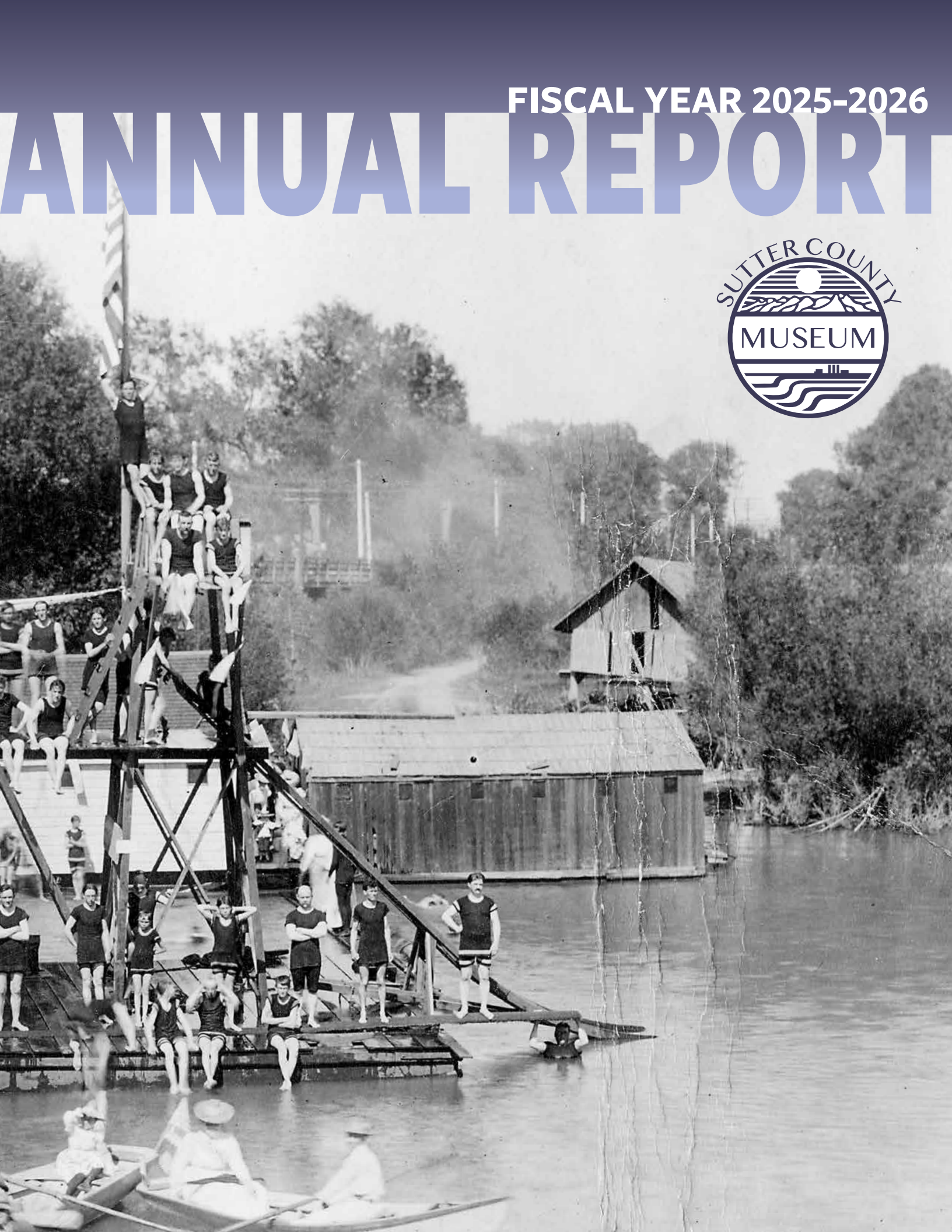
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ANNUAL REPORT

SUTTER COUNTY MUSEUM



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COVER / BACK COVER PHOTO:
Popular water park at the Covered Bridge on the Feather River between Yuba City and Marysville, c. 1920s. Photo from SCM collection.

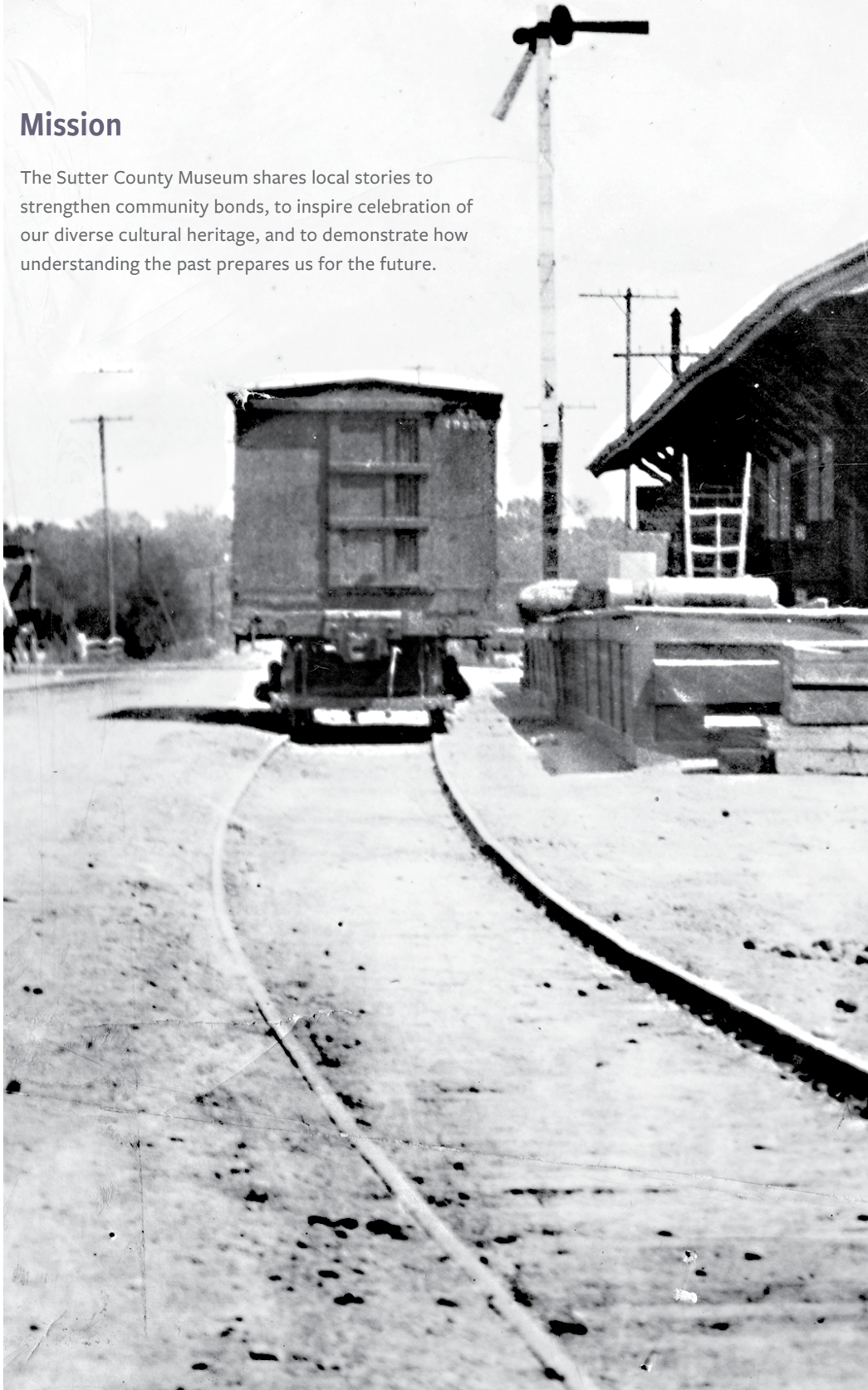
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Yuba City Depot. Photo from SCM collection.

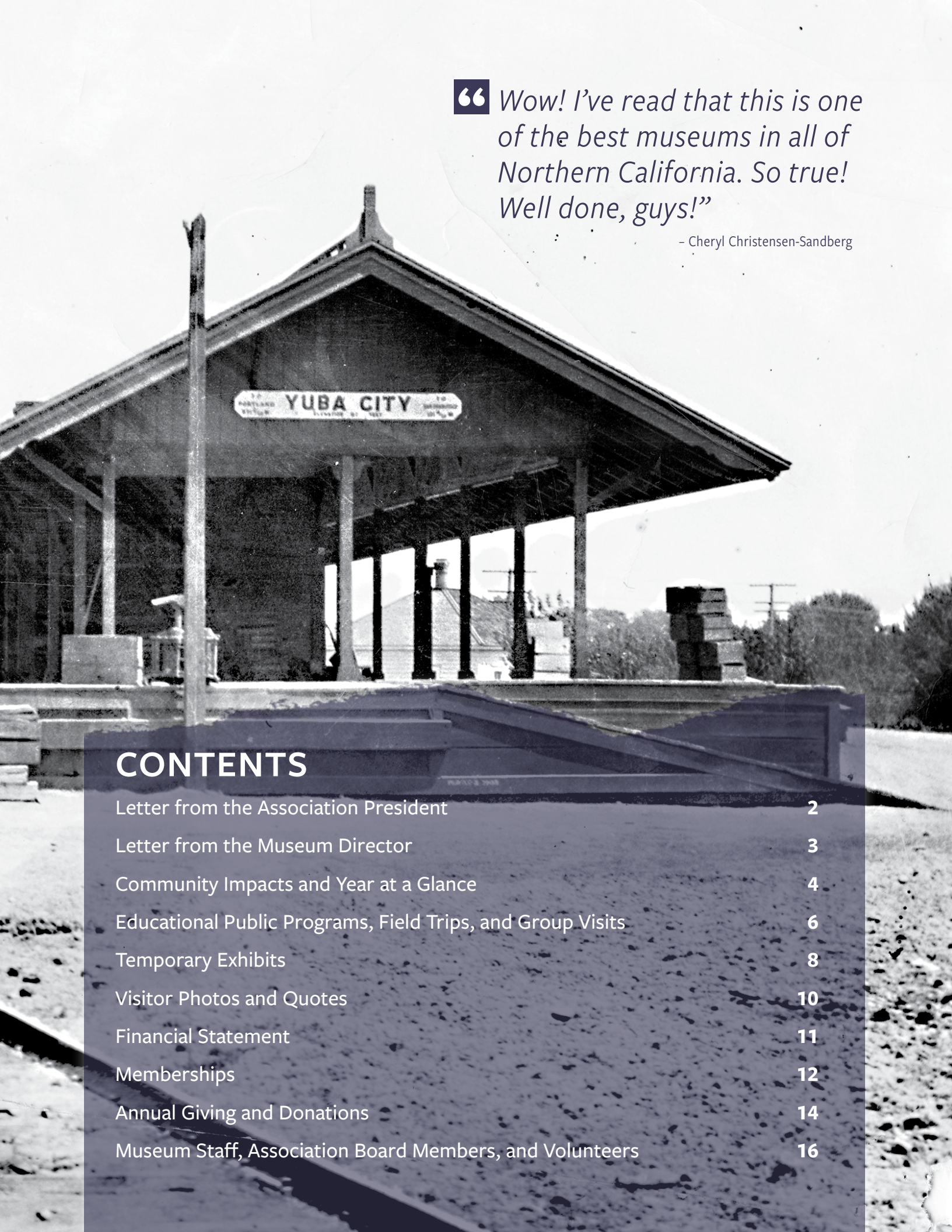
Land Acknowledgement

The Sutter County Museum acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Nisenan people. The Nisenan have been stewards of this land for all of their history and did not leave it willingly. We acknowledge the land theft, enslavement, and genocide that forced them away. We honor and respect the Indigenous people who are still connected to this land. We invite our visitors to consider the legacy of colonialism and to support Indigenous rights and sovereignty.

Mission

The Sutter County Museum shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future.





> *Wow! I've read that this is one of the best museums in all of Northern California. So true! Well done, guys!"*
>
> – Cheryl Christensen-Sandberg

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Letter from the Association President



Debrah Tarke Reid
Sutter County Museum Association President

Writing this letter reminds me that James Taylor sings, "The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time." How true this sentiment is in describing the past year at the Sutter County Museum. It has passed quickly, sprinkled with gold dust from our 50th year, bringing more into focus our renovated Middle Gallery, and continuing to pursue the education of our community with the history of our County, for both adults and students alike.

Our museum, to me, is like counting and appreciating the growth rings on a tree.

This museum tree is strong and sure and continues to be guided and inspired by our Director, Molly Bloom. Molly wears so many hats, leading our endeavors forward with knowledge and grace. She is truly a gift to our museum and community. Molly is assisted by Caty McKinin, who serves as our Assistant Curator, working to manage our collections, field trip programs, and more. The part-time staff, Kelly and Daisy, and of course our corps of volunteers that staff the front desk, Gift Shop, and everything in between, are vital to our daily activities. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the amazing group of volunteers that work as the Museum Association's Board; I am proud to be a part of such a dynamic and caring group.

This past year, we focused on refining our tours and information for our Middle Gallery exhibits, celebrating our *Black History in Yuba-Sutter* exhibit's national award, and adding awareness to the flooding history of our area. Sutter County Office of Emergency Management even hosted a friendly game of Jeopardy here! Local authors were highlighted with an author signing for the Arcadia Images of America books, with our own past association president Phyllis Smith having a sell-out crowd for her presentation on the *Historic Marysville City Cemetery* book!

The sprinkling of 50th gold dust was highlighted by our annual fundraiser, Trees & Traditions: Memories & Melodies, in which the rings of albums reminded us of the history we have experienced together. It was a sold-out event, filled with supporters experiencing auctions, raffles, good food, sparkles, and smiles to support our educational and exhibit goals for the Museum. With $41,750 raised, it was our most successful year of fundraising to date.

As 2026 dawned, we traced our roots through community heritage mapping, reinstituted research services with the Drop-In Research Hours program series, hosted the annual JACL Day of Remembrance, and in partnership with the Punjabi American Heritage Society, displayed a special show with artist Sarabjit Singh, honoring local Punjabi history and culture. We visited the world of seaweed, and I am currently standing under the wishing tree that is part of our *Hello From Japan!* summer exhibit. This hands-on exhibit is another partnership with Marysville JACL, the Museum Association, and Sutter County Children & Families Commission. It gives families another interactive cultural museum experience and speaks on my favorite topic of all, education.

This past year, our education outreach was busier than ever. We hosted field trips from at least five counties, with over 700 student and teacher attendees. These trips were also assisted by the launch of our new bus grant program, with the State's California Cultural & Historical Endowment and the Museum Association sponsoring bus stipends to cover the cost of field trip transportation. We also now offer educational kits with hands-on lesson plans to assist teachers remotely, and we invited teachers to an open house to share our new services.

I cannot end my letter without adding that it has been my absolute privilege to serve as the Association's President for the past two years. The memories of community pride, dreaming together, and working toward a common goal have added many rings to my tree of life, and I will cherish this opportunity forever.

Sincerely,

Debrah Tarke Reid

Debrah Tarke Reid
Sutter County Museum Association President

Letter from the Museum Director



Molly Bloom
Sutter County Museum Director and Curator

As we continued our milestone 50th year of the Museum and moved into our next 50 years, it is an exciting time to look back at the past year of accomplishments. This report covers FY25-26, the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Your support during this time has made it possible for us to grow our services, increase the Museum's audience, and continue key programs that meet the needs of our Yuba-Sutter community.

The Museum is a partnership between Sutter County and the Sutter County Museum Association, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. We work together to support the Museum financially, fulfill the Museum's mission, and provide quality educational experiences that serve our community.

This past year, we saw a 21% increase in attendance, with 9,129 total visitors. Our regular offerings of six temporary exhibits; over 125 free educational programs, field trips, and group visits; and three editions of the *Bulletin* continued. We also added a new research hours program and docent program, staffed by wonderful volunteers. Over 50 volunteers contributed approximately 5,000 hours in service to our community. We are so fortunate to have the passion and enthusiasm of the tireless Museum Association Board, our small but mighty staff, and our dedicated volunteers.

A few exciting highlights include receiving a prestigious 2026 Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History for our permanent exhibit *From Barbers' Row to Beale Air Force Base: Black History in Yuba-Sutter* in partnership with Gwen Ford of Connecting Cultures Collaborative. Another wonderful collaboration with the Punjabi American Heritage Society brought a beautiful show with the work of artist Sarabjit Singh that highlighted Punjabi American history and community. We were also thrilled to partner with the Sutter County Children & Families Commission and the Marysville JACL to host another hands-on, family-friendly summer exhibit. *Hello From Japan!* was visited by over 4,500 people with lots of positive community feedback.

Another milestone was completing the three-year grant project with over $380,000 received from the State's California Cultural & Historical Endowment. This resulted in new educational kits, designed to bring Museum content to the classroom with lesson plans aligned with California state content standards, teacher's guides, and materials for hands-on activities. We also established a bus grant program to provide transportation costs for elementary field trips. We served 83% more students through field trips this year, and the Museum Association plans to continue financing the bus grant program now that the State funding is complete. It was amazing to see the feedback from the students and teachers. I hope you enjoy reading a few quotes throughout this report!

There are several exciting projects to look forward to during this coming year. Our staff and Board are working with Robert Bendorf from MRG on our next five-year strategic plan to guide the Museum's ensuing phase. With this in mind, we are continuing to plan exciting new additions, such as commissioning local artists to create original works for our Main Gallery, fundraising to enhance the Yuba-Sutter Flood exhibit with technology, expanding collections access with online resources, and working with many community partners to develop public programs for adults and children.

Reflecting on the past year and looking toward our future, we are grateful for the many ways that people generously support the Museum and continue to help us prosper. Whether you contributed financially, supported us through an annual membership, donated your time, offered in-kind goods or services, partnered to offer events and exhibits, or all of the above, thank you on behalf of the Museum staff and Board. Your continued support makes it possible for the Sutter County Museum to provide free and impactful educational opportunities that inspire, enrich, and connect our community.

Thank you, and we look forward to another wonderful year at the Museum!

Molly Bloom

Molly Bloom
Sutter County Museum Director and Curator

Community Impacts and Year at a Glance

The Museum accomplished a lot this past year! Several projects and upgrades were completed to support the Museum, and many ongoing projects continued. A handful of important highlights from the past year include:

The community voted the Sutter County Museum the *Appeal-Democrat's*
Best Museum/Art Gallery
of Yuba-Sutter-Colusa 2025.

Established a special fund for children's educational programming in honor of the Museum's 50th year. Our generous community contributed nearly **$17,000** to support future educational opportunities.


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Hosted **6** temporary exhibits on diverse and contemporary topics. Exhibits were developed in collaboration with community partners or were rented traveling exhibits to highlight broader California history.

Our permanent exhibit *From Barbers' Row to Beale Air Force Base:* ***Black History in Yuba-Sutter,*** won a prestigious 2026 **Award of Excellence** from the American Association for State and Local History. This project was made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit calhum.org.


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Increased Museum visits by **34%** for youth attending educational field trips and group visits this past school year, with **1,095** children in total.


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Offered more than **125** educational public programs, field trips, and group visits. These programs brought **4,785** people to the Sutter County Museum.

Museum staff management of Ettl Hall brought over **$36,000** in income to Sutter County, the highest income on record.

Partnered with Sutter County Children & Families Commission and Marysville JACL to host the hands-on exhibit ***Hello From Japan!*** This brought **4,554** children and adults to the Museum.

Spent over **$98,000** in FY25-26 within California; the majority of these companies, nonprofits, and individuals are located in Yuba-Sutter and our adjacent counties of Butte, Nevada, Colusa, and Yolo.



Completed a **new mural** designed by local artist Madelyne Joan Templeton in the Artisan Community Garden, thanks to support from the Sutter County Children & Families Commission, the Sutter County Museum Association, and a generous donation in memory of Karen Price.

9,139 people visited the Sutter County Museum, a **21%** increase from the previous year and the highest fiscal year of attendance in 15 years of data.



Added new **educational kits,** designed to bring Museum content to the classroom with lesson plans aligned with California state content standards, teacher's guides, and materials for hands-on activities. This completed the three-year, over **$380,000** grant from the Specified General Fund for the Museum Grant Program under the California Cultural & Historical Endowment.

Invested over **$55,000** back into the Yuba-Sutter community by buying from locally-owned businesses, hiring local vendors for projects, and sourcing Gift Shop merchandise from local artists and artisans.

Over **50** volunteers contributed approximately **5,000** hours to support the Sutter County Museum.

Established a new **bus grant program** to support field trips; over **470** Yuba-Sutter students, teachers, and chaperones attended field trips thanks to funding from the California Cultural & Historical Endowment and the Sutter County Museum Association.





Made significant enhancements **to increase the accessibility of our resources,** such as installing a Communication Board in the Community Garden, hosting Sensory-Friendly Museum Days with Family SOUP, adding a sensory bin of resources to the front desk, and expanding online resources related to our collections and local history.

> *"The best [Trees & Traditions] yet. Kudos to EVERYONE who made this possible. Heard reminiscing that had not been heard in 10 years! Like a family reunion."*
>
> – Jon Whiteman



Our annual Trees & Traditions fundraiser brought **$41,750** in income, the highest in our history of the event, to support free educational programs and services for the community.

PHOTOS:

1. Artist Sarabjit Singh speaks at the *Beyond the Five Rivers* Exhibit Reception.
2. Gwen Ford in the *Black History in Yuba-Sutter* Exhibit, which received a 2026 Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History.
3. Brittan Elementary School Field Trip, led by Debrah Reid.
4. Madelyne Joan Templeton painting the Mural in the Garden.
5. Sutter County Board of Supervisors honored Museum Volunteers with a Special Proclamation for National Volunteer Week.
6. Fun Fridays in the Garden.
7. Selection of Materials in the Flood Educational Kit.
8. Songs with Obie Leff at the Annual Children's Holiday Party.

Educational Public Programs, Field Trips, and Group Visits

Programs are offered for free and serve children, families, and lifelong learners, taking place both inside the Museum and outdoors in the Artisan Community Garden. We collaborate with many organizations across Yuba-Sutter for educational exhibits, public programs, and community outreach.

Examples of educational public programs this past year include:

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

FUN FRIDAYS IN THE GARDEN
Open play with sensory, art, and nature activities from the Museum and many, many community partners.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY
Special seasonal activities on numerous winter holidays, along with stories, songs, cookies, and a visit with Santa.

HARVEST FUN PROGRAM
Classic harvest-themed activities, plus trick or treating in costume at the Museum.

FAMILY SOUP'S LEGO CLUB
A STEM and problem-solving program series for children with special needs and their families and friends.

VOYAGE TO VIETNAM SUMMER SEND-OFF
A chance to enjoy crafts and hands-on activities to learn more about Vietnamese culture, in collaboration with Sutter County Children & Families Commission.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MUSEUM DAY
In partnership with Family SOUP, this special event provided sensory-friendly hours at the Museum for families to enjoy our children's exhibits.

> *Muy buena experiencia para mis niños."*
>
> – Anonymous

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & ALL AGES

SPEAKER SERIES
Our signature lecture series on a variety of topics, including local flood history and preparedness, natural disaster-themed Jeopardy, family history and genealogy, author talks on the *Historic Marysville City Cemetery* and *The Curious World of Seaweed,* and more.

PLANT SWAP & SHARE
Our popular annual plant swap in the Artisan Community Garden.

DROP-IN RESEARCH HOURS
A new program with dedicated hours for Museum staff and volunteers to assist the public with their questions on local history research and family genealogy.

SOUL FOOD COOK-OFF
Hosted Connecting Cultures Collaborative's Annual Soul Food Cook-Off, with a chance for people to try delicious appetizers, entrees, and desserts and vote for their favorites while enjoying festive music and prizes.

BEYOND THE FIVE RIVERS
This collaboration with the Punjabi American Heritage Society featured a cultural presentation with devotional song (*Shabad*) by local students, talk with exhibition artist Sarabjit K. Singh, and original poetry and songs by Jiwan Rattu, Dil Nijjar, Jessi Kaur, and others.

TEACHER OPEN HOUSE
A special open house for teacher appreciation and for attendees to learn more about the Museum's field trips, educational kits, and the bus grant program.

In FY25-26, we provided over **125** educational public programs, field trips, and group visits. These programs brought **4,785** people to the Sutter County Museum.

> *I attended a wonderful free talk. The gift shop is filled with great locally made things like dishes and jewelry. Plus so many informative books."*
>
> – Kiera Tierney Giles

EXHIBIT RECEPTIONS

A chance to view new temporary and permanent exhibits with free refreshments.

FIELD TRIPS & GROUP VISITS

Youth visiting for field trips and group visits totaled 1,095, a 34% increase from the previous year. More than 470 Yuba-Sutter students, teachers, and chaperones attended field trips with free transportation provided through the new bus grant program.



Day of Remembrance. Courtesy of Steven Sasaki.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT

A moving program in partnership with the Marysville Japanese American Citizens League where attendees learned from 102-year-old Tule Lake survivor Jim Tanimoto, author Jan Morrill, civil rights attorney Wayne Collins Jr., and author Helen Hannan Parra, whose family moved to Camp Amache when she was 12 years old.

Temporary Exhibits

We hosted six temporary exhibits to appeal to new and diverse audiences in the community. These exhibits are rented traveling exhibitions, developed out of our collection of local history objects and photographs, or collaborations with guest curators or partner organizations.



Voyage to Vietnam: Celebrating the Tết Festival
May 8 – August 15, 2025
Visitors explored the sights, sounds, and traditions of one of Vietnam's most exciting holidays – the Tết Festival for Lunar New Year! This hands-on exhibit, especially for kids, had fun, interactive components like trying on a giant lion dance mask, shopping at the play marketplace, and creating your very own fireworks display.



Voyage to Vietnam Community Kick Off. Courtesy of Sutter County Children & Families Commission.



The 2026 Sutter Buttes Regional Calendar Exhibit
August 20 – September 6, 2025
The calendar is an annual publication and fundraiser of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust. This exhibit celebrated and shared the work of photographers chosen for inclusion in the 2026 Sutter Buttes Calendar.



The 2026 Sutter Buttes Regional Calendar Exhibit reception.



Postcards From Mecca
September 10 – November 15, 2025
This exhibition featured photographs from cousins Susie Keef Smith and Lula Mae Graves, who set out to photograph the remote desert east of California's Salton Sea for postcard spinner racks. These intrepid, self-taught photographers traveled by burro, foot, and Ford and documented prospectors, burro packers, aqueduct surveyors, and nomads in the desert.



Postcards From Mecca exhibit reception.

> *Wonderful professional staff at the Museum. We are lucky to have this team promoting the many programs and exhibits. Thank you."*
>
> – Lee Jones



The Curious World of Seaweed
December 17, 2025 – March 14, 2026
Based on the book *The Curious World of Seaweed* by Josie Iselin, this exhibition examined seaweed's vital role in the ecosystem. Visitors learned about the history of seaweed in California through stunning "portraits" of seaweed, stories of Indigenous peoples' and women's connections to seaweed, and the ecology of the kelp forests of the Pacific Coast.



Beyond the Five Rivers: Punjabi Pioneers Through the Art of Sarabjit Singh
March 25 – May 9, 2026
Sarabjit Singh is an award-winning visual artist based in California for over three decades, with artworks deeply influenced by her Sikh roots and her experience as a first-generation immigrant. This exhibition brought Sikh history and the legacy of Punjabi pioneers in California to life with art focused on the intersection of heritage, resilience, and identity.



Hello From Japan!
May 16 – August 22, 2026
Visitors to this family exhibit navigated the streets of Tokyo and the Harajuku district, explored a peaceful Shinto shrine, and discovered kawaii culture. Kids sang karaoke, "ordered" bento boxes, and made wishes at the wishing tree while experiencing a blend of high-tech fun and timeless traditions.



The Curious World of Seaweed exhibit reception.



Beyond the Five Rivers: Punjabi Pioneers Through the Art of Sarabjit Singh exhibit reception.



Child having fun in the *Hello From Japan!* exhibit.



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> *We will only be able to attend using the free bus stipend (and it is greatly appreciated you provide this opportunity--so cool!). Thanks again for the excellent help and the awesome program."*
>
> — Nate Henderson, Williams Ranch Elementary Teacher


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> *Absolutely 100 percent fabulous, informative and entertaining. Loved!!"*
>
> — Karen Brooks


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> *Love this place and the exhibits!"*
>
> — Art Sanchez


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> *Great place to stop in and visit. Very informative and staff are great!"*
>
> — Bethany Miller


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> *As a third grade teacher who has been bringing my students to the Sutter County Museum every year for the past 30 years, I can honestly say it is one of the most valuable and enriching field trips we take. The docents have a wonderful way of connecting with my students – they ask questions, encourage curiosity, and make our local history come alive in ways that stick with my students long after we leave the museum."*
>
> — Colleen Krause, Franklin Elementary Teacher

PHOTOS:

1. Margit Sands at the Annual Farm Day at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds.
2. Annual Children's Holiday Party.
3. Caty McKinin, Debbie Reid, Sandra Muñoz, and Molly Bloom at the Teacher Open House.
4. Storytime with Gwen Ford at Fun Fridays in the Garden.
5. Caty McKinin and Molly Bloom at the Harvest Fun Program.
6. Speaker Series: *Historic Marysville City Cemetery* with Phyllis Smith and Victoria Tudor.

Financial Statement

The Sutter County Museum is an independent department of Sutter County with its own department budget. This includes employee salaries and benefits, utilities, building and grounds maintenance, insurance, and basic business expenses. Museum staff also operate Ettl Hall, a rental facility with a separate budget unit. This year, Ettl Hall brought in record income, with over $36,000 to offset the costs for the upkeep of the space, such as building and equipment maintenance, utilities, and insurance.

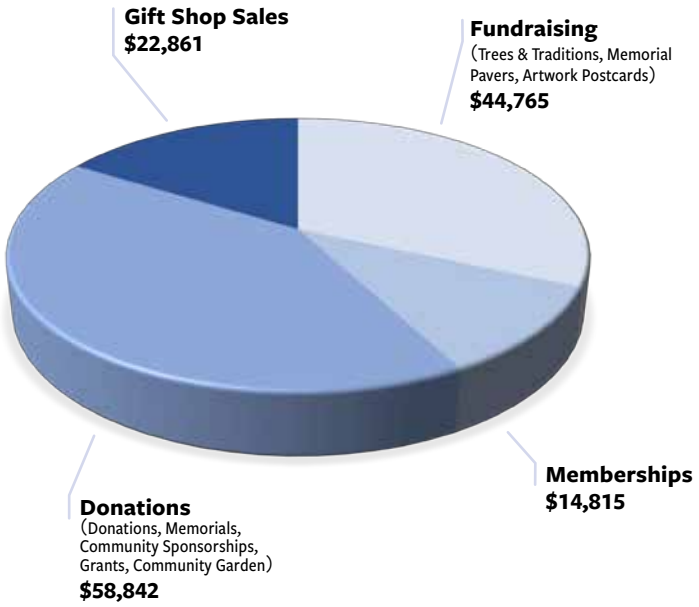
The 501 (c)(3) nonprofit Sutter County Museum Association (SCMA) also supports the Museum financially. This budget covers the costs for temporary and permanent exhibits; educational programs such as public events, school and group tours, the *Bulletin* publication, and the Artisan Community Garden; marketing; Gift Shop merchandise and operation; and more. This fiscal year, the SCMA put nearly $70,000 directly into free exhibits and educational public programs for the community.

Many SCMA expenses were related to the final phase of a three-year grant project of over $380,000 from the Specified General Fund for the Museum Grant Program under the California Cultural & Historical Endowment. We added new education kits on the Gold Rush, the Nisenan, and Yuba-Sutter Floods designed to bring the Museum to elementary classrooms. Each kit contains five adaptable lesson plans for activities aligned with California state content standards, a teacher's guide, and materials for hands-on activities. Additionally, we launched a bus grant program for K-5 classrooms to receive stipends to cover the cost of their field trip buses.

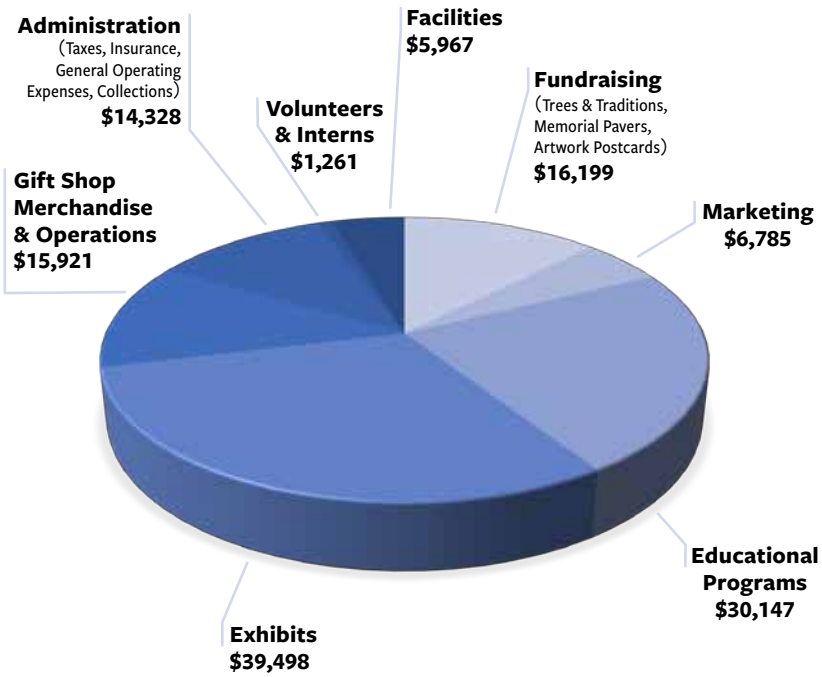
The Museum Association established a special fund in honor of our 50th anniversary to continue financing educational opportunities for children now that the grant funding has ended. Our generous community donated nearly $17,000 to support future educational opportunities for our community. This will enable us to continue offering bus grants, kid-friendly exhibits, and free public programs in the coming years.

Additional substantial funding this year was provided by Sutter County Children & Families Commission to collaborate on *Hello From Japan!;* a partnership with the Punjabi American Heritage Society to host the exhibit *Beyond the Five Rivers: Punjabi Pioneers through the Art of Sarabjit Singh;* and a generous gift by Amber and Zach Milner in memory of Karen Price to complete the beautiful mural in the Artisan Community Garden.

INCOME
$141,283



EXPENSES
$130,106



Memberships

Our members are vital to the success of the Museum. The funds raised from the membership program this past year enabled us to put approximately $70,000 toward free exhibits and programs, publish three editions of the *Bulletin,* and provide free field trips for about 700 students and teachers. Members receive benefits including the *Bulletin* publication on local history, discounts in the Museum Gift Shop, invitations to openings, and more.

We thank all of our members who purchased new memberships or renewed their existing memberships during FY25-26 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).

Our Members

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AgWest Farm Credit
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Carol Anderson-Clark
Richard and Haruko Arent
Gwyn Baker
Linda Baker
Bancroft Library
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Randy and Tracy Baucom
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Tom and Tina Williams
Dennis Wilson
Carol and Roger Withington
Art and Dee Worledge
Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture
Linda Zall
Robert Zirzow

Business Memberships

The Museum's membership program provides opportunities for businesses to support the Museum Association and receive benefits that reinforce their unique needs. Business Member benefits include advertisements in the *Bulletin* publication, listings on the website, Gift Shop discounts, and more.

Our Business Members

Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History
Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes
Poole's Jewelers
Sutter Buttes Business Services

Special recognition is given to our Gold, Harter Circle, and Lifetime Members:

AgWest Farm Credit
Connie Cary
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Our volunteer program is vital to the success of the Museum. We rely on volunteers to staff our front desk, answer the phone, make sales of memberships and Gift Shop merchandise, orient visitors to the Museum, and create a positive visitor experience. They also work on a variety of special projects including assisting with indexing historical material in our collections, research, helping with exhibit development, running educational public programs, and maintaining the Artisan Community Garden.

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