



12 Local Museums to Participate in an All Virtual Butte County Museum Weekend February 27 & 28

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. (February 22, 2021) – In an effort to keep the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the local museum community is proud to present a fun and free Butte County Museum Weekend virtual event February 27 & 28, 2021. With coordinating led by Explore Butte County (EBC), 12 local museums (and counting!) are participating in the engaging effort by offering digital, virtual and/or social activations for the community to experience and enjoy from the comfort of home. The all-virtual Butte County Museum Weekend is being held in lieu of the annual Free Museum Weekend, a new event that was started in 2020.

Butte County Museum Weekend is in alignment with the goal to provide all members of the community access to experience the region's incredible wealth of art, history, and science. The Museum Weekend landing page and coordination allows the public to view a sampling of the offerings available from local museums, all in one place. While many of the offerings may be pre-recorded virtual tours, a handful of the participating museums are offering scheduled demonstrations during the weekend and may require pre-registration (activations requiring registration can be found at the top of the event landing page). As one example, Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology is partnering with artist Kim Cobb to present "Recipes Tell Our Stories," a live art workshop on Saturday at 11 a.m. to make recipe cards and create a community cookbook.

"We're thrilled to identify new and exciting ways to connect with the community during a 'reimagined' Butte County Museum Weekend," said Explore Butte County executive director, Carolyn Denero. "We hope the virtual activations provided by participating museums serve to remind the community about the wealth of enriching experiences our regional museums will have to offer once we are able to welcome everyone back."

Local museums participating in the 2021 Butte County Museum Weekend include:

Chico Art Center – Gateway Science Museum – Pioneer History Museum – Bolt's Antique Tool Museum – Chinese Temple and Museum Complex – C.F. Lott Home in Sank Park – The Museum of Northern California Art (monca) – Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology – Janet Turner Print Museum – Gridley Museum – Feather River Nature Center and Native Plant Park — Feather River Fish Hatchery

More detailed information about the variety of virtual activities offered by participating museums (e.g., virtual tours, Facebook Live events, video demos, etc.) will be available at www.explorebuttecounty.com/museum-weekend.

For more information about Explore Butte County in general and suggested places to visit, shop and/or to pick up food-to-go, please visit www.explorebuttecounty.com or follow on social media – Facebook at www.facebook.com/explorebutteca and @ExploreButteCountyCA on Instagram and @ExploreButteCA on Twitter. Also, a comprehensive and downloadable travel guide (beneficial for locals, too) is available at www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/visitor-guide.

For the latest information about what Butte County attractions, points of interest, restaurants, breweries, wineries, and lodging options have safely reopened for business, regularly updated information is available at www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/butte-county-reopens.

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