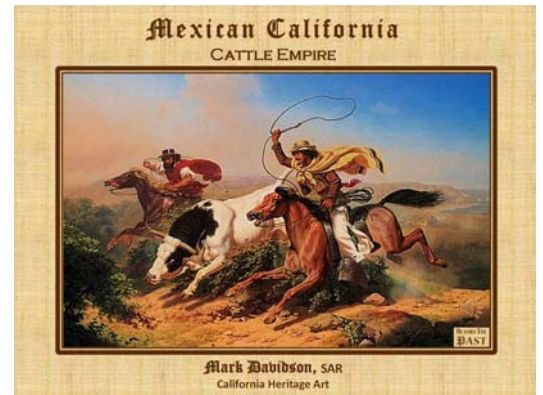
The famous ranchos' vaqueros (cowboys) developed an amazing system to make this enterprise work. They were the superstar celebrity athletes of that time and place. Virtually all of America's later Western cattle ranching practices were developed by these Hispanic and very often Native American "World Class" caballeros.

During this program, Davidson will share information about many activities associated with the historic ranchos of early California and later the huge and dramatic changes brought by the Mexican-American War and gold rush. A description of these Spanish and later Mexican ranchos and how they tied into their community roundup and fiesta events will be covered. Also displayed will be Davidson's "Mobile Mini Museum" exhibits and artifacts.

Mark Davidson's interest in local and California history has grown substantially with his 30 years in the local title insurance industry. His goal is to share the "back stories" of the fascinating people and events he's researched from the early days of California's colorful past...those things not often addressed in most history books. His "Mobile Mini Museum" also provides visual support for his many presentations to community and service groups and historical societies. Davidson graduated from CSU Sacramento and has grandchildren who are seventh generation Sacramentans (via his wife's third-great-grandfather who arrived here in 1850 from Germany).



NOTE: [RSVP](http://www.sachistoricalsociety.org/events-1/mexican-california-cattle-empire) to ensure admittance (visit www.sachistoricalsociety.org/events-1/mexican-california-cattle-empire).



Member Notes and Updates

At the March monthly program meeting, attended by 91 people, the members voted to omit the word "County" from our name, changing the organization's name to the Sacramento Historical Society. The society will operate under both names for the next two years.

During the same meeting the slate of current Board Members, minus retiring members Pat Turse and Clare Ellis, was elected to 2-year terms that will terminate June 30, 2020. In addition Kevin Knauss and Mark Davidson were newly elected members.

The first three monthly history programs of 2018 met or exceeded the 90-seat capacity of the Sacramento Sierra Valley Medical Society. Due to this high attendance, an RSVP system was created to measure for April's Hidden History of Sacramento Baseball. It

hit the capacity limit just 12 hours after the membership was notified. SCHS member Tim Adams suggested contacting the Columbus Hall facility across J Street from Sacramento State, with a capacity of 200, which was miraculously available, and arranged for, three days prior to the program. The RSVP system again hit capacity in 48 hours. Approximately 185 actually attended the program. This larger facility also comes with an adjacent wet bar, liquor license, and full kitchen area.

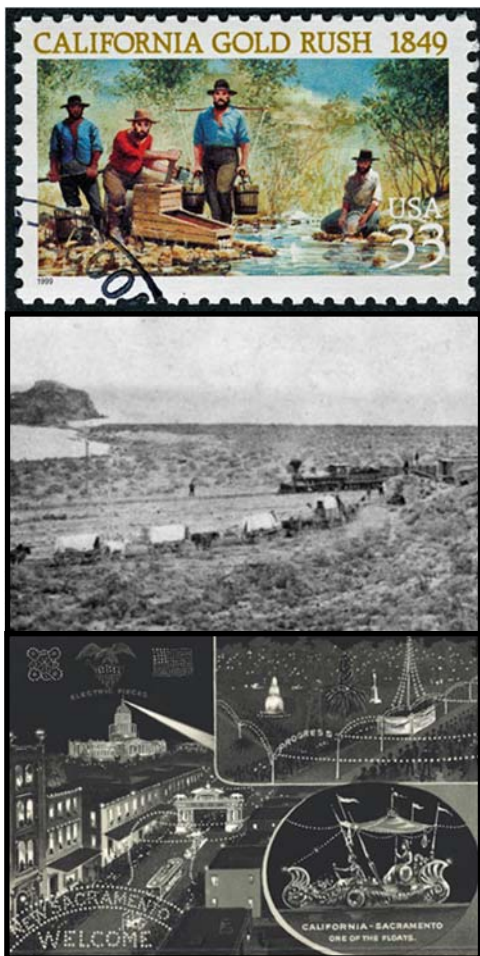
This resulted in the two upcoming May Programs being moved to Columbus Hall (at 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento). The changed venue changed the program dates of Gregg Lukenbill's second "Island in the Stream" to May 15 and May 22's Mexican California: Cattle Empire by Mark Davidson.

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Sacramento Historical Society Presents
Annual Awards of Excellence Program

Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 PM (Doors Open 6:30)

Masonic Temple, 1123 J Street, Sacramento



The Sacramento region is the only area in the world to host three globe-altering events—the gold rush, the transcontinental railroad, and U.S. standard electric light system distribution.

The Sacramento Historical Society is pleased to announce the Enlightenment Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Sacramento Masonic Temple, in association with Tower Records, the California State Railroad Museum and Foundation, Preservation Sacramento, Sacramento Heritage Incorporated, and the Freemason's.

Join Matias Bombal, Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers, Tower Record Global Alumni, and local historic organizations and dignitaries for an enjoyable, musical, fun filled dinner gala as we celebrate our global history by honoring individuals and organizations that have put Sacramento on the global map.

The evening will include short films, Freemason building tours featuring mysterious artifacts, photographs, and symbolism dating back to the Knights Templar history of more than 1,000 years ago.

Tickets—\$70 for members, \$80 for non members—along with sponsorship levels and amounts, available at:

www.sachistoricalsociety.org/events-1/sacramento-enlightenment-awards-banquet.

Mysterious Masonic Temple

Sure there will be music, laughter, a gourmet dinner, and fine wine. You will get to meet some of the people who made the history that is Sacramento's heritage. All this takes place in the grand ballroom of the Masonic Temple—and there is more. Arrive early for a back stage tour of the mysterious 100 year old Temple itself, rumored to house knowledge that carries a connection to the Knights Templars, the Maltese Falcon, and the Da Vinci Code. Hear Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers play the music of our lives. Enjoy a trip through Sacramento film history with Matias Bombal. Be the first to know who gets the Golden History awards.





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Tue May 15	7 PM	<i>Early Sacramento: An Island in the Stream</i> Mark this date for a repeat performance of Gregg Lukenbill's popular discussion of the global impact of Sacramento's early history	Columbus Hall 5961 Newman Ct, Sacramento www.sachistoricalociety.org Doors open at 6:30 PM
Su May 20	1 PM	<i>Walt Strony at the Alhambra Theatre Pipe Organ</i> Support the American Theatre Organ Society Sierra Chapter while you are entertained on the restored pipe organ from Sacramento's Alhambra Theatre.	Ironstone Vineyards 1894 Six Mile Rd, Murphys Light lunch followed by concert Tickets \$44; sierrachapteratos.org
Tue May 22	7 PM	<i>Mexican California: Cattle Empire</i> Mark Davidson will inform and enlighten with his extensive knowledge and collection of exhibits and artifacts about the rancho era of California's history.	Columbus Hall 5961 Newman Ct, Sacramento www.sachistoricalociety.org Doors open at 6:30 PM
Tue Jun 26	7 PM	<i>Sacramento Historical Society Annual Awards</i> Join SHS as it honors a variety of awardees in a night filled with history, stories, and entertainment. <u>Tickets</u> —\$70 for members, \$80 for non members	Masonic Temple 1123 J St, Sacramento www.sachistoricalociety.org Doors open at 6:30 PM