

HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION OVERVIEW 2023

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON OCTOBER 17, 2023

HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION MISSION

The function of the Historical Museum Commission is to represent the community regarding museum issues and to serve as a liaison with the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

The Museum's mission is to accept, preserve, and interpret artifacts and archival materials relating to the history of El Dorado County.

- The County Museum's main facility is at 104 Placerville Drive, next to the Fairgrounds
- The El Dorado Western Railroad, the County Museum's "living history program" has facilities at the El Dorado Station (4650 Oriental St.) and Shingle Springs Depot (4241 Mother Lode Dr)
- Off-site archival storage in the basement of the Library (345 Fair Lane)

MEMBERSHIP: SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS “AT LARGE,” WITH TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING ESTABLISHED HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS

As of July 1, 2023 the Commissioners are:

- Jeannette Barrett, Chairman
- Don Uelmen, Vice Chairman
- Keith Berry, Commissioner
- Pam Hupner, Commissioner
- Frank Jacobi, Commissioner
- Dee Owens, Commissioner
- Barbara Raines, Commissioner

WHAT WE DO?



RECOMMEND MUSEUM
POLICIES



MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
ARTIFACT DONATIONS



REPRESENT THE MUSEUM IN
OTHER FORUMS



STRATEGIC PLANNING
RECOMMENDATIONS



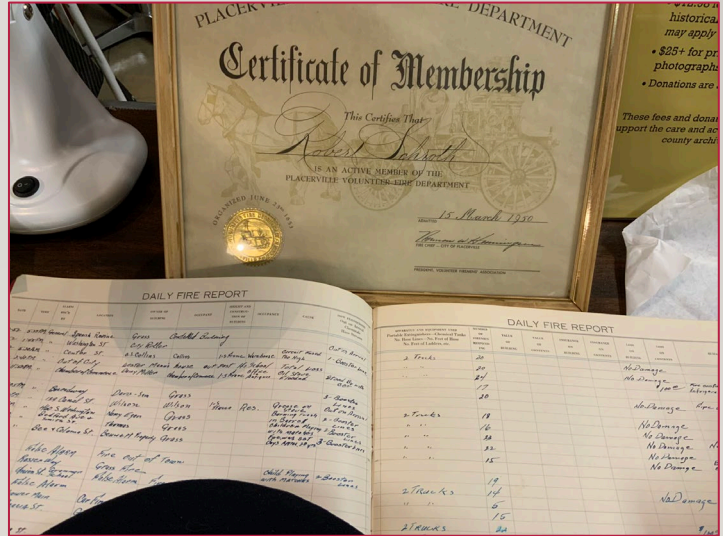
BUDGET AND FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- The Commission has recommended the approval of Museum Core Documents according to standard professional museum best practices. These documents are:
 - Collections Management Policy
 - Acquisition Policy
 - Ethics Policy
- In 2021-2023 the Commission made policy recommendations to:
 - Approve the resolution to establish the County Museum as the County Archives
 - Continue to keep the original Bayley House sign in the Museum, and work with the Friends of the Bayley House on the creation of a replica

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Artifact donations and loans recommended for approval



Reba Trask and her mother Reba Sinclair's El Dorado Rose dresses; Stella Tracy's wedding China and silver in Fountain & Tallman Museum; Bob Schrott's Placerville Volunteer Fire Department artifacts; Claire Freeman's collection of local organizational ribbons

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Artifact donations and loans recommended for approval



Gold Scale; William Craddock's rifle; CP< Caboose in Shingle Springs

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Commissioners are involved in a wide range of other groups and organizations and are the face of the Museum to their communities:
 - El Dorado County Historical Society
 - Oregon California Trails Association (OCTA)
 - Daughters of the American Revolution
 - Children of the American Revolution
 - Colonial Dames
 - El Dorado Gold 1848
 - Seniors in Retirement (SIRS)
 - Heritage Association of El Dorado County

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Strategic Planning Recommendations
 - Approved the El Dorado Western Railroad Strategic Plan
- Budget and Funding Recommendations
 - Increase funding to better support Museum operations and sustainability

ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC VISION & GOALS

County's Vision: Safe, healthy and vibrant communities, respecting our natural resources and **historical heritage**

County's Strategic Goals:

- Economic Development – enable a prosperous and vibrant community
- Good Governance – achieving the best possible process for making & implementing decisions; characterized by honesty, integrity, accountability, transparency, responsiveness, equitability, inclusion, effectiveness, efficiency and following the rule of law
- Healthy Communities – improved health, well-being and self-sufficiency of El Dorado County communities, residents and visitors
- Infrastructure – provide, operate and maintain our infrastructure, public facilities and associated services that protect our community, environment and economic well-being
- Public Safety – protects the community, prevents crime, enforces the law, administers justice, provides rehabilitative services, and promptly responds to emergencies and calls for service

HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION



EL DORADO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located at 104 Placerville Drive
(next to the Fairgrounds)
Placerville, CA 95667

Open Wednesday- Sunday
12PM – 4PM

www.edcgov.us/government/museum



EL DORADO WESTERN RAILROAD

1st and 3rd Sundays in El Dorado
Last Saturday in Shingle Springs
Full-size train rides coming soon!

