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



CACHE's Fourth Annual Benefit Fundraiser Features Live Melodrama

CACHE hosts its fourth annual benefit fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This year's event features a suspenseful melodrama titled "The Missing Masterpiece."

Written and directed by local Exeter musician James Houston, the live, over-the-top melodrama follows a missing work of art and a sinister villain. The dramatization takes place outside the CACHE building, with B Street blocked off for outdoor dining. Attendees enjoy the melodrama's slapstick humor and spine-tingling suspense while savoring a delicious meal.

The evening also features the unveiling of a new Kiwanis history exhibit as well as recognizing the Kiwanis built Gateway to the Sequoias archway.

During the fundraiser, attendees have the opportunity

CACHE Melodrama
The Missing Masterpiece

QR Code to purchase tickets

You are Invited. 9.26.26, 5-8pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR DINNER, DRINKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT!
Featuring a brand new Kiwanis exhibit and auction items! Tickets \$75 per person / Sponsored tables of Eight \$800

Tickets available at CACHE, Exeter Chamber of Commerce, NSE Insurance
and online at cach-exeter.org/upcoming-events; for more information 559-592-5900

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to bid on exciting live and silent auction items. Live auction items include a 3-day, 2-night stay in Cayucos; a Monet's Dinner for 8; an original Marty Weekly painting; a custom genealogical research package; and a case of citrus gin. To donate auction items for the benefit fundraiser, please contact Charlie Stearns at 559-786-2288.

Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$800 for a sponsored table of eight. They are available for purchase at CACHE, the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, NSE Insurance, or online at www.cach-exeter.org/event-details/cache-melodrama.

For more

information, contact info@cach-exeter.org or call 559-592-5900.

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McKinzie Solo Exhibition Comes to CACHE



Austin McKinzie, Olives, Oil on Panel, 13"x17", 2026

Local artist Austin McKinzie brings a new solo exhibition titled *Rest* to CACHE from October 3 through December 27. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, October 3 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

The calming presence of nature inspires the collection. "I believe viewing, observing, spending time in and experiencing landscapes in its natural and curated state can be one of the simplest ways to find rest," says McKinzie.

The event features live music by local pianist Richard Garoogian. Hometown Emporium provides appetizers and drinks. For more information, contact us at 559-592-5900 or info@cach-exeter.org.

New Board Member Joins Team

CACHE is excited to announce the addition of a new member to its board. Help us welcome Peggy Criswell!

Peggy has a long history in Exeter, having moved here in 1959 from Orange County. She currently lives on Palm Drive near her childhood home. Criswell has worked as a nurse since 2001. She has four daughters and eight grandchildren and attends the Radiant Church Exeter. She is also an avid gardener.



*Peggy Criswell, new
CACHE board member*

Save the Dates

Save the dates for upcoming community events! Join us for a special **CACHE Chat on Monday, September 14, at 6:00 PM** about Kiwanis and the history of fraternal organizations in America. The **Miss Exeter Coronation Dinner on Monday, October 5, at 6:00 PM** at the Veterans Memorial Building in Exeter. The **Sweet & Savory restaurant competition on Thursday, October 8, at 5:00 PM**. And the **Historic Walking Tour and time capsule opening on Friday, October 9, at 5:00 PM** at City Park.

Tickets for the Miss Exeter Coronation Dinner are now available for purchase at CACHE, NSE Insurance, Exeter Chamber of Commerce, and online at cach-exeter.org/event-details/miss-exeter-dinner.

MEET OUR BOARD of DIRECTORS



CACHE is governed by a volunteer nonprofit Board of Directors established by its bylaws, reflecting our desire to create transparent and accountable governance. These hardworking board members seek to bring quality programming and professional oversight to our organization. Above: Patty Spott, President; Charles Stearns, Vice President; Laurie Hamilton, Treasurer; Dwight Miller, Secretary; Lana Brown, Member; Peggy Criswell, Member; Miguel Pujol, Member; Robyn Stearns, Member.

