



The Clarke Historical Museum Presents
Saturday Speaker Series
Winter/Spring 2020

All Presentations take place at the Clarke Historical Museum
240 E Street, Old Town Eureka

The Chinese Expulsion of 1885 - Old Stories and New Questions

Dr. Rob Cliver, Humboldt State University History Department

February 8, 1 pm

A presentation regarding the 135th anniversary of the first Chinese expulsion from Eureka, which happened February 6 and 7, 1885.

Ebb and Flow of Immigration in Humboldt
Part 2: Stories from Latinx and Asian Communities

Presentation and Panel Discussion with Centro del Pueblo, the Asian Desi Pacific Island Collective of Humboldt State University, and Taiko Swing Humboldt.

February 15, 1 pm

Presenting recent research on the historic trends of Latinx and Asian immigration to Humboldt County and the present state of immigration in Humboldt County.

The Humboldt Harbor Lighthouse

Bureau of Land Management Ranger Julie Clark, BLM Archaeologist Sheryl Kinneer Ferris and Historian Peg Wheeler

March 21, 1 pm

Presenting the history of the first lighthouse in Humboldt County, Humboldt Harbor Lighthouse. They will be discussing both the history as well as the story of Humboldt's only known female lighthouse keeper, Sarah Johnson who in 1857 took over lighthouse keeping as a widow with a newborn baby and five other children.

The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse:
Past, Present and Future

Jan West, Trinidad Civic Club Co-President

April 18, 1 pm

Discover the history and significance of the Memorial Lighthouse, what happened to it and plans for establishing a permanent site in the Trinidad harbor.

To Be Announced

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May 16, 1 pm

TBA

Big Jim Patterson - Who Was He?

Cindy Trobitz-Thomas

June 20, 1 pm

While many people are familiar with the book "Dear Mad'm" written by Stella Walthall Patterson, few are aware why Stella left her comfortable life in San Francisco's high society, divorced her husband Judge Edward A. Belcher and married "Big Jim" Patterson in 1907. Together, Jim and Stella owned and operated the "Circle P" Ranch in Willow Creek, where besides running cattle, Jim was a packer and guide for hunting parties with many of his clients coming from near and far.