



## Explore Butte County Presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butte County Museum Weekend February 26 & 27

**BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. (February 2, 2022)** – The North State museum community is proud to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Butte County Museum Weekend presented by Explore Butte County. This year's event will take place on February 26 & 27. More than 15 local museums, galleries and cultural centers will offer free admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the in-person event, with each showcasing a new exhibit or extra offering for the weekend. The free annual event had its start in 2020 just prior to the pandemic and the group has been working hard to ensure the event continues into the future. The real goal is to provide all members of the community access to the region's incredible abundance of art, history, and science.

"We are thrilled to continue offering Butte County Museum Weekend each year so we can help raise awareness for our cherished local museums, galleries, and cultural centers," said Explore Butte County CEO, Carolyn Denero. "The special weekend serves as a reminder for everyone to explore the wealth of enriching experiences our regional museums have to offer. And, we hope our engaged and supportive community members will plan return visits to these important destinations throughout the year."

The 16 local museums participating in the 2022 Butte County Museum Weekend include:

- Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
- Centerville-Colman Museum
- C.F. Lott Home
- Chico Art Center
- Chico Children's Museum
- Chico History Museum
- Chinese Temple Museum Complex
- Feather River Nature Center & Native Plant Park
- Gateway Science Museum
- Gold Nugget Museum
- Gridley Museum
- Janet Turner Print Museum
- Museum of Northern California Art (monca)
- Oroville State Theatre
- Pioneer History Museum
- Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology

"The Chico Children's Museum is so excited to be participating in Museum Weekend for the first time," said Rebekah Kerr, Operations & Facilities Manager for the Chico Children's Museum. "We will be open for tours and play in the museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Every hour, we will be letting in a new group for a quick tour and some free exploration. More activities and events throughout the day will be announced soon. Come learn and connect through play with us!"

Special weekend offerings at each museum vary from new exhibitions to hands-on experiences and more. As examples, the Museum of Northern California Art is showcasing a new Contemporary Quilt Exhibition where weekend guests can enjoy an interactive Crochet Jam (with fabric and supplies provided); the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology is debuting an exciting new exhibition titled “Tu Voz Importa”; and guests who visit the Oroville State Theatre will enjoy special demonstrations of The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, just to name a few.

A special Museum Weekend landing page (updated regularly) allows the public to view a sampling of the offerings available from local museums all in one place at [www.explorebuttecounty.com/museum-weekend](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/museum-weekend).

For more about information about Explore Butte County in general and suggested places to visit, shop, dine and/or recreate, please visit [www.explorebuttecounty.com](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com) or follow on social media – Facebook at [www.facebook.com/explorebutteca](http://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](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/visitor-guide).

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