

COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 1986

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HELEN WEBER KENNEDY
GALLERY AT THE SAN
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HISTORICAL MUSEUM

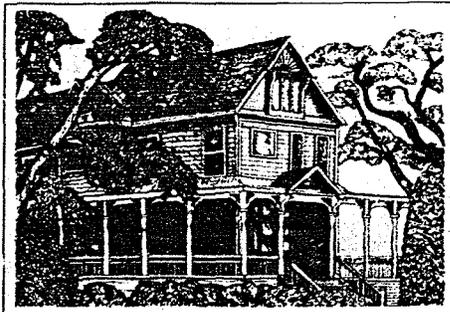
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A presentation was made by Michael Bennett, Museum Director, regarding the Grand Opening of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum and the Weber Family Celebration which will be held on May 2 and 3, 1986.

The San Joaquin County Historical Society
Proudly Announces

*The Weber Family
Celebration*

Dedicating and opening the
Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery at the
San Joaquin County Historical Museum,
Micke Grove



The Julia Weber Home

May 2 and 3, 1986



Helen Weber Kennedy graduates from the University of California, Berkeley, in agriculture in 1913.

The Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery

Named for the granddaughter of Captain Charles M. Weber, founder of Stockton, the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery includes a recreation of three rooms of the Julia Weber home, built on Weber Point in 1891 and relocated to West Lane and the Calaveras River in 1900. Gallery rooms include a parlor, library/living room, and a bedroom—furnished with originals from Captain Charles M. Weber's home, built in 1850.

Visitors to the Gallery will see household items from a pioneer family home, some of which were necessary for living, others for living comfortably well. There is the first piano in Stockton—made in England; a buggy in which Weber's daughter Julia used to travel into town from the ranch; a working model of a record player which uses perforated zinc discs; furnishings of mahogany, ash and marble; and Captain Weber's original library shelving, constructed of wood salvaged from ships which visited Stockton in Gold Rush days!

The Gallery also features a large collection of books, papers, musical instruments and art—all pointing up the strength of the Weber Home as a center of learning and culture.

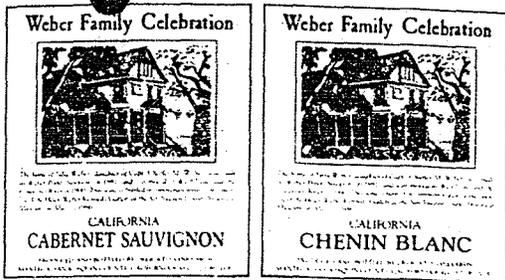
The building of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery was made possible because of the thoughtful commitment of Captain Weber's family to maintaining the integrity of the family's collection of historic artifacts and memorabilia.

Helen Weber Kennedy, after whom the Gallery is named, was especially sensitive to the importance of the collection. In her own right she was a grand dame of San Joaquin County. She was, after all, one of the first three women to graduate from the University of California with a degree in Agriculture.

The Weber legacy continues. Mrs. Kennedy's daughters, Helen Kennedy Cahill, Geraldine Kennedy Cole, Katherine Kennedy Cookson, and Moira Kennedy Holden, selected the San Joaquin County Historical Museum as the repository of the Weber-Kennedy collection. They made the Gallery possible through a grant from the Helen Weber Kennedy Charitable Trust.

The San Joaquin County Historical Society came into existence in 1954. The San Joaquin County Historical Museum was established in 1966 with "Man and the Soil" as its theme. Owned by the County and operated under contract by the Society, the museum houses an impressive collection of agricultural implements and historical material. The museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums. Its director is Michael W. Bennett. The Society's president is Howard C. Lewis.

Last year over 21,000 visitors enjoyed museum attractions including the Annual July Barbecue; the Biannual Flower Show and Art Display in April; the Museum Gift Shop; the Tractor Exhibit; Lochner Tool Collection; "Hello Central," The Development and Decline of the Rural Telephone System; the Tree and Vine Building, featuring the development of tree and vine crops in California; these, to name but a few of the experiences available in this treasure-trove from our colorful past.



Commemorative Wine Sale

Two premium wines from the vineyards of Delicato Winery have been selected to commemorate the Weber Family Celebration.

These fine wines, with their keepsake value, are specially labeled for this occasion.

One wine is a full-bodied cabernet sauvignon. The other is a delightfully mellow chenin blanc. Both wines are an outstanding complement to any celebration or dinner, or stand on their own for all occasions.

This commemorative wine can be purchased by the bottle, by the two-pack, or by the case. To insure having your choice of wine, you may purchase the wine in advance by sending in the attached order form.

Your wine will be available for pick up or delivery only on May 3, 1986, at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum, or at Delicato Winery. For an additional charge your wine will be delivered to the place of your designation.

Proceeds from this commemorative wine sale will benefit the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum.

Commemorative Wine Sale Order Form

I wish to purchase the following Weber Family Commemorative wine(s):

- _____ Bottle(s) of Cabernet Sauvignon
\$5.00 per bottle*
- _____ Bottle(s) of Chenin Blanc
\$5.00 per bottle*
- _____ Two Pack(s)
(one Cabernet, one Chenin Blanc)
\$12.00 per pack*
- _____ Cases(s) of Cabernet Sauvignon
\$50.00 per case*
- _____ Case(s) of Chenin Blanc
\$50.00 per case*

I will pick up my order at

- San Joaquin County Historical Museum on
May 3, 1986
- Delicato Winery, by June 1, 1986
- Please deliver my order: (\$50.00 minimum,
\$10.00 delivery charge) to:

Enclosed is \$_____, payable to the San Joaquin County Historical Society. I understand my donation is deductible to the extent provided by law.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

*Tax is included

Please send order form to: James Beardstly, Chairman
for Commemorative Wine Sale, San Joaquin County
Historical Society, P.O. Box 21, Lodi, CA 95241.

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Tom Shephard, Chair, Weber Family Celebration



Bob Friedberger, Chair, Weber Pavilion Banquet



Joan Matthews, Chair, Weber Festival Day

The Weber Family Celebration

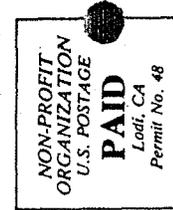
- May 2* _____
- 6:00 p.m. Preview Tour of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery
Wine and Cheese Reception
- 7:30 p.m. Weber Pavilion Banquet
San Joaquin County Historical Museum, Micke Grove, Lodi

- May 3* _____
- 9:00-5:00 Museum open
- 9:00 a.m. Weber/Kennedy Turn of the Century Trek
Bikes, horses, horse drawn vehicles and horseless carriages from Weber Point to Micke Grove
Bike Fair
- 12:00 m. Dedication Ceremonies
Demonstrations
Continuous Entertainment
Exhibits
Ethnic Foods
Gallery Tours
- 1:00 p.m. Local Authors Autograph Party
Commemorative Wine Sale

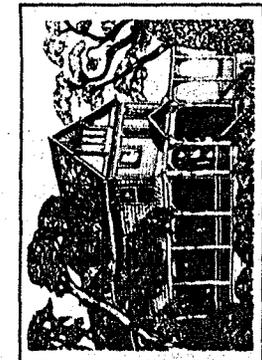
The Celebration Continues

- Winter 1986-1987* _____
- Dedication and Grand Opening of the Gerald Kennedy Research Library
- To be Announced* _____
- Dedication and Grand Opening of the Weber Homesite... The Weber Cabin

For further information on the Weber Family Celebration and the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum, please call (209) 368-9154 from Lodi; 463-4119 from Stockton.



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NEWS and NOTES

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April 1986

Leslie Crow, Editor

Weber Family Celebration



Weber Family Celebration

On May 2 and 3, 1986, an extraordinary and historic gala will be held at the San Joaquin County Museum which no member will want to miss. Festivities begin Friday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m., with a wine and cheese buffet. This will be followed by a lavish banquet to be held in a unique canvas pavilion commencing at 7:30 p.m. A preview tour of the Gallery will be available for everyone in attendance prior to the banquet. Invitations to all members will be arriving soon, so do not miss out on this remarkable event.

On Saturday, May 3, the formal Dedication Ceremony will be held at the Museum at 12:00 noon, to introduce the public to the Weber Family Gallery exhibit. On hand also will be demonstrations, musicians, ethnic food, and local authors autographing their publications. Continuous tours of the gallery will be offered by newly-trained docents.

Be sure to be part of this most significant commemoration of our city's founding family; come join the Weber Family Celebration.

Commemorative Wine Sale

As part of the Weber Family Celebration, two very special wines have been made available by the Delicato Vineyards right here in San Joaquin County. These Cabernet Sauvignon and Chenin Blanc wines will have a special commemorative label showing the home of Julia Weber, daughter of Captain Charles M. Weber. Orders may be given to Jim Beardsley (use the order form in this issue of NEWS AND NOTES) for this vintage memento of the dedication of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery. This wine will also be available for sale at the Weber Festival Day festivities, and will be offered this one day only. Note that the two-bottle "pack", for \$12, includes an attractive handy, plastic carrying case.

News from Museum Director

May 3 and the Grand Opening of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery are just around the corner. If you have visited within the last few weeks, you will have noticed that the Museum bears a striking resemblance to an ant hill. What with all the hustling and bustling, preparing the grounds for spring, getting exhibits completed, and the Docents putting the finishing touches on their new room.

A new person has joined the Museum staff under the County of San Joaquin's Senior Employment Program. Virgil Edwards is now manning the information station inside the Erickson Building. He greets visitors and assists with numerous other operational activities in the Museum. His placement at the Museum will help take some of the growing load off of our weekend volunteers. With the advent of the new Gallery, the Tree and Vine Building, the Micke Building, the Delta Building and the outdoor exhibits, we are often spread very thin on busy weekends. Virgil will help to improve communications between the Museum and visitors, which should ease the burden of our volunteer staff. Two more persons will be hired in the near future, for this and similar assignments.

If you haven't had an opportunity to sign sign up for your special weekends, to assist at the museum, Cliff Geddes is passing the list at each of the Society's General Meetings and a pair of training and information sessions has been organized for Saturday, April 5, the first one at 10 a.m., the second one at 2 p.m. The format for the training will be a brief classroom session followed by the bulk of the time in the gallery areas on a walking tour with veteran volunteers.

Of particular note in this month's "News and Notes" is information and an order blank for the commemorative wine selections in honor of the opening of the Helen Weber Kennedy Gallery. This is a unique opportunity for

connoisseurs and collectors and is just the beginning of the outstanding celebration that Chairman Thomas Shephard and his many, many committee people have assembled. The excitement is mounting, not only for our staff and volunteers, but also for the Kennedy family members who have been visiting frequently. You too can be a part of the excitement. Mark May 2 and 3 on your calendar. This is going to be a very, very special event.



Michael W. Bennett
Museum Director



Television will portray John C. Fremont

A three-part series of programs will be shown on CBS beginning Sunday, April 13 (9-11 p.m.), and continuing on Monday, April 14 (9-11 p.m.), and Tuesday, April 15 (8-10 p.m.), portraying the life of California's John C. Fremont. Richard Chamberlain will star as Fremont from age 26 in 1839 to age 74 in 1887. The program will dramatize his romance and marriage to Jessie Benton, daughter of Sen. Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, as well as his expedition to map the Oregon Trail and the series of events leading to his becoming the first American governor of California.

Since Fremont is a figure of historical significance to Northern California, the series will be of interest to all history buffs.

Board Meeting

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, the Society Board of Directors took the following actions, among others:

*Authorized expenditure of \$700 for a portrait of Medora Johnson.

*Discussed necessary revisions of architectural plans for the prospective Gerald Kennedy Library.

*Heard an informal first-stage report on the first visit of our archival consultant, Lynn Bonfield, the previous week.

*Laid preliminary plans for the Barbecue this summer.

*Heard of progress toward construction of the Hammer Tractor Shelter and toward an exhibit on aviation in San Joaquin County and toward erection of a substantial bulletin board when the office is remodeled.

*Discussed the new bylaws.

*Planned to participate in dedication of the remodeled Docent Room on March 21.

*Approved sundry bills, accessions, and more —until 'way past suppertime!

Docent News

1) Regular Meetings

April 14 - Kennedy Gallery - presented by Helen Kennedy Cahill, followed by lunch.

May 12 - Annual potluck dinner and awards night. Speaker: Leonard Covello.

2) Training Meetings

April 16 - The Gardens by Edna Smith.

3) Exploration Cruises have begun. Docents will be helping with these tours through May.

4) Docents are assisting with arrangements for the Celebration on May 2-3 and will be on hand at the time.

Business Meeting

As expected, but not without some active discussion of some fine points, the membership adopted the newly revised bylaws at the general business meeting on Monday, March 24. They will go into effect with the beginning of our next fiscal year, July 1, 1986.

A Century Ago

Here and there in the WEEKLY MAIL of Stockton, April, 1886:

The Sunset Telephone Company has fifteen men at work in this city rearranging the lines, putting up larger poles and making preparations for extending the local business this year. During the work many of the lines cross, making trouble for those who do not understand the mysterious working of their boxes. The company will make an effort to have a line run from this city to Lodi this year, and possibly another to Lathrop. There are now 265 boxes in the city.

All but one of the tailors employed at the 181 El Dorado-street stores "walked out" today because their employer wished them to sit where the light was insufficient. A special meeting of the Tailors Union will be held this evening for the purpose of taking action upon the matter. The following notice was issued by the Tailors Union this afternoon: "Wanted—Tailors to stay away from Stockton on account of strike."

"PERSONALS.

Miss Amelia De Glenn, who resides at No. 1, 415 California street, went off on a visit on Monday last. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Slorer, at No. 1, 572 Flora street.

Mrs. D. M. Pollywog, of Goose Hollow, is in the city. It is suspected that she intends to purchase a wash-board, but the object of her visit is not definitely known in society circles as yet.

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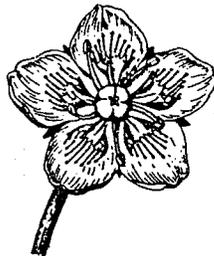
Calendar of Coming Events

DOCENT COUNCIL regular meeting
Mon., April 14, 9 am, Museum Multi-use room

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting
Tues., April 15, 4 pm, Museum Multi-use room

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Mon., April 28, 7:30 pm, Micke Memorial Bldg.
Address: Ilka Hartmann, "The Germany of
Weber's Youth"

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - Museum Multi-use room
Sat., Apr. 5, 10-12 am and 1-3 pm



Membership Report

We have the pleasure to welcome as new members the following people:

Sponsor:

James S. DeMartini, Stockton,

Individuals and Families:

Georgia Bokides, Stockton

Marian A. Nelson, Stockton

Scott Hillis, Stockton

Pamela D. Racine, San Francisco

Editor's Note

This is a special plea to committee heads and members at large on behalf of NEWS AND NOTES: please get notices and historical news in general to us, so that we can let everyone know about it! There is a new, handy, big, yellow envelope right by the office door, in the museum, where you can't help seeing it when you go in. Write up your news and notices and drop the stuff right in there, or mail it in and Tami will do it for you — and we'll get it and have the fullest possible publicity for all the members.

We want "official" news about Society doings, of course — but more. Let us have news about our members as to public honors, historical milestones in their lives, all sorts of things that other members will want to know about. To the extent space and good taste permit, we'll put it in this, YOUR Society newsletter.

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TO: Lodi City Council
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FROM: Lois Owen
Speaking Engagement Coordinator
The Weber Family Celebration

This memo confirms the following oral presentation on behalf of the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum:

Date: March 19, 1986 - Continued to April 2, 1986
Time: 2:30 p. m.
Place: Lodi City Council Chambers
Speaker: Michael Bennett, Director, San Joaquin County Historical Museum
Topic: The Weber Family Celebration and The Museum Boom

Enclosed is a brief biography of the speaker. If you have any questions or problems, please call me at at 368-5721 (Lodi).

MICHAEL W. BENNETT, DIRECTOR
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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MAJOR FIELD: RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION

MINOR: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

CONCENTRATION: MUSEOLOGY

1974-1977: PRACTICED EXHIBIT RESEARCH DESIGN AND
FABRICATION, LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA

1977: ACCEPTED POSITION OF CURATOR AND EXHIBIT
PREPARATOR AT THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

1980: APPOINTED MUSEUM DIRECTOR; RESPONSIBLE
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PERSONAL INTERESTS: HISTORY, PHOTOGRAPHY, FURNITURE AND CABINET
MAKING, BACKPACKING, SAILING, AND FISHING