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Museum Matters

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Save the Date:

The Tulare County Museum is thrilled to announce it will host its sixth annual Museum Jamboree on Saturday, April 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park. This free, family-friendly event is packed with exciting and educational activities for guests of all ages to learn more about the Museum and Tulare County's history.

The first annual Jamboree in 2016 celebrated the restoration and reopening of the Museum's Main Street gallery, which had been closed for a decade. Since then, the event has continued to bring community members together each year to explore the Museum's newest exhibits and get to know our community partners.

This year, the Jamboree will feature a blacksmith at work in front of a real blacksmith shop from Ducor, a woodworking demonstration, model trains, and a mini car show put on by the Visalia Vapor Trailers Car Club. There will also be hayrides, mini golf, free classes, and performances! Visitors interested in learning more about the County's history are invited to watch videos provided by Tulare County Treasures in the Museum Theatre and opportunities will be available to learn about local Native American culture with the Tule River Language Project. Other attractions include gardening tips from local Master Gardeners, local artist demonstrations, the Tulare County Library Book Mobile, American Legion Post 18 information on local veterans, and informational booths, along with information about other local museums.

Food from Quesadilla Gorilla's food truck, Lulu's Kettle corn, and root beer floats from A&W will be available for purchase. Guests won't want to miss the raffle drawing for exciting prizes donated by local businesses. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each, and money will go toward the restoration of our Blacksmith Shop.

The Jamboree is a perfect event for the whole family with so much to see, hear, and do, so please join us!

FREE*

Tulare County Museum Jamboree

Join us for a day of fun celebrating
Tulare County History!

April 15, 2023
 10:00 - 3:00 pm
 Tulare County Museum
Mooney Grove Park
27000 S. Mooney Blvd.

Live performances
Hayrides
Food Trucks

Fun Activity Programs
Visalia Vapor Trailers Car Show, Blacksmithing and Woodworking demos, Grow with the Master Gardeners, Learn about local Native Americans with the Tule River Language Project

*Mooney Grove Park entrance: \$6 per car/\$3 seniors

Historical Highlights:

This summer the Museum is planning to open our newest cultural exhibit that will be in the History of Tulare County Farm Labor & Agriculture Museum to replace our Westward Settlers exhibit. Our new cultural display will highlight the Southeast Asian community and their contributions to our local history. Tulare County has a very rich history made up of a diverse group of people that have made this part of the Central Valley what it is today.

With each exhibit we work to connect with our community to provide family histories, photos, and items that tell the stories of when, how, and why people of the Southeast Asian culture made their way to Tulare County. We are currently collecting information from the community so if you or someone you know would like to contribute to our exhibit, we would so appreciate being able to share that with our visitors! You can contact us by calling 559-624-7326 or emailing Amy King at aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov

Three Cheers for Volunteers!

Our volunteers, Bob and Stan, have been hard at work building platforms for the restored farm equipment to be placed on inside our new building. We could not be more excited for this new space to proudly display our collection! While they are only two people, they are working quickly to make sure that we will have a beautiful display to share with our visitors.



We recently picked up this beautifully restored horse-drawn plow from Central Valley Christian High School. The students in Mr. Orique's Agriculture Mechanics class have done a lot of work to bring this piece of equipment back to its original state. This is part of a larger project that has been a collaboration between the Museum, the Tulare County Historical Society, and the local high schools in an effort to restore the Museum's collection of agriculture equipment to be on display in our brand new building. All of the hard work from each organization will come together in our new display later this year!

From the Collection:

With our recent wild weather, we thought it would be neat to share some photos from our collection of the 1906 flood in Visalia.



Henry Tandrow pictured in front of the Ice House near Santa Fe Depot





Super Sleuths Needed!

We are looking for any information about this photo! Do you recognize anyone pictured here? This is possibly related to the USS Tulare. Any information can be emailed to Amy at the email address below.

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tularecountymuseum.org

Call us: (559) 624-7326

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Curator's Corner

Hello history heroes,

This year is off to a very busy start! We have already welcomed students from eleven different schools on field trips, with many more scheduled over the next couple of months. Our new building is finished and we are working to design the exhibits for the interior space. The Tulare County Historical Society has been working with the Museum to raise money for the restoration of the Blacksmith Shop. This year's Jamboree is set to be the largest yet! Make sure to keep up with all that is going on by visiting our website and we look forward to seeing you at the Museum.

~Amy King-Sunderson