

## **San Joaquin County Historical Museum**

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### **News Release**

## **Museum hosts historic preservation workshop**

The San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum will host and cosponsor a workshop on historic preservation on March 20.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the museum, 11793 N. Micke Grove Road in Micke Grove Regional Park south of Lodi. The workshop is free, but non-historical society members will have to pay a small parking fee upon entering Micke Grove Regional Park. Admission fees to the museum will be waived for the workshop.

“The idea for this workshop came from a statewide project that the historical society supported, *Preserving California’s Japantowns*. That project relied on community volunteers and the efforts of our valley volunteers were outstanding. It inspired a lot of grassroots interest in historic preservation,” said David Stuart, executive director of the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum and a former deputy State Historic Preservation Officer.

Staff from the California Office of Historic Preservation will conduct the workshop. The program will provide an overview of the community and economic benefits of historic preservation, including information on historic resource surveys and landmark programs. Local success stories will include the preservation of the historic Odd Fellows Hall in Clements and the survey of pre-World War II “Japantown” in Lodi.

Please call the museum at 331-2055 if you are planning to attend the workshop.

The San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum preserves and interprets the rich history of the county. The museum is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult admission is \$2, and children age 6 to 12 are \$1. Admission for seniors 60 years and over is \$1. For more information, contact the museum at 331-2055.