



## *Message from Museum President Peter Hamilton*

Happy Groundhog Day! It's too late to wish happy holidays, and at this point 2021 unfortunately looks a lot like 2020.

Just like all of you, the Rio Vista Museum has had to deal with COVID-19. The shutdown last March forced us to remain closed most of the year and to cancel a number of our events. In the spring of 2019, the Museum held a Mad Hatter Tea Party, which we had planned to have again in 2020. We also did not hold our annual Hamburger Feed. I think events such as these are important. They make a community unique. As a kid to me the start of the Christmas season in Rio Vista was the Rio Vista High School basketball tournament and the Soroptimist Christmas brunch.

One event we were able to hold was our Old Tyme Christmas Faire the first weekend of December. A big thanks goes to chairperson Nora Crane who worked extremely hard to make sure everyone who participated would be safe. We opened up the side room for vendors and even used the outside of the Museum. We placed a wagon in front of the Museum that provided an excellent staging spot for the Christmas wreaths sold by Cindy Stewart and Jill Graham. The Museum has held its Christmas Faire for over a decade, and that weekend we were repeatedly thanked for still having the event. To quote one attendee, "It's nice to have something normal."

Even though our normal activities were limited, the Museum was still able to do some new things. In November you may have noticed posters showing photographs of Rio Vista veterans. Our curator Phil Pezzaglia really outdid himself, using every veteran photograph the Museum had. Besides thanking Phil, I would like to thank F & M Bank, the Bank of Stockton, Books RV, and the Gym for allowing us to put displays in their businesses. We hope to create other displays that can be placed around the community to show Rio Vista's history and what the Rio Vista Museum has to offer.

The Museum also put together a calendar for 2021. Each month shows a picture from Rio Vista's history. Since this was a first time endeavor, we printed a very limited supply, which we were able to sell out at the Christmas Faire. We hope to do a larger printing next year.

The Museum recently received a collection of Riverview 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation pictures dating back to the late 1950s. We are working at identifying people in the photos, as well as enjoying seeing what was considered fashionable. In my graduation photo – 1976 – every boy seems to be wearing a leisure suit, probably made of polyester.

Inside this newsletter you will find a membership envelope. I would like to thank you for your continuing support of the Rio Vista Museum.



## Annual Christmas Faire Staged

This year's Christmas Craft Faire took place over the first full weekend of December despite COVID-19. The Christmas Faire has become a much anticipated community event featuring local artisans and the ever-popular bake sale. We were glad to be able to hold this event. Thank you to Nora Crane and her team for putting it on and a big thanks to those in the community who supported it. We'll see you next December.



### ***2021 Museum Dues***

***Please return your dues in the enclosed envelope. Remember, the museum depends on these funds, and there is extra need this year as we have not been able to hold several of our regular fundraising events.***

# Wintertime in the Delta

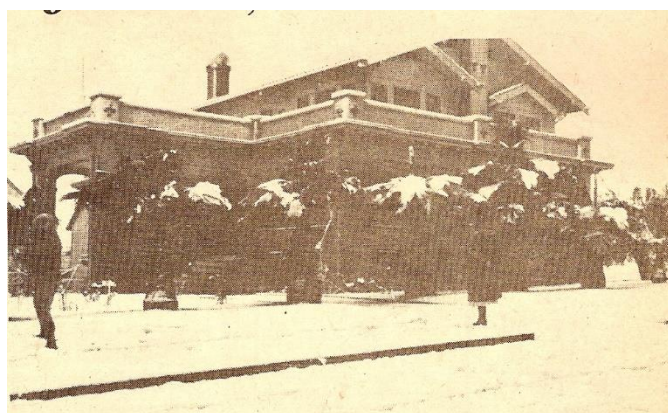
It is the middle of January, and the temperature is expected to reach 64°F today. Longtime residents might remember those rare times when snow actually accumulated on the streets of Rio Vista. If you have pictures of snow in Rio Vista, we would love to scan them for our collection.



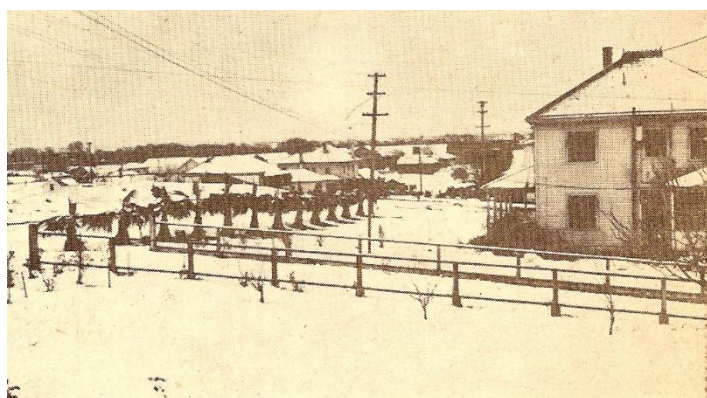
*Rio Vista Main Street, 1976*



*Dr. A. J. McKinnon Home, 1917*



*John McCormack Home, 1917*



*Mark Church Home, 1917*

## ***Check out the Museum on social media!***

We have a Facebook page where you can see more pictures from the Christmas Faire and upcoming events. -- **@riovistamuseum**

We also have a website where you can see pictures and past newsletters.

**riovistamuseum.com**

***Stay tuned for information about events later this year. We are still hoping to be able to hold the Hamburger Feed and our annual membership meeting.***



## What's in Your Closet?

Pictures like this delightful photograph of the 1982 Riverview promotion ceremony find a welcome home at the museum. Many individual items may seem insignificant, but having a repository for them as a curated collection helps to preserve and celebrate our town, its history and its people.

We urge all of you to support the museum financially and with donations of materials of historical significance to Rio Vista and its environs. Help us in our continuing efforts to celebrate our history.

Let us know if you can identify any of the people in this photo.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Museum Board of Directors decided in December to postpone the usual January Annual Meeting until later in the spring or summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the museum for another evening of interesting local history.

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## Memorials

On behalf of the Rio Vista Museum, we would like to thank those who have made a memorial donation in the past year in honor of their loved ones.

The following were so honored during 2020:

Everett Anderson  
 Richard Brann  
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