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# THE Exchange

A newsletter on the Art, Culture, and History of California's Heartland



## CACHE Dinosaur Christmas



TOP: North side of CACHE building lit up for the holidays.

LEFT: Visitors greet a realistic dinosaur display.

Yes, you read that correctly. CACHE hosted a dinosaur-themed Christmas celebration during Exeter's Downtown Christmas on Thursday, December 5. Attendees viewed highly realistic dinosaur displays of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, Velociraptor, and Allosaurus. Children's eyes, and some adults too, widened as they approached the ferocious beasts. It was a unique community event enjoyed by all.

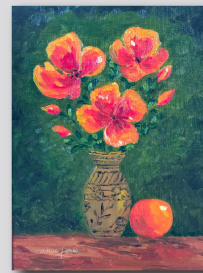
In addition to the prehistoric offerings, visitors also enjoyed a local art sale, festive holiday decor, an assortment of tempting cookies, and an outdoor hot chocolate cauldron. We would like to thank everyone who made this event possible, including all CACHE board members and Kristeena Lindley, owner of Dinosaur Kingdom Entertainment.

## Group Art Exhibit Reception

Join us for our first art reception of 2025! CACHE will host a group exhibition titled *Opposites Attract*. The exhibit features abstract and representational artwork; it will be on view from January 11 through March 30, 2025. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, January 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

*Opposites Attract* brings together two different categories of artwork to communicate how they are interconnected or similar. A "call for artists" was sent out to the community for abstract artwork submissions, and the representational pieces are by Visalia artist, Amie Jones.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit our website at [www.cach-exeter.org](http://www.cach-exeter.org).



Antique Poppies, Amie Jones, oil on canvas, 2024



Untitled, Jordan Long, mixed media, 2022

## OPPOSITES ATTRACT

A Group Exhibition featuring Representational and Abstract Art

JANUARY 11 - MARCH 30 | 2025

ARTIST RECEPTION:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 4:30pm-6:30pm

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## Tales of Exeter and Beyond

A new discussion from our *Tales of Exeter and Beyond* series with Dwight Miller is scheduled for Monday, February 17, at 5:30 pm. It is titled “Framing the Gateway: The Story Behind Exeter’s Iconic New Sign.”

As early as 1908, local towns were clamoring to claim the title of the Gateway to the Sequoias. These included Tulare, Visalia, Exeter, Porterville, and Three Rivers. In 1926, American Legion Members and WW1 vets decided, with encouragement from Watt Clawson of the Exeter Sun, to create a grand archway on the south end of town to welcome travelers coming north on the Lindsay-Exeter highway (as it was called at the time). The sign was officially dedicated during 1927 and remained standing until 1931.

Fast forward to 2023, when Exeter Kiwanis leadership trailblazes the recreation of the Gateway Arch on East Pine Street to commemorate the 100th year of Kiwanis service in Exeter. The historic dedication is scheduled for Spring 2025. Additional information to follow.



Exeter Kiwanis Gateway Arch on East Pine Street. (PHOTO: Dawn Sabala)

## Classic Cinema Season Finale



TOP: Attendees view the classic cinema season finale of *It's a Wonderful Life*.



RIGHT: Aida Bortoletti poses by her original artwork and vintage jewelry for sale.

All good things must come to an end. This quote can be said about Classic Cinema @ CACHE. Visitors enjoyed a hand-selected classic film every month during 2024. The film series was hosted by Exeter locals and film enthusiasts, Lee and Aida Bartoletti. Attendees were encouraged to wear vintage clothing to further set the mood of a time gone by.

The season finale concluded with the holiday favorite *It's a Wonderful Life*. The event also included a Christmas sale featuring original artwork and vintage jewelry, while a dessert table beckoned moviegoers. Thank you to the Bartoletti's for sharing your passion with the community.

## MEET OUR BOARD of DIRECTORS



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