



One of the largest displays of Pomo basketry returns to the Cloverdale History Center on California Indian Day

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CLOVERDALE, CA – Silver Galleto of the Cloverdale Rancheria has brought back his extensive collection of Pomo baskets called “The Ba:bihša?men Basket Collection-to reclaim more than my name.” The basket collection named after Silver’s grandmother Vera Jack Galleto’s (Indian name) has returned to the Cloverdale History Center. Although some museums may have more Pomo baskets within their inventory, this is the largest number of Pomo baskets currently “*on display*.”

Although the exhibit began set up in March of 2020 due to the Pandemic it was never completed. Miraculously Curator and former Director of the Grace Hudson Museum Sherri Smith-Ferri transformed the display with her expertise and elevated the Ba:bihša?men Basket Collection to the next level. Sherri Smith-Ferri is a member of the Dry Creek Rancheria and has three brilliant displays of Pomo basketry currently showing in New York, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale.

The Ba:bihša?men Basket Collection tells a story of one Indian woman from the Cloverdale Rancheria over the last 100 years. The exhibit features over 100 coiled, beaded, feathered, twined and cradle baskets. Twenty of the baskets in the collection were made by Silver himself. While some baskets are over a hundred years old, some were made this year by members of the Pomo Weavers Society a group determined to revitalize their legacy of basketry. We announce the opening of this Exhibit on September 24, 2021- California Indian Day, a holiday set on the fourth Friday of September to honor this State’s first People. This exhibit shall serve as a living resource to the community and to further inspire Pomo Weavers to carry on the traditions of their ancestors.

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