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WOMEN AT THE TURN OF
THE 20TH CENTURY

GIBSON HOUSE



YOLO COUNTY
HISTORICAL COLLECTION

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NEWSLETTER

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House Open!

The first and second floors of the Gibson House are now open to the public Thursdays from 2-4 pm. Both floors have gone through a permanent exhibition refresh with new objects on display throughout the entirety of the house. Visit the Formal Parlor, Music Room, Children's Room and Women's sitting room.

Admission is FREE!

Yoloarts is now offering free tours on select Saturdays 3/16, 4/13, & 6/1 at 1 and 2 PM



Dolcina Hollingsworth YO1-2024-01-01

Collection Areas

While the collection is full of wonderful objects donated by Yolo County families over the last 60 years, there are still some gaps in the collection. To tell better Yolo County and Victorian House stories the Yolo County Historical Collection is looking for objects which fall into the category of Decorative arts. These are objects which would have played a role in the highly decorative nature of Victorian homes. This could be vases, figurines, lamps, mirrors, paintings, etchings etc. The Yolo County Historical Collection focus on objects from 1830-1930.

New Aquisition

Portrait of Dolcina Hollingsworth

Donated by the Estate of Robert Hollingsworth. Dolcina's husband, John Hollingsworth, came to Woodland after the Civil War and bought property here. After he established himself, he went back to Missouri and married Dolcina and brought her to Woodland. Both of their biographies are included in Tom Gregory's History of Yolo County.

Spring Exhibition



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Pathways of Resistance

Women at the Turn of the 20th Century

The mid-19th century was a tumultuous time which catapulted both the abolitionist movement and the women's rights movement into action. Before the women's rights movement, women were denied access to many spaces and opportunities outside of the home. There were three key avenues for women to gain independence at the turn of the century were access to education, voting rights and freedom from restrictive clothing. Pathways to resistance follows the pathways women took at the turn of the 20th century to seek out new opportunities and strike a new place in the world and make their voices heard.

MARCH 14TH–JUNE 1ST

Opening

Please join us for the Exhibition opening on March 14th 5:30-8:30 PM.

Live Music and Refreshments

This opening is in collaboration with Yoloarts and their new exhibition opening in the Barn Gallery: "Uprooted: Reflections on Relocation and Resilience" an exhibition on migration. This event is free and open to the public.

Stop by the East Barn for a hands-on art activity provided by Yoloarts

1 New Library Displays

At the end of last year, the Yolo County Historical Collection bought two cases to put in the Clarksburg and Knights Landing Library Branches to supply greater access to the Yolo County Historical Collection. Since then, there have been two branch exhibitions which have made the collection accessible to residents of Yolo County outside of Woodland.



Hatpins in the Yolo County Historical Collection

2 Conservation Begins!

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved funds for painting and frame restoration for objects in the Historical collection. This month a select group of paintings and frames will go to conservators for restoration!

3 Exhibitions at Library Branches

At the turn of the 20th Century, hatpins were women's first line of defense when it came to handsy men in public. Explore the world of hats and hatpins from from the Yolo County Historical Collection at all library branches in the month of March. For more information about library branches please visit

<https://yolocountylibrary.org/locations/>