



Grimm Tales has been extended to February 27th! This exhibition explores storytelling in many forms and features story quilts made by Yolo County women, a creation story provided by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (available until February 22nd), and images & stories from Victorian children's books.

Storymaking @ the Gibson House February 15th

This event includes exhibit tours by the Yolo County Museum Curator that feature storytelling, historical quilts, and the work of Grafton Tyler Brown. Attendees can also participate in the "I Am" quilt square activity created by Khristel Johnson and led by Yoloarts.

Gibson House Open for tours 8 am to 4 pm, Quilt Activity 10 am to 2 pm.

Always free and open to the public.



New Exhibition

March 6th to June 17th at the
Gibson House

PICTURING YOLO COUNTY

Portraits and Painters in the Yolo County Historical Collection

In 2023, the Yolo County Historical Collection sent fifteen frames and nine paintings to conservators to be restored. "Picturing Yolo County" features newly restored portraits made by and for Yolo County residents during the late 1800s. These portraits, while similar in style, exemplify the different ways that local artists chose to work within this art form. This exhibition examines Yolo County portraiture through the work of six 19th century local artists: Phoebe Olevia Hodgen, Calthea Campbell Vivian, Clara Brown, Louis Grund Joran, Carrie Blowers and Annie Blowers.

Opening Reception: March 6th, 4:00pm to 7:00pm



YCHC
Yolo County Historical Collection

Collections Object Spotlight

By Maggie Chang, YCHC Intern

Adlake Kero no. 4-40

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Gift of M. T. "Skip" Quinlan

This is the "Adlake Kero no. 4-40", a common signal tool used by train conductors. This one belonged to John Heinzen, who worked on the Pajaro Northern Railroad in Watsonville, CA. Adams & Westlake CO., or "Adlake," was one of the oldest and most successful railroad lantern manufacturers, which is why their products can be found in a number of collections across the country.



For railroad operators like Heinzen, these "kero lanterns" were an essential part of their profession. Even with the advent of handheld flashlights, in the early 1900s many workers still preferred kerosene lanterns. Their light could be seen across greater distances than a flashlight's, and their fuel had a longer lifespans than portable batteries at the time. These lanterns were valuable assets for the operators who needed quick and reliable methods to communicate with oncoming trains--especially in the dark of night. Kerosene lanterns were used on railways well into the mid-20th century. Eventually, after lanterns like this one were finally phased out in favor of electrical lamps, Adlake continued to produce souvenir models called "heritage lanterns," that have kept this iconic piece of railroad history alive for generations.



Open Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 12-4 pm

Every third Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm

Schedule a research appointment today!

Appointments available Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 8 am to 12 pm



YOLO COUNTY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year, a group of community partners are hosting a month-long Yolo County Black History Month. The program will feature quilt exhibits that explore Black history and culture, a celebratory launch event on February 3rd (see above), and other activities. The aim is to engage the entire community, educate about national and local Black history, and provide meaningful experiences for students across Yolo County. Quilts will be displayed at five central sites located in Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento, Esparto and Winters.

During Yolo County Black History Month, there will be various quilt collections positioned across Yolo County. Collect your "passport" and visit all locations to collect a raffle ticket to be entered for a prize.

- Davis: Mary L. Stephens Davis-Branch Library, 315 E 14th St., Davis, CA 95616
- Esparto: Capay Valley Health & Community Center, 17340 Yolo Ave., Esparto, CA 95627
- West Sacramento: Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691
- Winters: Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Ave., Winters CA 95694
- Woodland: Erwin Meier Administration Building, 625 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695

See [YCOE's Website](#) for more information

Yolo County Black History Month is sponsored by: Yolo County Library, Yolo County Office of Education, The Culture C.O.-O.P., YoloArts, Yolo County Historical Collection, Capay Valley Health & Community Center, and the County of Yolo.

Yolo County Historical Collection Intern Spotlight Isabella Mediati



Isabella is an intern currently working at the Gibson House. Isabella is also working on a masters degree in Public History at Sacramento State University. She chose to work at the Gibson House due to her love of museums. Isabella started to pursue a career in museums in her undergraduate where she got a bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Museum Studies from UC Davis. The Gibson House has also given Isabella a chance to explore a fascination with the Victorian Era. In October Isabella curated a portion of the "Grimm Tales" exhibit on the topic of death in the Victorian Era. She is currently curating another exhibit for the Gibson House and continuing to work on collections projects that help to make the collection more accessible to the public.

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