

GHOST STORIES

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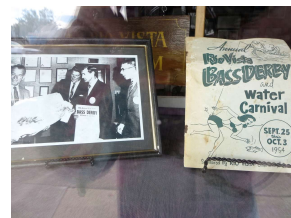
Crisp air chills the skin now as the sun rises and sets. The Pumpkin Patch train has been running. We have turned the corner to Autumn. Halloween approaches and for some, the rituals of the Day of the Dead and All Saints Day...a time for remembering those who have gone before us.

At the Bass Festival Derby on Saturday night, I was delighted to see friends and family gathering on our well-lighted and welcoming Promenade to watch the exciting firework display over the Sacramento River. I was equally pleased to see the doors of the Rio Vista Museum open, lights on, people inside. A good time to celebrate who we have become and where we have been.



In the Winter 2016 Discover Rio Vista magazine, you will find a good article, written by Jim Wheeler and Rio Vista Museum curator Phil Pezzaglia, on how Rio Vista's history comes alive when taking a Promenade walk (available on line at discoverriovista.com/discover-rio-vista-magazine/). The "road" that once ran where the Promenade is now was relocated to become N. Front Street. Front was home to waterfront warehouses, the California Packing company, the American Railway Express, the Squires Hotel & Hotel Riverview, a farm equipment company, a Ford dealership, a blacksmith's shop, a filling station, and a general store at the corner of Main, as well as residences. A memorial for Mayor Richardson will be held at the Promenade at 11am on November 3rd.

This year, the Rio Vista Museum celebrated the 42nd anniversary of opening its doors at the 1975 Bass Festival. Inside are treasures of Rio Vista's rich history and those who helped to make it. You are invited to come view their newest exhibit "Travel in a Bygone Time" Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30-4:30pm. The old blacksmith's shop that the museum once was will be commemorated by RioVision and community artists in a mural coming to the Museum's alcove at 16 Front St. (photo: Museum window display)



In the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol", Scrooge is confronted by the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future. Please support the annual Rio Vista Museum Olde Tyme Christmas Faire December 2-3 as a vendor, visitor, or holiday shopper (more info at riovistamuseum.com/events).

Also on December 2nd, RioVision is sponsoring the 2017 Holiday Home Tour where you have the opportunity to marvel at beautifully decorated homes in the historic area of old Rio Vista. Tickets are now available for the Home Tour (\$25) or limited VIP Event (\$50) which also includes hors d'oeuvres and beverages in a private waterfront home after the tour to watch the Lighted Boat Parade. A box lunch, offered by the Soroptimists, is available on either ticket for an additional \$15. Purchase at the Visitors Center, Pets 4 All or on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-home-tour-2017-tickets-38556854590>.

Make it a day to fully celebrate your 'holiday present' (and perhaps remember 'holidays past'). Prior to the Lighted Boat Parade on the Sacramento River waterfront, sing carols and remember loved ones at the Lighting of the Hospice Tree at the foot of Main St.

Help us make history. We are still looking for volunteers to help finish the Riverview School Garden project at our October 28th workday. ACE Hardware and Gomes Excavating are helping school parents and RioVision volunteers install a garden shed and complete final installation work. Contact info@riovistavision.com. These are the stories that become part of who we are as a community.

Thank you to the County for the renovation of the Veterans Memorial Building at 610 St. Francis Way, including a new kitchen, parking lot, lighting, paint, and the helpful lighted event sign out front. Congratulations to American Legion Post 178 on the grand reopening of this favorite Rio Vista venue!