

# YCHC APRIL NEWSLETTER



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Donated by the Woodland Unified Joint School District to the Yolo County Historical Society, this piano once graced Woodland with beautiful melodies at the Woodland Opera House. Now in the Yolo County Historical Collection, visitors can bask in the beauty of this piano's construction and preservation.



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Donated by Darren Baker

Have you noticed this beautiful piano before? Many people who have been in the house many times have never noticed this beautifully carved 1880's Chickering and Sons Grand Piano. Chickering & Sons began making Pianos in 1823. Well before Steinway came on the scene Chickering & Sons was known for creating innovative and quality piano designs like this stunning square grand piano. The company was also well known for their connection to the White House. Because of their tonal quality, Jame Bucannan and

Abraham Lincoln chose Chickering Pianos and so did Franklin Pierce and Theodore Roosevelt. These piano's were sought after for their innovative musical abilities but also for their beautifully designed exteriors. This piece features delicately carved rococo legs and a uniquely wavy band underneath the keyboard. These feminized features emphasized this piece's capability to fill the house with beautiful music.

The music room also features a Ferrand Pump organ from the 1880's. Did you know Organs and Pianos use two different methods of producing sounds? One acts like a string instrument while the other acts like a woodwind. Visit the Gibson House Music Room to learn more!

DID YOU  
KNOW?

**The Yolo County Historical Collection is a research collection**  
There are over 11,000 objects in the Yolo County Historical Collection. You can browse items in the collection through our online collection's database and set up research appointments to examine documents, vital statistics, historical objects and more!  
Visit the database [here](#) and contact [Museum Curator, Sarah Bartlett](#) for research appointments.



Pathways of Resistance through the eyes of a guest. The Gibson House welcomed more than 40 guests on March 14th for the exhibition opening. The Exhibition will be open to the public until June 1st.



### Exhibits in the Gibson House

- Music Room
- West Parlor
- One-room house
- Children's room
- 1930's Kitchen
- Study
- Women's room
- Bedroom
- Farm house
- Sitting room

Open Thursday's 2-4pm

## CONSERVATION CONTINUES

Conservation on gilded frames from the Historical Collection is underway and a few frames have already been finished. You can follow the conservation of the frames [here](#).



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## Object spotlight



Take a peak into collections storage

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Donated by Dorothy Bigelow Intervivos Trust

These Colmount FT Opera Glasses were made in 1890 and feature a stunning Mother-of-pearl exterior and a bronze core. These stunning glasses would be an eye catching feature of any opera excursion. The 19th century was rife with optical innovation. Prior to 1823, there were only monocular opera glasses, by 1825 there were binocular glasses with a center dial to focus both eyes at once. Each pair of opera glasses was skillful crafted a team of experts: painters, goldsmiths, and others. These opera glasses would have been the perfect accessory for a Victorian woman as she dressed to the nines to attend an opera performance.

Take a dive into collection storage by browsing the [online collections database](#).



## YCHC IN THE COMMUNITY

Invite the Yolo County Historical Collection to your event! there are over 11,000 objects in the county's Historical Collection and not all of them can be displayed in the house or library branches. If you have a group which would benefit from a presentation on Historical Objects from the collection, contact [Curator Sarah Bartlett](#).

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Photos of quilts in the Historical Collection. The quilt on the right was part of the Flying Needles presentation. Pomegranate Quilt 1860, YO1-331-01

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