

# Curator's Report

## June 2019

### Statistics

March 283 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed

April 209 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed

May 258 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed

**2,619 Items Reviewed**

### Featured Item: Jacket

Corseted garments were structured via boning, lining and waist straps which supported and shaped the female form. This black beaded bodice was the height of fashion in the 1870s.



### Welcome!

Summer is here and the Gibson House has been buzzing with school tours, collection review and exhibitions. We are a third of the way through the collections in the attic and have been working through Victorian, Edwardian and turn-of-the-century clothing. Spring looks promising as we develop new exhibitions and continue to unearth hidden treasures.

### Exhibitions

The Yolo County Department of Natural Resources through their mining activities in the Cache Creek basin, uncovered some fossils. These fossils are over 14,000 years old and are now displayed on the second floor of the County Administrator's building located at 625 Court Street in Woodland. Please check out the exhibition and vote on which animal you think the fossilized bones may have come from.

**DISCOVER! CACHE CREEK FOSSILS**

WHAT WAS YOLO COUNTY LIKE THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO? THESE FOSSILS LET US LOOK INTO THE PAST.

**WHAT ARE FOSSILS?**

Fossils are the preserved remains of plants and animals that have died and been buried under layers of earth. Over time, the heat and pressure of the earth turn the remains into fossils.

**HOW OLD ARE THEY?**

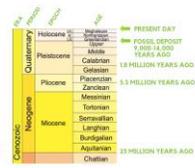
The fossils uncovered from the CACHE CREEK basin are over 14,000 years old and date back to the Pleistocene epoch. The fossils are preserved in a layer of sandstone that is 20 feet below the water table. The fossils are found in the Cache Creek basin, which is a remnant of a larger body of water that once covered the area.

**WHERE WERE THEY FOUND?**

In November 2018, a geologist uncovered fossils through the excavation of a well. The fossils were found in a layer of sandstone that is 20 feet below the water table. The fossils are found in the Cache Creek basin, which is a remnant of a larger body of water that once covered the area.

**WHOSE BONES ARE THESE?**

The fossils are the remains of animals that lived in the Cache Creek basin. The fossils are the remains of a mammoth, a ground sloth, a wolf, and a saber-toothed cat.











### Outreach

We are excited to announce the creation of the Collections Review Committee. The committee is comprised of seven community members who have knowledge in the areas of history, archeology, museum practices, education, tribal cultural relations and an at-large representative from UC Davis. We are all looking forward to working together to refine and interpret the extensive collection.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Board of Supervisors received an update on the Yolo County Historical Collection Board Presentation on the community engagement activities of the Gibson Museum and Cultural Center. To see the presentation, click here:

<http://yolocountyca.swagit.com/play/04232019-2421/#0>

Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted with collections review, exhibition installation and given of their time and skills to the museum! If you are interested in learning about collections management, museum interpretive practices and community engagement through history, consider applying to be a volunteer or intern with the Yolo County Historical Collection by clicking here:

<https://yolocountylibrary.org/research/yolo-county-historical-collection/>