



ECHOES FROM THE PAST

**Truckee-Donner
Historical Society
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Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.
4th Tuesday of the Month
Quarterly General Meetings
March*, June,
August, October
2nd Tuesday of the Month at
7:00 p.m.
(*weather permitting)

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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

We have just ended a very good year. The dedication of the Memorial Garden, Old timers Picnic, the purchase of a new computer and equipment to print our own photos. And a very successful year at the Old Jail Museum.

All this could not have been accomplished without the help of a dedicated board. Thanks to all of you: Guy, Jim, Judy D., Judy W., Billie, Leanne, Chelsea, Laura & Dan, Paul, Mary, Joy, and a special thank you to Don for an outstanding job in keeping the Old Jail staffed this last summer. Don tells me we had over 4000 visitors. Our number one jail docent this last year, was a new docent, Dennis Cowan. He worked almost every weekend. He is much appreciated. Other docents: Dick & Connie Brooding, Aileen Collinson, Bert Costello, Mike Hurley, Tony Steiner, Kathy Wilson, Billie Cornell, Judy Dunlap, Mary Dutra, Joy Horn, Chelsea Walterscheid, Don Colclough, and from the Rail Road Regulators, Dennis & Bev Cook, Vince Deveney, Josh Susman, Guy Coates, and I helped round out this group of RRR.

Jim Smith did a marvelous job as Community Garden Chairperson. He said he will stay on as Chairperson for this coming year. But he has declined to be our Executive Secretary. He will be missed as we have no one to fill his shoes. ANY VOLUNTEERS????

I want to take this opportunity to thank the donors and volunteers for the Old Timers Picnic. Jean Luc Truckee Brewing for donating the beer; My mother, Jeanne Pace, for helping finance the picnic. Dianne Fix for the book markers, Marjorie Able Johnson for a 1935 school photo; Peppy Garcia for a 1949 Trail Blazers. You had to have been a student at the grammar school to know with that is. And not to be forgotten my helpers: Howard Snider, Billie, Judy D, Leanne, Gladys Thorwaldson, Mary King, and Dan and Laura Horman. Also the Sierra Sun for an excellent write-up. Please the person who gave me the Truckee Outing Club patch, please let me know who you are. Thank You.

For those of you who missed the Lincoln Highway slide show, presented by Leon Schegg, you missed a very interesting history lesson. I have had people ask if we will be showing it again. If there is enough interest we might be able to persuade Leon to show it again.

Our election and docent appreciation diner at OB'S Sept. 25th was a nice ending for this last year. We have two new members to our board for this coming year. Beverly Cook, and Vince Deveney, welcome aboard. I am hoping that the group that agreed to chair different committees will stay on. I need all the help I can get. We have one new chair, Dennis Cook, who will take care of our electrical problems. Our garden was vandalize and our flag was stolen, and Dennis has offered to help install security lights. This all happened after Sept. 11th. We hope the flag is being displayed with dignity. The garden can be repaired, thankfully the beautiful plaques were not disturbed. I will be counting on Paul Spencer to take care of our plumbing problems.

Looking forward to another great year. Thank you for re-electing me your president. Anyone wishing to contact me directly can do so by e-mailing me : atmyownpace@atmymailstation.com. No pictures please as I just have a simple e-mail machine. Send any attachments to the cabin at: tths@inreach.com.

Happy Halloween, and Happy Thanksgiving.
Sharon Pace Arnold, President

A BIG HEARTY WELCOME to the newest members of our Society. A few new members took the opportunity to join while attending the Old Timers Picnic in July or at our August general membership meeting that featured an historic slide show on the Lincoln Highway.

Moises Jauregui, Jr.	Christina Parisi
Joyce Thomas	Norman & Karen Justesen
Heidi Martin	Kathy Wilson & Family
Norm Saylor	Adrienne Trachtenberg
Gene & Joyce Miller	Maxine Dittmer

I would like to make a special note about Norm Saylor, who generously joined at the \$100 Contributing Membership Level. Thank You Norm! And thanks to every member for your continued support!! You make the Society credible.

As a fun note about the demographics; 131 of our members use a Truckee mailing address; 35 are from States other than California ranging from coast to coast – Oregon, Washington, Canada, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Idaho, Indiana, Florida, Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, and Arizona; the balance of members are scattered throughout California.

If anyone is having problems with their membership, have any membership questions, or have referrals for new members please feel free to contact me at tdhs@inreach.com or write the Society at P.O. Box 893, Truckee, Ca 96160.

Cordially,

Billie Cornell-Membership Chair



Old Jail Museum

For the season we had 3,593 visitors using our old counter that didn't always work. Courtesy of Chelsea we have a new visitor counter for next season so our number's should be up.

Our donation's totaled \$1,20 not counting book and picture sales. That's the good news! Sixteen (that's right 16) Docent's did 100% of the work in keeping the Jail Museum open. I'm sure TDHS has many more members that have the time and ability to handle this position. As I have written in the past I am willing to meet with any member at the Jail at their convenience to run through the Docent process. I also have printed notes on "A Brief Description of the Old Jail Museum" that I will be happy to send to any interested members.

My experience this past season as a docent has been enjoyable. You meet many interesting people from all over the USA and the world. Thanks again to the 16 members who did all the work. I am looking forward to hearing from many more members to help next season.

Don Colclough -Old Jail Coordinator-587-1343



MEET YOUR BOARD

~Jim Smith ~

Jim was born in Altoona, Pa. In 1947 and arrived in California in 1971, first residing in the San Fernando Valley, where he worked in the hotel industry. He later relocated to Moss Beach, California where he operated a legal transcription service.

It was skiing that attracted Jim to Truckee in the winter of 1979 and he immediately fell in love with the town and made it his home in 1980.

Jim has been active in the Truckee-Donner Historical Society since 1980 after meeting Thelma Meiss who got him involved as a museum docent. He later became correspondence secretary, newsletter editor, Co-Chairman of Truckee's 125th Birthday Celebration and Project Chairman of the Community Memorial Garden at the Old Jail Museum. He has also served as President, on and off for seven or eight years.

While living in Truckee, Jim has worked in the legal secretary business, limousine transportation business, and has been employed as a clerk for the Town of Truckee since 1993.

For the past two years Jim has been attending municipal clerk training classes with the University of Arizona while serving in 2000/2001 term as Executive Secretary with the Truckee-Donner Historical Society.

Guy Coates
Vice President/Historian

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting date has been changed for the board meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month. The general meeting remains the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Garden Update

Fundraising for the Community Memorial Garden has exceeded \$9,600!! My sincerest THANK YOU to all who have contributed. As the plants continue to grow, bloom and mature, our photo collection is almost ready for Volume 2.

Since the dedication on May 27th, 2001, another 15 individual plaques have been ordered in memory of loved ones, plus two additional plaques in Memory of Thelma Meiss, and two additional garden accessories. Space is becoming limited, and due to increasing manufacturing and delivery costs from our supplier, current pricing is \$150 for an 8" x 4" bronze cast plaque. Orders received will be processed over the winter months, but installation would not occur until Spring 2002.

The garden is nearing completion for this year and it is almost time "to put it to bed" for the winter. Mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Garden Party, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 15th, 2002, 1:00-3:00 pm.

TDHS was flying our flag at the Museum at half mast in memory of those who tragically lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the East Coast, and an unknown, selfish, and disrespectful individual(s) not only stole our flag (which was flown over our Nation's Capitol) but also vandalized the Garden. The damage was not severe, just another four hours of work to restore it. Your Board of Directors approved the installation of security lighting in order to protect our property which should be installed before month's end.

TDHS is embarking upon the next level of fund raising --- the Memorial Garden Trust Fund. These funds are earmarked for maintenance and plant replacement only to carry the Garden forward for many years to come. Any year-end donations, or bequests from your estate planning would be greatly appreciated. As always, these donations are tax deductible.

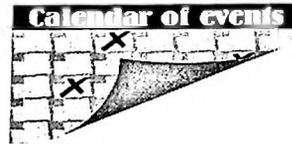
Jim Smith—Community Garden Chair



FALL/WINTER



- * Nov. 10 Truckee Ski Swap-Truckee Community Center for more info call 582-7720.
- * Nov. 16-18 13th Annual Women's Wellness Weekend-Resort at Squaw Creek. Call 587-6011 or www.tfhd.com
- * Nov. 30-Dec. 2-Tiny Tim Christmas Village & Holiday Craft Faire-Truckee Community Center. Call 582-7720.
- * Dec. 16-Excellence in Education Ski & Skate Day-Squaw Valley. Pre-purchase \$20 vouchers for an all day adult lift ticket & 2 hr. ice skating session. Call 583-6985 for more info. or www.squaw.com.
- * Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade-Squaw Valley. Celebrate the holidays with this annual torchlight parade. Call 583-6985 for more info.



- * Oct. 27, 2001 to Jan. 27, 2002. The Folsom Historical Museum will present "Child's Play: A Journey into Childhood", an amazing exhibit to toys, games, dolls, books, and other playthings from 1890's to the 1950's." Museum at 823 Sutter St., Folsom, 11am to 4pm, Wed through Sun. Admission \$1.00, children under 12 free. 916-985-2707.
- * Oct. 21-Towe Auto Museum Automotive Swap Meet 6:00 am-1:00 pm Hundreds of vendors offer unique auto collectables & accessories Tickets: Free Admission for more info call 916-442-6802.

****December 7th & 8th-****

Christmas at the Cabin



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---MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES---

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 _____ FAMILY \$30.00 _____ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER, NOT IN A FAMILY) \$10.00 _____

SUSTAINING \$75.00 _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$25.00 _____ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 _____

MEMORIAL GARDEN TRUST FUND \$ _____

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: _____

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS: