



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



Monarch Murder Mystery Benefit Dinner



What a night! CACHE pulled out all the stops on Saturday, October 25, during their Monarch Murder Mystery (MMM) Benefit Dinner Theater. Attendees enjoyed a one-of-a-kind evening of suspense, intrigue, and laughs.

The event began with a silent auction, drinks provided by the Exeter Eagles, and art gallery and museum tours. The new historical exhibit, *Pioneer Spirit*, an homage to early Exeter pioneers, was a labor of love for CACHE board members Linda Gill, member; Laurie Hamilton, treasurer; and Dwight Miller, president.

After an introduction by Robyn Stearns, board vice president, Miller, and Patty Spott, board secretary, a mouthwatering rib dinner was served

by the Barbeque Boys. Hometown Emporium prepared tasty sides of macaroni, beans, coleslaw, a biscuit, and a mini apple pie.

The exciting live auction followed with incredible top-selling items including original artwork by Marty Weekly, an Indian rock painting adventure, and a live cattle branding experience.

The silent auction items were then closed out, and the 50/50 \$655 raffle winner was announced just before the much-anticipated MMM began!

Guests were rolling in the aisles as they were thoroughly entertained during CACHE's adult-themed

live murder mystery play. The director, James Houston, and the lively cast portrayed a provocative whodunit with the assistance of the local Exeter Police Department, District Ambulance, Smith Family Chapel, Lucy Thompson, Rocky Hill Wellness, Mayor Jacob Johnson, and the EUHS cheerleaders and football team.

CACHE would like to thank everyone who was a part of this special fundraiser, including our sponsors, auction donors, exhibit lenders, and all attendees.

Plans have already begun for next year's event. Thank you all for making this such a success!



CLOCKWISE: The MMM cast delights attendees with a comical performance; CACHE's pioneer exhibit unveiling; outdoor event dining on B Street; a unique live auction donation gets attention from guests.





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Tales of Exeter and Beyond

Join us on Monday, November 17, for a new Tales of Exeter and Beyond with Dwight Miller. This month's topic is "The American Legion: Born from the Great War."

In the aftermath of World War I, millions of Americans returned home from the battlefields of France, forever changed by their experiences. From that shared sacrifice came a new brotherhood—the American Legion—founded in Paris in 1919 by veterans determined to preserve camaraderie, serve their communities, and honor those who didn't return.

Miller's talk explores the early days of the Legion, the challenges faced by returning soldiers, and how their vision shaped a century of service, remembrance, and civic leadership in towns like Exeter and across the nation.

CACHE Supporter of the Month

This month we are highlighting board member, Lana Brown. Lana helps us with our docent scheduling, events, and promotion. Thank you for all that you do!

Lana attended Exeter High School, College of the Sequoias, and a travel industry school in Los Angeles. She was a certified travel agent and co-owner of United Travel Service in Selma for about 20 years. During this time, she traveled around the world and worked for a few years in Beverly Hills, where she personally planned all of the travel for Ken Curtis, who played "Festus" on Gunsmoke. Lana went on to work for the California Department of Corrections as an office technician and retired in 2020. She now resides in Visalia, and recently retired from working for the Blue Buffalo Pet Food Company, promoting the high-quality dog and cat food that they manufacture.

Upcoming Duo Art Exhibit



Christine Crozier & Marty Weekly

STILL AT IT

DECEMBER 4 - 27 | 2025

Artists' Reception:
THURSDAY, DEC 4, 4-8 PM

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CACHE will be hosting a duo exhibition titled *Christine Crozier & Marty Weekly: Still at It*, featuring the nature paintings of Crozier and Weekly. The exhibit will be on display from December 4 to 27. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, December 4, from 4 PM to 8 PM.

Christine Crozier took an oil painting workshop with Weekly in 1989 and has been painting California landscapes with him ever since. Marty Weekly enjoys creating abstract patterns using oil paint with loose brush strokes that produce images most often found in nature.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit our website at www.cach-exeter.org.

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