



Do you know what this object is?  
 Pop back in April to see the answer!

Hints:

- It was hand painted.
- It could come in all shapes and sizes.
- It was used in personal care.
- It was used in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Yolo County Historical Collection**

**NEWSLETTER**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday March 14<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Women's History Month Event

Local historian David Wilkinson and Woodland Tree Foundation Board Members Marjorie Holmes Brown and Beth Caneveri will be giving a talk at the Gibson House on Saturday, March 14th from 1-2:30pm for Women's History Month (WHM). This year's WHM theme is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future." David, Marjorie, and Beth will be sharing stories about some of the women tree preservationists and parks champions that were researched

and chronicled in David's recent book, *Gertrude's Oaks: the History and Legacy of Woodland's Urban Forest*. Join us and learn more about how Gertrude Freeman, Serelda Thomas, the Shakespeare Club, and Lydia Lawhead as well as contemporary climate action champions have contributed to the conservation of trees and open spaces in Woodland.

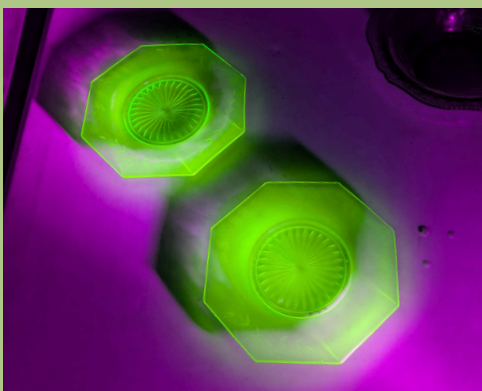
Gibson House regular open hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12pm-4pm

Curator open hours one Saturday per

month: 8am-4pm (2/21 | 3/14 | 4/18)

Admission is always FREE



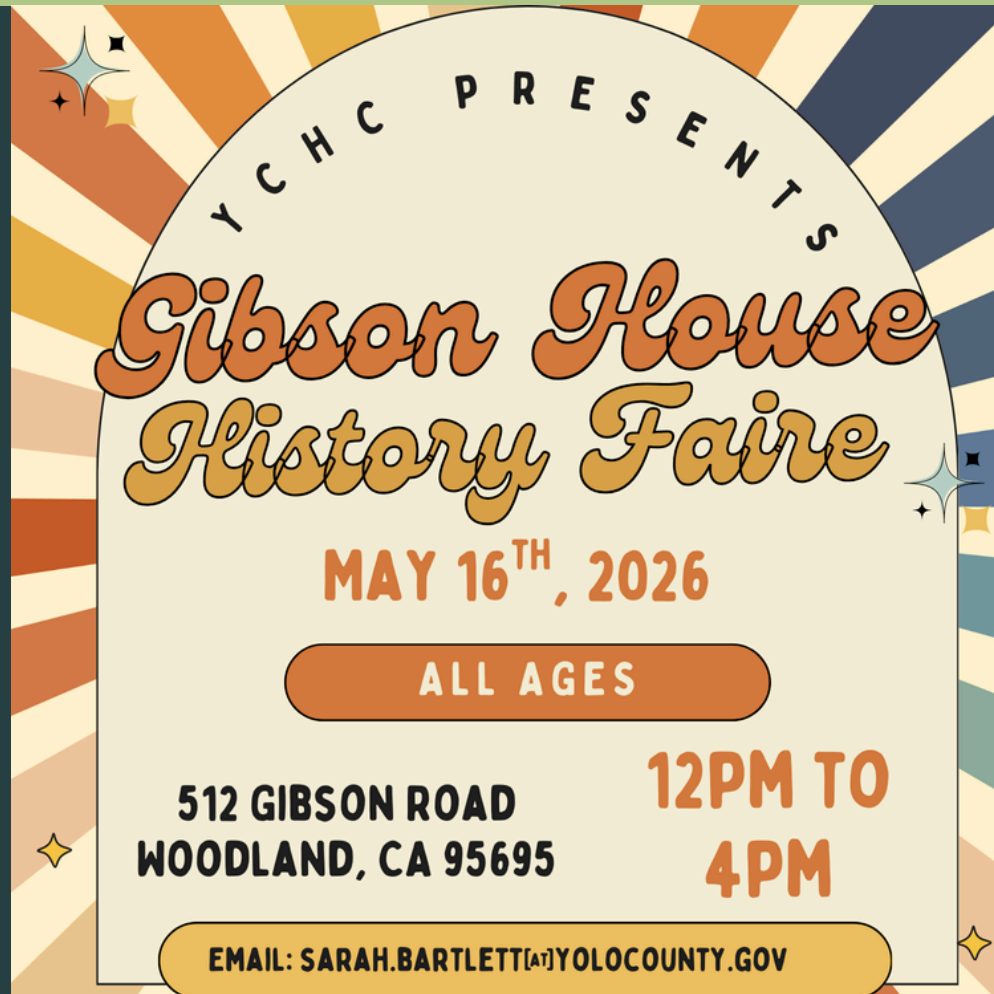
**December's Mystery Object:**  
**Uranium Glass Dinner Plates**

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Gift of Teri Laugenour

These green dinner plates get their color from uranium!

# Introducing the Gibson House History Faire!



The Yolo County Historical Collection Presents: The Gibson House History Faire. Open to all ages!

Come and enjoy an art market, Victorian lawn games, quests, historical exhibitions, and more! Costumes from any era encouraged.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 to attend. Proceeds go to support Gibson House exhibitions and public programming.

Interested in helping? We are looking for volunteers, artists/vendors, and community partners. Email [sarah.bartlett@yolocounty.gov](mailto:sarah.bartlett@yolocounty.gov) for more information.

*Soo Hoo Shee Low's Sewing Basket*

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Gift of Lillie Lee

This sewing basket belonged to Soo Hoo Shee Low. Soo Hoo Shee was born in China in 1897. She moved to Yolo County in 1921 after marrying Keung Low, who had immigrated to Sacramento in 1914 and had been working for Mary E. and Agnes Bemmerly in Zamora since 1917. While living in Yolo County Mrs. Low made all of the clothes for her family. The clothes that Soo Hoo Shee made reflected the styles of her past in China and the fabrics of

her present in Yolo County. Her daughter Lillie Low gifted many beautiful examples of her exquisite craftsmanship to the Yolo County Historical Collection.

When she moved from China, she brought this sewing basket with her. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, sewing baskets were very popular and were sometimes given as bridal gifts. They were often passed down through families, as this one was when Soo Hoo Shee gave it to her daughter. This basket has seen 100 years of use, hundreds of projects, and was used to clothe at least three children.

The calligraphy inside may be a prayer for abundance.

View exhibit about Soo Hoo Shee Low at the Yolo and Knights Landing Branch Libraries in February. This basket will be on display at Yolo. See the larger exhibition, Give Face 给面子 (Gěimiànzi) at the Gibson House!

<https://yolocountylibrary.org/yolo-county-historical-collection/exhibitions/>

