

ARGONAUT GAZETTE

“KEEPING THE PAST ALIVE”

SACRAMENTO, June 2008

Summer!

Janessa West, Program Coordinator

June promises to be a very busy month. If you have time in your schedule, come down on Wednesday, June 18th at 8:30 a.m. and take part in the Pony Express Re-ride. This year the Pony Express Association is leaving from Old Sacramento and headed to Missouri.

Another fun event that OSLHP has been invited to attend is the 125th Anniversary Black Bart Hold-up Days in Sutter Creek, June 21st and 22nd. Meanwhile, we have our own festivities with our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on June 28th at Bridges on the River and our annual 4th of July Picnic in Waterfront Park.

Have fun and enjoy the summer weather!

Reminders

I have **new contact information**. Please add my new phone number and e-mail address to your address book:

(916) 808-4980

jwest@cityofsacramento.org

The clock is ticking on the **New Member Contest**. Bring in a new member and receive a point for your effort. The member with the most points will win the contest at the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.

Feel free to come and borrow a book from the **library**. We also have a research file cabinet with articles relating to character research, clothing, music, and many other themes.

Don't forget to **register your character**. The registry binder and blank forms are available in the Living History Center office and at each meeting. Register your character before someone else does!

The President's Quill

Greg Tracy, President

Jolly June, Argonauts. June should prove to be fun starting with the Columbia Diggins, then June's training class on the 14th, and two weeks later we have the volunteer luncheon on Saturday the 28th, followed by a Living History stroll the next day.

Language and moral culture are the focus of June's training class where you learn words like bunkum, splendiferous and mollycoddle, plus discover the cultural values or lack of during the early days of Sacramento City. These training sessions are quite enlightening and well worth the effort.

If you have not made your meal choice yet, it is not too late because the volunteer luncheon at Bridges on the River is not to be missed. This location is idyllic with great food to boot.

It has been suggested that Living History stroll on the 29th should be of a shorter duration, to allow everyone to be present so we may stroll en masse. We shall discuss this further at the next general meeting.



Our president with Mr. Weaver at Gibson Ranch

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Welcome to Gettysburg (Gibson Ranch)

Ken Knott, General Curmudgeon

The temperature was too hot to be wearing 20 pounds of wool, but despite the heat of the day, several intrepid OSLHP members showed up at Gibson Ranch for the Civil War reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. Although the real Battle of Gettysburg took place over 3 days in July of 1863 and involved some 170,000 soldiers—America’s largest battle, in which there were 51,000 casualties—the Gibson Ranch event was a trifle smaller. I think I counted 25 Confederate soldiers including officers.

The real attraction for OSLHP members were the sutlers’ tents where myriad accoutrements could be found. Our venue consisted of a fly where Games of Chance were featured, a green room tent and a fly for watching the battle, conversing amongst ourselves and dining upon a selection of fruits and delicacies provided by fellow members. Because of the heat on Saturday, fewer of us showed up on Sunday, which was a much nicer temperature.

Although the numbers of public visitors to the event was greatly diminished over past years (can you blame them?) there was considerable interest in our gaming tables, particularly people who had read about Faro but had never seen it being played. I suggest for future events where our entire historical interpretation is based on gambling, that more members involve themselves in that, so our tables won’t be vacated when the few of us who were gambling needed to take a break. I would like to thank James Lee, Poker Alice, Col. Gibberish and Flora, the Lily of the West, for doing the gambling, and Jim Lundsten, Richard Vincent, Jeff Bush, and our Presidente, Greg Tracy for doing the set-up and tear-down.



Election Results

At the May 10th meeting, the following persons were elected to serve OSLHP as officers for 2008-2009:

President	Greg Tracy
Vice-president	Jason Hollingsworth
Secretary	Jan Bullard
Treasurer	Bob Flaherty
Members-at-large	Terry Melau Richard Vincent

The term for these new and returning officers will begin July 1. Congratulations to all.

Jazz Jubilee Parade



Our small but enthusiastic contingent



Close-order drill with the banner

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Janessa West

Let's celebrate! Once a year we honor our volunteers with a special Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. All members of OSLHP are encouraged to attend! **Please RSVP to me no later than June 5th.** Entree choices are: Asian marinade steak, salmon, angel hair pasta, pasta with prawns, pasta with chicken, or a chicken cobb salad.

The luncheon will be held at the same place as last year: Bridges on the River at 2125 Garden Highway in Sacramento. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon is free to all our volunteers. However, guests must pay full price. The prices for guests are: steak \$14, salmon \$16, pasta \$10, pasta with prawns \$15, pasta with chicken \$13, chicken cobb salad \$12.

Rides are available for any member with transportation problems. Contact any Executive Board member for a ride.

Editor's note: The northbound lanes of I-5 will be closed through downtown on this day. Plan your route accordingly.



Gold Rush Days

Janessa West

For anyone new to OSLHP, Gold Rush Days is an annual event that takes place here in Old Sacramento over Labor Day Weekend. As such, it is our major living history event of the year. From Friday through Monday of Labor Day weekend, we interpret the past, mainly the gold rush, in an area called tent city located near the Discovery Museum. The event is huge, can be overwhelming, and is always a lot of fun.

A list of our venues is given below, and a sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter. I recommend that people sign up for specific shifts and venues so that we know that we have enough people to run each venue. Let me know if you have another venue idea.

A Gold Rush Days planning meeting will take place on **June 11th from 6-7 p.m.** Please attend the meeting for more event details, and bring your sign-up sheet.

Gold Rush Days Venues

Stinking Tent Saloon
Biscuit's Blacksmith Shop
Sacramento City Dry Goods
Proper Ladies Boarding House
Bath house and Laundry
Justice of the Peace
Adams Express Bank and Co.
Partnering with the Discovery Museum—
Mercantile
Saloon

Dues are Due July 1

Individual \$25
Family \$35
Senior (60+) \$12
Senior Couple \$16

The first year for new members is free.

Mail your check to Janessa,
or give it to Treasurer Bob Flaherty

Upcoming Events

No Living History Day in June

Janessa West

There has been some confusion about whether or not there is a living history day planned for June, and the answer is no. In January the wise Executive Council reviewed the annual calendar and decided to not hold a living history day in June as it is the same weekend as the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. In the past, living history days that take place right after an event typically have low attendance.

There will be a stroll on June 29th if you would like to participate. And don't forget we have a picnic on the 4th of July!

Revised Program for Classes

Ken Knott, Training Coordinator

Some changes to the next two training classes were necessary. The June class has been changed to "The Influence of Woman upon our Moral and Social Intercourse"; additionally, the subject of "Language and Rhetoric of Victorian California" will be addressed. The Lecturer for both subjects is Professor F. B. Dodge. This class is being offered on Saturday, June 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Living History Center.

Our July 12th class will feature Penmanship by Doug Peterson, Etiquette and Mourning Customs by Jan Bullard, Language of the Fan by Penny Adams, and Gold Rush Medicine by Terry Melau. This class will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Living History Center.

Such intense excitement has been generated in anticipation of both presentations, by such Illustrious and Celebrated Personalities, that reservations will be accepted in advance for these classes as seating is limited. Please make your reservation at the June General Members Meeting or by contacting your Training Coordinator at: timetraveler49@comcast.net.

Independence Day Picnic

Janessa West

Celebrate our Independence with a picnic in Waterfront Park, 10-5. OSLHP members are encouraged to bring an item for our potluck picnic. Festivities will include croquet, horseshoe toss, gambling, and skits. And the first ever 4th of July shootout! Shootout participants must give me a copy of their insurance card prior to the event and must have met with Ray Eargle to discuss weaponry safety. Looking forward to celebrating with you!



Sacramento City Dry Goods

JoAnn Peterson

The Dry Goods store has opened, and we are grateful for a warm reception. Please help us spread the word to those who might be interested. In addition to apparel, hats and shoes, we carry corset supplies and gifts.

I am planning to add fabric to the store in June. One of the first lines we will carry is Windham fabrics by Baum Mfg. They have a nice selection of period correct lines. We will be glad to order any fabric in their line for you. The minimum would be 7 yards for a special order, prepaid. The cost per yard usually runs about \$8.50. Just let us know what fabric you want, and I will let you know when it comes in. You can contact us at the store or at info@saccitydrygoods.com. If you want a fabric from another manufacturer, I can probably order that too. This offer applies to everyone, not just OSLHP, so let your friends know. For Baum take a look in their Williamsburg and Reproduction Fabric galleries at www.baumtextile.com.

Gold Rush Days Venue Sign-Up Sheet

Sign up for 4-hour shifts in the venue or venues of your choice. Bring this form to the Gold Rush Days planning meeting on June 11th at 6:00 p.m. It is imperative that we have enough people to run each venue effectively. Remember that it will be hot!

Name _____

**August 29th
Friday**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Venue:

2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Venue:

**August 30th
Saturday**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Venue:

2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Venue:

**August 31st
Sunday**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Venue:

2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Venue:

**September 1st
Monday**

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Venue:

2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Venue:

Venue Descriptions

Stinking Tent Saloon: help sell sarsaparilla and lead gambling games or add to the ambiance with music or conversation

Proper Ladies Boarding House: show children how to grind corn, pepper, and mustard, or do handcrafts

Bath House and Laundry: explain what a bath house is and the laundry process

Justice of the Peace: maintain the peace, assist in marriages and divorce

Adams Express Bank and Co.: help exchange gold dust for a bank certificate

OSLHP Welcome Table: Explain what OSLHP is and invite people to join us

Partnering with the Discovery Museum—

Mercantile: sell goods and gifts

Saloon: sell sarsaparilla

Miscellanea

Storage Room Project

LaMona Hoover

I have volunteered to work on the storage room clean-up and catalog project. I understand that some of you already have ideas on how it would work best for the organization. Therefore, I am soliciting any ideas you may have to make it easier to access and use the supplies in our storage room.

Also if anyone is interested in assisting me, I will be working on the room on my days off work which are Thursday and Friday. Best way to reach me is by cell: 916-844-5776. I don't check my emails very often, but that address is oneofakindljh@comcast.net. Thanks for your input and assistance.

Member Notes

Congratulations to **Janessa West** for completing her master's thesis in May. And congratulations to Janessa and Steve for purchasing their first house!

Photo Credits

Thank you to Sophie Flaherty for her photos of our May events.

From your Editor

Catherine Hanson-Tracy

All OSLHP members are invited to submit items for inclusion in the *Argonaut Gazette*. Articles, letters to the editor, calendar items, and personal news announcements are welcome. The submission deadline is the 25th of the month before publication. Submissions may be modified for length and readability at the discretion of the editor.

E-mail articles to me at:

chanson-tracy@library.ca.gov

For those without e-mail access, submissions can be mailed to: 1179 Theo Way, Sacramento CA 95822.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
June				
7 – Saturday		Founders’ Day	Placerville	
10 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
11 – Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Gold Rush Days Planning Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
11 – Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Living History Center	Greg Tracy
14 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Training Class – Moral Culture and Language	Living History Center	Ken Knott
21 & 22 – Saturday–Sunday		Black Bart Hold-up Days	Sutter Creek	
21 & 22 – Saturday–Sunday		Gold Rush Days	Downieville	
28 – Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch	Bridges on the River	Janessa West
29 – Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Living History Stroll	Old Sacramento	Greg Tracy
July				
4 – Friday		Independence Day Picnic	Waterfront Park	Janessa West
8 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
12 – Saturday	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Gold Rush Days Planning Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
12 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	General Membership Meeting	Living History Center	Greg Tracy
12 – Saturday	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Training Class – Penmanship, Etiquette, the Fan, Gold Rush Medicine	Living History Center	Ken Knott
TBA		Ghost Tours Planning Meeting		
27 – Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Living History Day	Waterfront Park	Greg Tracy
August				
12 – Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
13 – Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Gold Rush Days Planning Meeting	Living History Center	Janessa West
13 – Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Living History Center	Greg Tracy
16 – Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Training Class TBA	Living History Center	Ken Knott
TBA		Ghost Tours Planning Meeting		
29 – Sept. 1 Thurs. – Sun.		Gold Rush Days	Old Sacramento	Janessa West

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Mr. Lincoln visits our gambling salon.

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