

Bidwell Mansion: The Memories We Share

Call for Memories, Art, and Artifacts. Join Us in Remembering a Chico Landmark

The Chico History Museum and the Bidwell Mansion Association invite you to be part of this special exhibition paying tribute to the rich history and legacy of Bidwell Mansion and General John and Annie Bidwell. This summer, we will celebrate their contributions to our city, University, and beloved Bidwell Park with a deeply personal and historic look at their lives and the Mansion they called home.

On June 7th, 2025, we will open an exhibit dedicated to preserving the memory of Bidwell Mansion, which was tragically lost to arson on December 11, 2024. The loss has deeply impacted our community, but through art, stories, and historical artifacts, we can come together to honor this historic landmark.

The opening event will be held at the Chico History Museum on June 7 from 5–7 p.m., and the exhibit will remain on display throughout June.

Your Contribution Matters

We are seeking artwork, photographs, artifacts, and personal memorabilia that capture the history and significance of Bidwell Mansion. If you have any of the following, we invite you to contribute:

- Wedding, quinceañera, or prom photos taken at the Mansion
- Family pictures from visits or tours of the site
- Paintings, sketches, or photographs of the Mansion over the years
- Memorabilia from school field trips or special events held at the Mansion
- Artifacts related to John and Annie Bidwell, such as letters, books, or period items
- Historic souvenirs, postcards, brochures, or newspaper clippings
- Poetry, essays, or personal reflections inspired by the Bidwells or their home
- And more....

How to Submit Your Piece

- **Deadline:** Friday, May 9, 2025
- **Submission Process:** Complete this form and email it along with a photo of your submission to manager@chicohistorymuseum.org
- **Selection Notification:** You will be contacted by or after **May 14, 2025**, to let you know if your entry has or has not been selected.
- **Suggested Donation:** \$5 per submission to help support this commemorative exhibit.

A Community Effort in Preservation

This exhibition is made possible through our valued partners in historic preservation: Bidwell Mansion Association, Chico Heritage Association, Chico History Museum, Beautiful & Historic Chico Coalition, and the Stansbury Home Preservation Association.

Let's ensure the legacy of Bidwell Mansion lives on through art, memory, and community. Be a part of this heartfelt tribute—submit your piece today.

For questions or additional information, please contact manager@chicohistorymuseum.org

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– Exhibition Entry Form –

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Please complete this form and email it to manager@chicohistorymuseum.org with a picture(s) of your entry.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

ENTRY INFORMATION

Number of Entries (limit 5): _____

Entry Item Type (e.g. painting, postcard, photograph, textile, etc.):

Entry Description—Please describe the item(s), including measurements, and how it is related to the Bidwell Mansion and its legacy:

Please let us know if you're connected with any of the following organizations. Community members are welcome to submit an entry—no membership is required to participate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chico History Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautiful and Historic Chico Coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bidwell Mansion Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Stansbury Home Preservation Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chico Heritage Association | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not a member of any of these organizations |

If your entry is selected, would you be willing to contribute a \$5 participation fee? Yes No