

**DATE:** July 23, 2010

**WHAT:** “Living With Trees” an exhibition featuring historic photographs from the Center for Sacramento History collections and “Preservation” a site-specific art installation by Cheri Ibes

**WHERE:** Robert T. Matsui Gallery at Sacramento City hall  
915 I Street (north entrance)

**WHEN:** August 4, 2010 – January 15, 2011

**RECEPTION:** Open to the public, FREE  
August 4, 2010, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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Trees are Sacramento’s crowning glory. Anyone who has strolled beneath the cooling, canopy of towering elms and sycamores knows the city is graced by a special relationship with trees. The exhibition ***Living with Trees***, opening at the Robert T. Matsui Gallery on August 4, is a snapshot of this complex relationship.

It includes a combination of historic photographs from the Sacramento Center for History, contemporary art installation by Cheri Ibes, and an interactive element that allows visitors to share their “tree stories” and drop off or post personal photographs of trees. The three major elements collectively examine Sacramento’s interdependency with trees.

Photographs of tree-lined boulevards, parks, and residential foliage evoke an appreciation for natural beauty and 150-years of commitment to trees based on a profound understanding of the benefits that trees offer. Many of the images, however, show some of the drawbacks of trees.

An installation by Sacramento Cheri Ibes, titled “Preservation”, examines the relationship between human beings and nature. Hundreds of precisely pruned tree branches, stripped bare of bark and treated with oil are installed in a giant glass case. The installation is meant to illustrate the chaos and unpredictability of nature.

The public is invited to a free reception on August 4, 6:00 – 7:30. Sacramento Tree Foundation Director will make remarks at 6:30 p.m.

***The exhibition is presented by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and the Center for Sacramento History and sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation.***