



Explore Butte County Presents the 4th Annual Butte County Museum Weekend February 25 & 26

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. (February 9, 2023) – The North State museum community is proud to participate in the 4th annual Butte County Museum Weekend presented by Explore Butte County. This year’s event will take place on February 25 & 26. Nearly 20 local museums, galleries and cultural centers will offer free admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the in-person event, with each showcasing a new exhibit or extra offering for the weekend.

The free annual event had its start in 2020 just prior to the pandemic, with a goal to provide all members of the community access to the region’s incredible abundance of art, history, and science. And this year, there will also be a Museum Weekend Passport for visitors to enjoy: visit 5 participating museums to unlock delicious deals and giveaways at select local eateries.

“We are delighted to offer Butte County Museum Weekend for the fourth year to help raise awareness for our beloved local museums, galleries, and cultural centers,” said Explore Butte County Executive Director, Nichole Farley. “The special weekend serves as a reminder for everyone to be visitors within our own community and experience the unique offerings of our regional museums. Let this weekend invite the community to be lifetime stewards to these important attractions throughout the year.”

The 18 local museums participating in the 2023 Butte County Museum Weekend include:

- Bolt’s Antique Tool Museum
- Butte County Historical Society Museum
- Centerville-Colman Museum
- C.F. Lott Home
- Chico Air Museum
- Chico Art Center
- Chico Children’s Museum
- Chico History Museum
- Chinese Temple Museum Complex
- Feather River Nature Center
- Gateway Science Museum
- Gold Nugget Museum
- Gridley Museum
- Janet Turner Print Museum
- Museum of Northern California Art (monca)
- Oroville State Theatre
- Pioneer History Museum
- Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology

“The City of Oroville is thrilled to be a part of Museum Weekend again!” said Heather McCafferty, Cultural Facilities Curator for the Oroville City Museums. “All five of our city museums will be participating: the C.F. Lott Home, the Chinese Temple, the Bolt’s Antique Tool Museum, the Pioneer History Museum, and the Feather River Nature Center. Each will offer something different and fun for everyone, with talks, scavenger hunts, and other activities throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.”

Special weekend offerings at each museum vary from new exhibitions to hands-on experiences and more. As examples, the Chico Art Center is offering a portrait drawing activity that compliments its current portrait exhibition; the Janet Turner Print Museum invites visitors to engage with its new exhibition "Documenting Dreams: Juana Estrada Hernández and Humberto Saenz" through a scavenger hunt, coloring pages, and hands-on printmaking activities; and guests who visit the Gold Nugget Museum can enjoy museum tours and old-fashioned mason jar butter making, just to name a few.

A special Museum Weekend landing page allows the public to view a sampling of the offerings available from local museums all in one place at www.explorebuttecounty.com/museum-weekend.

For more about information about Explore Butte County in general and suggested places to visit, shop, dine and/or recreate, please visit www.explorebuttecounty.com or follow on social media – Facebook at www.facebook.com/explorebutteca and @ExploreButteCountyCA on Instagram, @ExploreButteCA on Twitter, and @ExploreButteCA on TikTok. Also, a comprehensive and downloadable travel guide (beneficial for locals, too) is available at www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/visitor-guide.

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