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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 dinner 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 vandalized 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: tdhs@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

HOLIDAYS!

HAPPY

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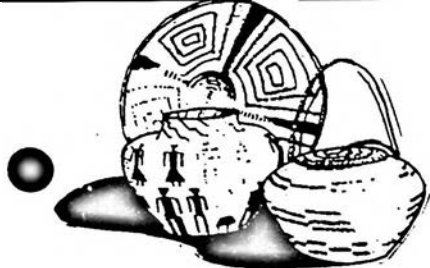
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HISTORICAL RECIPES

LUPINES: Indians ate Lupines steamed, the leaves and flowers together, and accompanied them with acorn soup. Often called wild peas, Lupines were also used to make a rheumatism tea. In 1640, John Parkinson recorded that lupine seeds would deter gnats. Mixed with meal and honey, the seeds would help heal black-and-blues. Others believed the Lupines would make an effective salve to heal the umbilical cord stub of newborns.

AUSTRIAN STEW

25 Cents worth lean breast of lamb or mutton (fat removed). Put in enough water to cover meat only.

Allow to cook slowly and add:

2 onions

1 pt. tomatoes

1 or 2 green peppers (or Chili tepenia)

When nearly done add 1 Tbs lard (not butter) enough browned flour to thicken. Serve Hot.

Sam Davis. Born 1850, died 1919, second editor of Appeal newspaper, Nevada.

HANK MONK FRY

6 oysters, drained well

3 slices bacon

3 eggs beaten with a little cream

Chili sauce

Fry bacon, remove. Add oysters to grease and fry slowly until edges curl. Pour eggs over top and cook slowly until eggs are firm, add bacon. Top with chili sauce.

NOTE: Hank Monk, stagecoach driver on the line between Placerville, California, and Carson City, Nevada, during the 1860's. Boom town oysters and eggs were worth their weight in gold dust. In excavations in Truckee thousands of oyster shells are found.

WINE CAKE (circa 1970, and still good)

1 pkg yellow cake mix

1 pkg vanilla instant pudding

4 eggs

1 tea. nutmeg

3/4 c. oil

3/4 c. cream sherry

Mix ingredients together for 5 min. Pour into greased & floured angel food cake pan (removable center type). Bake at 350 degrees for 50 min. When cooled, turn cake out. Top with whip cream, if desired, to serve. *Carolyn Randall O'Callaghan*



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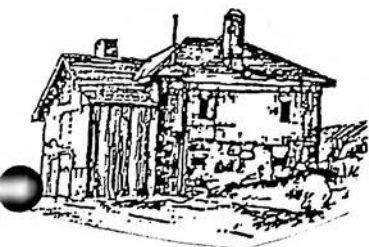
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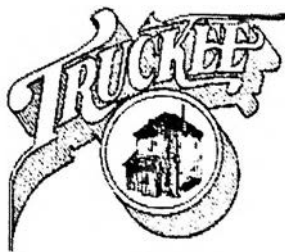
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Once again it is time for me to thank the many volunteers who have helped to make another successful year for the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

We had 24 volunteers to be Old Jail Docents this past year. From the log-in-ledger I added up a total of 403:25 hours, with over 3100 visitors. A new docent this year, Henry Murray, logged in 54:50 hours. Dennis Cowan, docent of the year last year, logged in 45:25 hours. Other new docents: Norm Justesen, Pat Davison, Michele Austin, Kelly Field, & Jan Hobbs. The remaining docents listed in order of their volunteer time are: Judy Dunlap, Aileen Collinson, Dick & Connie Brooding, Judy Williams, Jeff Carr, Dennis Cook, Tony Steiner, Beverly Cook, Bert Costello, Joy Horn, Paul Spencer, Leanne Atwater, & Chelsea Walterscheid. Top honors go to Don Colclough, Old Jail Coordinator, with 92 hours. I am sure it is more, he just didn't log it in the ledger. I did 29 1/2 hours. Many, many thanks to all these volunteers. They help to keep our history alive.

Towards the end of October we will be putting the Memorial Garden to bed for the winter, & any volunteers that would like to help, please give Don or myself a call.

July 10th was our twenty second annual "Truckee Old Timers" picnic. We had 113 in attendance. Many new faces, & missed some of the other old timers. I want to take this time to thank my Mother, Jeanne Pace, for helping with the finances. I can always count on Dan & Laura Horman, Mary King, & Howard Snider as my faithful helpers. Madeline Kydd helped draw names for prizes. Dianne Fix's Grandsons, Drew and Beau Blandford, did a beautiful job on the bookmarks. Norm Saylor donated two Lincoln Highway signs. Thank You.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had our annual election and docent appreciation dinner. We will also have another new member, as our Executive Secretary, Chelsea Walterscheid, will have a new baby brother for Jack.

I also want to thank all the Board of Directors who have given GENEROUSLY of their time over these last twelve months. Guy Coates, Chelsea & John Walterscheid, Judy Dunlap, Judy & Steve Williams, Billie Cornell, Don & Sally Colclough, Dan & Laura Horman, Leanne Atwater, Paul Spencer, Carrie Smith, Beverly & Dennis Cook, Vince Deveney & Rebecca, his daughter, & Jim Smith.

On October the 8th, at the Donner State Memorial Park, we will be presenting a Living History program. It will be about Moses Shallenberger. I think you will find it very entertaining, hope to see you there.

A very big thank you to Bertha Woolverton for her very generous donation. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Dennis Cook & Tony Walden, our new security system has been purchased & installed at the Old Gateway Cabin.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving
Sharon Pace Arnold, President

TDHS LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

~ Guy Coates ~

On Tuesday evening, October 8, 2002, the Truckee-Donner Historical Society will present a living history program beginning at 6:30 pm at the Emigrant Trail Museum at Donner State Park.

The Society will request donation of \$3 for adults, but children under 12 are free. Light refreshments will be served.

The program will feature Fred Horlacher, in his entertaining portrayal of Moses Shallenberger, the 17-year-old emigrant member of the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy Party who survived the winter of 1844-45 alone in a makeshift cabin at what would become Donner Lake.

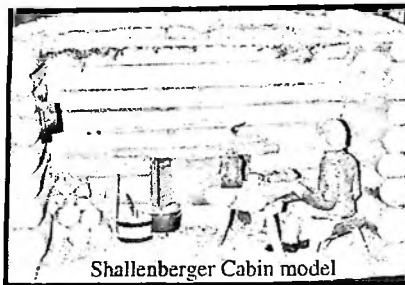
*Guy Coates is a local Historian
Read his column in the Sierra Sun or
online at www.sierrasun.com*

Shallenberger faced the same plight that would doom the Donner Party at the same spot two winters later. He had guns and lots of powder and shot, but there were no targets in the bleak whiteness surrounding him. He hunted in daylight and found books, which kept him busy at night. The boy found some steel traps, which he baited with a few scraps of the last of his dried beef and set them in the snow.

The first night he caught a half-starved coyote and forced down the tough, gamey meat. Soon, however, he was catching foxes and other animals and their flesh got him through the worst of the winter.

This delightful program will be both fun and educational and should not be missed.

**OCTOBER 8TH
6:30 PM**



**EMIGRANT TRAIL
MUSEUM
DONNER STATE PARK**

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

I want to sincerely thank all the Docents who worked this past season. You are the enthusiastic members allow us to keep this valuable asset for our residents & visitors. The comments in our guest book attest to the excellent job you do.

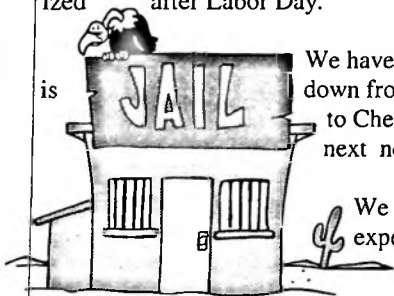
We are planning next year to open for Windows on History weekend, Memorial Day then not until all the schools close in June. We will not close until late September, weather permitting as we get many more visitors than we realized after Labor Day.

We have had 3,240 visitors so far this year and we still have two special openings left. This is down from last years total of 3,593 but we know this years count is accurate thanks to Chelsea who purchased a more accurate counter. The total donations will be in our next newsletter.

We are always looking for more Docents. Anyone who signs up really enjoys the experience.

Thanks again!

Don Colclough Jail Museum Coordinator 587-1343



Membership Report

Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

In response to members Bill & Carol Rose, I would like to begin my article by answering their question, "what is the difference between a sustaining and contributing member" contribution in relation to the membership categories? I would love to write a really nice historical article like Guy Coates does, giving you a long historical significance between the two categories, but....the only answer I could come up with is.. ta-dah~ \$25.00! (\$75 for Sustaining and \$100 for Contributing). Maybe we should think about that and make a real difference for the benefit of the *member* for the added membership donation?!? What do you think? Let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members who have responded so promptly to my renewal notices. You should now receive your initial membership renewal notice 30 days before your expiration date. Plus, one reminder letter is now sent 30 days after your expiration date (for example; a November renewal should receive their first notice by Oct 1 and a late November renewal will receive a 30 day reminder letter by the 1st of January). I hope this provides everyone ample time to renew.

Unfortunately, there have been a handful of members recently dropped from the membership roll. If you know someone who has been a member and who did not receive this newsletter, it probably means they have been removed from the membership roster. Please let me know if this has happened, especially if they wish to continue to be an active Society member. It is very easy and a pleasure to reinstate any past member ~ my favorite part of this volunteer duty, adding members!

Another benefit why everyone should want to keep their membership current, is that it makes you eligible to vote in the Annual Board of Directors Election held every September. It provides you an active VOICE in the Society and also gives you the opportunity to serve as a Board Member, yourself. The Society is always in need of members who can devote time to assist in running the organization and provide a helping-hand with our social activities. I would also like to place a plea out for *great ideas* for any type of membership drive, thoughts on our membership categories, or any unique ideas that can make being a Society member more *FUN!*

I hope everyone has chopped their wood and buttoned up their homes in anticipation of our big El Nino winter and be able to reflect upon the warmth of the extremely hot 2002 Truckee summer, during its' storms.

If you would like to contact me regarding any membership questions or have membership ideas, please email me at tdhs@inreach.com, Attn.: membership / Billie or leave a message at our office 530-582-0893. I will be in touch.

Now a BIG HEARTY WELCOME to our newest members:

Barbara Zorich	John Lambres
Steven Casad	Liane Corrales & Family
Barbara Crossland	The Bowers Family
Dave Corollo	Allie Hahn
Reford "Jeep" Reid	Ann Kohlmoos Fathman

Cordially yours,
Billie Cornell – Membership Chair

Memorial Gardener Bids Farewell

by Jim Smith



The 2002 growing season (in Truckee) is winding down and flower blooms in the Garden are starting to dwindle once again. Before long the need to commence fall clean-up chores will be upon us while preparing the Garden for a restful winter season. Where has summer gone??

The Railroad Regulators (Truckee's old west action group) used the patio area for a BBQ after the July 4th parade and the Society hosted its first garden party on August 3rd. First time events are usually small, thus allowing visitors a chance to ponder, yet mingle with old friends. A good time was had by all.

Being the originator and caretaker of the Memorial Garden, this project has truly been one of the most worthwhile and rewarding that I have ventured into. Planning the garden, coordinating the fund raising efforts, ordering the plaques to honor the ever growing list of pioneers and family loved ones, watching the garden come to life, hosting the dedication in 2001, nurturing the plantings with love and kind thoughts, thinking of those lives being remembered on the Memorial Wall, have all been inspirational moments. If you have not yet seen this new addition on the Museum property, I invite you to stop by and visit. Every season presents its own moments for reflection. I will be requesting our Webmaster to develop a page on the Society's website about the Garden with lots of photos and information on ordering plaques.

I am so very pleased that this project has turned out to be such a success. It will be difficult for me to step aside, but life is ever changing, full of new developments, and knowing when to turn over the reigns to new blood, new ideas, and fresh energy is also paramount. Than you for allowing me the opportunity to chair this project. I extend my deep gratitude and personal thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped work on this project. I hope you stop by and admire the results from all your hard work and love that you put into the creation of the Community Memorial Garden. **Don't be bashful about volunteering, the Board needs member support!**

* *November 30th-December 1st*—Tiny Tim Christmas.
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 on the history and life of Capt. John A. Sutler—At
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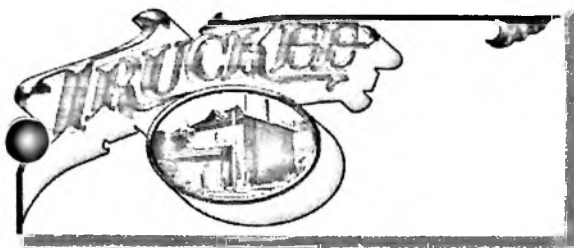
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Judy Dunlap

As the year of the current Board of Directors comes to an end, please allow me to share with you some of our accomplishments.

We had another successful Old Timer's/Truckee Reunion picnic in July. The month coincided with the 40th anniversary of the Truckee Donner Historical Society and we celebrated with a beautiful cake from the Treatbox Bakery.

In August, we held our 4th annual Ice Cream Social. This year was the most successful so far, both with amount of money raised and attendance. We were able to hire Doc-O and Squeeky the clowns with donations from several community business; Dr. Mark Brown of Truckee Local's Chiropractic, Rexel Electrical Supplies and Datacom and Skincare by Judy. Mayor Barbara Green was also able to attend and presented the Society with a beautiful framed Town Proclamation acknowledging our 40 years of service to the community.

Over the past several months I have been working with the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) and Oxford University. They are developing a documentary series on the history of immigration in America. One segment of the series covers the history of Chinese Americans. They came to Truckee to discuss the contribution of the Chinese immigrants in the building of the transcontinental railroad, which was followed by the successful Truckee Boycott which was designed to "rid the town of the Chinese." We received a donation from the BBC which allowed us to purchase three new bookshelves for our Research Library as well as periodical and map storage systems. We are excited about the improvements and expansion of our Research Library.

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Also this year we learned that in addition to the need for a new roof and some structural repairs needed for the Old Jail Museum, we also have the need for considerable repairs to the 75 plus year old plumbing and pipes underneath the building. Since the extent of building repairs is beyond the scope of our organization's budget, we are in the process of forming a task force in the community to put together a fundraising plan. I will keep you posted as we continue the journey of taking care of our precious and historical building and museum.

I am pleased to introduce our newest Board Member, Katie Holley. She will be serving as Recording Secretary. Katie has considerable experience with historical organizations in the Bay area, and we are lucky that she has decided to participate with us at the board level. Carmen LeBlanc did a fabulous job this past year, and has taken on the remainder of the Publication Chair duties for the New Year, as well as coordinating additional projects and special events. I would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing Publications Chair, Judy Williams for her many, many years of hard work and service to our organization.

We did receive resignations from two committee chairs this past year. Due to time constraints and other obligations, Pat Gibbons-Johnson has stepped down as our Publicity Chair and Gordon Richards also stepped down as Research Historian, although he remains as Photo Archive co-chair along with me. Thank you Gordon and Pat for all that you were able to do on behalf of TDHS.

I have done my best to keep up with small research projects, but we are looking for a team of research historians to help us keep up with the many requests we receive on a weekly basis.

We received a grant from the Truckee Rotary Club to purchase software so that we are able to manage our website. Billie Cornell has done a phenomenal job with our web pages. She has been able to upgrade our ability to offer credit card payment options for books, photos, membership dues and donations through PayPal.

I was able to re-do and upgrade our panorama photo catalog, and also add several new photos to our selection. We have not gotten the new catalog loaded onto the website, but look forward to accomplishing this very soon. Our panorama photos are now being reproduced locally, which allows for a much quicker turnaround time than when we had to take our business to Reno.

We were able to accomplish an addition to the Hilltop Master Plan which will allow TDHS to have a more active role in the interpretation of the history of Hilltop by having a permanent display in Kiosk form in the proposed retail village.

I look forward to another term as your President and hope to continue to work to preserve and promote the history of our community and surrounding area.



This year at the Old Jail Museum 2,761 visitors came through for tours. This included all of the local Truckee 3rd grade classes who study local history throughout the year at school. We took in \$2100.00 in donation money. This money is used for the upkeep of the building, as well as the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. We rely on these donations every year to pay for electricity, water, trash removal and property taxes.

We do not have paid staff giving tours at the Museum. Instead, we rely on volunteers to keep the doors open. We had 30 docents graciously give us their time to help us show people from around the world our historic town through displays of lumber, railroad and ice harvesting industries as well as local town life. Although 30 volunteers sound like a lot, it was still not enough to keep the doors open for the whole season.

Please consider helping us next year by volunteering to be a docent at the Old Jail Museum. Call Chelsea for more information. 530-305-4231



This was an extremely exciting year. We were able to accomplish all of our 2007-08 projects and then surpassed them with additional services. Here is a list of what we accomplished:

- 1) Obtained a domain name providing us with a unique website address www.truckeehistory.org (late October 2007).
- 2) Obtained free web hosting services from local Truckee business owner Robert Bousquet (November 2007).
- 3) Created numerous domain-based email addresses, such as:
 - a) info@truckeehistory.org for general questions
 - b) membership@truckeehistory.org for membership specific questions
 - c) bcornell@truckeehistory.org for individual board member correspondence (November 2007)
- 4) Created a PayPal account to accept online credit card payments for book sales and donations (December 2007); then was able to add payments for membership subscriptions and renewals (June 2008).
- 5) Purchased professional computer software to handle our website, publishing, printing and photo needs. Funding for this software was obtained from the Rotary Club of Truckee. (June 2008).

We still continue to offer:

- 1) Our email based newsletter, TDHS E-News with approximately 250 subscribers (May 2007)
- 2) The ability to make donations to TDHS *at no cost to the you* through the ShopforMuseums website www.shopformuseums.com (25 July 2007).

For the upcoming year our goals are to:

- 1) Add our update panorama photos to our website,
- 2) Add online credit card capability to purchase photos,
- 3) Continue to add more TDHS event photos,
- 4) Restructure and improve our web pages,
- 5) Offer TDHS Business members the option to add their link to our website Links page,
- 6) Create a printer-friendly membership application on our website for mail-in registrations,
- 7) To add a Research page to our website.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2008
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Billie Cornell

Our membership numbers decreased by only five (5) members. Our new memberships equalled last years' numbers. On June 17 the Membership Page on our website was setup to accommodate credit card payments for new and renewal subscription memberships. As of this report, we received four (4) new online members and had five (5) existing members request to *Go Paperless* for their next renewal.

A common question I have been asked is "How many local members do we have?" The answer is, we have 136 members from Truckee (43%) and an additional four (4) members one from Olympic Valley, Tahoe City, Soda Springs, and South Lake Tahoe (44%).

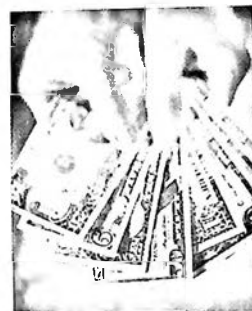
NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS

3	Contributing	\$100
3	Business	\$40
7	Family	\$30
1	Non-Profit	\$25
8	Individual	\$20
2	In-Kind	\$0
2	Complimentary	\$0
26	Total No. of Members	

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN TOTALS

Member Type	As of 9.25.07	As of 9.23.08
Business	13	14
Complimentary	32	31
Contributing	7	13
Family	75	73
Honorary	2	1
In-Kind	14	15
Individual	112	107
Junior	3	2
Lifetime	49	47
Non-Profit Organizations	7	7
Sustaining	6	5
TOTAL	320	315

We would like to honor the memory of our former members who have supported TDHS for many years: John Thomas Rablin, Alberta Wilmunder, Daisy Perino, and Thomas Nelson of the USS Donner Memorial Assoc. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2008
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
Bob Bell

	As of 9.25.07	As of 9.23.08
Checking Account	\$14,088.03	\$10,754.75
Savings and CD Account - Jail Repairs	\$1,770.38	\$1,775.14
Certificate of Deposit - Fire & Ice	\$1,261.49	\$1,048.80
Memorial Garden Account	\$2,580.55	\$1,775.46
Photo Archive Account	\$1,501.75	\$1,506.74
Outstanding Invoices	(\$863.09)	(\$729.00)
Accounts Receivable	\$161.00	\$1,290.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$20,500.11	\$17,421.89
Income for prior 12 months	\$23,405.00	\$19,881.00
Expenses for prior 12 months	\$19,717.00	\$22,825.00

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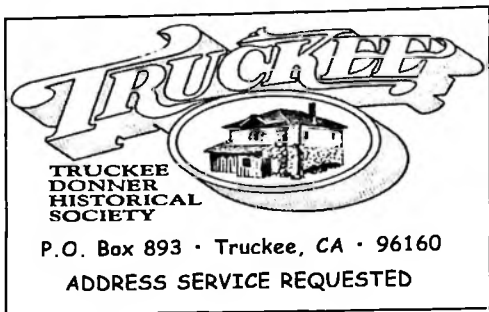
HOLD THE DATE
DECEMBER 6, 2008
CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN

Our annual holiday Open House and Christmas at the Cabin, will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008. There will be food, fellowship and good cheer. Books and photos will be for sale and you will have an opportunity to see our new Research Library. We will also feature a vintage jewelry sale.



Hold the Date 12.06.08

More details will be announced in future issues of the TDHS-E-News and will be posted on our website at www.truckeehistory.org. For any questions please contact us at 530.528.0893 or email info@truckeehistory.org.



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Enclosed please find a check for:

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Individual \$20 _____ Family \$30 _____ Junior (18 years & younger) \$10 _____
Non-Profit Organization \$25 _____ Business \$40 _____ Sustaining \$75 _____ Contributing \$100 _____

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Memorial Donation \$ _____ In Honor of _____

Gift Membership \$ _____ In the Name of _____

Areas of Special Interest and/or Comments/Suggestions: _____

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am writing this message on the morning after our Annual Dinner where I officially "passed the baton" to our new President, Chelsea Walterscheid! It was a great evening, and has been a wonderful experience for me to serve as your President for the past three years. I learned so much, and feel good about the accomplishments of the Board of Directors during my tenure.

One of those accomplishments occurred this past summer with the realization of opening our research cabin to the public! Thanks to Katie Holley, our Recording Secretary/Research Librarian and Chaun Mortier our Research Historian, we have been open to the public once a week, Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Members of our community, home and property owners, government agencies and students have been able to stop by and access our research files and photo catalogs.

I am happy to announce the upcoming fundraiser we are hosting in conjunction with another non-profit organization, Trails and Vistas, the 1st Annual Haunted Historic Tour, which will be held on October 21st. This event will include tours of several of Truckee's historic buildings; our very own Old Jail Museum, The Truckee Hotel, The Pour House Wine Bar, The Pharmacy and the Krueger White House. In addition to the historic walking tour, we will be having a silent auction event. Our goal is to raise funds to purchase a new computer and software for the Research Library which will allow for easier access to our documents. Additional information on this event and how to purchase a ticket is included in this newsletter and on our website <http://www.truckeehistory.org>. Space is limited, so don't wait until the last minute.

My final GREAT NEWS for the year is the very "real" possibility that we have been able to secure the funds necessary to put a new roof on the Old Jail Museum. This has been on our board's agenda for many years, and hasn't been realized for a variety of reasons, but the primary one was lack of funding. We have applied for funding from the Town of Truckee Redevelopment Agency, and are very optimistic that we will be able to realize this goal in the very near future!

I will continue to participate and serve on the board as Past President, working closely with Chelsea and our other board members during this next year. Thank you to all past board members, my friends, for all of your support and all of the great times we had, serving the Truckee Donner Historical Society and helping to preserve and share Truckee's unique and special history with others.

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JUDY DUNLAP, Past President

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OLD-TIME DONNER SUMMIT BILLBOARD FOR NEW WHITNEY

written by Katie Holley

In the mid-Twentieth Century, visitors arriving by car to the Tahoe Truckee area would come over Old Highway 40, a rough and dusty road that would make any traveler weary and bone-jarred. An early billboard painted directly on the granite just below the road past the Summit offered this hopeful reassurance:

**STEAM HEAT
NEW WHITNEY**



**TRUCKEE
WE INVITE INSPECTION**

A recent visit to the site by three Society members to take photos of the horizontal "billboard" was not so reassuring: We could hardly read it.

Finding it had been a small adventure in itself. We had parked in the turnout along Old 40, just below the China Wall, where you can read the plaque honoring the Chinese builders who worked on the transcontinental railroad. We began walking west towards the rocks, keeping one of the snow sheds in our line of sight. We passed the petroglyphs and the marker that offers interpretation of them, and bee-lined over to the lowest point of the old road.

We walked east up the road and looked down on the boulders that we had just crossed. Going on the memory of one member's visit 10-15 years ago, when the billboard was still vivid and clear, we expected the image to jump out at us once we were in the vicinity. It didn't.

We scanned the boulders below us, and wondered if we had completely missed the billboard. We hadn't.

We were lucky: Someone had placed a ring of stones around the words, perhaps to call attention to them or to alert people not to walk on them.

People like us, who had carefully walked around the stones on our way to the road and did not notice the words inside the circle.

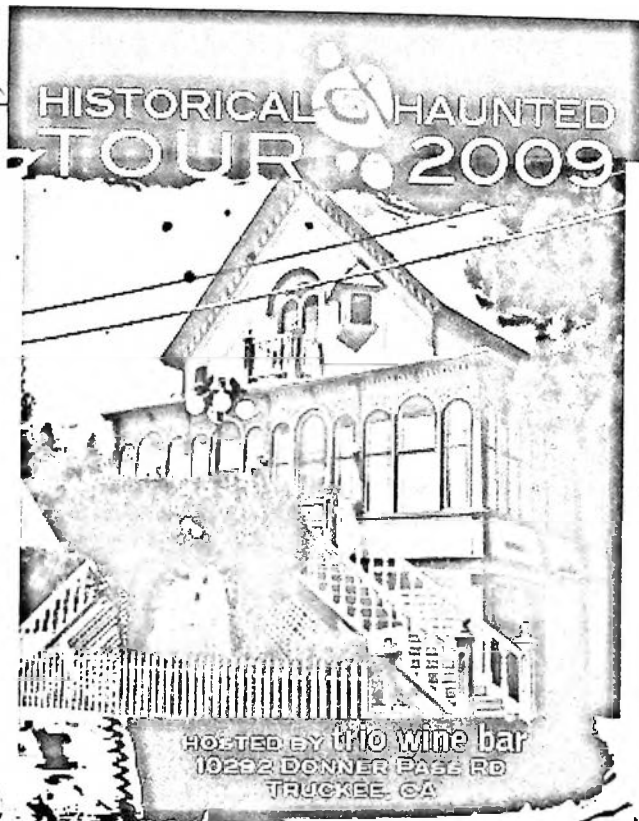
Unlike what had been seen a decade ago, the paint has been worn down, or ground down by the movement of heavy equipment over it to the point that the letters were barely discernable. It took some time to pick out individual letters and get the meaning of the entire sign, but enough of the original is still there to do so. Once we did, we thought about the people who would have seen the billboard in its prime.

This creative advertisement targeted the recreational visitor to the area, one who might spend the day enjoying the pleasures of the Ice Palace by ice skating, or tobogganing on the high slide that had been constructed in Truckee. The challenge of the cold is more easily overcome when the promise of a warm room, with steam heat awaits.

Visitors who stayed at the New Whitney Hotel would recognize it now as the Truckee Hotel, which is located on the east side of Bridge Street, just north of Donner Pass Road. Originally built by Stewart McKay, the Truckee Hotel has borne numerous names: Alpine Hotel, American Hotel, The Blume House, Riverside Hotel, Whitney, and New Whitney.

This clever 'road billboard' advertisement on the very boulders of the roadway into our town reminds us: Our heritage surrounds us, in our appreciation of the beauty of these mountains and in the entrepreneurial spirit that found new ways to make Truckee a place to enjoy year-round.

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HISTORICAL HAUNTED TOUR OF TRUCKEE 2009

is a fundraiser for the
TRUCKEE DONNER
HISTORICAL SOCIETY and
TRAILS and VISTAS

TICKETS ON SALE

Buy tickets online for the Historical Haunted Tour of Truckee on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Come walk with us for tales of the old west, shoot-outs and Truckee's haunted history. This tour starts with a glass of wine at the historic Kruger-White House, home to Trio Wine Bar and fabled phantoms. The evening will include story tours of Truckee's historic favorite places including Truckee's Old Jail, the Kruger-White House, The Pour House Wine Bar, The Pharmacy and the Truckee Hotel. It will be a uniquely *haunting* evening you will not want to miss. Must be 21 years or older to attend.

If you do not have access to purchase tickets online, please contact one of your TDHS Board Members or call 530.582.0893 to purchase your ticket(s) direct from a board member.

Don't delay because ticket sales will be limited.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS SOUGHT

We are soliciting Silent Auction prizes for this event. ALL money raised by prizes donated on behalf of the TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be returned to OUR organization.

If you would like to contribute a silent auction prize or make a monetary contribution to purchase a prize in your name, please contact Judy Dunlap, Silent Auction Coordinator at (530) 582-1178 or send an email to jdunlap@truckeehistory.org.

For ease of making a monetary contribution towards the acquisition of a silent auction item in your name please use the DONATE Button found on the TDHS website <http://truckeehistory.org/eventpix/Haunted-Tour/Haunted.Tour.09.html> Please be sure to use the DONATE button below the Historical Haunted Tour 2009 graphic. (sample shown on this page).

PLEASE DONATE TODAY

We Thank You for Your Support!



WHAT THE HECK DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Have you been confused about what **Go Paperless** and **Go Echo-Friendly** really mean? Well me too. I appreciate your patience as details have evolved the last 15 months after adding a credit card payment option to our website. But now I think I have a handle on what it all means.

Anyone with an email address can opt to **Go Paperless** and **Go Echo-Friendly**. Both options refer only to their method of delivery. **Go Paperless** = Membership Renewal billing and **Go Echo-Friendly** = Echoes From The Past. To sign up for either **Go option** you are merely requesting email delivery of your membership dues via an **eBill** and your quarterly newsletter to read online (or download and print at your discretion). Default delivery method for both is by U.S. Mail.

Opting for an **eBill** with **Go Paperless** still allows you to decide your payment method. If you prefer to pay your bills online then utilizing the PayPal subscription method will suit your needs. If you prefer to pay by personal check you still can. Download and print a renewal form from your **eBill** or TDHS website. If you like to read your news online then opt for **Go Echo-Friendly**. Both **Go options** help TDHS save money and help to save a tree. Hopes this helps clear the air.

Thank you,

Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

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ANNUAL WEB-BASED ACTIVITY REPORT

Billie Cornell, Web Services

I would like to thank Robert Bousquet of New Leaders for his continued free web hosting services since inception of our domain name 'truckeehistory.org' (November 2007).

WE CONTINUE TO OFFER

- 1) Convenient credit card payment services for online membership payments, eBills, donations, & book sales.
- 2) Our monthly TDHS E-News to our members & web subscribers. We have 267 subscribers.
- 3) Free online way to donate money to the Society, at no cost to you by using www.shopformuseums.com. To date you have helped us generate \$97.42 in donations!

2009-2010 GOALS

- 1) Add our new and revised panorama photos to our website
- 2) Add online capability to purchase our historic photographs
- 3) Continue to add event photos
- 4) A new updated web design
- 5) Add TDHS Business members the option to link their company to our website, and
- 6) Create research pages and links to access files and information available in our Research Library.

DONATION & REMEMBRANCE CORNER

Recognition and thanks to the following individuals for their Memorial/Garden donations in memory of our beloved TDHS members. And acknowledgement and thanks to those who made general fund donations.

Anna Schmidt Parker in memory of Scollay Parker

Rick Stafford in memory of Joy Horn

Marianne Souza in memory of Jack Souza

Susan Young in memory of Leslie L. Smith

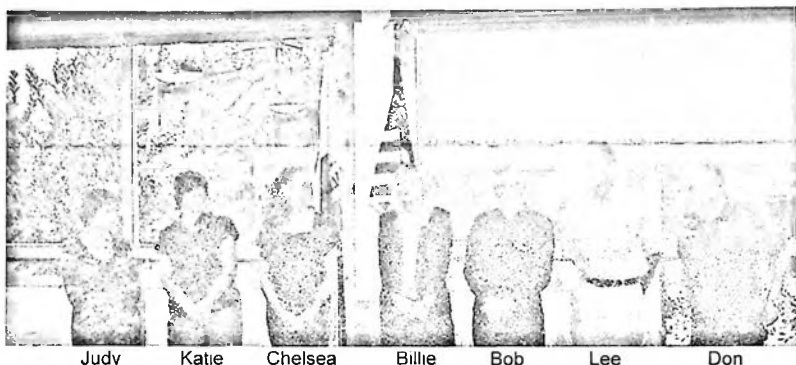
Jacob Teeter in memory of George Tetter

Richard and Linda Ward

Suzie McSherry

Heartfelt Condolences to the family members of:

Wally Watkins, John Thomas Rablin, Jack Souza, Frank Gaiennie, Beverly Williams, Dan Cooley, William (Bill) Smith and Joy Horn



Judy Katie Chelsea Billie Bob Lee Don

TDHS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the new TDHS Board of Directors for the 2009 - 2010 Term

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TREASURER: LEE SCHEGG

BOARD MEMBER: DON COLCLOUGH

PAST PRESIDENT: JUDY DUNLAP

As a returning member of the board it has been a pleasure to work with such a professional and dedicated group of fellow board members this past year. I look forward to another productive year to collaborate with our newly seated board members and committee chairs. I would be remiss not to mention my personal thanks to all of the active volunteers who dutifully serve the Society to keep the Old Jail Museum and Research Library open and who help to insure continued success of our yearly events.

With Much Gratitude,
Billie Cornell

ANNUAL REPORTS — SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Bell, Treasurer

	As of 9.22.09	As of 9.23.08
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Income for prior 12 months	\$18,999.00	\$19,881.00

OLD JAIL MUSEUM REPORT

Chelsea Walterscheid, Jail Curator

I wanted to say thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard this summer staffing the Old Jail Museum. Forty docents kept the museum open for most of the summer and fall, sharing it with 2,743 visitors from around the world. It's amazing how many different countries are represented in our visitor's log. Although 40 sounds like allot of people helping out, we can always use more! Some shifts did go unfilled, so please consider becoming a docent next season. Details to be published in the Spring newsletter.

A funny thing happened at the Old Jail Museum this summer. While running in to grab something on my way to work, a couple of tourists wandered in. I was upstairs and didn't hear them, so when I locked up, guess who was locked in? The 'jailbirds' looked around for a half an hour, turning on lights to view the displays before they realized what had happened. Thanks to modern technology, the couple was able to call the local sheriff's number on their cell phone and were 'sprung-out' awhile later. I'm sure no other museum they visit will live up to the experience they had being locked-up for real in a real old (Truckee) jail!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Billie Cornell, Membership

Our membership numbers decreased slightly from last year (301 vs. 315) through attrition and fewer new members. Our Membership Totals per membership category are: Business 13; Complimentary 29; Contributing 13; Family 74; In-Kind 15; Individual 103; Junior 2; Lifetime 43; Non-Profit 5; Sustaining 4 for a total of 301 members. Let's hope we see growth in our numbers in the upcoming year. For anyone with ideas how to increase our membership support please let us know.

Interesting stats: Forty three percent (43%) or 130 members use a Truckee address and (4) four or (1%) hail an Olympic Valley, Tahoe City, Soda Springs and a South Lake Tahoe address. The remaining 56% of our membership live in 17 other states that stretch from New Jersey to Alaska and from Florida to California.

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RESEARCH LIBRARY REPORT

Katie Holley, Research Library Chair

OPEN HOURS:

The Research Library opened its doors to the public on Thursday, June 25 making available the books, maps, photographs, newspaper articles, and other resources that previously had only been available to board members or others by special request.

Katie Holley serves as Research Librarian.

Chaun Owens-Mortier serves as Research Historian, having joined the Library and the TDHS Board in July of this year.

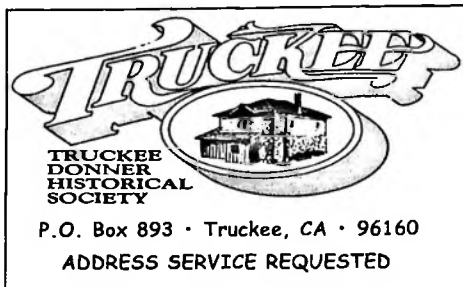
2009	# of Visitors	# of Research Requests
June	3	4
July	8	7
August	10	6
Sept. to date	6	5

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 📖 Policies and Procedures were established for receiving, responding to, and fulfilling research requests.
- 📖 An archiving and database system for the newspaper/ephemera files was established; when complete, the research database will contain every reference held within our files.
- 📖 Entire book collection is archived into a database.
- 📖 Maps are labeled and stored in protective tubes or in metal file cabinet.
- 📖 Resource materials are more accessible on the book-cases.

ONGOING WORK:

- 📖 Organizing and entering data from newspaper/ephemera files into database.
- 📖 Organizing and streamlining administrative files, separating archival from active files.
- 📖 Cataloging artifacts currently stored in the book closet.



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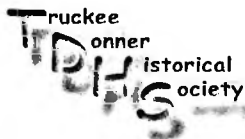
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

It will be an honor to serve as President of the Truckee Donner Historical Society for this next year. I have been a member of the Society since 1998 and have served on the Board as Treasurer since that time. I am looking forward to letting go of the duties of Treasurer (Thank you Bob Bell for stepping up!) and being able to focus on finding new and creative ways to serve the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

I would like to thank Gordon Richards for an outstanding job as President last year. We welcomed many new members during his tenure, and I hope that I will be able to continue to lead the organization in such a fashion that we will welcome many more.

Last month I mailed a survey to a portion of our Society's members asking for your feedback on how we are doing, and suggestions for improvement in several areas. Thank you to those of you who have participated in this survey. If you received a questionnaire and have not yet returned it, please take a few minutes to respond and return it in the self-addressed envelope. If you did not receive a questionnaire, but would like to give us your feedback, please call us or email and let us know, and we will send you a copy of the survey.

We have left our very busy summer season and are moving into the holiday season. We hope that many of you will join us for our annual Christmas at the Cabin event on December 2nd for good food, fellowship and a little holiday cheer.

JUST IN!!

Greg Franzwa, owner of Patrice Press, has completed "The Lincoln Highway: California", Volume 6 in a series of books chronicling the highway's history and route (with plots on USGS topo base). He is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Highway Association and Truckee Donner Historical Society and will be at the Research Cabin on Monday, November 27 at 7 PM to present a 45 minute slide show followed by a Q&A session and a book signing.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

Since last May 2006

Susan Teeter Hall
Wes & Tonya Beyer
Nick Sassarini
Mark Sutherlin
Alan Gauld
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DUES CURRENT? It is easy to tell... just look at the mailing label on your newsletter. It shows the month and year of your renewal.

DID YOU KNOW? *TDHS IS SELF SUPPORTING.* The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission:
To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

Be assured that disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential. Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER And if you can, please help us recruit new members.

Thank you!



OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator

End of the Season Report

I would like to thank all of our faithful volunteers who helped give tours down at the Old Jail Museum this season. We truly appreciate your time spent educating visitors on our rich history. With 13 active Docents we were able to keep the doors open for a good amount of the scheduled time. Unfortunately, we had to keep the doors closed on days we should have been open because we still don't have enough volunteers. We were extremely happy to welcome Jim Holmes and Carmen LeBlanc as new Docents at the Museum and look forward to working with them next season. Thank you both very much for your time and interest. As usual, we would like to welcome many more new Docents to help us out...any takers??

We were able to show the Museum to more than 1700 visitors this season and brought in over \$1500.00 in donations. The cost of operating the museum is covered 100% by donations taken at the door. We wouldn't be able to run the museum without these donations, which is why it is extremely important to keep those doors open! Be sure to watch out for our spring newsletter which will advertise the Docent training days to prepare volunteers for the 2007 season.



WEB PAGE NEWS

~Billie Cornell~

If you have not seen the Truckee Donner Historical Society web page in awhile or have never visited it before, I ask you to please surf the web and click onto <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com>

We are in the process of upgrading our web page so you will no longer be hounded by those annoying pop-up advertisements;

We have been updating our Events Page, added additional event photographs including a picture of our newly restored Research Cabin;

We are currently in the process of updating our Publications Page to include a complete list of the books we sell including pricing and order sheets; also, look for the recommended Quarterly Book Selection beginning next year.

To help expedite buying our books, photographs, and possibly your annual membership dues, we are investigating ways to allow your use of credit cards to make on-line purchases;

We are looking into the possibility of an opt-in / opt-out feature where you would elect to receive informational emails from the Society, so you will not miss out on any of our special events;

And in the near future you may even be able to access this quarterly newsletter, *Echoes from the Past*, on-line;

We will also be adding more of Gordon Richards' very popular historical articles that are published in the local Truckee newspaper *The Sierra Sun*.

We hope you will enjoy the new changes our volunteers are working on, so please check in from time to time to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by emailing me at:

tdhs@inreach.com



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COCKTAIL HOUR

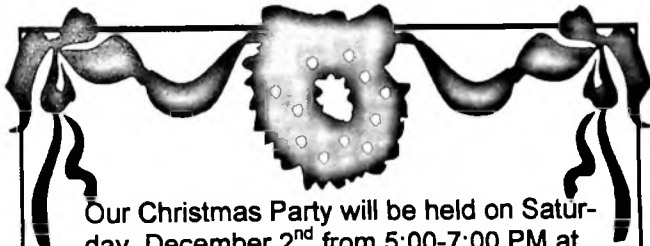
We would like to invite our wonderful volunteers to the 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Hour held at the Gateway Research Cabin on Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM. Appetizers will be served and guests are invited to stay for our Annual Christmas Party to be held immediately afterward. This Cocktail Hour gives us a chance to say Thank You for all you have helped us accomplish over the last year.

Please RSVP to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

Calendar of events



November 28	Board Meeting
December 1	1st TDHS 2007 Calendar available for sale!
December 2	Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation Cocktail hour
January 23	Board Meeting
February 23	Board Meeting
March 27	Board Meeting
April 24	Board Meeting



Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Gateway Research Cabin. The festivities are open to the public and we invite you to bring along your friends to celebrate the holidays with us. Stay for spiced cider and homemade goodies. Our photos and books and new Truckee Calendar will be available for viewing and purchase.

We hope you can join us!

TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT RECAP

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

Presented at the Annual Election Dinner held at The Lodge at Tahoe Donner

By: Billie Cornell

Our overall membership numbers increased by over 11 percent this past year. The largest increase in total numbers seen in many years.

We saw:

- An increase in Business, Complimentary, Family, In-Kind, and Individual memberships
- A decrease in Contributing, Junior, and Lifetime memberships,
- No change in total numbers for the Honorary and Non-Profit memberships

There were 47 new memberships within the past year. Twelve existing members elected to change their membership types.

The following members volunteered to pay annual membership dues in lieu of receiving a *non-fee* membership:

- Barbara Green paid for an individual membership in lieu of an *Honorary* membership as provided elected officials.
- Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Company paid for a *Contributing* membership after the board had voted to provide an *In-Kind* membership for roofing supplies donated at their cost for the research cabin in the 2005 summer.
- Moonshine Ink continues to pay for a *Business* membership in lieu of a *Complimentary* membership normally granted to local publishers.

The Society is very appreciative for their elective decision to help support the Society with their annual membership dues.

Complimentary memberships were granted to the Lahontan Community Foundation and the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation for grants made to upgrade the roof and exterior of our research cabin and In-Kind memberships were provided to individuals and companies who donated supplies and/or manpower for the cabin improvements.

On a sad note each year is the passing-away of members. I'd like to honor the memory of three of our members during the past year, Dennis Cowan, Tim Fix and Eva Besio. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families. The Society knows the positive impacts each member made upon our community, which will continue to live on.

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Member Type	Member breakdown as of Sept 27, 2005	Member breakdown as of Sept. 26, 2006
Business	9	11
Complimentary	29	32
Contributing	8	5
Family	60	72
Honorary	5	5
In-Kind	6	13
Individual	101	117
Junior	5	3
Lifetime	51	50
Non-Profit Organizations	7	7
Sustaining	3	2
TOTAL	284	317



2007 Truckee Donner Historical Society Calendars

Available beginning the first of December, we will be offering for sale, a 2007 calendar published by the Truckee Donner Historical Society. The calendar will feature twelve vintage Truckee photos from our collection. The calendars will be available to purchase at our annual Christmas at the Cabin event, scheduled for December 2, as well as our website, and The Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce.

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ECHOS FROM THE PAST

The Trout Creek Outrage; 18th Century racial violence targeted Truckee's sizeable Chinese population

By GUY H. COATES, Research Historian

During the gold rush it had been estimated that 48,070 Chinese came to California to work in the mines. As the diggings began to decline, more than 10,000 Chinese laborers were recruited by the Central Pacific Railroad to bring the railroad over the Sierra.

Reports tell of Chinese workers being lowered in baskets off 2,000- foot cliffs to set explosives. Many lost their lives in the blasting of the granite. Following the completion of the railroad through the Truckee basin in 1869, approximately 1,000 Chinese workers and their families decided to make Truckee their home.

The experience of the Chinese in Truckee is merely a microcosm of the attitudes which generally prevailed in the state. Violent prejudice developed in the mid-1870s as a post Civil War depression hit the nation. Up and down the Pacific Coast, the Chinese became the scapegoats and were blamed for depriving white laborers of their jobs.

On Sunday morning, June 18, 1876, shortly after midnight, seven armed white men silently set out from C.W. Humphrey's Saloon and followed the old trail north along Trout Creek which led to two small cabins about one and a half miles northwest of Truckee, near today's Tahoe Donner subdivision.

Sleeping inside the cabins was a crew of six Chinese wood cutters who had been hired

by Joseph Gray to cut wood and gather firewood. Earlier that week, the workers had been warned by the same men to stop their work and leave town. The warnings may not have been understood and were not heeded.

At approximately 1 a.m., the gunmen surrounded one of the cabins. Two men poured coal tar onto the roof and lit it on fire, then took cover and waited. Within a minute or two, several terrified workers ran out of the cabins and began throwing water on the fire. Without warning, the perpetrators opened up on them with their weapons. One Chinese worker, Ah Ling, was immediately shot, receiving a full charge in the left side of his abdomen. Several others were wounded before realizing they were being fired upon.

The terrified woodcutters fled into the woods and hid until daybreak. Eleven shots were fired and the cabin was burned to ashes.

The same group then raided another camp, again, terrorizing another group of Chinese workers. Fortunately, nobody was killed or wounded in the second raid.

Early the next morning, the weary survivors carried the body of their mortally wounded companion to town, passing families on their way to church. They were met by constables Hank Greeley and Jake Cross at Gray's cabin. Joseph Gray immediately summoned Dr. Curless, but by the next morning Ah Ling was

dead.

Only one of the woodcutters, Ah Fook, spoke English. He informed the lawmen of what had transpired but was unable to identify the culprits. Constable Cross promptly headed for the depot and had a telegraph sent to Nevada City. The following day an investigation began which culminated in Truckee's most widely publicized criminal trial.

Six years earlier hostilities had begun to grow as Truckee's Chinese population swelled to approximately 1,400. The town had the largest Chinatown in the Sierra, encompassing the entire hillside below Rocking Stone Tower. Many townspeople believed the crowded wooden shanties posed a serious threat of fire to the rest of the community.

These concerns were inflamed by frequent editorials published by the Truckee Republican telling of Chinese opium houses, prostitution and petty crimes committed both in Chinatown and along Jibboom Street. At the same time, Sisson, Wallace & Co. was publishing full page advertisements offering inexpensive Chinese labor to be furnished on short notice, infuriating competing white workers.

In 1872 a riot exploded in Chinatown over the ancient practice of buying and keeping women as slaves. A gunfight with deputies resulted in a terrible fire and the death of two men. Another terrible riot in 1874 fueled anti-Chinese sentiments.

Continuing reports of stab-bings, murders and other illegal activities among the Chinese population led to the formation of several vigilante committees and the construction of a fire-proof jail, strategically located near Chinatown on Jibboom Street.

In May 1875, a fire of suspicious origin consumed most of Chinatown. After each fire, Truckee's beleaguered and maligned Chinese rebuilt their rickety shacks on the same site. By this time, many of the town's leading citizens began meeting regularly to find ways to drive the Chinese out of town.

In 1876 a white supremacist group, known as the Order of Caucasians or the "Caucasian League," was established. The secret society had more than 300 members in Truckee and 10,000 members throughout California. Its membership included many of the town's most prominent citizens, such as grocer Hamlet Davis, and the physician, Dr. William Curless.

Meetings were openly held in the town every Saturday evening. New members were inducted with secret initiations. The primary goal of this group was to extinguish, through any means, the Chinese population from Truckee and from California.

The plan for the raid on the cabins at Trout Creek was the result of a drunken and angry meeting which took place in the smoke-filled meeting hall above the Capitol Saloon on June 18, 1876.

Many people in town were surprised when the murder of Ah Ling made the headlines of newspapers throughout the state. It became known as "The Trout Creek Outrage." The Virginia City Territorial Enterprise referred to it as "one of the most cold blooded and unprovoked murders ever recorded." The Stockton Herald published unfavorable assertions about the people of Truckee, calling it "The Truckee War."

Prompted by the enormous amount unfavorable publicity, the Truckee Republican (predecessor to the Sierra Sun) felt compelled to respond on June 21, 1876 by declaring, "The citizens of Truckee are greatly incensed over this outrageous,

fiendish, cowardly act." Yet, many townspeople were not enraged and although they may have known who committed the crime, they remained silent.

Detectives from Nevada City dispatched to Truckee to ferret out the perpetrators worked unsuccessfully for weeks. Eventually, a reward of \$1,000 was raised by a few sympathetic businessmen in town. Governor Irwin offered \$300 and the Chinese raised \$200 among themselves.

Constable Cross, who led the investigation, received an anonymous threat that he would be killed if he persisted, but this made him more determined then ever to solve the crime. The Central Pacific Railroad sent its best detective, Len Harris, to assist Cross in the investigation.

The hard work of the lawmen paid off. Confessions of Calvin McCullough and G.W. Getchell led to indictments for arson and murder against their fellow conspirators, Fred Wilbert, Frank Wilson, G.W. Mershon, William O'Neal and James Reed. A search of Domingo Reed's brothel on Jibboom Street resulted in the discovery of James Reed's double-barreled shotgun which had been recently fired.

The morning of September 5, 1876 began a long and highly publicized trial in Nevada City. Although all seven men were indicted, only O'Neal was brought to trial for murder. The others, who were well known and adequately represented, faced lesser charges of arson.

O'Neal was an employee of the Central Pacific railroad and had only arrived in Truckee a short time before the incident. James Reed was best known and well liked. Although there was much reason to believe that he fired the fatal shots at Ah Ling, he was able to evade indictment for murder.

Tall and handsome and always impeccably dressed, Reed was widely known for his proficiency with firearms. A month earlier he had "accidentally" fired his shotgun into Chinatown, wounding a Chinese man in the leg. He was a tough man and enormously popular in the saloons on Commercial Row. Reed knew nearly

every man in town as well as all the ladies on Jibboom Street. Many feared him but most respected him.

The best lawyers in Truckee appeared before the grand jury to defend the parties. Among them was Truckee's most respected attorney, Charles F. McGlashan. A festive atmosphere prevailed as hundreds of people from Truckee and reporters from newspapers throughout California crowded into Nevada City's hotels. Many had to camp out on the courthouse lawn. Witnesses for the defense included John Moody, proprietor of the Truckee Hotel, and Caucasian League president, Hamlet Davis.

On Sept. 27, 1876, opening statements were made. During the trial, Getchell and McCullough, who had turned state's evidence, were placed on the stand and told their stories, corroborating each other in every detail. They testified that the plot was initiated by the Caucasian League with the intention that after the cabins were fired, the Chinese workers would be shot as they came out.

Calvin McCullough described how Reed loaded his shotgun with wire shot then headed out with the others above Ele Ellen's mill on Trout Creek. Upon arriving at the cabin he told how Getchell threw coal oil on the roof and set it on fire. He recalled that he and the other gunmen waited in the darkness until Ah Ling came out with a bucket, and how all the guns went off just as he was throwing water on the fire.

McCullough testified that the gunmen then went to the another cabin a short distance away where Getchell again poured coal oil on it and set it on fire. As the terrified men began to come out, they were fired on, but they immediately ran into the woods and none were killed.

Upon intense cross examination, McCullough was discredited when it was disclosed that he had served 60 days in jail in Nevada for stealing a pair of boots and was jailed in Austin, Nev., for stealing horses. He further admitted to being in jail in Virginia City and even to having served a year in San Quentin. The

defense scored significantly when McCullough testified that when he confessed his role in the crime, constable Cross offered him \$500 of the reward when the conviction was made. This fact was later supported by the testimony of Fred Wilbert.

G.W. Getchell admitted that he attended the meeting of the Caucasian League which adjourned at 10 p.m. Eleven men remained who devised a plan to give the Chinese a "scare" by setting their cabins on fire and shooting off their guns. The plans progressed as they later shared several bottles of whiskey at C.W. Humphrey's saloon. He confirmed that James Reed carried his own double-barreled shotgun.

Mershon testified that he knew where the two camps were and suggested "giving the Chinese a scare." He recalled that weapons used in the raid were obtained from Frank Wilson and James Reed, who refused to loan his guns unless he went with them. He described how the men armed themselves at Wilson's home and said that Reed loaded his shotgun with deadly wire shot while the others strapped on sidearms. They then set out for Trout Creek where Getchell poured coal oil on the cabin and set fire to it.

Ah Fook, a companion of Ah Ling, testified to being awakened by the flames which he and his companions tried to extinguish with three cans of water. When they were unable to do so, Ah Ling took a can and ran outside toward the creek, which was only a few feet away, and was immediately gunned down. With bullets whizzing over his head, he told how he dragged Ah Ling back into the blazing cabin while the others tried to shield themselves from the flames with blankets.

Finally forced to evacuate their home by the searing heat, they carried their wounded companion across the creek, covered him with a blanket; then hid in the bushes until dawn. Ah Fook recalled that there were six or seven armed men, all dressed in black who fired on them from a distance of about 25 feet from the cabin. He stated that they remained hidden until daylight, then quietly carried their companion into town where they pro-

cured the services of Dr. Curless.

Dr. William Curless, himself a member of the Caucasian League, recalled tending to the victim, dressing his wounds and then leaving him. In desperation, a Chinese doctor was summoned who came and placed a poultice of pounded leaves on the wound, but by the next day Ah Ling was dead. "I knew he was mortally wounded when I dressed the wounds," Curless stated. "It was quite a large bullet hole."

The defense placed some 50 witnesses on the stand by whom the testimony of the two prosecuting witnesses was overwhelmingly contradicted and an alibi was provided for each of the implicated men. In all, over 75 witnesses were examined.

Given the blanket of protective testimony thrown about the accused parties, the prosecution eventually abandoned the case in despair. After deliberating nine minutes, the all-male jury returned a verdict of not guilty as to O'Neal, while a nolle prosequi was entered as to the arson charges in the other six cases. All the defendants were released on their own recognizance.

News of the acquittals was unfavorably received. On Oct. 3, 1876, The Sacramento Daily Union stated, "The general conclusion to be reached, therefore, is that certain white men did perpetrate this outrage and though those accused have been acquitted, the people of Truckee cannot clear themselves of the responsibility so easily." The Reno Evening Gazette declared, on Oct. 5, 1876, "We are forced to think that the whole transaction was a maliciously arranged plot are inclined to believe further, that when the whole history of this transaction is written, it will reveal a phase of human depravity and cupidity that would cast a gloom over the dark shades of hell."

On Oct. 3, 1876, the Nevada City Daily Transcript reported that a number of people in Truckee "brought out a big cannon and fired a salute." It was further reported "that there was considerable excitement in Truckee in regard to constable Jake Cross."

Three dispatches were sent to the District Attorney Gaylord and

Sheriff Clark asking them to protect constable Cross. "The cause of the feeling against Cross," said the Nevada Daily Transcript, "is on account of his working up a case and causing the arrest of five men who were afterwards indicted by the Grand Jury for the crime and murder and arson at Trout Creek."

W.F. Edwards, editor of the Truckee Republican, defended the town by denying rumors of a plot to assassinate Jake Cross, "The strongest point entirely overlooked at the trial," he stated, "was that two different Chinamen at different times, had been murdered on this very spot by Chinamen themselves."

While few doubted that the deed was committed as related, most public opinion at the time sanctioned the verdict. Since most of the perpetrators were well known and respected citizens in Truckee, the crime could not be proven in a court of law at the time. "The History of Nevada County," published in 1880, noted that there was no case in the criminal annals of Nevada County that attracted such attention and interest in Truckee and abroad. A Congressional Commission was dispatched to California to inquire into other injustices committed against the Chinese.

During the late 1870s, anti-Chinese sentiments continued as Truckee's Chinese population swelled to nearly 2,000. On Oct. 28, 1878, Chinatown was burned down again. This time they were forbidden to rebuild. Amid freezing temperatures, the hungry Chinese population was forced to relocate across the river on land donated by the Central Pacific Railroad.

Crowds cheered as the remains of old Chinatown were torn down. Young boys threw rocks as the homeless Chinese carried their few remaining possessions through town while adults idly stood by. Whites who dared to assist the Chinese were themselves threatened.

Newspapers in San Francisco used the term "total anarchy" in describing the cruel heartless ways that Truckee treated its Chinese citizens who had only a few grains of rice left

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to feed themselves. Things might have been worse had not a few Chinese managed to obtain a supply of rifles and ammunition to protect their families.

The Chinese economic strength was finally destroyed in Truckee in a general boycott during 1885-1886 when the "Safety Committee of Truckee" was formed. The boycotting committee, under the leadership of Charles Fayette McGlashan, published a manifesto wherein every businessman in Truckee pledged himself "never in the future to buy from, sell to, or barter with Chinamen for anything of value." Within five weeks, Truckee's entire Chinese population had left town. The town held a torch-light parade in celebration of the event.

As a footnote, James Reed was elected Truckee's Constable, replacing Cross. Although he was an effective lawman, he remained sympathetic to vigilante groups until 1891 when his career culminated in a violent gunfight with another constable, Jacob Teeter, in which Teeter was killed. The circumstances of

the shooting remain a subject of controversy among local historians to this day but many believe that their feud began following the events of 1876.

The Chinese made a monumental contribution during their role in the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad in 1869. Truckee became a leader in the expulsion of the very people who helped make the town possible with boycotts and exclusion laws. Perhaps their treacherous passage over the Summit into a new land became an omen for the life fraught with antagonism and alienation which later confronted them.

The actions of Truckee's early townspeople cannot be remembered with pride.

What had begun as a viable concern evolved into an atmosphere of pervasive racism. It happened without decorum, without reason. Such torment and hatred must be known and understood as a part of a time and a place in history so that it is never repeated.

A note from the Society's Webmaster:

The Truckee Donner Historical Society has recently begun maintaining a website. The URL, or address, can be found in numerous locations on this newsletter.

The Society would love to know if you have email, to determine what percent of our newsletter recipients can access our site. If you have email, please send a short post to:

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It will take you just a moment, and will help us determine the level of internet access ability of our friends and members.

There are many more stories like the one in this newsletter, old photos, and many more things of historical interest on our website. We have a forum in which you can post comments that others can see, and even a chat room that allows you to talk real-time with other "webulites".

You can communicate directly with our Research Historian via our website, and even renew your Society membership, right on-line !

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL DATES ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

- 5/6 - Grant Writing Class, Sierra College
- 5/6 - *Crews needed for jail & cabin cleanup
- 5/6-7-*Docent Orientation Day, Jail preview
- 5/9 - *Speaker at State Park-need volunteers
- 5/9 - General Meeting @ State Park, 7pm
- 5/12 - *Jail tour for Yosemite school kids
- 5/20-21 - *Windows on History, need help
- 5/26 - *Jail tour for Glenshire school kids
- 5/27 - *Official opening of Jail-need docents
- 6/2 - *Jail tour for Truckee 3rd graders
- 7/15 - *Old Timer's Picnic, need volunteers
- 9/8-9 - *Rail Road Days & Parade

WINDOWS ON HISTORY EVENT

The annual Windows on History celebration in conjunction with the Truckee Donner PUD "Old Fashioned Community Social" will be held May 20-21, 2000. This is a fund raiser for TDHS and offers the community a tour of the cabin along with a chance to meet the members of TDHS. Refreshments will be provided, as well as wine donated by Truckee River Winery, at the Cabin on Sunday the 21st from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Books Help TDHS Revenue

During the month of February sales of TDHS books exceeded \$1200.00. Best sellers and number of issues sold:

- "Fire & Ice" - 44
- "Ordeal By Hunger" - 21
- "History of the Donner Party" - 13
- "Winter of Entrapment" - 11
- "Across the Plains in the Donner Party" - 11
- "Patty Reed's Doll" - 10

*Thanks to Judy Williams
for her hard work with
the book sales.*

RUSSELL VALLEY SHEEP CAMP

Documentation and restoration of the Russell Valley Sheep Camp, located south of Stampede Reservoir is being conducted by volunteers in conjunction with the Passport in Time program, under the guidance of the U.S. Forest Service. The goal is to preserve the nation's past with the help of the public. Basque shepherders roamed the area grazing their flocks during the 1800s and left items of historic nature including a domed oven. The U.S.F.S. is looking to record, stabilize and restore the site. Contact Carrie Smith for more information at 587-3558.

OLD TIMERS PICNIC SCHEDULED

July 15th "Old Timers" from the Truckee area will gather together at the Truckee Regional Park to see old friends and meet new ones. This is the 20th anniversary of the "Old Timers Picnic" and will provide a chance for everyone to brush up on their Truckee history as well as enjoy a day of fun. Refreshments and prizes, compliments of TDHS will be on hand. Participants are reminded to bring a lawn chair, a sack lunch and warm clothing, depending on weather. The gathering will begin at 10:00 am, hope to see you there!

BABY SCHEID UPDATE - Congratulations Chelsea and John!!

BABY WAS DUE 4/15
AS OF 4/17 NO BABY



"The Gold Rush" deserves special mention in local lore, by Guy H. Coates



At least 50 movies have been produced or shot at least partly in the Truckee area. Perhaps the most memorable was a comedy epic set during the Klondike gold rush of 1898.

Filmed in 1925, "The Gold Rush," starring the legendary Charlie Chaplin as the Little Tramp, has been listed by movie critics as among the 10 most important or memorable comedy films of all time. It was Chaplin's first comedy for United Artists and co-starred Georgia Hale, Mack Swain, Tom Murray and featured "John Brown, the wrestling bear."

This classic silent film remained so popular that in 1942, nearly two decades later, Chaplin did a re-make, adding a self-composed musical score and narration in which he spoke himself. The re-issue made the N.Y. Times "Top 10 Film List."

The film portrays Chaplin's famous Tramp character cavorting Alaska's Klondike during the 1890's quest for gold. In his

autobiography, Chaplin claimed that the idea for the film came while he was looking at stereoscopic slides of Alaska and the Klondike and Chilcoot Pass with a long line of prospectors climbing up over its frozen mountain. He had also read the story of the Donner Party and, out of this harrowing tragedy, he conceived the idea of eating his shoe.

In 1924, Chaplin made a trip to Truckee to scout locations where he met the late Karl "Moke" Kielhofer, a longtime Truckee resident. In 1970, Kielhofer provided a taped interview to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society in which he tells a fascinating story of how he and Chaplin chose Donner Summit as a setting for his film.

"Wilbur Maynard was superintendent of the Southern Pacific Hotel in Truckee and his responsibility was to promote the Truckee area to Hollywood film companies. "At the time I was making only five dollars a day working for the railroad," said Kielhofer.

"Chaplin hired me as his foreman for \$100 per week, a tidy sum in those days."

Together they scouted the area and selected the area at the base of today's Sugar Bowl ski area as the site for his film. The only building there at the time was a small hotel, precariously shored up in the side of a gully. Chaplin decided this was the perfect setting for laying out a re-creation of Dawson City.

"I built the town twice," laughed Kielhofer. "I hired 28 carpenters

and hauled lumber, and brought in horses by rail. I built platforms for cameras and when it was finished Chaplin didn't show up. A big snowstorm came and covered all the buildings with twenty feet of snow. I called Chaplin and told him what happened and he told me to build another town right on top, so that's exactly what we did."

When everything was ready, Chaplin came to town on a special train with his crew and were provided rooms by Maynard at the S.P. Hotel. During his stay in town, Chaplin entertained locals, playing piano and singing at the local taverns.

Historians disagree on where Chaplin himself stayed. Some believe he roomed at today's River Street Inn, but it is possible that he may have stayed with his crew at the S.P. Hotel or at the Sierra Tavern, or possibly in his private railroad car. There is no dispute that he was a popular attraction among locals during his brief visit.

The Truckee Ski Club transformed a trail through a narrow defile on the slopes of Mount Lincoln into a reasonable facsimile of the Chilcoot Pass. During the film's opening scenes a long string of miners are seen in an agonizing march up the pass though deep snow.

"We went to Sacramento and hired 1,200 hobos at five dollars per day each and brought them all up to Donner Summit on a train, recalled Kielhofer. There was some concern that the hobos

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would get drunk and harass locals, or worse yet, freeze to death in the snow." So we shot the entire scene in one day and sent them home," said Kielhofer. In "The Gold Rush" Chaplin sought to introduce a touch of sentiment into his famous Tramp character. He found it difficult to get a beautiful girl (Georgia Hale) interested in a tramp. In the film, the girl plays a joke on him, then later feels pity, which he mistakes for love.

All of the indoor scenes and street scenes were filmed at the studio in Hollywood. An arctic set was created on the back lot using 285 tons of salt as snow and 240,000 feet of lumber for buildings. Airplane engines were used to blow up a storm of mica and corn flakes.

One of the most memorable scenes in the film is at the cabin when Thanksgiving arrives and Chaplain is reduced to cooking up one of his shoes which he prepares and serves with the pride and concentration of a master chef, testing it for doneness, and basting it with pan juices. After finishing his "meal," he picks his teeth with one of the shoe nails. The shoe was actually made of licorice with rock candy as nails, holding the sole and uppers together.

In the climatic segment of The Gold Rush, the Tramp and Big Jim McKay return to Black Larson's cabin in hopes of locating his gold strike. While they sleep, a fierce snow storm comes up and the cabin is blown down the mountain and left teetering precariously on the edge of a cre-

vasse. Kielhofer explained that this was done by placing the cabin on skids. "Jim McIver and I came up with the idea," said Kielhofer. "We put horses with snowshoes inside the cabin and drove the cabin around from inside.

The next morning, the tramp notices the cabin rocking a little and blames it on his having had too much to drink the night before. Then Big Jim wakes and begins to move around. The rocking becomes more alarming. The Tramp goes outside to investigate and nearly falls into the abyss. "This scene was filmed entirely in the studio using cables," said Kielhofer. "Chaplin worked with no script," Kielhofer recalled. "He had it all in his head and made it up as he went along. He was a perfectionist but also a kind and generous man." "The Gold Rush" premiered June 26, 1925 at the Egyptian Theater. It was publicized as "the greatest and most elaborate comedy ever filmed and will stand for years to come." The film opened at the Mark Strand Theater in New York on August 15, 1925.

TDHS will be showing the film, "The Gold Rush" at the cabin, watch for showtime and date.

TRUCKEE PHOTOS ON DISPLAY

Historical photos of early Truckee will be displayed at the Nevada County Courthouse Building in Truckee.

and volunteers are needed for frame assembly. Please call the cabin for further info.

FIBER OPTICS ON BRIDGE

Thanks to public input and especially TDHS member, Joan Hartwell, it has been agreed that no fiber optic lines will be hung from the Donner Summit Bridge on old Hwy 40. Joan attended a meeting on February 16th, sponsored by the Nevada County Department of Transportation with Williams Construction, the contractor for the project, and with the help of her input and others present the decision was made to bore through granite for the installation of lines. Williams Construction was in agreement that it was important to preserve the historic nature of the Bridge and is working with Jones and Stokes Associates, environmental planners, out of Sacramento to see that the Bridge is given National Register status.

HISTORICAL WEBSITE ON-LINE

Patrick King, son of Joseph A. King, author of "Winter of Entrapment", has a history based website featuring information and articles on California history. There is on-line research and books on the Donner Party, the Gold Rush, California Missions, Native Californians, Pioneer Women, Pony Express, the Overland Trail and other aspects of California history and history of the Old West. King is looking for volunteer editors who have a passion for any of the following topics:

- On-line magazines
- Research links
- Book recommendations
- Building and sponsoring historical society & genealogical society websites for free.

You can visit the site for more information at www.kkpub.com soon to be www.kkpub.org



NEW EQUIPMENT FOR 2000-
A 31" television and a VCR have been purchased by TDHS and are now available at the cabin to show films of historical importance about the Truckee Donner area. To start off, TDHS will be showing "The Gold Rush" starring Charlie Chaplin, filmed in Truckee in 1925. (See related article on Pg 2.) Date & time of showing to be announced.

ITEMS DONATED TO TDHS-

Roy Baker, Truckee High School Librarian during the 1950's, Past President of TDHS and TDHS Charter Member, has given TDHS four bags of newspaper clippings on Truckee happenings, that he has saved over the years. Thank you for the contribution and the memories! **Mrs. Varien Waters**, TDHS member, has donated photos from the soon to be historic Truckee parade of 1981 and an old postcard depicting main street Truckee in the early 1900s. Also donated to the TDHS were copies of the blueprints for the Veteran's Memorial Building from **Tracy Stout with AT&T**. TDHS relies on the contributions from it's members and the community at large to preserve it's great heritage. If you have something regarding Truckee's colorful history, whether it's in print or old stories past down through generations, we'd appreciate hearing from you. We now also have a scanner available at the cabin so we can scan onto a computer your image or document for our files.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Nadine Brown, faithful jail docent for many, many years has passed on. She will be missed by the Board and members of the TDHS.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM -

Authors **Chris Enss** and **JoAnn Chartier** will be discussing their book, "With Great Hope: Women of the California Gold Rush", at the Donner Memorial State Park, Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm. The event is in celebration of archaeology month sponsored by TDHS, Donner State Park and the U.S.F.S., Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR UPDATE -

Leanne Atwater of the Donner Trading Post has taken the position of Recording Secretary with the TDHS. Welcome and Thank You! There will be a position open for Correspondence Secretary as **Barbara Hill** will not be able to continue in this capacity. Also **Valerie Green** will be vacating the position of Newsletter Publisher and the new replacement will be **Rich Gries**. TDHS is glad to have Rich on board and thanks both **Barbara** and **Valerie** for all their hard work. The Society will also be needing a Jail Curator and docents for the upcoming summer season. Please call the cabin if you have interest in any of these positions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring is the time for flowers to bloom and bears to come out of hibernation, it is also time for volunteers to come forward at TDHS! We need your help in getting the cabin and the jail ready for all our summer visitors. The docent program at the jail is a great way to meet interesting people from all over the world. Helping with the cleaning and organizing at the jail and cabin is a great way to meet the many interesting people of TDHS! We are always in need of repair and maintenance on the old buildings as well, so if you are handy with a hammer and have any free time, please volunteer. Call or come by and we'll put the coffee on!

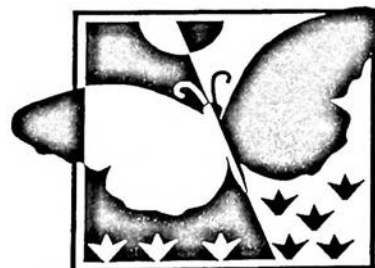
MEMBERSHIP STATUS

TDHS currently has 317 members made up of 268 members from throughout California and 49 from out-of-state. We are looking forward to more members as the town grows. Please call the cabin if you know of someone who would be interested in a complimentary issue of the TDHS newsletter. New members since the last issue are - **LOUGHLIN, Chris & Kerri** **ATWATER, Leanne/ Donner Trading Company** **ACKERMAN, Paul & Judith** **BOTTEL, Eddie** Welcome and we're glad to have you on board!

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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

For our out of town members, the winter so far has been mild, with most of the snow falling on Donner Summit.

First I want to thank all the Officers and Board Members for jobs well done these last six months: Guy Coates, Jim Smith, Judy Dunlap, Don Colclough, Judy Williams, Billie Cornell, Leanne Atwater, Chelsea Walterscheid, Laura and Dan Horman, Carrie Smith, Paul Spencer, and Dennis Cook. Your dedication to TDHS is what is keeping our organization up and running.

My thanks to Judy Williams for taking on the extra job of Newsletter Editor. She also does an outstanding job of Chairing our book sales.

Guy Coates got us started on a new project of getting some of our large panoramic photos on CD's. So far this has been a big success. Leanne Atwater has accepted the role of Chairperson for this project. It is the goal of the Society to some day have all of our Photos on CD's.

Don Colclough has agreed to be our Old Jail Museum Coordinator. This is not an easy assignment and he will need volunteers to act as docents at the museum. We will also be looking for volunteers to help get the Jail ready for opening day. Please let us know if you care to help. We are only open weekends from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Call or write or e-mail us if you can volunteer.

Our Gateway Cabin Research center is in need of some TLC. The porch and railing needs repairs and staining. It also need a new roof and some landscaping. Our problem is lack of \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Our Old Jail Museum is also in need of a new roof. There is a possibility of help for the Old Jail from the Railroad Regulators "601" of Truckee. This group is also a member of the Old West Living History Foundation. The Regulators have some exciting events planned for this coming year. They have offered TDHS help in keeping a "roof" over the Old Jail. Guy Coates, Dennis and I are members of this group and it is a lot fun.

In less than two months the Memorial Garden, behind the Old Jail Museum, should be in full bloom. Thanks to the many volunteers who planted hundreds of bulbs, it should be beautiful. Thank you Jim Smith, Chairperson; And many thanks to the many who generously donated to the Garden. I feel Thelma smiling down on us.

Don't forget the 21st Old Timers Picnic coming up July 14th, same time and place, mark your calendars. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY SPRING TIME,

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

MARCH/ SPRING 2001 TDHS NEWSLETTER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIPS: Please note that our membership roster runs 12 months out of the year. Whatever month you join will determine when your membership dues will become payable again. So, if you are making your annual and/or monthly budget, you may want to plan on budgeting your membership dues during the same month each year.

LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL: On the newsletter you are reading please take a moment to look at your mailing label. You should find, printed above your name, the expiration date (month and year) for your annual membership dues. IF you notice your membership has expired, I ask you to double check your records to verify same. If you are past due, you could use the Application Form found on the outside of the newsletter to remit your payment and bring your account current. IF for some reason (and this is quite possible) you have paid your dues but my records are not reflecting your payment, please drop me a note and let me know. It would be helpful if you could provide me with, when you mailed your check and the amount you paid.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: All members that are current in their annual membership dues receive a Letter of Renewal, usually in the month prior to your expiration. Attached to this letter I include your new Membership Card in anticipation of receiving your dues payment for the upcoming year. I do this to avoid a second mailing just to send you your Membership Card in pursuit of controlling the printing and mailing costs. I realize it would be easy to believe you have already "paid" your dues if you look at your card showing you as a current member in good standing. I do apologize if this has confused anyone.

DROP LETTERS: For any member that has lapsed a year or more in their dues, (it takes awhile before I will drop a member from our membership rolls) I send, what I call, a "Drop Letter." This letter will advise you when our records indicate your membership expired and provide you the opportunity to renew for the upcoming year. I have found most of our members are astonished that they failed to send in their dues. My thought is that the advance mailing or your new Membership Card may have been a factor. I hope reading the "Membership Cards" section above helps explain this matter.

RETURN ENVELOPES: Beginning with the March 2001 renewal letters I will be including a return envelope for

your dues payment. Since we had some smaller envelopes already on hand, I thought we should go ahead and use them to see if it will assist you (our members) in returning your payment. Let me know if you like that feature. If it is successful and renewals come in quicker and with more regularity, the Board will probably authorize me to obtain a more formal return envelope for this purpose. Maybe, even including space for your personal information and membership category.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: If you venture onto our Website and find our application section, please make a note that we do **NOT** have the capability to bill your credit card for your membership dues. We still require the old fashion method of payment by writing a check and putting it in the "snail-mail." (the U.S. Postal Service) Another way to join is in person at the Old Cabin (please be advised we do not hold regular office hours so you'd need to call to meet someone there), the Old Jail (during the summer months when it is open) or at one of our events held throughout the year. We hope to post on the Website an actual application form which members can print off their computer and then mail back to The Society with their payment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: I noticed we had not properly greeted our new members since the Spring 2000 newsletter. So, I would like to thank all of you on behalf of TDHS (and to the hundreds of other long standing members) for your support of The Society through your Membership!

Janet Mann
 Betty Arras
 Kenneth Snider
 McCarthy Sign Company
 Robert Nevit
 James & Barbara Sherman
 Michael Hurley & Natalie Korp
 Joe Suter.
 Nilda Duffek
 Don & Sally Colclough
 Joshua Susman
 Virginia Donica
 Charles & Patti Fink
 Conference of California Historical Societies
 Bruce & Marijo Douglass

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Mark Your Calendar...
The Community Memorial Garden
Will be dedicated on
Sunday, May 27, 2001 at 1:00 PM

TDHS Old Jail Museum
Jibboom Street, Downtown Truckee

Presentation of Colors (Truckee Color Guard)
Music
Non-Denominational Service
Refreshments

*Come and enjoy the culmination of countless
hours of hard work by many volunteers*
Over 600 bulbs, trees, roses, lilacs, & annuals

*All in Memory of Truckee's Pioneers, Service
Men & Women, Loved Ones, & All
Who Helped Develop Truckee*

RSVP's Appreciated
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Dennis & Beverly Cook
Shawn McDowell
Ross & Jaime Mortensen
Norman ("Red") Rockholm
The Richard Orsi Family
Alan & Dorothy Wilmunder
Larry Hahn
Stephen Harris
Jack Douglas Walterscheid
Lester Lazzari
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Claire Kelly

Colfax Area Historical Society
and Truckee's own Nevada County Library

CONFIDENTIALITY: Please let it be known that our Membership List is confidential and is not provided to any outside source, for any purpose. Occasionally I will print our full membership roster up for distribution to specific TDHS Board Members for their use in doing TDHS business.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership or have any questions regarding any issues I have written about in this newsletter. My e-mail address is b&bcornell@onemain.com for those of you online. Or you can write The Society at the address found on the front of this newsletter.

Cordially,
 Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

NEW PHOTO REPRINTS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce, that we now have available by special order, large panorama-style photo reprints of historical Truckee photographs. There are six different photographs available which include views of Donner Lake, Downtown Truckee, Brickelltown, and the Train Depot. These photos are available in three sizes and range in price from \$60.00 to \$135.00. If you are interested in seeing the photographs or placing an order, please contact Leanne Atwater, Photo Chair, at 587-1608 or by email at donnerath20@jps.net.



SUMMER



OUTINGS

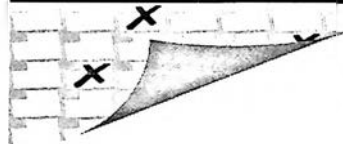
- Saturday June 9
 The Wildflowers of Sagehen, easy 4 mile hike.
 \$10 members, \$15 other, good for kids.

- Sunday, July 7
 Van Norden Meadow History & Ecology,
 moderate 3 mile hike
 \$10 members \$15 others.

- Saturday, July 28
 Kids Trek and Outdoor Fun on Trout Creek,
 easy 2 mile, hike, great for 3 years and older
 \$10 per member family, \$15 per other family.

Call Truckee Donner Land Trust
 530-582-4711 to sign up.

Calendar of events



- * April 28th-Docent Training 2:00 pm at Cabin
- * May 12th- Museum cleanup 11:00 am
- * May 19th-20th- Windows on History
- * May 26th- Official Seasonal Museum Opening
 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (open weekends until Labor Day)
- * May 27th- Community Memorial Garden Dedication
 1:00 p.m.
- * May 28th- Memorial Day
- * July 4th- Truckee Parade 10:00 am
- * July 14th- 21st Annual Old Timers Picnic at
 Truckee Regional Park 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm
- * September date TBA- Railroad Days
- * September 25th- Truckee Donner Historical Society
 Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner
- * December 7th & 8th- Christmas at the Cabin



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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

It feels like Spring; It smells like Spring; and it looks like Spring. The daffodils, and tulips and lilacs are budding. But it's not time to put the snow shovel away, just yet.

We are planning some very exciting happenings to take place in the very near future. One will be our very own web site. Maybe by the time you read this newsletter, it will be up and running. I am told our web site is: <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com>. I think you will be very impressed. Mr. Dale Dilts has donated his time to designing and putting this site together. We at TDHS owe him a big debt of gratitude. Another web site you might want to check out is: <http://regulators601.tripod.com>. Mr. Dilts also designed this web site.

Did you know that April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. Don Colclough told me he is desperate for docents for our Old Jail Museum. Please call him at; 530-587-1343. Jim Smith will be looking for volunteers for our Memorial Garden landscaping clean up.

After many years of hard work it looks like Historic Downtown Truckee will apply to be on the National Historic Register this summer. Unfortunately the people who could have helped shed light on many of our old buildings are no longer with us.

I am sure that most of you saw on television the terrible fire in a block of historic Nevada City. We at TDHS feel their loss. If we lost a quarter block of Downtown Truckee it would be devastating. We extend our sympathy to the business owners.

Speaking of old buildings, how many of you remember the mural on the back wall in the lobby of the old Riverside Blume Hotel? Today known as the Truckee Hotel. That portion of the hotel is being remodeled and the mural has been uncovered. The tenants hope to be able to restore it and save the painting. Does anyone know who painted it or when?

Vince Deveney and his daughter Rebecca, are putting together a video about our old Jail Museum. They plan to start filming in May, and should be finished sometime this Summer. This is being done in conjunction with our local high school students, and our local channel 6.

A major project that we hope to start this summer is cataloging and scanning all our old photos. This is a project that may take years. There is prospects of grant money available.

For those of you who plan to be here for Memorial Day, don't be surprised to see some trees removed from the south side of the Cemetery. They are expanding, as they have run out of space.

See you July 20th at the Old Timers Picnic

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

Meet Your Board

~ Guy Coates ~



Guy was born in Los Angeles, California in 1943, where he attended various parochial schools including Saint Catherine's Military School and graduated from George Washington High School in 1960.

He served in the U.S. Navy's Pacific Submarine Fleet from 1960 to 1964, then attended El Camino College and California State University, Dominguez Hills, graduating the a bachelor's degree in American Studies in 1981.

Following college, Guy worked in the Title Insurance business, then worked as a property and casualty insurance industry as an adjuster, supervisor and claims manager.

He first came to Truckee during a skiing trip in 1978, and like many others, he fell madly in love with the town. In 1983, He relocated his family to this area from Orange County and has never regretted it. He currently lives in Prosser Lakeview Estates with his wife, Carol and son, Michael and works as a legal investigator for an insurance defense law firm in Reno, Nevada.

Catch Guy Coates is a local Historian
Read his column in the Sierra Sun or
online at www.sierrasun.com

Since arriving in Truckee, Guy has been active in the community, serving for two years as treasurer of the Truckee Lion's Club and as Research Historian and Vice President of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and a current member of the Railroad Regulators old west reenactment group. His wife, Carol is past president of the Truckee Soroptomist Club.

Guy and Carol enjoy skiing, hiking, fine food and wine and enjoy all aspects of Truckee's local history.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM



It's Spring (today anyway), and it's time to start thinking about the seasonal re-opening of the Old Jail Museum.

Jail clean up will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday May 4th & 11th. The season will open on Saturday May 18th. The Museum is open from 11:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM every Saturday & Sunday until the season close, Sunday September 15th.

This year we are planning to have speakers outside playing "Olde Tyme" music when the Museum is open which should help draw more visitors.

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week and for those who think they just don't have the time to volunteer, here is the perfect opportunity to give back to the community at very little time expense to you. For as little as 2 1/2 hours a month you can do your part.

Don Colclough will be happy to send you a package explaining the exhibits and is available by phone for any questions or more information. Call him at 587-1343. We really need help as we are down to 18 docents which will put a strain on everyone's time.

COME AND DO YOUR PART! IT'S EASY AND FUN!!

Nuggets from the Past By Norman McLeod Old Joe

The horse's name was Old Joe and in this tale it shares the spotlight with its best friend, Wing, a Chinese Cook in Foresthill who worked a short distance from Old Joe's stable. Every two days Joe's harness was slipped off him, when with a sigh of relief he would trot off to his 24 hour rest and Wing.

Wing always on the alert for his friend's appearance, would greet Joe with a varied delicacy to whet the horse's appetite. "Hola mah." Wing would welcome him, stirring something in a bucket. "Hola mah—you likee?"

Then the old horse would nicker with delight and thrust his muzzle deep into the bucket to crunch its contents gleefully. It was a great friendship to witness, a ritual that in Foresthill through the years became legend.

One day the stage did not arrive in Foresthill on schedule. Instead there was a fevered commotion as citizens leaped on their mounts and galloped out of town, one of them leading an extra horse. Upon their return at sundown with the stage it was observed that Old Joe had been replaced by the extra horse.

Wing began asking questions in his broken English. He was plainly concerned. He was told the Foresthill stage had been held up and in the ensuing gunfire Old Joe had been shot and killed. Wing recoiled in sudden grief. He walked away, his lips moving silently. His best friend was dead, shot like a common varmint. His pal—who ran toward him every other night excitedly with quivering muzzle. Even now he lied alone beside the road, unburied, unmourned.

Sometime during the night Wing discovered his late friend lying beside the road, its bloody head shattered by a shotgun blast. It is said that Wing picked up that defaced head and sat with it in his lap for several long minutes. It is known that on the morrow there was a new grave alongside the highway, the grave of a horse. Beside it was a skewer of Chinese cakes, a bunch of slowly burning punks and a handful of red paper tickets with holes in them through which the devil had to pass in his hunt for the departed's soul.

The morning sun shone brightly on the new grave and on its maker Wing, who had paid final honors to a best friend.

Now Foresthill and Placer county had a new legend to memorialize. A concrete marker was later installed over the grave that still can be seen by passing motorists. And in 2001 the Native Sons of the Golden West in Auburn installed a second concrete marker alongside the first, all in tribute to a faithful horse that was loved.

Some people believe that animals have souls and that when they die their souls ascend to heaven. If that be true we can assume Wing and Old Joe are together again.

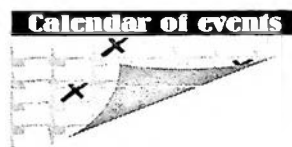
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SPRING/SUMMER OUTINGS



- May 25th-26th
Truckee Home & Building Show Truckee High School
- June 2nd
Sorooptimist Wine Tasting at Northstar
- June 29th
Air Force Band of the Golden West at Truckee Regional Park Amphitheater
- June 30th
Best of Tahoe Chefs Dinner at Mt. Judah Lodge, Sugarbowl
- July 4th
Community Parade & 1 Mile Run Westgate to Downtown Truckee
- July 12th-14th
Optimist Cannibal Cruise Car Show Regional Park & California Trail Days Donner Memorial State Park.
- July 21st
Donner Lake Triathlon West End Beach, Donner Lake.



- * May ??—Geneoa/Carson City/Bowers Mansion Bus Trip. Bring a picnic lunch-Dinner in Carson City
Flyers will be mailed with exact date and further details.
- * May 4th & 11th—Old Jail Museum Clean-up 10:00
- * May 18th-19th—Windows on History & Official Seasonal Museum Opening 11 am ~ 4 pm (open week-ends until Sept. 15th).
- * June 25th—Lincoln Highway—an interesting program on the history of the Lincoln Highway presented by Lee Schegg at the Donner State Park.
- * July 20th—Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10 am ~ 4 pm.
- * August 3rd—Garden Party at TDHS Memorial Garden (located at the Old Jail Museum).
- * September 15th—Truckee Walking Tour hosted by TDHS Board Members.
- * September 24th—Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner
- * October 8th—Living History Program
- * November 12th—General Sutter Movie-Docudrama on the history and life of Capt. John A. Sutter—At TDHS Cabin.
- * November 30th-December 1st—Tiny Tim Christmas.

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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

OUR THIRTY FIFTH YEAR 1968

Just when I think "Spring has Sprung" "Old Man Winter" decides to pay a visit. My family has been here for 114 years and you would think by now I would be wise to this. It really plays havoc on our wild life and the spring flowers. The advantage of these spring storms is the ground has started to warm up and the sun is closer to the earth. The good news is this "white stuff" won't last long.

I am sad to report that we have lost four supporters of the Truckee Donner Historical Society. These four people were life long friends of my family. The first, Bertha Joerger Woolverton - 4/28/1902 - 9/15/2002. Bertha was a life member of the Historical Society. We are thankful that her family asked that donations be made to the society in her memory.

The second, Bill Waters - 2/10/1924 - 1/3/2003. Bill only missed 3 Old Timers Picnic's in the last 22 years. Bill was the last of five brothers, all from Truckee, who all served in WW II at the same time. I am told his brother, Edwin, was the first service man from Truckee killed in the war.

The third, Lena Besio Goode, a native of Truckee, 1/16/1913 - 2/14/2003. Lena taught my Mother how to make Italian spaghetti sauce when Mom married my Dad. So many wonderful memories of Lena. Wonderful cook, heart of gold, she loved all children. Second mother to many of us.

The Last, Olga Owens, native of Truckee, 6/4/1912 - 3/25/2003. Her family home was the site of our first jail. A graduate of Meadow Lake Union High School, class of 1929, last of her class of eight. Bill and Lena also attended Meadow Lake Union High School, the predecessor of the present Tahoe Truckee High School. They will be missed and we extend our sympathy to their families.

This is the time of year we ask for your help in volunteering as a docent at our OLD JAIL MUSEUM, and helping with the MEMORIAL GARDEN. With out your help the Society could not exist. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Call Don Colclough, 587-1343, to help with the jail, Henry Murray 582-1675, Memorial Garden, if you can lend a hand with the gardening.

July 24th is our 35th Anniversary, and I have scheduled our 23rd Old Timers Picnic for July 26th.

In memory of our dear friend Thelma Meiss - HAPPY EASTER.

Sharon Pace Arnold, President



Membership News

By Billie Cornell

Spring is upon us and thoughts of flowers, green grass, spending time outside and volunteering at our Old Jail Museum will be contemplated. Some of you may even be thinking about popping that special question, "will you marry me?" Springtime can spur such feelings and finding the perfect location for popping the question is of utmost importance in a couple's lasting memories. I would like to share one such story with you.

Late last fall, while Sharon Pace Arnold, Don Colclough, Henry Murray, and myself were closing up the Old Jail we came across a charming couple relaxing in our Memorial Garden (created in honor of our beloved Thelma Meiss). They asked if we could take their picture in front of Majel Rose's Angel Statue, which we gladly obliged. (please see a copy of the actual photo next page) During our conversation that followed, we discovered that Dan Rolfs had just proposed marriage to his special lady friend, Sandra. The couple was enjoying the historic flavor of Truckee, on one of our uniquely beautiful fall days, when they happened upon our aesthetic and inviting garden. It was here that Dan decided to announce his commitment to Sandra, in the presence of our Angel. To Dan and Sandra, Majel's Angel is considered *their* guardian angel who will always be there for them during their life together. I am positive, Majel and her family would be delighted.

We can now proudly call Dan and Sandra a couple (no pun intended) of our newest members to the Society. We do not know if a wedding date has been set, but would like to extend our sincerest wishes to the blissful couple for a lifetime of happiness.

And speaking of new members, I would like to *Welcome* our newest members:

Brooks and Jennifer Bloomfield

Philip Greeley

Dan Rolfs & Sandra Cooton

Stephen Harris

Ann Kohlmoos Fathman

Dan & Anne Goeschl

David Black

Rocklin Historical Society

Henry Murray

Rotary Club of Truckee

and

Honorary Memberships given to:

Our Elected Officials Town of Truckee Council Members

Ted Owens, Craig Threshie, Beth Ingalls, Josh Susman and Ron Florian

and

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Barbara Green

Please take a quick look at your mailing label. It will tell you the month and year that your membership will expire. If you are past due we will be happy to receive your current years' dues. Our membership dues help pay for expenses of the Society such as this newsletter, postage, printing, meeting notices, fees such as filing government forms, insurance, programs, utility bills for the Gateway Cabin and Old Jail, brochures and the operating expenses for the Old Jail Museum.

Thank you for keeping your membership dues current!

~And Enjoy our Truckee Spring and Summer~



OLD JAIL MUSEUM

By Don Colclough

It's getting to be that time of the year again! Jail cleaning will be on Saturday, May 10th starting at 9:30 AM. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!**

The Museum will open on May 17th in conjunction with Windows on History weekend. We will be open the following weekend, May 24, 25 & 26 for Memorial Day. The season begins on Saturday June 14th and ends on Sunday September 14th.

We have a 1st this year!!

Aileen Collinson and Dennis Cowan have volunteered to work the Sunday afternoon shift for the entire season!!! Thanks to both of you!

To sign up for Jail cleaning, or to volunteer to become a docent, please give me a call at 587-1343.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

By Henry Murray

Time to get the garden spiffed up for the spring and the upcoming Museum season.

A Garden work party is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at 9:30 AM.. Lunch will be provided, so let's have a good turnout and have fun in the dirt! (Green Thumbs not required!)

~~~*Memorial Garden Plaques*~~~

Plaque prices are \$200 + tax and wall mounting cost. The plaques are 4x8 cast bronze with a dark brown finish.

Text 3/8" high and all capital letters with a maximum of 4 lines & 19 characters per line. Characters are letters, spaces and punctuation.

Delivery takes 10 weeks.

For more information or an order form call:

Henry Murray at (530) 592-1675 or leave a message at the cabin phone (530)582-0893.

October 28th 2002



Dan & Sandra  
Congratulations on your engagement!

### Calendar of events



- \* April 25th-Donner State Park 6:30-8:00 PM. Panel discussion on historical fiction book *Snow Mountain Passage* featuring James D. Houston & Gail Green - Free
- \* April 26th-Truckee Rec. Center 6PM-8PM, sponsored by Friends of the Library. Reading by author James D. Houston & panel discussion on historical fiction book *Snow Mountain Passage*. -Free
- \* April 27th- Panel discussion on historical fiction featuring James D. Houston, Joanne Meschery and Persia Woolley. Truckee Library, 12:00 PM—2:00 PM- Free
- \* May 10th-Old Jail Museum Clean-up & Memorial Garden clean-up 9:30 AM
- \* May 16th-Glenshire Elementary 3rd Grade Museum visit
- \* May 17th-18th-Windows on History & Official Seasonal Museum Opening 11 am ~ 4 pm
- \* May 24th-25th-Museum open for Memorial Day Weekend
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- \* July 24th-Truckee-Donner Historical Society's 35th Anniversary
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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Gordon Richards, Vice President & Research Historian

The month of May is history month in Truckee. Historic Downtown Merchants will have photos of old Truckee on display. The Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Windows On History on May 21-22. The former Truckee River Llama Ranch store will have a full display of Historical Society historic photos in the front window. Volunteers will be needed by the Truckee Donner Historical Society to help set up the photo display in early May.

The Old Jail Museum and the Research Cabin are both going to be in need of roof replacements in the next year. We are in the process of planning for a three pronged approach. We intend to have our own fundraiser this summer. We hope to be able to get grant funding for the materials. We are looking for volunteer labor from a variety of groups to do the work.

We recently received two notable donations from new Truckee businesses. The Holliday Development Co. who are the developers of the historic Truckee Railyard site east of Downtown donated \$1500. The owners of the new Hampton Inn on Highway 267 have purchased over \$300 of historic Truckee area photos to display in their hotel. They also donated \$200. Both donations will be used to continue organization and archiving of our photo collection. We welcome both of these new members to the Society.

Those of you who visit the Boca area will notice a real estate sign just past the railroad tracks, right next to the Forest Service Boca Townsite Historic Trail. A 1 acre private parcel is slated for sale and development. It has been suggested by several members that it might be better to keep this property as open space due to the historic nature of the Boca townsite. This property had the original 1873 Boca Hotel on it, as well as the replacement built in the late 1880's after the first one burned. The Truckee Donner Land Trust has been asked to look into purchasing the property.

The Town of Truckee is moving forward on its studies of the next phase of the Truckee River Legacy Trail from Riverview Park to Glenshire. This stretch has many historic and archaeological resources on it. A full study of the history of the area has been approved by the town and will be performed this summer. Two ice industry sites, a lumber flume, and possibly a late 1870's telephone line are just some of the resources in this area.

You are invited to participate in a series of field trips this summer. Research Historian Gordon Richards will be leading field trips on the second Tuesday of May thru August. The schedule is set as follows: May 10th Boca townsite; June 14th Prosser Creek ice works; July 12th Martis Creek Station; August 9th Donner Pass. We will meet at the TDHS Cabin at 6PM and travel to each site directly. Historic photos of the sites will be compared to the existing sites. This will be an ideal time to interest new members, so the public will be invited.

## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

*Chelsea Walterscheid*  
~Museum Curator~

*EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN*



That time of year is sneaking up on us...time to open up the Old Jail museum for the summer season. This winter we have been very busy in there; taking apart displays, moving things around and incorporating new displays into the Jail. We are excited to show off the new displays to everyone, please mark your calendar for our Grand Opening Ceremony!

We are still in need of new volunteers to help us keep the museum open. The shifts are short, only a 3 hour commitment. It's a good opportunity to meet people from all over the country and the world, plus you will be helping us keep the doors open. We run our Jail off of cash donations, which can only be accepted when the doors are open. Last year we had a busy group of volunteers, but it still wasn't enough, we had to close the doors a number of times during the busy summer season. Please join us to give it a try! All those interested contact Chelsea to receive training information at 530-305-4231.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Truckee-Donner Historical Society would like to thank Henry Murray for all his help with the Memorial Garden the last couple of years. Henry has moved out of the area and won't be able to continue on with his work at the Garden. The Garden needs a new gardener to help it grow this summer. The garden is on a watering system, the new gardener just needs to oversee the plants, take care of weeds and help with the planting of annuals. Anyone interested please call the office and leave a message at 530-582-0893.



## AT MY OWN PACE

*Sharon Pace Arnold*

The Memorial Garden will be in need of many helping hands, when the snow melts, to clean up the damage caused by these last winters' storms. Write, call or e-mail if you can help. **NO PERMISSION NEEDED TO JUST GO BY THE GARDEN AND DIG IN.**

Thank you to Vi White for the old photo's she donated to TDHS. We were glad to hear she is on the mend after her unfortunate accident at the end of the year.

Our Open House Christmas party at the Cabin December 5th was a big success. Thanks to all who attended and to those who did the work putting the party together.

The 25th Truckee Old Timers Picnic will be held Saturday 23, 2005 at the Truckee Regional Park, Old Brockway Road. This is the last year I will be chairing the picnic.

It is with sadness I report the loss of three of Truckee's Old Timers. Kate Ghirard, born and raised in Truckee. 106 years old. She told me that as a young girl she remembered when the Indians would camp

for the summer behind her house across from the Truckee River.

Liz Painter, she was an expert on growing flowers here in Truckee. If you needed advise about flowers you called Liz. A number of years ago she would let me pick flowers from her yard to take to the Old Timers Picnic.

Yvonne Josphe Ring, daughter of Dick Joseph and niece of Azad McIver. She was a life member of the Historical Society, and loved coming to the Old Timers Picnics.

We were sad to learn of the loss of Lyn Protteau, not a Truckee Old Timer but a loyal supporter, for many years, of TDHS. She was instrumental in helping return the Eagle Monument to Truckee.

We send our sympathy to their families.

### *Governor's Award to the Town of Truckee*

On November 17th, 2004 the Town of Truckee was presented with the "Governor's Historic Preservation Award" at our State Capitol in Sacramento. The Town of Truckee was one of 10 recipients of this award. I had the honor to attend this ceremony with six others from Truckee. Mayor Josh Susman, Vice Mayor Craig Meshie, Pat Davison TDHS member and new Director of the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe, Matt Rusanoff chair of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, Town Planner Duane Hall and Planning Commissioner Nancy Richards. Next step The National Historical Register. Hopefully this year.

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Moonshine Ink



### *Calendar of events*

- \* June 11th-Garden Party/Grand re-opening of Old Jail Museum
- \* June 25th-Schaeffer Grave clean-up
- \* July 23rd-Old Timers Picnic
- \* August 20th-Ice Cream Social-fundraiser to "Raze the Roof"

*Coming soon... Guided field trips to local historical sites!! Stay tuned!!*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
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| Karen Gideon                      | John F. Roper          |
| John Dean Abramson                | Jack Luther            |
| Bob Bell                          | Verdi History Club     |
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**WE ARE SELF SUPPORTING:** Please remember the Society does not receive any local, State, or Federal Assistance to operate so **your annual membership dues are critical** to pay for the operating expenses of the Society in our pursuit of our Mission:

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**REMEMBER OUR CONFIDENTIALITY PLEDGE TO YOU.** The Board of Directors would like to reassure our members that disclosure of their personal information from our membership records are kept confidential! Solely the current board of directors and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business uses the Society's membership list.

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### CHINESE HERB SHOP OPEN HOUSE

On January 14 The Society, Truckee River Associates and E Clampus Vitus held an open house at the recently restored Chinese Herb Shop building on South East River Street. The Society presented an Award of Merit to owner John McManus for the restoration. The Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe presented contractor Steve Isbell with a similar award. Despite the snow, dozens of people attended the preview. Check out the restored Chinese Herb Shop, built in the late 1870's, the last remaining building from Truckee's second Chinatown. The building was also used by Charles Thomas and William Englehart as the Truckee Soda Works from the 1880's until the 1960's.

### PHOTO ARCHIVE PROJECT

Using a \$4,000 grant from the Lahontan Community Foundation and other funding, a new scanner, printer, computer and safe have been purchased. This allows us to scan historical photos at a higher resolution, print better reproductions for sale, digitally store images, keeping original photos in a secure environment. The subject organized collection will take awhile to complete, but a good start has been made. More photos will be available for sale at the Old Jail Museum this summer.

### RESEARCH CABIN PLAQUE

We would like to thank to E Clampus Vitus for installing a historical plaque in front of our Research Cabin. Last fall the Clampers and the Society had a dedication ceremony. Check it out on the rock near the entrance.

### AZAD JOSEPH MCIVER ESTATE

In January the entire Azad Joseph McIver estate was donated to the KidZone Museum. The KidZone allowed the Society to search through the contents before the estate sale, collect family and historical items, documents and photos. The Society also assisted the KidZone in the estate sale. A portion of these important Truckee history documents and photos have been added to our files, increasing our history of the Joseph and McIver families. Another portion of the Joseph family history will also be displayed in the new wing of the Tahoe Forest Hospital.

### ECHOS FROM THE PAST

Truckee's varied history can be found every Friday in the Sierra Sun. Gordon Richards publishes Echoes From The Past and TDHS member Mark McLaughlin publishes Weather Window on an alternating basis. The Sun also has supported Truckee history through the years. Available free in news racks or online at Sierrasun.com in the Truckee life section.

### SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

The Society will be holding field trips on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 6PM. Details on the meeting place will be available in the Sierra Sun.

**June 13** Lower Martis Creek - We will explore the site of Native Americans, Sisson Company Lumber Flume, Truckee Ice Company Ponds along the route of the Truckee River Legacy Trail.

**July 11** Alder Creek - We will explore the Alder Creek branch of the Emigrant Trail, logging railroad grades, and two sawmill sites.

**August 8** South West River Street - We will explore the Truckee Lumber Company (1868-1910) site.

**September 12** Truckee River Legacy Trail - Regional Park - Tecoma Smelter sites





### 26th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion Saturday, July 22nd from 10:00-4:00, Rain or Shine!

Hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at the Regional Park, our annual picnic is a good opportunity to see and chat with old friends and family and to meet new people.

Bring your own lunch, blankets or chairs, sometimes the benches are limited. TDHS will have old photos on hand to look at or purchase, along with books for sale on local history.

This year there will be a couple of additions to the usual lineup. Sharon Pace Arnold has turned over her reigns to Heidi Euer Martin, daughter of Bernal Euer. This will be Heidi's first year planning the event, and we wanted to say "Thank You" for taking on this task. And a big "Thank You" to Sharon and her mother, Jeanne, for all their past work on the picnic. Also, we have added the words "Truckee Reunion" to the title of Old Timers' Picnic. We want the town to know that the event is open to everyone, not just "old timers". We have noticed that a lot of you folks like to say "I'm not an old timer yet!" Well, you are just as welcome to come, old timer or not. Make it an annual event for your own family to meet up and visit with each other.

Two years ago, Heidi's class planned their reunion around the Old Timers' Picnic. It worked out well to have the picnic added to their weekend festivities. We thought it was a good idea and wanted to share that with anybody looking to plan a Truckee Reunion. There isn't much work to do, because we rent the spot, you just have to let everyone know the date!

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones! Tell all your friends and family, and by the way, kids aren't just welcome, they are Mandatory! We want to pass on this tradition to the new generations!

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORUM

The Society will be co-hosting with the Sierra Business Council and the California Preservation Foundation a forum on heritage economy and cultural tourism which includes historic preservation as one of its primary topics. This is one of a series taking place throughout the Sierra Region. More details will be available in the Sierra Sun in May. The date is June 2 at The Cottonwood Restaurant at lunchtime.

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00 AM.**

It is time to "clean-up" the Memorial Garden. Prune the "apple tree" and plant flowers.....

Come on ..... let's get dirty!

Contact:

Chelsea @ 587-1855 Or Henry @ 582-8113.



### OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~

We are gearing up to open up the Old Jail Museum for the 2006 season, with all the March and April snow, it has snuck up on me! As usual, part of this article is a plea from me for much needed volunteer help staffing the museum.

As you know, we depend on volunteers to keep the doors open. The Jail is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00-4:00 pm, the shifts are split from 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00. There are always two people scheduled for each shift. We have a good amount of docents who have helped over the years, but there still aren't enough to keep the Jail open for the whole season. If you can help as little or as much as possible, please call Chelsea at 305-4231 or Don at 587-1343.



On Saturday, May 13th we have two things going on at the Jail. At 10:00 am we will be at the Jail getting it ready to open for the season, uncovering displays, dusting, sweeping, etc. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to show up. Second, at 12:00 pm we will be at the Jail to train Docents who want to work at the Jail. If you are a returning Docent who would like to brush up on the routine, or a brand new one, or just interested in stopping by to see what it is like, please come down to the Old Jail at noon. We will show you around and get you familiar with other Docents and the museum. Sandwiches will be served. Call me so I can get a head count. 305-4231.

I would like to take the time to reflect on a friend who has passed on. Dennis Cowan, long-time Truckee resident and Old Jail Museum Docent passed away in April of this year. Dennis loved working at the Jail and I could always count on him filling in a shift last minute when I was in a pinch. I originally worked with Dennis years ago at Lahontan, and got to know him more through the Jail. He would keep people entertained with his knowledge of the town he loved so much. To his wife, Jill, thank you for sharing Dennis with us, it was a pleasure knowing him.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



### I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY.

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
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**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT**

*And*

**PLEASE HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS**

Thank you!



## FIRESIDE CHAT

The Truckee-Donner Historical Society would like to invite you join us at the Cottonwood Restaurant at Hilltop on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 pm.

Come meet new members and find out what the Society is up to this year. There will be photos to view from our photo archiving project, come learn about this and other projects planned for the year. The Old Jail Museum Volunteers will be there for those interested in the Museum, plus musical entertainment and research historians will entertain you for the evening.

Bring a friend and tell a neighbor! We look forward to seeing you!

Photos and Books for sale, No host bar and donations always appreciated!

**Calendar of events**



|                     |                                                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 13</b>       | Jail cleanup Day                                     |
| <b>May 18</b>       | Fireside Chat                                        |
| <b>May 23</b>       | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>June 2</b>       | Historic Preservation Forum                          |
| <b>Jun 10</b>       | Jail Opening                                         |
| <b>Jun 13</b>       | Field Trip - Martis Creek                            |
| <b>Jun 17</b>       | Schaffer Grave Cleanup                               |
| <b>Jun 27</b>       | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>July 11</b>      | Field Trip - Alder Creek                             |
| <b>July 22</b>      | Old Timer's Picnic                                   |
| <b>July 25</b>      | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>August 8</b>     | Field Trip - Truckee Lumber Company                  |
| <b>August 19</b>    | Ice Cream Social at Old Jail Museum                  |
| <b>August 22</b>    | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>September 12</b> | Field Trip - Truckee River Legacy Trail              |
| <b>September 26</b> | Annual Dinner and Elections                          |
| <b>October 1</b>    | Jail Closing                                         |
| <b>Oct 7-8</b>      | Donner Party Hikes                                   |
| <b>October 24</b>   | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>November 28</b>  | Board Meeting                                        |
| <b>December 2</b>   | Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation luncheon |

### ????????DID YOU KNOW????????

The Society owns the white wooden Donner-Graves Family Cross and plaque at the east end the Factory Outlet Stores along Donner Pass Road, next to Truckee Elementary School. It could use a coat of paint and the plaque polishing if any member is interested in volunteering.

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

Although the winter months are not as active for the Truckee Donner Historical Society, we, your Board of Directors, have been busy throughout this mild winter season. Gordon Richards, Vice President and Research Historian has been very busy scanning new photos into our collection. Our vintage photo catalog continues to expand as a result of the many hours of time Gordon spends on this project. Thank you Gordon. Your commitment of time and personal knowledge is so valuable to the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

Don Colclough has taken on the initial fact-finding phase of our Old Jail Museum roof repairs. He has been working with C.A.T.T. and the Town of Truckee to determine the scope of this project, materials needed and preparing an estimate of money needed to complete the project.

Billie Cornell spent many hours throughout the winter months working with our webmaster, Marilou Ficklin, to upgrade our website so that we no longer have to deal with those "pop-up" ads. We have also enrolled in Constant Contact, which will enable us to build an email mailing list so that we can keep our members up to date on upcoming events.

Chelsea Walterscheid is busy planning for the season opening of the Old Jail Museum and along with Heidi Martin, planning the Old Timer's and Truckee Reunion event in July.

And last but not least, Bob Bell, our Treasurer has the never-ending job of taking care of the banking and bookkeeping for the Society, and Judy Williams makes certain that all of the book stores in town are well stocked with our local history publications, as well as preparing our newsletter.

Henry Murray, Community Memorial Garden Chair, has taken a break this winter, (the Garden goes to sleep), to tend to his personal health, and we look forward to seeing his always cheerful self very soon!

We will be cleaning the Old Jail Museum on April 21, anyone interested in helping, please contact Chelsea. The Museum opens on June 8.

If you have not purchased a 2007 Truckee Donner Historical Society calendar, we still have many available to sell. Original price was \$16.95; they are currently selling for \$13.56. Please contact us via email if you are interested.



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~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

### I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

Since November 2006

Jane Lufkin (Family)

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~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~

### Old Jail Museum Docent Training

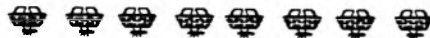
Are you interested in local history? Would you like work down at the Old Jail Museum? We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our staff. Shifts are short, but rewards are great as you give visitors and locals a tour through Truckee's history at the Old Jail Museum on Jibboom Street. Join us at the Museum on Saturday, May 19th at 10:30 pm for a training course on displays and shift routines. Please bring along friends who might be interested as well. By giving a few extra hours during our open season, you can help us keep the doors open for everyone to enjoy!

Any questions can be directed to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

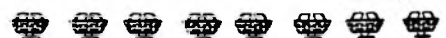
Did you know the Jail can be opened for group tours with advanced notice? Groups such as Elder Hostels and Schools have been touring the building for years. Do you have a group who may be interested in visiting the Museum?

For arrangements call Don Colclough at 530-587-1343

Spring Cleaning of the Old Jail Museum is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 10:00. Anyone interested can just show up (working gloves and a bandanna are a good idea).



### OLD TIMERS PICNIC



Save this date Sat. July 21st 10:am to 2:30 p.m......The Old timers Picnic and Truckee Reunion held at the Truckee Regional Park.



Author Jean Pfaelzer, Professor of English, East Asian Studies and Women's Studies at the University of Delaware will be presenting her book, "Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans" on June 12, 2007. Although most of her book is set in the Pacific Northwest, a small portion covers the history of Chinese Americans in the Sierra Nevada, Northern California and Truckee. Ms. Pfaelzer will be conducting a presentation, with slide show. The location will be announced.

## WEB PAGE NEWS

~Billie Cornell~

If you have visited our web page <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> recently you may have noticed we have completed some of the proposals written about in the Fall/Winter 2006 newsletter.

✓ **DONE** We heard you ... You will no longer be hounded by those annoying pop-up advertisements;

✓ **DONE and ON-GOING**, Have added *PHOTOS FROM CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN*. We have been updating our Events Page, added additional event photographs including a picture of our newly restored Research Cabin;

✓ **DONE** We have updated our Publications Page to include a complete list of the books we sell including pricing and an order sheet. It is easy to order with our new order sheet that will calculate your costs including tax and shipping costs; print the order page, write a check and mail it. You could even email your order [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) in to let us know that your check will be coming and once your money is received your order will be promptly shipped out.

✓ **STILL RESEARCHING TO OBTAIN** To help expedite buying our books, photographs, and possibly your annual membership dues, we are investigating into ways to allow your use of credit cards to make on-line purchases;

✓ **DONE** We have a Link on the Home Page so you can subscribe to receive informational emails from the Society, so you will not miss out on any of our special events, sales, and more; *READ BELOW for more information*;

✓ **STILL IN THE WORKING STAGES** In the near future you may even be able to access this quarterly newsletter, *Echoes from the Past*, on-line. This would be obtained through our email subscription service described below;

✓ **DONE and ON-GOING...THREE AVIATION ARTICLES ADDED.** We have recently added more of Gordon Richards' very popular historical articles that are published in the local Truckee newspaper *The Sierra Sun*.

In our quest to keep you better and more quickly informed about what is happening with TDHS we have added a link on our Home Page. You will find the "Join Our Mailing List" box near the bottom of the Home Page.



By completing this box the reader will be selecting to receive periodic informational emails from the Society. You will have 6 topics of interest that you can sign up for:

- 1) General Interest, 2) Member Events &
- 2) Board meetings, 3) Old Jail Museum & Memorial Garden News, 4) Historic

Articles, 5) Publications, and 6) Historic Photographs. If you have provided your email address with you membership dues I will be adding you to the General Interest mailing list. If you do receive an email from us and prefer not to be included please feel free to unsubscribe or opt-out. You do not need to be a TDHS member to be able to receive our email notices so please encourage your friends, family and co-workers to sign up.

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will not be used by any other source than TDHS in our pursuit to provide updates and information about the Society.

✓ Hope you enjoy the new changes, so please log-on to our web site to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by emailing me at [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com).

## EDWARD W. McMILLS



Edward W. McMills passed away peacefully on January 3, 2007, from complications due to Parkinson's Disease at Marshall Hospital in Placerville, California. Ed was born May 17, 1930, in San Francisco, CA. He graduated from Balboa High School and San Francisco City College.

In 1953, Ed joined the San Francisco Police Department and, in 1965, he became a motorcycle officer, was privileged to escort many Presidents, international dignitaries and other people of importance. He worked the traffic detail for many movies, and even had a brief cameo in the movie "Killer Elite". During Ed's 28-year career as a police officer, he earned and received three Silver Medals of Valor and numerous Captain's Commendations.

Ed was first captivated by the Truckee-Donner area while skiing at Soda Springs in 1949. He bought his first property in Truckee in 1959, where he built his first Truckee home with the help of his close friends and police buddies. He retired there in 1981, until his dream home was built at Prosser Lakeview Estates. Ed enjoyed keeping busy by serving in numerous service and community organizations and became known as "ubiquitous"! He was everywhere -- the Follies, Destruction Derby, Special Olympics, Old-timer's picnics, Air Show, Post Office and can't forget the Coffee And...!

Since 1969, Ed was a charter member of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society. He worked on the organization of the walking tour of downtown Truckee, serving many hours as docent of the old Jail, researching, interviewing and documenting the Joerger family, and aiding in numerous other projects such as marking and preserving the Donner Party Trail.

From May 6, 1982, to January 12, 1995, Ed wrote 400 weekly columns for the Sierra Sun newspaper called the "Truckee Beat". The Nevada State Press Association, Inc. awarded him 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 1991, for the "Best Rural Freelance Correspondent" 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1992 and then 1<sup>st</sup> place in 1995.

Ed joined the Lion's in 1981 and became the Sight Chairman. He was instrumental in obtaining the first national major sponsor, giving the Sled Dog Races, and Truckee, international press coverage. He was named Truckee Lion of the Year 1984, as well as Truckee Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 1988. In addition to these many other pursuits, Ed was a 50 year Mason, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, Master of the Truckee Masonic Lodge, Shriner and member of the Scottish Rite. When Ed moved to Cameron Park, in 1995, the Town of Truckee presented him with a Certificate of Commendation for "the dedication and accomplishments of the many thousands of hours of loyal community service". He and his wife, Joann, were invited back to Truckee in 1996 to be the Grand Marshals for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. At Donner Lake, he loved to sail, fish and horseback ride, as well as ski at all of the resorts with his family.

Ed is survived by his loving family: wife, Joann; daughters Lori Johnson (Kurt) and Lynn Fitzpatrick (Brian) and their daughters Anna and Colleen Fitzpatrick; Niece, Darleen Hartley (John Oram); and Nephew, Andrew McMills.

Donations may be made to the non-profit, Michael J. Fox Foundation

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Although the Old Jail Museum is closed for the winter, and our special events are scheduled for spring and summer, your members of the Board of Directors have been busy this winter taking care of Historical Society business and shoveling snow at the Cabin!

Carmen LeBlanc, our Recording Secretary has taken on additional duties, working as Co-chair with Judy Williams on our Publications Committee. She is now responsible for making certain that our local vendors receive their orders for local history books from our collection. Thanks go out to Carmen and Judy for their consistent hard work on behalf of our Publications Committee.

Billie Cornell, our Corresponding Secretary and Membership Chair works tirelessly on behalf of the Society. She keeps our membership records up to date and responds to our email correspondence on a daily basis. Billie also manages our website along with our Webmaster, Marilou Ficklin. Billie has updated our on-line purchases so that we are now able to accept credit card payments for membership dues and book purchases through Paypal. Thank you Billie for all that you do.

Chelsea Walterscheid, Don Colclough and Henry Murray are busy planning for a new season at the Old Jail Museum and Community Memorial Garden. We will be opening on Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. If you have considered becoming a docent at the museum or are interested in helping out with the Community Memorial Garden, please let any one of these individual know your interests. Heidi Martin will be planning the Old Timer's Picnic/Truckee Reunion again this summer. Hold the date of July 19<sup>th</sup>; it was a great success last year.

Gordon Richards our Research Historian worked tirelessly throughout the winter responding to requests for historical research and historical photograph reprints. Sadly, he has resigned his position in this capacity, and we are looking for more volunteers. Please see article inside the newsletter if you are interested. Bob Bell continues his duties as Treasurer, taking care of the Society's business every month and Pat Gibbons-Johnson, as Publicity Chair, is working on our Calendar of Events for the 2008 season.



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~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



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| PAUL THOMPSON                     | Individual Membership |
| ROBERT & JENNIE BOUSQUET          | In-Kind Membership    |
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## WEB SERVICES NEWS

~ Billie Cornell, Webservices Chair ~

Just a reminder we now have our own domain name so our new web address is [www.truckeehistory.org](http://www.truckeehistory.org). Plus we also have new email addresses:

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**Membership Renewals** - Sometime this summer we hope to have added the ability to make online membership renewals or the ability to join the Society as a new member again using the PayPal services. So keep checking our website to see if this is set-up yet when it comes time to renew your annual membership. I will be sure to let you know in my renewal letter (sent to you via USPS) to you when this option is up and running...thereby saving you from writing a check, saving the cost of a stamp, and possibly saving you gas on a trip to the post office. So stay tune...

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**Squaw Valley Institute Civic Engagement Series**  
*And*  
**Community Involvement Fair**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, Squaw Valley Institute will host a series of events about civic engagement. Professionals in the fields of community leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy, as well as **California's Secretary of State** will make thought-provoking presentations on three successive Thursday evenings at Resort at Squaw Creek.

Come see us! We will have an exhibit at the Community Involvement Fair! The Fair features 40 non-profits, clubs, and other organizations that contribute to the well-being of our region. See the complete list of exhibitors on [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org/events](http://www.squawvalleyinstitute.org/events)

**Thursday, March 27**

Speaker: **Mike Howe**, Chair, National Task Force On Community Leadership *and* Interim Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance

Topic: **"The Importance Of Civic Engagement For A Healthy Community: Rebuilding New Orleans."**

Resort at Squaw Creek

6:30PM Socialize at no-host bar; Program begins at 7:00PM

Online tickets (\$10 donation to Squaw Valley Institute/no charge for children or students) and details on [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org](http://www.squawvalleyinstitute.org) or call (530) 581-4138

**Thursday, April 3**

Event: **Squaw Valley Institute Community Involvement Fair**, Meet the leaders of Truckee/North Tahoe community organizations and discover what resources are available in our community. Learn about opportunities for membership, volunteering, and financial support.

Speaker: **John Chapman**, Founder, Livable Communities Initiative and Board Member of Green Belt Alliance, Local Initiative Support Corporation, Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust, Great Communities Collaborative, Diablo Valley Masterworks Chorale, and East Bay Community Foundation

Topic: **"Finding Your Passion--Philanthropy And Volunteerism."**

Resort at Squaw Creek

6:00 PM Community Involvement Fair

7:00 PM John Chapman's presentation

*There is no charge for these April 3 events, thanks to a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation!*

**Thursday, April 10**

Speaker: **Debra Bowen**, California Secretary of State

Topic: **"Participation in the Political Process"**

Resort at Squaw Creek

6:30PM Socialize at no-host bar; Program begins at 7:00PM

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Please contact Janet Zipser Zipkin at [jzipkin@squawvalleyinstitute.org](mailto:jzipkin@squawvalleyinstitute.org) if you would like further information.

## HILLTOP WINTER SPORTS AREA HISTORY

The winter sports industry in California and much of the Western United States got its start in Truckee in the area now known as Hilltop. This area includes both the slope below Hilltop which was the toboggan and jump slope and above Hilltop which was a toboggan and downhill ski run. It has gone by many different names. Sources for this brief history of Hilltop are the Truckee Republican, the Reno Evening Gazette and the Nevada State Journal.

1860-1900: In the late 1860's the area was logged by George Schaffer. The first mention of snowshoers on the hill was in 1880, although both the upper and lower hill had been in use for cross country skiing since the founding of Truckee. Sledding was popular and occurred on both the upper and lower hills. The Great Truckee Ice Carnival was held with cross country and short distance ski jumping. Charles McGlashan and Stewart McKay were the leaders of the community effort. The Burckhalter family's Pacific Wood & Lumber Company operated a narrow gauge railroad through Hilltop to haul logs from Martis Creek for the Truckee Lumber Company which maintained an engine house on the eastern side of Hilltop.

1909-1919: The Great Truckee Winter Carnival began. Winter sports activities were held at "Snow Peak" as it was then called. The Norwegian Chlepp Brothers gave ski jump exhibitions and taught local men the sport of jumping. They also formed the Sierra Ski Club. Tobogganing was the most popular sport and thousands participated. The Southern Pacific Railroad ran the first of many years of excursion trains. Cross country skiing was in its infancy. Charles McGlashan organized, promoted, and managed this event. Winter Carnivals continued to be held at "South Hill" as it became known. Averages of 250 people attended each weekend. In 1910 the land was leased from the Truckee Lumber Co by the Carnival Company. In the fall a steam powered toboggan lift was built by J. Kirchner on the upper hill, and a toboggan run was cleared. It ended about where the bottom of the ski run is now. This lift is generally believed to be the first mechanical lift in the west, possibly the U.S. The railroad engine house was used as a warming hut and dance hall. A new commercial era in Truckee had begun. In 1912, The Truckee Chamber of Commerce took over the Winter Carnival operations and by 1913, over 700 people attended each weekend. Swiss guide Emile De Choudens began ski lessons on the upper hill and a new 500' long toboggan lift was built from the lower hill to the top of the upper hill. A 3/4 mile toboggan run was also built, and a new wooden Ice Palace was constructed for ice skating at the bottom of the lift. In 1913 the "Fiesta of The Snows" was held, attracting Hollywood. This would lead to Truckee becoming the winter film mecca of the West through the late 1930's. Wally Gelatt took over management of the Winter Carnival Company. The Truckee Ski Club formed to hold jumping and cross country races and was the first to do so on the west coast. This led to other ski clubs being formed. In 1915 over 500 attend Winter Carnival each weekend. The Ice Palace burned down. Gelatt continued to manage the Winter Carnival. The Southern Pacific Railroad began funding much of the publicity and running regular Sunday excursions to Truckee.

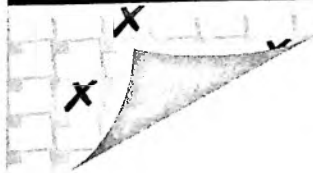
1920-1929: Wilbur Maynard, of the Southern Pacific Hotel, got involved in the Winter Sports Snow Carnival. An average weekend will see 800 visitors. Filming of snow scenes in the Truckee area brought hundreds of cast & crew to Truckee. By 1922, Truckee, an old pioneer town, is now famous as a winter recreation resort, all of it centered on the Winter Sports Hill as it was now called. While Prohibition dried up the rest of California, Truckee's open sales of alcohol attracted a fun loving party crowd. In 1926 the Tahoe Tavern sponsored the construction of a toboggan run and began winter sports activities, competing with Truckee. In 1928, 1000 visitors attend most weekends. Pullman railroad cars are parked in the Truckee yards for the visitors. Improvements in downhill ski equipment opened up the sport. Wooden jump ramps were built at various points. The Sierra Dog Derby Association was formed and took over the Winter Sports operation. In 1929 the Pavilion opened and the upper hill is now called Pavilion Hill. Both hills are still in use for tobogganing, although the sport of skiing is increasing. Wilbur Maynard interests the Auburn Ski Club in Winter Carnival.

1930-1939: The Sierra Dog Derby Association returned the Winter Sports to Tim O'Hanrahan for use by the Truckee Ski Club & Chamber of Commerce. A 140' tall ski jump scaffolding is constructed under the direction of professional jumper Lars Haugen by Jack Wolert. Jess Maxsom, Pete Passinetti, Johnny Rablin, Earl McKay, Orland Sanders, and Bud Owens are among several Truckee jumpers who gained state recognition. The California Ski Association was formed, with Wilbur Maynard & Cecil Edmunds representing Truckee. Copying Truckee, the Auburn Ski Club built a jump hill at Cisco in 1931. Tim O'Hanrahan & Cecil Edmunds assisted in the formation of the Reno Ski Club. In 1932, Earl Edmunds was the State Ski Jump champion. California began plowing snow on U.S. 40 over Donner Pass, allowing more people to attend Truckee Winter Sports. In 1935, 3000 visitors attended the American Legion Snow Frolic at the Winter Sports Park. The Truckee Chamber of Commerce formed the Truckee Outing Club to take over management of the Winter Sports operations. C.B. White, Jim McIver Jr., Judge C.E. Smith, William Englehart, and Cecil Edmunds led the Club. In 1936, The Truckee Donner PUD, using federal depression relief funding, built an ice pond at the bottom of the lower hill. Truckee ski jumpers included Tony Besio, Bud Campbell, Frank Titus, and Bob Bowers. Professional jumpers Sig Ulland, and Roy Mikkleson, boost Truckee Winter Sports. With U.S. 40 open, lodges began to open on Donner Summit, and Johnny Ellis built the first rope tow near Lake Mary.

1940-1959: The Outing Club completed the installation of the first rope tow up Pinnacle Point as "top of the hill" is now called. Downhill skiing became one of the largest participant sports. The toboggan lift and slide were no longer in use. In 1943 most of Truckee's young men were at war, the Truckee Outing Club was broke and the Truckee PUD took over the Winter Sports Park and operations. In 1945, C.F. Tollefson bought Winter Sports Park, built a dormitory and converted the Pavilion to a restaurant. One year later, the Crandell Brothers bought the property and called the resort Hilltop. They opened a ski shop and added a second rope tow on the lower portion of the ski run. Truckee jumpers included Herb Copeland, Bill Campbell, and Frank Titus. In 1950 the ski jump scaffolding was torn down and by 1959 the Truckee PUD took back the Hilltop property briefly, before selling it to Harry Herzog.

## Calendar of events

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** 10a-3p

Docent Training & Jail Cleanup

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** 11a-4p

Jail Open (weather permitting) for Memorial Day Weekend



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** 11a-4p

Official Jail opening for the summer



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** 10a-4p

Old Timers Picnic

Truckee River Regional Park



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** 11a-3p

Ice Cream Social

Old Jail Museum Garden

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**-Old Jail Museum season close



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** time TBA

Annual Election Dinner

The Lodge—Tahoe Donner



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** 1p

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Gateway Research Cabin



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** time TBA

Christmas at the Cabin

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As many of you are aware, Truckee has experienced tremendous growth and development over the past several years, and it is continuing on a grand scale. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of two additional major development plans for our community and encourage you to become informed about the scope of these two developments and the impact they will have on our community.

**The Hilltop Master Plan:** Information about this development plan is available at <http://www.truckee2025.org/devel/hillmp/hillmp3.htm>. Please take time to visit this site. Information on proposed development is on this website as well as upcoming hearings by the Planning Commission and the Town Council.

**The Railyard Master Plan:** The Town has the complete Draft Railyard Master Plan available on their website at [www.townoftruckee.com](http://www.townoftruckee.com). There were three initial public meetings in February and another one was held on March 13, 2008. The topic of the most recent workshop was "Mass and Scale of Buildings in the Railyard Master Plan Area." The EIR report is being completed and should be published in the spring. The Town of Truckee will post upcoming hearings on their website.

As community members who are interested in preserving and protecting the history of our community, we encourage you to learn about these projects and share your views, opinions, concerns and vision for our community.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

**Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10-4:00 PM—Annual Old Timers' Picnic** at the Truckee River Regional Park. Details to follow in a future newsletter.



## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~

The Old Jail Museum on Jibboom Street in Downtown Truckee is open on weekends during the summer months. Volunteers give tours to visitors who come from all over the world. The museum is full of artifacts, photos and documents from the local area. The Memorial Garden out back will be in bloom and is a nice place to sit and reminisce. You will notice something new has been added to the garden...you will have to come down and see for yourselves. Whether you have been many times before, or never have had the chance to see it, please come by and visit the Old Jail Museum and Memorial Garden this summer. If you would like to be one of the volunteers who helps keep the museum open, please contact Chelsea at 530-305-4231. The shifts are 2 ½ hours long, you can work as much or as little as you can. The museum is run 100 % by volunteers. Training will be provided.

### Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

12-2:00 PM—Spring Cleaning at the Old Jail Museum.

2-3:00 PM—Docent Training. Anyone interested in training to work at the museum is invited to join us. Please RSVP to Chelsea at 530-305-4231.

### Saturday & Sunday, May 24-25

11:00-4:00 PM—Jail open Memorial Day weekend.

### Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Old Jail Museum opens for the season. Weekend days from 11:00-4:00 PM

The museum is available for special tours. For details please contact Don Colclough at 530-587-1343.

### HISTORIANS AND PHOTO ARCHIVERS NEEDED

The Historical Society is in need of volunteers who are interested in getting involved in our Research Library and Photo Archive Project. For many years, our community, via the Truckee Donner Historical Society, has received donations of photographs and historical documents which represent the valuable history of our area and town. One of the goals of the TDHS Board of Directors has been to create and expand our Research Library, making it more accessible to individuals and organizations who are interested in Truckee's history.

In recent years, we have added to this goal, to develop a search mechanism, whereby researchers can locate particular photo subjects via our computer system. This is a long-term goal which will take many years and many volunteer hours to achieve. The first step in this long process is to scan and identify our photographs. We need several able and willing volunteers to work together so that we can move closer to our goal of preserving and archiving our photo collection. The amount of time and effort needed to move this project along is far more than could be expected for one volunteer to provide.

Also, on a daily basis, we receive requests for historical research from members of our community and beyond. These requests range from historical research for local publications, authors working on history books, real estate developers, and genealogists working on their family trees. Due to lack of volunteers, we are currently unable to respond to these requests. In this regard, we also are in great need of researchers to prepare research materials, so that we are able to keep the Town of Truckee, Real Estate Developers and the community educated about the historical significance of the areas in our community that will be developed in the future.

We are asking for volunteers who possess knowledge of local history and it would be a real plus if they also have experience in research and historical preservation. If you are interested in either of these two project areas, please send a brief summary of your experience and interests to Truckee Donner Historical Society, Attention Judy Dunlap, at P.O. Box 893, Truckee, CA 96160.





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# Echoes From The Past

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

According to the calendar, it is officially springtime. This is when your Board of Directors begins to come out of hibernation, and get ready for our busiest time of the year. Our Old Jail Museum will be opening for the season next month. In preparation we will be gathering to do our "housekeeping" at the Jail and also begin to assist our garden in "springing" forth.

We will be having our Docent Training and Clean-up day on Saturday, May 9th. We are always looking for docents who would like to spend a few volunteer hours welcoming visitors to our museum. It is a great opportunity to meet people who travel to Truckee from all over the world, as well as the members of our community who bring family and friends to show off our very special piece of Truckee History. If you would like to volunteer to become a docent at the museum, please contact Chelsea Walterscheid at 530.305.4231.

We are also looking for gardeners this year. The economy is affecting TDHS, as it is everywhere in the community. We are not able to continue to pay for garden maintenance, so we are reverting back to our original plan to depend on the gracious gift of time from volunteers. We have received word from our member Patty Lomanto that she would like to lead the effort to keep the garden maintained for the season. If you would like to volunteer to assist Patty, please contact her at 530.582.0726.

On a sad note, I would like to send my condolences to the family of long time TDHS member Joy Horn. Joy was an incredible supporter of our organization. She contributed so much of her time in so many ways to helping

to preserve and promote Truckee's history. Joy was a very active docent in the Old Jail Museum and for many years, served as the volunteer who scheduled the docent's shifts so that we could keep the museum open during the summer months. Joy passed away on March 22, 2009 and she will be missed by many in our community. We would like to honor Joy with a plaque in our Community Memorial Garden, located behind our Old Jail Museum. If you would like to contribute in Joy's honor towards this plaque, please send your donation payable to TDHS at P.O. Box 893, Truckee, CA 96160, and designate it to go towards Joy's Memorial plaque honor.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission is made up of two appointees from each Supervisorial District in the County. There is an open Commission seat for District 5, which includes Truckee. This commission considers applications for historical landmark status and recommends adoption of landmark status to the Board of Supervisors.

Additionally the Commission recognizes, promotes and seeks to preserve the historical resources of Nevada County. The Commission meets the third Friday of each month at 9:00 am. Meetings are typically held in Nevada City, but the site can vary and usually includes one meeting a year in Truckee. If you are interested in becoming further involved in the preservation of our local history, and would like additional information regarding this opportunity, please contact Judy Dunlap at [jdunlap@truckeehistory.org](mailto:jdunlap@truckeehistory.org).

JUDY DUNLAP, TDHS President

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**REMINDER:** Contact Carmen LeBlanc to reserve a book from our Docent Lending Library  
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# WHEN "JIBBOOM STREET" BECAME "MAIN STREET" AND BACK AGAIN

Twenty-five years ago several Truckee citizens organized to request that one of the major streets downtown be restored to its original name. The run-of-the-mill name "Main Street," which runs east-west one block north of Commercial Row, was to give way to its predecessor. In 1983, correspondence with Nevada County resulted in approval being granted in 1984 to return the name to Jibboom Street.

Jibboom Street had been changed in 1953 to Main Street, a name that obscured some of Truckee's authentic past. Jibboom Street was best known in the Town's early days and into the 20th Century as the primary red-light district. One theory holds that the location for the jail at the western end of the street was chosen to serve as a deterrent to prostitution and other crimes that flourished there. Changing the name to Main Street was a way to reduce the focus on a less elegant part of community history.

The way that Jibboom Street juts out at an angle between Bridge and Spring Streets may have inspired the name: a jib boom is a nautical term, referring to "a spar forming a continuation of the bowsprit." The bowsprit is "a spar, extending forward from the stem of a ship, to which the stays of the foremast are fastened." [The American Heritage Dictionary.] Another explanation is more likely, however. Because it was common to have neighborhoods in seaside towns that offered prostitution, and perhaps because of the visual double entendre of a jib boom, "Jibboom Street" was once a nickname for an area of prostitution, just as "red-light district" is today.

In honoring the renaming Main Street to its historically accurate Jibboom Street, we experience again how history in its completeness can be indelicate, even bawdy (another word that derives from prostitution). Truckee never was a shy place in its days of railroads, logging, or ice harvesting. Authentic retelling of our past might even make a sailor blush.



View of Jibboom Street looking eastbound §  
Elder Hostel Tour 6.18.07 § Photo property of TDHS

KATIE HOLLEY  
TDHS BOARD MEMBER

## MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Did you know that May is National Preservation Month? Did you know the theme of the month-long celebration for 2009 is 'This Place Matters!?' Did you know TDHS will show its celebration by dedicating an entire web page reflecting the thoughts and opinions of some local Truckee children about Why "This Place Matters!?" If not, read on.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971, to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities across the nation. Due to its overwhelming popularity, in 2005 the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

One place that matters to your TDHS Board is the Old Jail Museum. During these difficult economic times, museums such as the Old Jail can provide novel experiences that open up our minds, expose us to new information and ideas, and spark creativity and curiosity. We can all benefit from exposing ourselves to fresh and unique experiences these days.

I personally invite local residents to visit the Old Jail Museum and other museums in the area, including the new Truckee Donner Railroad Museum opening up later this summer. You can experience first-hand how museums nourish minds and spirits by (cont. on pg. 3)

## DOCENT TRAINING

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Chelsea Walterscheid, our Old Jail Museum Curator will once again be conducting Volunteer Docent Training. This is the perfect time for a refresher or learn for the first time, the tools of the trade to serve as an Old Jail Museum docent. No prior docent experience is needed.



The docent work shifts are only 2.5 hours on Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer with Thursday early evenings during the Downtown Merchants 'Truckee Thursdays.'

Work as little or as often as you desire. It is impossible

to have too many docents to showcase the gem of the Society. Posted hours for the jail are 11am - 4pm. Help us keep the doors open all summer long.

Docent training will begin at 2:30 p.m. & last about an hour. So come prepared to learn and ask *your* unanswered questions about Truckee's history. Contact Chelsea to sign up.

## OLD JAIL CLEAN-UP

For anyone interested to obtain a more hands-on introduction to the Old Jail Museum, on Saturday, May 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Chelsea will be organizing all volunteers in helping to dust and clean the displays inside the jail to make them ready for our visitors and our docents-in-training.

Unable to attend the May 9<sup>th</sup> training? No worries, a personal training appointment can be arranged. Contact Chelsea to sign up for both the Docent Training and Jail Clean-Up or to make a personal training appointment. Contact Chelsea at: 530.305.4231 § [cwalterscheid@truckeehistory.org](mailto:cwalterscheid@truckeehistory.org)

(cont. from pg. 2). . . **PRESERVATION MONTH** fostering contemplation, exploration, and dialogue. By stepping away from the television, the computer, and your chores for the day and visiting a museum, you can create a memorable experience that transcends our woes for the day.

TDHS has contacted a few of our local elementary school kids and Cub Scouts to join us in celebrating the importance of our town's heritage by posing the question, 'Why This Place Matters!' The only requirement was the place selected had to pertain to Truckee history. The results of this project will be posted on our website at [www.truckeehistory.org](http://www.truckeehistory.org). The May TDHS E-News will provide a direct link to this new web page once it is published.

The Old Jail will be open May 23rd & 24th for Memorial Day Weekend.

I hope to see you at our museum soon!  
Billie Cornell

## REMEMBRANCES OF JOY HORN

The Society has lost a valued volunteer, docent, and friend at the passing of Joy Horn in March. On our website, a remembrance will be added to our Remembrance Page to honor the treasure of a lady Joy was to so many people and organizations.

Her family is creating a website and memoriam for all of Joy's family and friends to access online to share their thoughts, stories and pictures. We will let you know when the family's web pages and our remembrance page have been completed so you too may share in the life of Joy Horn.

In the meantime, here are a couple of remembrances from board members who had the privilege to work closely with Joy as fellow docents and volunteers.

With heartfelt condolences to Joy's family:  
Billie Cornell



Christmas at the Cabin 2007 § Property of TDHS

When I took over running the museum, the member who had been, left town. I was given Joy's name as a helper getting docents. Without her perseverance in making calls, the (Old Jail Museum) doors would not have been open as often as they were. She was a dedicated member of TDHS and we considered her a friend. She was a great gal and certainly will be missed.  
Don Colclough

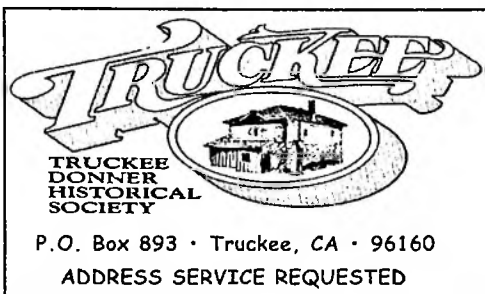
My thoughts of Joy would be her dedication to keeping the Jail open with Docents all summer. I will so miss her cheerful voice calling for help...which I always loved saying YES to. And I agree with her son's comment that she was able to live her life without knowledge of the hidden illness...a blessing for Joy and her family. My love and prayers for Joy and her family.

Carmen LeBlanc

## TDHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to do that pertains to Truckee history? Look no further, TDHS has plenty of opportunities to fill your quest. Are your skills and interest with historical research, or do you enjoy old photographs? Maybe you are a great communicator, know how to raise funds in a challenging economy, or a wiz at grant writing? Or possibly you like to share stories of history with neighbors and visitors from afar? Maybe you are an organizer and enjoy detail? You may be someone who relishes in event planning or thrives behind a computer screen? Or maybe you just love gardening?

Did you recognize yourself above? Research historians, Photo Archivists, Publicity Chair, Fund-Raisers, Grant Writers, Museum Docents, Event Coordinator, Committee Members and Board Members are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to our need for more volunteers! Experience is a plus but time and enthusiasm are even better. Learn about Truckee history as you volunteer for the Truckee Donner Historical Society. Contact us today. Email Judy Dunlap at [jdunlap@truckeehistory.org](mailto:jdunlap@truckeehistory.org) or leave a message at our research cabin 530.582.0893. We look forward to hearing from YOU!



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2nd Tuesday of the Month  
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March\*, June,  
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4th Tuesday of the Month at  
7:00 p.m.

(\*weather permitting)

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## AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

The month of May started off with a bang. We had almost 900 visitors to our OLD JAIL museum. Most of these were children. The third grade classes from the Truckee elementary school, the third grade classes from the Glenshire elementary school, and children and their parents from the Bass Lake school district.

The OLD JAIL got a thorough cleaning from Jean Koose, a new volunteer; I have been told that it hasn't looked this clean in a long time. We also have two new docents: Dennis Cowan and Bert Costello. Welcome aboard and thanks for your help.

Another BIG THANK YOU to Paul Spencer and his helper Ben Malone for moving some very big items out of the Jail. They helped move and rearrange a few things. Thanks guys.

We still need volunteers to be docents at the museum. If you can help please call Don Colclough at 587-1343. We are looking forward to having a busy summer at the Old Jail.

I wish all of you could have been present for the dedication of the Community Memorial Garden. The flowers and trees were beautiful. The benches and chairs were filled, the plaques were in place reminding us of our loved ones. If you have not been by to see the garden, please go visit.

There is still room for addition plaques if you would like to have one placed in the garden. At this time they are \$150.00 each, for an 8"x4" plaque. Many thanks to Jim Smith who put his heart and soul into this project, and thank you to the many volunteers who helped him.

A special thank you to a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, for your donation to the Cabin repairs, there are many, but I feel it will have to go to fix the leak in the old roof.

## ~~TWENTYFIRST ANNUAL TRUCKEE OLD TIMERS' PICNIC~~

SATURDAY JULY 14, 2001 10 AM TO ????

TRUCKEE RIVER REGIONAL PARK

HIGHWAY 267 - ALSO KNOWN AS THE OLD BROCKWAY SHORT CUT  
(RAIN OR SHINE)

Bring a picnic lunch, folding chairs and a blanket as tables and benches are sometimes limited. Cold drinks will be provided, (donations are accepted).

## HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

**A cordial welcome** to the newest members to our Society:

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Philip Sapunor | The Mazzini Family      |
| Patt Osborne   | Don Cooper              |
| Bert Costello  | James & Doris White     |
| Jean Koose     | Richard & Bette Treiman |
| Dennis Cowan   |                         |

I would personally like to thank all of you for joining and becoming involved with our Society. And I would like to thank all our other members for promptly returning your annual membership payments (I hope using our return envelopes when mailing in your membership dues has made it easier for everyone!). If I have failed to send your new membership card please email me at [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com). Cordially,

**Billie Cornell-Membership Chair**



### **Old Jail Museum**

Since opening on May 19<sup>th</sup> we have been able to keep our scheduled hours of 11AM to 4PM every Saturday and Sunday and were even able to stay open on Memorial Day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes from Glenshire toured on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Truckee on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Truckee Elementary was lucky to have Tarantula Bill (Vince Deveney) and the Marshall (Josh Susman). The kid's, parent's and teacher's loved it. The thank you notes we received are priceless. Thanks guys you did a great job. We've had 3<sup>rd</sup> grader's come back on the weekends with their whole families, who have never been in our Museum before. In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce we have been sending visitors to their booth at the Train Station and they have been directing visitors to our Museum.

What do we need? **MORE DOCENTS** When accepting this position I didn't expect to have a weekly crisis in staffing our Museum. Some member's have been very good at letting me know when they can volunteer and filling in on a day's notice. **WE NEED MORE** If you are interested in becoming a docent, give me a call at 587-1343. I will be happy to meet you at the Jail Museum at your convenience and give you whatever training you feel you need. I've found being a docent enjoyable and the Museum is an important source of revenue for our Society.

**Don Colclough**  
Old Jail Coordinator

### **MEET YOUR BOARD**



#### **Sharon Pace Arnold ~ President**

Sharon's grandfather came to Truckee in 1889 from Italy. A shoemaker by trade, he operated a business on the corner of Church and Bridge Streets. Tony Pace, Sharon's father, operated the Truckee Mercantile from 1944 to 1968. Her mother, Jeanne, was born in Gilroy, California and came to Truckee in 1935 as a relief telephone operator during summer months while residing at Bob & Annie Tonini's residence on River Street. Tony and Jeanne met in 1935 and were soon married. Sharon attended Truckee Grammar School when it was located in Today's Recreation building on Church Street. She was a member of the first freshman class at the new Tahoe-Truckee High School in 1951. Thereafter, she attended San Jose State University and San Francisco Dental Nurses Training School and worked for a dentist until 1961. While working in the Bay area, Sharon met her husband Bud, a fifth generation San Franciscan and the couple were married in 1961. They lived and worked in Santa Rosa for 17 years, then went to Florida in 1980 where they lived on a boat for a year.

From 1981 through 1987 they lived in San Rafael where Sharon worked for a computer chip manufacturer until 1987. They then relocated to Folsom where she worked for in the electronic business from 1987 to 1991.

Returning to Truckee in 1991, Sharon has been active community, working with the town of Truckee in drafting the Downtown Specific Plan for 3 years, serving in the Historic Preservation Council, and as Trustee of the Cemetery Board and is currently President of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and each year organizes the annual Old Timer's picnic.

#### ***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT***

- Our website is no longer available. However we are in the process of developing a new site. We will let you know our new WWW. address is when it becomes available.
- We have a new email address! Contact us at :

**[tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com)**

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## Garden Dedication

The Community Memorial Garden is to honor all people who called Truckee their home, early day pioneers, servicemen and women, and citizens who have aided the community in its development, dedicated May 27, 2001 by the Truckee Donner Historical Society, Inc.... The language on this plaque states the purpose of the Community Memorial Garden.

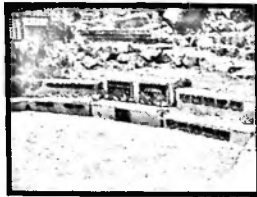
Many of you knew Thelma Finger Meiss and she was a dedicated and loyal supporter of all activities of TDHS. But her special joy was being a docent at the Old Jail Museum. She loved talking with people from all around the world who have visited our little museum; but her special joy was giving tours to the many school groups that come on an annual basis. Thelma passed away May 2, 2000 at the age of 94. Thelma was a gardener and just before she passed away I asked her if she would approve of a memorial garden in her honor and for all those who called Truckee their home. She and her family agreed and I volunteered to chair this project and the garden fundraising was immediately put into place after her passing. I, and a small crew of 27 volunteers commenced our work after the Town of Truckee graciously loaned a backhoe, and operator, and tons of granite that form the memorial wall and various parts of retaining walls and walkways.; I extend my personal thanks to all those who helped on this project: Tom Covey, Eric Larusson, Shirley Knapp, Winnie Wain, Bernie Lander, Chelsea Walterscheid, Steve Harris, Rich Griesse, Barbara Barte-Osborn, Dave Corollo, Allie Hahn, Jim Hirst, Peggy Boelk, Lindy Astrup, Joy Horn, Guy Coates, Barbara Sullivan, Jeri McElhaney, Heather Hudson and Don Colclough. I let the photos speak a thousand words. Special donations were made by the Sierra Tinkerbells Garden Club, Villager Nursery, Trout Creek Landscape and The Rock Garden, along with Tahoe Instant Press and the Sierra Sun.

Donations can be made at any time for additional plaques in the amount of \$150, and contributions in any amount to the trust fund to keep the garden growing. I personally thank everyone who has contributed to this project. It was truly a labor of love.

I invite you to stop by and enjoy the garden, sit for a moment in one of the many benches or have a picnic lunch at the picnic table.

**Jim Smith**

**Community Garden Chair**



## SUMMER/FALL OUTINGS



### • Saturday, July 28

Kids Trek and Outdoor Fun on Trout Creek, easy 2 mile, hike, great for 3 years and older.

\$10 per member family, \$15 per other family.

### • Sunday, August 5

Emigrant Trail Mountain Bike Excursion, intermediate level, 18 miles round trip.

\$10 members, \$15 other.

### • Saturday, August 25

Kids Klimb on Donner Summit, easy, 4 hours. geared for 5 years old and above.

\$10 per member family, \$15 per other family.

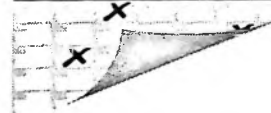
### • Sunday, September 29

Hike Mt. Lola, strenuous, 9 miles, 5-6 hours

\$10 members, \$15 other.

Call Truckee Donner Land Trust  
530-582-4711 to sign up

## Calendar of events



\* July 14th— 21st Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

\* Jul. 28— Pops Concert on the Green Tahoe Donner - Chuck Mangione will conduct the Festival Orchestra Gates Open: 5 pm. Showtime: 7 pm. Tickets: Adult: \$25, Youth \$15

\* Aug. 11/12— Truckee Championship Rodeo Truckee Rodeo Grounds on HW 267 - PRCA Sanctioned Competition. Kids Day, shows and BBQ. Tickets purchased at the gate. Call (530) 582-9852 for more information.

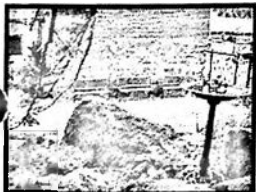
\* September 8/9— Railroad Days

\* Sep. 15th— 7th Annual Duck Races 11:00 Truckee Regional Park

\* September 16th— Bus trip to Bowers Mansion/Genoa & Carson City. Bring a picnic lunch-Dinner in Carson City. For more info/reservations contact Jim Smith @ 587-2876.

\* September 25th— Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner

\* December 7th & 8th— Christmas at the Cabin



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## **AT MY OWN PACE**

*Sharon Pace Arnold, President*

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### **TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL TRUCKEE OLD TIMERS' PICNIC**

**SATURDAY JULY 20, 2002**

**10 AM TO ???**

**TRUCKEE RIVER REGIONAL PARK**

**HIGHWAY 267 - SOON TO RETURN TO OLD BROCKWAY ROAD  
(RAIN OR SHINE)**

Bring A picnic lunch, cold drinks will be provided, (DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED), folding chairs and a blanket because tables and benches are sometimes limited.

The Society will have their historical books and photos on sale, also the panorama style photos. This is also a good time to sign-up to become a member or to renew your membership.

Have you visited the Community Memorial Garden behind the Old Jail Museum? We will be having a garden party August 2nd. Time will be announced later.

Thanks to an anonymous donation we have the funds to install a new and modern security system at our Gateway Research Cabin. You may remember that there was an attempted burglary several months ago. Fortunately, or unfortunately for the burglar, they severely cut themselves on glass attempting to get in, lots of glass and blood but they never got in.

Thanks to Don Colclough and his wife Sally, and Dennis Cook we now have Old West Saloon style music at the Old Jail Museum. Don is still in need of docents, give him a call, 530-587-1343.

In May we had (ELEVEN!), 3rd grade classes tour our Old Jail Museum. Four classes from Glenshire, six from Truckee Elementary, and one from Donner Summit. Thanks to Dennis Cook, Josh Susman, Norm Justesen, and Vince Deveney, of the Railroad Regulators, the classes were entertained with some living history. Note, they did not all come at once or the same day.

A big thank you to Bob Drake, former town Council member, for donating bricks from the old Masonic building. Also paper and memorabilia from the day of incorporation.

Hope everyone with a computer has had the opportunity to visit our new web site.

## **SEE YOU AT THE OLD TIMERS PICNIC**

Sharon Pace Arnold, President



## Meet Your Board

### ~ Guy Coates ~



Don Colclough, Director of our historic jail museum, is one of your hardest working board members.

A true native of the west, Don was born in San Francisco the same year the Golden Gate Bridge opened. He attended school in the Bay area, graduating from Archbishop Riordan High School.

After high school, the patriotic young man joined the Army, spending 16 months in Korea between 1956 and 1957. While in the army he served in the military police, including duty as a stockade guard and as a clerk in the Eighth Army provost marshal's office.

Upon discharge from the army Don went to work at the Pacific Stock Exchange, got married and raised four children. During his career as a stock trader, Don frequently visited the Truckee area on camping trips with his family and fell in love with the mountains.

In 1988 Don built his dream home in Tahoe Donner while continuing his career as a stock trader. In 1994 Don was married to his current wife, Sally.

**Guy Coates is a local Historian**

**Read his column in the Sierra**

**Sun or online at [www.sierrasun.com](http://www.sierrasun.com)**

**com**

In 1996 he retired from Goldman Sachs & Company as Vice President, Trading Department and moved to Truckee permanently.

Don has five Grandchildren who greatly enjoy their visits to the Colclough home in Truckee.

Don runs the Old Jail Museum with an iron hand; similar to the way he ran the stockade in Korea. There is no question as to who is in charge.

In addition to his duties as Director of the Jail Museum, Don serves as Chairman of the Truckee Cemetery Board and as a Board Member of the Mountain Area Preservation Foundation.

In their spare time (what little there is) Sally paints and does crafts while Don simply enjoys mountain life. "You're living the American Dream," Sally says. Don agrees!

### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN PARTY

*Among the Society's activities this year is a Garden Party, Saturday, August 3, 2002, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

*at the Old Jail Museum, located on Jiboom Street in historic downtown Truckee*

*Come join the fun—music, food, drinks, socializing, and remembrance of all those listed on the Memorial Wall. If you are interested in helping to plan this social event, your assistance is appreciated.*

*Call Jim Smith at 530 587-2876*

*See you there!*



## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

**We are now up to 22 docents but still need many more.**



We have already missed one day of being open for visitors and it looks like we are going to miss another one. Joy Horn has been calling which I appreciate but I believe our member's should be calling me to ask when they can help out. I am willing to help any interested members in becoming a docent. Let's keep this asset open for our residents and visitor's.

Don Colclough Jail Museum Coordinator 587-1343

## Membership Report

### Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and able to reflect on those special, precious moments of life that form your own personal history if not history worthy enough for the history books. Time passes quickly and before you know it another year has slipped by. The Historical Society depends on the remittance of your membership dues in a timely manner to help us operate year-round. We hate to lose our valued members from ones' failure to mail in your annual dues.

I happily admit, this is not a huge problem, but has affected some members in recent times. Many of you make my membership duties very easy by mailing in your dues EARLY! The majority though, diligently sends in their dues shortly after receipt of my renewal letter with your new membership card attached thereto (reducing the need for another mailing to send your card to you *after* we receive your dues). Thank you!!

Unfortunately, due to the continued increase in expenses to operate, such as postage and printing costs, the Board of Directors at our May Board meeting approved a change in the renewal procedure.

Beginning this August, I will mail my usual Renewal Letter, advising you that it is time to mail in your annual dues, and ONE REMINDER LETTER approximately 30 days after your membership has lapsed. I will make every attempt to have your initial renewal letter in your hand a month before your dues are payable. In essence, you should have about 2 months to get your dues paid before advising you that you will be dropped from our membership roster, if we do not hear from you. I know occasionally there are personal emergencies that may cause a delay but I highly encourage you to write or e-mail me your situation. The worst part of my duties as membership chair is dropping members. Even though I have not met many of you, I do feel like I DO know each and every one of you, after seeing your names year after year.

If you wonder when your membership may expire, you can always look at your envelope or mailing label. The month and expiration year appear above your name. Again, I encourage you to contact me in the event you believe there is any error with your renewal date. Hey, I am the first to admit that I am not perfect.

Now down to the fun news. I would like to send a **BIG HEARTY WELCOME** to our newest members.

The Truckee Hotel      Georgiana King  
Katrine Watson      Mark McLaughlin  
Dale Dilts, who provided the Society with our fabulous Web Page. Thank You Dale!

Cordially yours,

Billie Cornell -- Membership Chair

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS & DOCENT APPRECIATION DINNER

Mark your calendars for our Annual Elections & Docent Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Madigan's Grill Tavern (formerly the Donner House). Menus selection and pricing information will be distributed in a special absentee voting mailer. The current slate of nominees is as follows:

- |                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • President               | Sharon Arnold                      |
| • Vice President          | Guy Coates                         |
| • Executive Secretary     | Chelsea Walterscheid               |
| • Corresponding Secretary | <b>OPEN</b>                        |
| • Treasurer               | Judy Dunlap                        |
| • *Board Members          | Bev Cook, Jim Smith, Vince Deveney |

\*The general membership selects 2 Directors at Large in addition to the Directors automatically on the Board of Directors who chair various committees.

»**Qualifications:** Current TDHS member in good standing; has interest in preserving Truckee history in general, trained in historic preservation, or a community volunteer.

»Nominations are being received for any of the above positions until July 15, 2002. Please contact Election Committee Members, Jim Smith at 530 587-2876 or Bev Cook at 530 587-4554, to provide additional names for the membership to consider.

The Docent Appreciation Dinner is to officially recognize all those wonderful volunteers who devote many hours to keep the Old Jail Museum open to residents & visitors. Traditionally, annual reports are given on the state of the Society, recognition of Docents, Officers, and Directors.



- \* July 4th -Parade 10 am. For ??s call 530 587-7257
- \* July 12-14th-California Trail Days at Donner Memorial Park 9 am~5 pm -FREE- Info: 530 582-7892
- \* July 12-14th-Cannibal Cruise-Truckee Regional Park. For info. 530 582-9062
- \* July 20th-Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10 am ~ 4 pm.
- \* July 27th-New York, New York On The Green-Tahoe Donner.Showtime 7 pm.For info.530 583-3101
- \* August 3rd- Garden Party at TDHS Memorial Garden (located at the Old Jail Museum) 2 pm ~ 4 pm.
- \* September 15th- Truckee Walking Tour hosted by TDHS Board Members.
- \* September 24th- Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner. \*See Article\*
- \* October 8th- Living History Program
- \* November 12th- General Sutter Movie-Docudrama on the history and life of Capt. John A. Sutter-At TDHS Cabin.
- \* November 30th-December 1st- Tiny Tim Christmas.

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# Echoes From the Past

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## AT MY OWN PACE

~ Sharon Pace Arnold, President ~

## CELEBRATING THIRTY FIVE YEARS 1968-2003

Once spring arrived it was beautiful, and the lilacs were gorgeous. As most of you know and remember our summers here in Truckee are exquisite. Some would complain that it has been too hot, a couple of days of 90 degrees + but the nights are always cool.

A small group of us marched in the 4th of July parade. Billie, Don, and Henry carried our TDHS banner, Guy and I were behind, in our old west attire, followed by the Rail Road Regulators.

This year, TDHS presented our 2003 Award of Merit to Mitch Clarin of Blue Sky Homes, for the Historical Re-Creation of the Old McGwinn family home, in Brickelltown. With the help of the Rail Road Regulators, and unbeknownst to Mitch, we had arranged with the RRR to arrest Mitch when we marched by the McGwinn home. He was put in the old jail on wheels and driven to the center of Town, released, where we presented Mr. Clarin with the plaque. The HISTORICAL ACCURACY of this building is like stepping back in time. The McGwinn granddaughters presented Mitch copies of the old home. Thank you Mitch for a job well done.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Old Timers Picnic will be July 26th. If this newsletter has been received after the picnic, those of you who attended the Picnic know we had a nice surprise for you.

August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting our first Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Old Jail Museum. We will be co-hosting with the Champion Rodeo group. This is open to Chamber Members only.

I am sorry to report that we have lost another Truckee Old Timer, & member of TDHS, Martin Oroz (his mother was Rita Besio). For me another life long friend is gone.

The other sad news, our Vice President and Research Historian, Guy Coates, has decided to sell his home and move to Arizona. He and his family will be missed and a great loss to Truckee and the Society.

We are in **URGENT NEED** of volunteers as docents at our Old Jail Museum. Also, we need volunteers to help with the Memorial Garden. Just a couple of hours a month would be greatly appreciated. Call Don Colclough, (530) 587-1343, if you can help with the Old Jail. No permission is needed to work in the Garden, but you can call Henry Murray, 582-1675, and he can advise as to what is needed.

Please be sure to read the enclosed flyer in regards to our up coming election.

Remember: "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"  
"Keep Our Forest Green".

## Meet Your Board

~ Guy Coates, Historian ~



### It Runs in the Family

Some folks mistakenly believe your TDHS board members to be a bunch of cantankerous "old-timers" who live in the past, hate change and fight progress.

However, in 1997 this image dramatically changed when 23 year-old Chelsea Walterscheid was elected president, serving multiple terms with dignity and pride.

Still an active board member, Chelsea is a native Truckeean, born in Tahoe Forest Hospital, attended local schools and gained an appreciation for history at a very early age.

"As a child, my mother took us to visit my grandmother in North Dakota," she recalls. "My grandmother was born in 1895." "My mother was always interested in history, so along the way we stopped at every historical site. I guess it was from my mother and grandmother that I began to love history."

Following graduation from Tahoe-Truckee High School in 1992, Chelsea traveled to Honduras on a foreign exchange program. During her six-month stay she became conversant in Spanish.

After returning home, she attended Chabot College in Hayward, but city life did not agree with this native mountain girl. She dearly missed her family, friends and small town life.

Returning to Truckee, Chelsea ran the local party circuit, and enjoyed life. It was great to be home again! During this time she met her husband-to-be, John.

It was during that first glorious summer at home in 1997 that Chelsea volunteered to serve as a docent at the Old Jail Museum.

In September of that year, she attended the TDHS docent appreciation dinner, during which elections were held. That evening, Chelsea was handed a gavel and went home with the title of TDHS President.

Today, Chelsea and John are the proud parents of two children, Jack, age 3, and ten-month old Annabelle. As a busy mother, she still finds time to attend TDHS board meetings and many other civic activities.

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## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

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~ Don Colclough, Museum Coordinator ~



I'm sorry to report that we have not been able to keep our Museum open each Saturday & Sunday from 11AM till 4PM as planned due to a lack of docents. We have every Sunday afternoon covered by Aileen Collinson & Dennis Cowan but need 6 additional docents every weekend.

Looking at the schedule for the rest of the season doesn't look hopeful. **A hand full of members are doing all the work.** Since CATT has agreed to re roof the Museum for free this fall, it behooves us to keep this valuable asset open and is a source of revenue for the Society. You can reach me at 587-1343 or Joy Horn at 587-1507.

## ARTICLE V

### Election of Officers and Board Of Directors

From the Constitution of the Truckee Donner Historical Society, Inc.  
Revised July 1985

Election for the officers of the Society shall be at the annual meeting to be held in Sept. & shall cover the office of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer & two Board Members. These officers shall be current active members in good standing as set forth in the constitution & bylaws & willing to accept the duties & responsibilities.

All officers & Board Members shall be elected by plurality of votes cast by ballot of the total membership present at the annual meeting.

**Prior to the election**, the member shall be furnished a nomination ballot or blank upon which such member may nominate one person for each office open to election.

Nomination shall be returned no later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. (August 23, 2003). The election committee shall poll the nominees as to their acceptance for nomination. They will prepare the ballot for use at the annual dinner & tally the votes.

All (currently) paid memberships shall have voting capacity. Family membership shall constitute two (2) votes. All unpaid memberships, i.e. complimentary, honorary memberships shall be in a non-voting capacity.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting, & the votes of the membership present shall constitute the authority of the membership at large.

Any person who has been elected or appointed for two (2) consecutive terms shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year lapses between the end of his/her last term & the beginning of the term for which he/she is nominated. THIS SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE NOMINATIONS & AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE & CAN BE WAIVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

# **NOMINATING BALLOT**

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***NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 2003.***

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From the Summer 2003 addition of the California Historian, A publication of the Conference of California Historical Societies. "The term constitution is essentially obsolete". " It is recommended that all society's basic rules be combined into a single instrument called the bylaws."

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

**WELCOME BACK HAROLD TREACY.** Recently Mr. Treacy contacted the Society to inquire about his Lifetime membership. It was discovered Mr. Treacy had been removed as a member in 1995 when his forwarding address was no longer available. So, if you have any questions regarding your membership or have discovered you or someone you know has been dropped from our membership rolls, please contact myself, Billie, at [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) or call & leave a message at the Cabin, 530-582-0893. I will be happy to help you out.

**CUDOS to CRAIG THRESHIE**, who has elected to continue his paid Business Membership, Alpen Environments, in addition to his Honorary (free) Membership, granted by the Society while he serves the Town of Truckee as a Council Member.

**CONFIDENTIALITY.** In this day and age of easy access to ones' personal information, the Board of Directors would like to reassure our members that disclosure of their personal information, (i.e. mailing and email addresses and phone numbers) are kept confidential. The Society's membership list is used solely by the current board of directors and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business only.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST JUNIOR MEMBER, ANNABELLE WALTERSCHEID;** the latest bundle of joy to her parents Chelsea, John & her brother Jack. Only time will tell if her mother's historic influence will be maintained in the next generation. Let's hope so!

And speaking of new members, I would like to  
Welcome our other new members:

Dan and Sue Cockrum                      Gordon Richards

**DUES CURRENT?** Please review your mailing label to see when your membership expires. The month and year are reflected above your name. If you notice you are late in paying your annual dues or if you are inclined to make a tax deductible donation over and above your annual contribution, we will gladly accept payment at any time. Please remember the Society does not receive any local, State, or Federal Assistance to operate so **your dues are critical** to pay for the operating expenses of the Society in our pursuit of our Mission: To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

~ THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT  
and  
TO EVERY MEMBER FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND LOYAL SUPPORT ~



## Special Announcement

Please read the information on nominating and availability of candidates. Then take a moment to fill out and mail the enclosed nomination ballot for the 2003 Board to be elected at the annual Election and Docent Appreciation Dinner on September 23rd at a time and place to be announced.

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## NEWS

The 4th of July parade had 60+ entries, there were 17 winners with TDHS placing 3rd in the Nonprofit category. Thanks to Maia Schneider & Channel 6 for the great coverage!

## FLASH

Way to go!!  
CONGRATS TO TDHS!



### Calendar of events



- \* July 26th-Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10 am ~ 4 pm.
- \* July 25-27 -Truckee Antiques Show & Sale Truckee High School - Call 510-525-2708 for more information.
- \* Aug. 1st -Free Acclamation Clinic - Cowboy Mounted Shooting Enthusiasts **Historical Downtown Truckee** - Brought to you by the Railroad Regulators - 601 to kick off Western Week, ending with the Truckee Championship Rodeo. Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- \* Aug. 2nd-Truckee Ruckus' Western Days Parade. **Historical Downtown Truckee** -Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- \* Aug. 2-Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition. **Rodeo Grounds, Brockway Road (Hwy 267)** - Railroad Regulators gunfighters will be on hand. Wagon Train Display and Kids Carnival Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- \* Aug. 8-10-Truckee Championship Rodeo. **McIver Arena, Brockway Road (Hwy 267) Truckee.** Call 530-582-9852 for more information.
- \* Sep. 6-7-5th Annual Truckee Railroad Days-**Historical Downtown Truckee** call 530-546-1221 for more information.



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## AT MY OWN PACE

*Sharon Pace Arnold, President ~*

Get Well Wishes for Laura Horman, our Sunshine Lady. She & her husband Dan are Charter members of the Society. We are all holding sunny thoughts.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Azad Joseph McIver. She had been a life long friend of my family & me. Azad & her sister Roxie came to Truckee in 1922 to meet their brother Dick who had settled here in 1916. Azad & Roxie loved the Old Timer's Picnics. When I would go to visit her she always wanted to talk about the old times here in Truckee. Azad & Roxie had been life members since 1990. Azad was 3 months short of her 96th birthday.

The Joseph Family was very generous. When they sold their Gateway Motel to make room for the new Safeway shopping center, they were instrumental in the Historical Society receiving their office building & paying for the moving of the building. We call it our Gateway Research Cabin.

Get Well Wishes for Yvonne Joseph Ring, wishing you a speedy recovery & hope you are feeling better very soon. The Historical Board & I wish to extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Aunt Azad, "Little Auntie".

I want to thank the many people who sent donations to the Society in my Mother's name & some adding my Dad's name to the donation. All donations will go for the benefit of the Community Memorial Garden, located behind the Old Jail Museum. Everyone who visits the garden thinks it is beautiful. They love all the wild California Poppies & also the apple tree is pretty than it has ever been since it was pruned last fall.

We have a number of new plaques to install & we are waiting for the installer to come from Reno. As we have said in all of our Newsletters, you do not need a formal invitation to work in the Community Memorial Garden. The Garden will never run out of weeds.

This year there has been a change to our Old Timer's Picnic. In the past we offered free beer & soft drinks. No free beer this year, but will continue free soft drinks & water. To give away free beer we had to show proof of insurance, which we have plenty of. But we also had to get a permit from the ABC, alcohol & beverage control board, & signed off by the local Truckee Police Dept. All these permits were required by the Park & Rec. Dist. Just too much paper work, it is easier to eliminate the free beer.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the Old Timers Picnic, & next year will be my last year to organize the picnic. I am hoping someone will step forward & take over as chairperson.

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## ~ Gordon Richards, Research Historian ~

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The Historic Research Committee is open to all members of the TDHS. Research Committee meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM at the cabin. The next meetings are August 10, September 14, October 12 and November 9. This is a way for members to participate in history research and get to know other members in the TDHS.

The focus of the Research Committee is based on needs of the TDHS and what members want to participate in. While there are many projects that need to be done, the most important and interesting one is cataloging the photo collection. The Board has approved a Photo Collection Action Plan. With assistance from Bob Blesse, Head of Special Collections, University of Nevada Reno and TDHS member Susan Lindstrom, we have started the process.

We have created an access program to catalog photos and data about each photo. Help will be needed throughout the fall and winter scanning photos and entering data.

Volunteers are needed to conduct oral history interviews with older Truckee residents. Oral histories are very important to maintaining the many great stories that cannot be acquired any other way. In addition to preparing outlines and questions, interviews, transcripts of the interviews are needed. Members who are out of the Truckee area are encouraged to write their memories of Truckee and we will place them in our files.



### H.P.A.C.



It was about 1979 when a group of volunteers put together the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, a.k.a. HPAC. This committee was: Barbara Grow, Mary King, Nick Sassarini, Zina (O'Brien) Krakowsky, Stephanie (Erber) Olivieri, Jewell Dumas, Dan & Laura Horman, Jim Borelli, Peter Gerdin, Dwayne Haddock, Roy Baker, Larry Young, Susan Anzele, Jim Porter, Susan Antipa, & Kathy Jones. They had Paul A. Lord, Jr. come to Truckee to inventory all the old buildings in downtown Truckee. It was not known as the Historic District at that time. Under Nevada County's approval and supervision HPAC was formed & guidelines were put in place.

When Truckee was incorporated in 1993, HPAC came under the jurisdiction of the Town. Over the last 11 years there have been many changes, new inventories & updated guide lines which follow The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, guidelines for preserving, rehabilitating, restoring & reconstructing. There is also a California Historical Building Code guide line.

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Preserving America's historic structures can be found in the mid-19th century. The nation's first local historic district started in 1931 in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1949 the national Trust for Historic Preservation was chartered by Congress, it is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated with the goal of protecting the irreplaceable. This year's conference theme, in Louisville is: Restore America, Communities at a Crossroads.

In 1966 congress enact the National Historic Preservation act because of widespread demolition of historic structures.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT***~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~*

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.** I would like to thank everyone who returned the Membership Drive Card that was sent in the last newsletter. If you still have your card (or not) it is still not too late to refer a friend or a family member to me so I can officially invite them to join the Society. All you need to do is write (P.O. Box 893, Truckee, CA 96160), call (530-582-0893), or email ([tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com)) myself the name(s) and address of the person(s) you would like me to contact. I will be looking for your referrals to come in!

**JANUARY DUES** I would like to thank everyone who wrote when you received my Reminder Letter about your dues. It appears I must have been on Christmas vacation in January when I failed to update my records for several payments that were received, on time! I think I now have, at least the January renewals, correct & up-to-date.

**DUES CURRENT?** So, when you receive this newsletter, please review your mailing label to see when I have your membership expiring. The month and year above your name tells you what I have in my records. If you notice you have paid and I have failed to indicate it in my membership rolls please let me know. On the reverse side of the issue, if you notice you may be behind in paying your annual dues we will gladly accept your payment at any time.

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**WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS: The Wise Family  
USS Donner L.S.D. 20 Memorial Association\***

**\*Note:** Mr. Thomas Nelson of the USS DONNER made contact with us from our Web Site. So in case you do not know, our website has our Membership Application on it. You just need to download it to your computer, copy it and then mail it in with your dues.

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**PLEASE HELP US INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP  
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**H.P.A.C. continued from pg. 2**

The Town of Truckee has a Historic Preservation Program now. By the end of this year Truckee will most probably be on the National Historic Register. We still have a Historic District & all the old buildings are protected with or without the National Register Status. There can & will be severe penalties for not following the guide lines, demolishing a historic building, or a property demolished by neglect.

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**H.P.A.C. continued**

The Town of Truckee, community Development Dept., Planning Division, has put together a very comprehensive guide line brochure. Any questions about a historic property need to be addressed to the Town of Truckee.

The Historical Society may have a little history about the historic building, but for detailed information about the building and site would require a Research Historian & an Archaeologist. We do have photos of most of the buildings in the Historic District, and we will provide copies & would appreciate a donation. We are in the process of cataloging all of our old photos and putting them on discs, & we are applying these donations to the project.

A press release from the National Trust for Historic Preservation that promotes Heritage Tourism with an annual list of America's 12 distinctive destinations. This year they were: Astoria, OR, Galesburg, IL, Glenwood Springs, CO, Guthrie, OK, Lewisburg, W. VA, Macon, GA., Marshall, Mich., NAPA CA, New Paltz, NY; Newport, R.I., Oberlin, Ohio, & Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Seven of these towns had populations of fewer than 10,000. Next year Truckee may make that list as an American Distinctive Destination. In the California Territorial Quarterly magazine they list 162 California Historical Societies, Museums & Research Group.

It is vital that we all work to protect our Historic Downtown Truckee.

**AT MY OWN PACE Continued from pg. 1**

Another "Sign Of The Times" ... The Truckee Fire Protection District has asked us to put "house" numbers on our Old Jail Museum, & we will comply with their wishes. I have a longer history with the Fire Dept. than the Historical Society, as my Dad was a volunteer & Assistant Fire Chief for many years.

The old historic jail's first floor was built in 1875, 19 years before the fire district was formed, 1894. The second floor to the jail was added in 1904, 100 years ago. The second edition of Fire & Ice, A Portrait of Truckee was dedicated to centennial of the Fire Dist., 1894 - 1994. Copies are still available.

As the Truckee locals know, Truckee was an official over night host for the Great Race, a vintage auto rally of old cars at least 45 year old & most were much older. The race started in Jacksonville FL & ended in Monterey CA. Truckee had the honor of being voted & given "The Great American City Award" & our local Library received \$10,000.00. The participants in the race did the voting.

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### DONNER PARTY HIKES

TDHS is proud to be a sponsor of the Donner Party Hikes. This annual event has attracted as many 400 people to Donner Summit for the past few years. The event is put on by the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce.

This year the event is on October 7-8, 2006. The base of operations is at Sugar Bowl. While this is a paid event for the public, members of the Society are encouraged to volunteer for act as hike docents, herders, and assisting in selling Society photos and books, assisting in the bar-b-que, and the history presentations later in the afternoon. Contact Gordon Richards for more information.

### RESEARCH CABIN PAINTING

The Research Cabin has a new coat of paint! Thanks in part to a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, donated labor from Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe Foundation, CATT contractors Greg Hines and Hersey Dandini. We have completed a complete painting of the exterior of the Cabin. This is in addition to a new roof installed last fall. The grant funding for the roof also came from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation with labor donations from CATT and its contractors. When selecting a local contractor for your own projects, be sure to consider giving the work to CATT contractors, as they have assisted the Society immensely.

### RECENT HISTORIC PHOTO DONATIONS

The Society is always interested in donations of historic Truckee area photos. We also have the capability of scanning historic photos and collections, so that the originals can remain in family collections. The photo scanning and printing equipment is courtesy of a grant from the Lahontan Community Foundation. We recently scanned about 50 family photo albums belonging to long time Truckee-Tahoe resident Lynn Richardson that came from her family collection. They are of winter scenes of the Crawford family trips to Truckee in the 1920's. Scott Wall allowed us to scan 65 photos taken from a scrapbook from 1901. These photos chronicle the horse and bicycle trips of 2 unknown young men on trips through the back country around Truckee, Donner Lake as well as a few town scenes. We would love to scan your historic Truckee family photos to add to our collection.

**26th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion**  
*~Heidi Euer Martin, O.T.P. Chair~*

The Old Timers Picnic and Truckee Reunion was a great success this year. The addition of "reunion" to the invitations and the announcement in the Sacramento Bee, brought us an influx of newcomers there to hook up with old school buddies. Of course we had our wonderful "truly" Old Timers but also new faces young and old, everyone from 9 1/2 months to well in their 90's. People came from great distances, Wyoming, Arizona, and all points east to west. I would like to thank all the volunteers and especially Chelsea Walterscheid who made this year possible and thanks to all of you book and photo buyers. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

**ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, TALENTED & HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED.....**

Your dedicated and hard-working board members invite you, the members of the Truckee Donner Historical Society, to participate with us in fulfilling our mission to the community of Truckee in accomplishing our objectives set out in our Constitution.

**Objective 1:** "...illustrate the history of the area and promote, stimulate, and maintain the interest of the community". WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING US TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE OUR WEB-SITE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE JOB OF "PUBLICATIONS CHAIR". WE ARE THE OWNERS OF THE HISTORICAL SCHAEFFER GRAVESITE AND TRY TO OFFER A CLEANUP DAY EACH YEAR FOR THE GRAVESITE, BUT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THIS COMMITMENT.

**Objective 2:** "...establish and maintain a museum so that all who desire can explore and enjoy the history of Truckee". WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS DOCENTS FOR THE OLD JAIL MUSEUM. IF WE HAD A LARGE (OR MODERATE) SIZE POOL OF VOLUNTEERS, THE REQUIREMENT WOULD ONLY BE A FEW 2 1/2 HOUR SHIFTS ON WEEKENDS DURING THE SUMMER. THE MORE WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP THE JAIL MUSEUM OPEN DURING THE SEASON, THE MORE DONATIONS WE RECEIVE, WHICH WE USE TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING AND KEEP THE LIGHTS ON. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING AND/OR WEEDING, OUR BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF TENDER LOVING CARE FROM MAY TO OCTOBER EACH YEAR.

**Objective 3:** "...disseminate historical information and promulgate interest in the history of Truckee by holding meetings and special events". WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH SPECIAL EVENTS, HISTORY PRESENTATIONS, FIELD TRIPS, HIKES, AND WALKING TOURS. IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL JAIL MUSEUM TOURS, WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FOR HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS OF DOWNTOWN TRUCKEE, BUT ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS TO HOST THE EVENTS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPAND OUR SERVICES AND INCREASE THE DONATIONS WHICH ALLOW US TO DO WHAT WE DO. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WITH SPECIAL TALENTS, I.E. MUSICIANS, WHO WOULD VOLUNTEER TO ENTERTAIN WHEN WE HOST OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

**Objective 4:** "...not really an objective but always in need of worker bees. WE COULD USE HELP WITH SOME HOUSE KEEPING DUTIES AT THE RESEARCH CABIN, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A LITTLE LOW-MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING AT THE CABIN, PERIODIC HOUSEKEEPING INSIDE THE CABIN. WE ALSO ALWAYS NEED HELP WITH THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE JAIL MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR THE SEASON.

➤ **If you have some time, talent, enthusiasm and a desire to support the Truckee Donner Historical Society in realizing the mission and purpose of preserving and sharing Truckee's history WE NEED YOU! Please contact us.** <<

**OLD JAIL MUSEUM**

*~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~*



We have had a very busy season at the Old Jail Museum so far, with over 800 visitors to date and \$1000.00 in donations. But consider this; we have only had our doors open half of the scheduled time. With fewer volunteers than ever, we have had a real hard time being available for tours of the Museum. Imagine if we had been open all of our scheduled hours, we would have had twice that amount in donations and more than double that amount of visitors!! Remember, we run 100% on donations and we can not bring in that much needed money if the Jail is not open!! We really need YOU, members of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society, to help us out with working at the Jail. Yes, it is a volunteer effort, but if only one-third of our membership could give us just 5 hours of volunteer time for the whole season (that's ONLY 2 shifts over 3 months!!) we would have the Jail fully staffed and operating for the entire season! It is a small price to pay to help in our efforts to keep the Museum open and teach people about our RICH history.

When was the last time you took a tour of the Old Jail? Have you been down to see all the changes we've made over the last year? We have put in some well spent hours at the Jail, changing displays, adding new items, more photos and over the next year will increase our retail options. It's honestly one of my favorite places, and have thoroughly enjoyed every hour I've spent there over the last 10 years. Did you know that every spring we give tours of the Jail to every 3rd grader in Truckee? Through the schools and home study programs, the students spend a day touring Truckee and it's historic sites, including the Old Jail. The kids have a great time learning about the town they live in. We invite you to come down, bring a friend or neighbor and visit the museum. A good time to do this would be during our Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 19th. Good music, cool ice-cream and a beautiful garden to enjoy it all in!



## ANNUAL DINNER

The time is approaching for the Annual Dinner and election of officers. The nominating ballot and election dinner menu have been mailed. Please participate by nominating your choice for our new Board of Directors. Deadline for nominations is Aug 26, 2006. The election dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at The Lodge in Tahoe Donner. Menu selection, RSVP and payment are due no later than September 12, 2006. Space is limited, so get your RSVP and payment in early. Voting will take place at the dinner. For members who would like to cast their ballot, but do not wish to attend the meeting, you may come to The Lodge between 6 – 6:30 p.m. and ballots will be available.

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL



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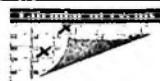
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**August 19** Ice Cream Social at Old Jail Museum  
**August 22** Board Meeting  
**September 12** Field Trip - Truckee River Legacy Trail  
**September 26** Annual Dinner and Elections

**October 1** Jail Closing  
**Oct 7-8** Donner Party Hikes  
**October 24** Board Meeting

**November 28** Board Meeting

**December 2** Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation  
luncheon



**HELP WANTED:** *In an effort to focus on recruiting new volunteers, special tours and the museum itself, I would like to find somebody to take over the scheduling of the Docent shifts. You would be given the contact list of our Jail volunteers and would set up the shifts for the season. Don Colclough and myself will still schedule all special tours, this would just be for the regularly scheduled weekend shifts. It would be a GREAT help to us to find someone to take over this task.*

Contact Chelsea at 530-305-4231,  
or Don at 530-587-1343.



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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

It is officially summer and the busiest time of the year for the Truckee Donner Historical Society. Our Old Jail Museum is open for the season. Of course, we are always looking for docents who would like to spend a few volunteer hours welcoming visitors to our museum. It is a great opportunity to meet people who travel to Truckee from all over the world, as well as the members of our community who bring family and friends to show off our very special piece of Truckee history. Please contact Chelsea Walterscheid at 587-1877 or Don Colclough at 587-1343 if you are the least bit interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity.

Summertime also means that the Old Timer's Picnic and Truckee Reunion is just around the corner. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. More information on this event is inside the newsletter.

We are also planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ice Cream Social at the Old Jail Museum and Community Memorial Garden. This event is a fundraiser for museum repairs. Ice cream sundaes are \$4 and Root beer floats, \$2. Each ticket includes a raffle for an Old Truckee Photo. Please come and support our museum.

Speaking of the museum, you may also notice some construction going on in the Community Memorial Garden this summer. The arch from the doorway of the Masonic Temple will be reconstructed in the garden. This beautiful historic structure, made from native granite will be a great addition to the beauty of our Community Memorial Garden. It is a piece of Truckee's history that will be preserved for future generations.

On September 11 we will be having another general membership meeting with a presentation by author Karen Wright on Mollie Forshay, one of the most notorious females in Truckee's history. Mark you calendar. It will be held at the Northwoods Clubhouse in Tahoe Donner.

Thank you for your support and please keep YOUR Truckee Donner Historical Society in mind if you would like to lend a helping hand in preserving and promoting the unique history of our community.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

### I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

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 Kim Purcell (Sustaining)  
 David & Diane Gandara (Family)  
 Claire Noonan (Sustaining)

**New Member Benefit:** Some of you may have been receiving our latest member benefit, the TDHS E-News. For everyone that has provided an email address with your member application or renewal, I have tried to incorporate you into our new subscribers list. This online format is intended to be another member benefit and service to help stay in touch by providing informational online news. Our recent editions have included 1) the yearly event schedule, 2) complete information on our events, who, what, where and when, 3) a featured book of the month, 4) notices on sale items (such as our 2007 calendar has been reduced to \$5 + tax & s/h) 5) updates on the Old Jail Museum, how-to and who-has booked private tours, and 6) special informative articles such as Who is Minerva?

If you have not been receiving your latest member-benefit, please contact us. You have a couple different ways to be included in our email subscribers list -- either sign up on our website <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> or by sending an email to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) and request to be added.

**Why Two Newsletters?** You may be asking yourself, is the monthly *TDHS E-News* replacing the quarterly *Echoes From The Past*? The answer is, no. We understand many members may not own a computer or have access to go online, or prefer not to receive one-more-email (!) so *Echoes* will continue as usual. They may contain similar news but there will always be differences.

The main difference between the two publications is the *E-News* will contain more-up-to-date information on what is happening and has the ability to reach people who currently are not (but, hopefully may become) TDHS members. At this time, there is no requirement to join the Society in order to receive our monthly *E-News*. The other difference is *Echoes* will continue to contain more member pertinent information such as the Presidents Corner and other board and chair reports, a list of our newest members and the year-end annual reports.

There is still the possibility *Echoes* may be available on-line. That is something else we would need to work through the logistics. We are interested in what you think. Should we investigate this option? Please let us know. Let us know if you would prefer to receive *Echoes* via email or if you prefer still to receive the paper version. Let us know if you think the new *E-News* is a valuable added member benefit. Let us know if there are any topics or other interests you would like us to cover in our newsletters. Write, call, or email us with your opinions.

Thank you, your feedback is important to us.

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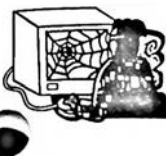
**DID YOU KNOW?** *TDHS IS SELF-SUPPORTING*. The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission: *To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History*.

*Disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential and are never shared or sold to outside sources.*

*Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.*

Please help us recruit new members by referring family, friends, and work associates. The easiest way is to forward an *E-News* or send them to our Website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## WEB PAGE NEWS

~Billie Cornell~

Don't forget to visit our web page <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> for the latest updates.

New **EVENT PHOTOS** from our 2007 summer presentations, jail tours, docent training day and memorial garden should be added by the time you read this.

Our **Publications Page** includes a complete list of the books we sell together with an order sheet making it easy to order. Just follow the instructions on the order sheet, which will automatically calculate your total purchase price, then write a check and mail it. If email or telephone is easier for you, send your order information to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) or leave a message at (530) 582-0893. We can let you know how much it is and once we receive your check your order will be promptly shipped out.

Pay Pal may be coming soon. We hope to have Pay Pal services available through our Website and possibly the E-News so you will be able to make donations and/or membership payments online. We are not contemplating using this service for retail purchases yet.

Are you available to volunteer your time? Since your board and chair positions are 100% volunteer based, we would feel more comfortable waiting to add Pay Pal for retail purchases until we had a volunteer dedicated to fulfill on-line retail orders for our publications and photographs. If you happen to be a member who may want to take on this responsibility, please let us know. We could always use another pair of helping hands to help us expand our capabilities.

ShopforMuseums.com, has anyone heard or used this service before? Stay tuned, we are looking to become a member of [www.shopformuseums.com](http://www.shopformuseums.com) so when you go online to make purchases from participating retail stores you can choose TDHS as your museum of choice to receive donations from your purchases (all at no added cost to you or to the Society—a win-win). More details will follow once our membership to this service is up and running.

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Would you like to receive this quarterly newsletter, *Echoes from the Past*, on-line? Please let us know. Don't forget to read the **HISTORY** articles located on our web site. The last articles added were three **AVIATION ARTICLES** by Gordon Richards, our research historian.

We hope you enjoy the new changes, so please log-on to our web site to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by sending an email to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com).



## 27th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion

Saturday, July 21st from 10:00-2:00  
Rain or Shine!

Hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at the Regional Park, our annual picnic is a good opportunity to see and chat with old friends and family and to meet new people.

Bring your own lunch, blankets or chairs, sometimes the benches are limited. TDHS will have old photos on hand to look at or purchase, along with books for sale on local history.

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones! Tell all your friends and family!

Questions about the event can be directed to  
Chelsea Walterscheid at 530-305-4231.



Long-time resident Daniel Joseph Horman of Donner Lake passed away peacefully in his sleep at St Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev., on Jan 11, 2007. He was 88 years old.

Dan was born in Paterson, N.J. on June 18, 1918. He joined the Army Air Corps during WWII and served with his five brothers, although they were never stationed together. Dan met his future wife Laura while dancing at the USO in San Francisco. After a one-week engagement, they eloped and were married on Jan. 1, 1947 in the Reno courthouse.

With help from the family, the Hormans bought the Donner Lake Trading Post in 1950. For more than 35 years, the Horman family and Dan's two brothers, Paul and Dick, ran the trading post and sporting goods center. They also ran gift shops at King's Beach, Crystal Bay and South Lake Tahoe for many years.

Early on Dan realized there was more money in real estate than donuts (even though he made the best cake donuts on old Highway 40). He earned his broker's license in the early 1960s and his successful career touched many over the years.

Dan was active in civic matters, including membership in the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce, several planning and utility commission and the Truckee Donner Historical Society. Dan and Laura love to play bridge and played in a couple of bridge groups in Truckee and Tahoe.

Dan and Laura were lucky enough to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary together on Jan 1, 1007. In addition to Laura, Dan leaves two daughters, Pam Fry and Donna Metz; three grandchildren, Matt Fry, Robert Bodeen and Michelle Shinstock and two great-grandchildren, Nicole Shinstock and Benjamin Fry.

The family requests that donations be made to Tahoe Forest Hospice, P.O. Box 759, Truckee, CA 96160.



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~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

Happy summer! This is the busiest time for the Truckee Donner Historical Society. The Old Jail Museum is open for the season and we have already hosted several private tour groups. We are very proud of our very own museum. Please keep a visit to the museum in mind when you have friends and family visiting during the summer months.

The Fourth Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great day to visit the museum and Community Memorial Garden. Be sure to put it on your very busy calendars. There are usually so many activities going on during our short summer season, so don't forget.....*We need your support.*

September marks the time for our Annual Election dinner. There is a summary of the election procedure inside this newsletter so that you will be prepared to participate in this very important process.

And speaking of participating in very important processes, we need your help. There are so many opportunities to be involved with the Truckee Donner Historical Society in educating and preserving Truckee's history for our community and visitors. If you think you might be interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call me at the Research Library, 582-0893 and leave a message. I will return your call.

#### Revision to Hilltop Master Plan



The Truckee Donner Historical Society submitted a request to the Town Planning Commission to expand the current Master Plan regarding the Cultural Resources portion of the Environmental

Policies. As written, the Hilltop Master plan provides for a comprehensive historic interpretation program to identify and describe how historic characters, events, and themes were significant to the Hilltop area. The Historical Society submitted a letter requesting the policy be expanded to include "with guidance provided by the Truckee Donner Historical Society". Also included was a request for a "central location or focal point in the form of a covered or enclosed kiosk building, created and maintained by the developer so that ongoing interpretation of this history can be provided by the Historical Society and/or other community historical organizations."

The language in our suggestions was accepted by the Developer and adopted in the Planning Commission's recommended modifications to the Master Plan.

This addition is in keeping with the Truckee Donner Historical Society's overall goal to continue to preserve and educate the community and our visitors about our history. An opportunity to provide rotational displays and human interaction allows for a more rich and comprehensive understanding of the importance and value of the history of Truckee on this site and the contribution to the development of recreational winter sports in the Sierra.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



### I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

LYNDA HENDERSON

In-Kind Membership

I'd like to share a story of our newest member. This past May, Lynda contacted the Society via email to ask if we would be interested to receive her transcriptions of some Reno Gazette articles relating to Truckee history. First I was amazed at her generous offer, since it is normally the other way around, but I soon found out some 20 years ago Lynda had received help from a kind TDHS member when she sought genealogy information about her ancestors. Lynda's never ending interest of the past stems from unearthing stories about her Vaughn and Marsh family members. She now finds herself spending endless hours researching any and all of Truckee history as she transcribes dozens upon dozens of newspaper articles from The Reno Gazette, Nevada State Journal, the Daily Nevada State Journal, Grass Valley Daily Union and some Truckee Republican articles. Lynda is donating her efforts to the Society so we can include this information in our research library and if all goes as planned, to be made available on our website for other researchers and genealogists to obtain easy access to the halls of Truckee history.

As Lynda wrote, "The historical and genealogical community have been so good to me throughout the years that I feel that by transcribing all that I can find pertaining to Truckee and the people who lived here I am somehow playing their generosity forward....."

Lynda, the words "thank you" are hardly enough to express the Society's appreciation of your efforts and paying it forward. Your generosity will be received by many. Thanks!

And on another thank you note, I want to thank all of our existing members for your consistent support through your annual membership dues and other volunteer efforts. Since we are a 100% based volunteer organization TDHS is only as viable as the members who help to support it.

- **DUES CURRENT?** It is easy to tell... just look at the mailing label on your newsletter. It shows the month and year of your renewal if you are paying yearly dues.
- **DID YOU KNOW? TDHS IS SELF-SUPPORTING.** The Society relies solely on membership dues, revenues from our book and photo sales, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission.

*Disclosure of personal information from our membership records are confidential and are never shared or sold to outside sources.*

*Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.*



### Election of Officers for 2008-2009



We are approaching the time to elect the officers for the 2008-2009 term. Last year the membership voted overwhelmingly to change the Constitution to allow for a vote by mail option.

Nominating ballots will be mailed to all voting members in the first week of August. The deadline to receive the completed nominating ballots is 30 days prior to the election dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. So once you receive your nominating ballot, please remember that it must be received by the nominating committee by August 23, 2008.

The nominating committee will contact the individuals who have been nominated for a board position to see if they are willing to serve should they be elected.

The first week of September, the numbered election ballots will be mailed. The deadline to receive the election ballots will be the start of the Annual Election dinner on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We have tentatively scheduled our Annual Dinner to be at the Lodge at Tahoe Donner. Please watch for your ballots to arrive as well as more information about the dinner itself.

*We encourage you all to participate in the election process.*

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Calendar of events



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## 4TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We will be having our 4th annual ice cream social on *Saturday, August 16th* at the Old Jail Museum and Community Memorial Garden. Mark you calendars!

Ice cream sundaes will be sold for \$4 and root beer floats for \$2. Each ice cream purchase includes a raffle ticket for our door prize drawing. This year we will raffle two matted, panorama photos from our collection; both are panorama views of old Truckee taken from the vantage point of Hill-top.

Additional raffle ticket will be sold for \$1 each.

There will be music in the garden and an opportunity to tour the museum! We will also have photo catalogs available to view in case you would like to special order some additional photos from our collection.

This event is a fundraiser for the museums upkeep and repair. This is a very old building and in need of continual repair-so please *come and lend your support!!*

**YUM!!!**



## 28th Annual Old Timer's Picnic

**FUN!**

Please join us for a picnic in the park!

Whether you consider yourself an "Old Timer" or just want to visit, bring your family & friends!

**FUN!**

**Truckee-River Regional Park**  
**Saturday July 19th from 10:00 am~4:00 pm.**

Pack your lunches and lawn chairs and relax for the day. There will be some picnic benches already set-up-and as always, the event is "rain or shine".

We will have copies of old photos and books on local history for sale. In preparation for an upcoming oral history project, Chelsea will be recording a short interview with those of you willing to participate.

3 simple questions will be asked:

- When did your family move to Truckee?
- What is one of your fondest memories living in Truckee?
- Do you have a favorite building or site in Truckee (be prepared to tell us why!)

If you have any questions, please visit our website or call Chelsea at (530) 305-4231







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## **AT MY OWN PACE**

*Sharon Pace Arnold, President*

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### **TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL TRUCKEE OLD TIMERS' PICNIC**

**SATURDAY JULY 20, 2002**

**10 AM TO ???**

**TRUCKEE RIVER REGIONAL PARK**

**HIGHWAY 267 - SOON TO RETURN TO OLD BROCKWAY ROAD  
(RAIN OR SHINE)**

Bring A picnic lunch, cold drinks will be provided, (DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED), folding chairs and a blanket because tables and benches are sometimes limited.

The Society will have their historical books and photos on sale, also the panorama style photos. This is also a good time to sign-up to become a member or to renew your membership.

Have you visited the Community Memorial Garden behind the Old Jail Museum? We will be having a garden party August 2nd. Time will be announced later.

Thanks to an anonymous donation we have the funds to install a new and modern security system at our Gateway Research Cabin. You may remember that there was an attempted burglary several months ago. Fortunately, or unfortunately for the burglar, they severely cut themselves on glass attempting to get in, lots of glass and blood but they never got in.

Thanks to Don Colclough and his wife Sally, and Dennis Cook we now have Old West Saloon style music at the Old Jail Museum. Don is still in need of docents, give him a call, 530-587-1343.

In May we had (ELEVEN!), 3rd grade classes tour our Old Jail Museum. Four classes from Glenshire, six from Truckee Elementary, and one from Donner Summit. Thanks to Dennis Cook, Josh Susman, Norm Justesen, and Vince Deveney, of the Railroad Regulators, the classes were entertained with some living history. Note, they did not all come at once or the same day.

A big thank you to Bob Drake, former town Council member, for donating bricks from the old Masonic building. Also paper and memorabilia from the day of incorporation.

Hope everyone with a computer has had the opportunity to visit our new web site.

## **SEE YOU AT THE OLD TIMERS PICNIC**

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

## Meet Your Board

### ~ Guy Coates ~



Don Colclough, Director of our historic jail museum, is one of your hardest working board members.

A true native of the west, Don was born in San Francisco the same year the Golden Gate Bridge opened. He attended school in the Bay area, graduating from Archbishop Riordan High School.

After high school, the patriotic young man joined the Army, spending 16 months in Korea between 1956 and 1957. While in the army he served in the military police, including duty as a stockade guard and as a clerk in the Eighth Army provost marshal's office.

Upon discharge from the army Don went to work at the Pacific Stock Exchange, got married and raised four children. During his career as a stock trader, Don frequently visited the Truckee area on camping trips with his family and fell in love with the mountains.

In 1988 Don built his dream home in Tahoe Donner while continuing his career as a stock trader. In 1994 Don was married to his current wife, Sally.

**Guy Coates is a local Historian**

**Read his column in the Sierra**

**Sun or online at [www.sierrasun.com](http://www.sierrasun.com)**

**com**

In 1996 he retired from Goldman Sachs & Company as Vice President, Trading Department and moved to Truckee permanently.

Don has five Grandchildren who greatly enjoy their visits to the Colclough home in Truckee.

Don runs the Old Jail Museum with an iron hand; similar to the way he ran the stockade in Korea. There is no question as to who is in charge.

In addition to his duties as Director of the Jail Museum, Don serves as Chairman of the Truckee Cemetery Board and as a Board Member of the Mountain Area Preservation Foundation.

In their spare time (what little there is) Sally paints and does crafts while Don simply enjoys mountain life. "You're living the American Dream," Sally says. Don agrees!

### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN PARTY

*Among the Society's activities this year is a Garden Party, Saturday, August 3, 2002, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

*at the Old Jail Museum, located on Jibboom Street in historic downtown Truckee*

*Come join the fun—music, food, drinks, socializing, and remembrance of all those listed on the Memorial Wall. If you are interested in helping to plan this social event, your assistance is appreciated.*

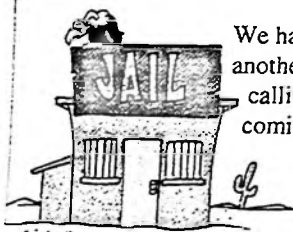
*Call Jim Smith at 530 587-2876*

*See you there!*



## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

**We are now up to 22 docents but still need many more.**



We have already missed one day of being open for visitors and it looks like we are going to miss another one. Joy Horn has been calling which I appreciate but I believe our member's should be calling me to ask when they can help out. I am willing to help any interested members in becoming a docent. Let's keep this asset open for our residents and visitor's.

Don Colclough Jail Museum Coordinator 587-1343

## Membership Report

### Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and able to reflect on those special, precious moments of life that form your own personal history if not history worthy enough for the history books. Time passes quickly and before you know it another year has slipped by. The Historical Society depends on the remittance of your membership dues in a timely manner to help us operate year-round. We hate to lose our valued members from ones' failure to mail in your annual dues.

I happily admit, this is not a huge problem, but has affected some members in recent times. Many of you make my membership duties very easy by mailing in your dues EARLY! The majority though, diligently sends in their dues shortly after receipt of my renewal letter with your new membership card attached thereto (reducing the need for another mailing to send your card to you *after* we receive your dues). Thank you!!

Unfortunately, due to the continued increase in expenses to operate, such as postage and printing costs, the Board of Directors at our May Board meeting approved a change in the renewal procedure.

Beginning this August, I will mail my usual Renewal Letter, advising you that it is time to mail in your annual dues, and ONE REMINDER LETTER approximately 30 days after your membership has lapsed. I will make every attempt to have your initial renewal letter in your hand a month before your dues are payable. In essence, you should have about 2 months to get your dues paid before advising you that you will be dropped from our membership roster, if we do not hear from you. I know occasionally there are personal emergencies that may cause a delay but I highly encourage you to write or e-mail me your situation. The worst part of my duties as membership chair is dropping members. Even though I have not met many of you, I do feel like I DO know each and every one of you, after seeing your names year after year.

If you wonder when your membership may expire, you can always look at your envelope or mailing label. The month and expiration year appear above your name. Again, I encourage you to contact me in the event you believe there is any error with your renewal date. Hey, I am the first to admit that I am not perfect.

Now down to the fun news. I would like to send a **BIG HEARTY WELCOME** to our newest members.

The Truckee Hotel      Georgiana King  
Katrine Watson      Mark McLaughlin  
Dale Dilts, who provided the Society with our fabulous Web Page. Thank You Dale!

Cordially yours,

Billie Cornell -- Membership Chair

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS & DOCENT APPRECIATION DINNER

Mark your calendars for our Annual Elections & Docent Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Madigan's Grill Tavern (formerly the Donner House). Menus selection and pricing information will be distributed in a special absentee voting mailer. The current slate of nominees is as follows:

- |                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • President               | Sharon Arnold                         |
| • Vice President          | Guy Coates                            |
| • Executive Secretary     | Chelsea Walterscheid                  |
| • Corresponding Secretary | <b>OPEN</b>                           |
| • Treasurer               | Judy Dunlap                           |
| • *Board Members          | Bev Cook, Jim Smith,<br>Vince Deveney |

\*The general membership selects 2 Directors at Large in addition to the Directors automatically on the Board of Directors who chair various committees.

»**Qualifications:** Current TDHS member in good standing; has interest in preserving Truckee history in general, trained in historic preservation, or a community volunteer.

»Nominations are being received for any of the above positions until July 15, 2002. Please contact Election Committee Members, Jim Smith at 530 587-2876 or Bev Cook at 530 587-4554, to provide additional names for the membership to consider.

The Docent Appreciation Dinner is to officially recognize all those wonderful volunteers who devote many hours to keep the Old Jail Museum open to residents & visitors. Traditionally, annual reports are given on the state of the Society, recognition of Docents, Officers, and Directors.



- \* July 4th -Parade 10 am. For ??s call 530 587-7257
- \* July 12-14th-California Trail Days at Donner Memorial Park 9 am~5 pm -FREE- Info: 530 582-7892
- \* July 12-14th-Cannibal Cruise-Truckee Regional Park. For info. 530 582-9062
- \* July 20th-Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10 am ~ 4 pm.
- \* July 27th-New York, New York On The Green--Tahoe Donner.Showtime 7 pm.For info.530 583-3101
- \* August 3rd- Garden Party at TDHS Memorial Garden (located at the Old Jail Museum) 2 pm ~ 4 pm.
- \* September 15th- Truckee Walking Tour hosted by TDHS Board Members.
- \* September 24th- Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner. \*See Article\*
- \* October 8th- Living History Program
- \* November 12th- General Sutter Movie-Docudrama on the history and life of Capt. John A. Sutter--At TDHS Cabin.
- \* November 30th-December 1st- Tiny Tim Christmas.

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our rich history in the Golden State

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## GREETINGS!

As we begin the new millennium, I want to just take a moment to let all of our members know that our newsletter and activity schedule is under revision. Our newsletter will be published quarterly with quarterly general meetings. This issue features a calendar of events for your planning for the upcoming months. Hope to see you soon!

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ∞ FEBRUARY ∞

24th- Snowfest - Parade, Dance & Sideshow: for more info 587-7662

### ∞ MAY ∞

TBA- Docent Training

26th- Official Seasonal Museum Opening 11a.m. - 4p.m.(open weekends until Labor Day)

27th- Community Memorial Garden Dedication- 1:00 p.m.

28th- Memorial Day

### ∞ JULY ∞

4th- Truckee Parade- 10:00 a.m.

14th- 21st Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

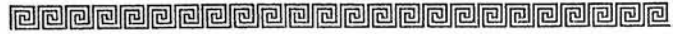
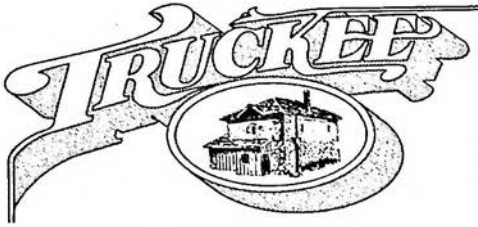
### ∞ SEPTEMBER ∞

TBA- Railroad Days

25th- Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner

### ∞ DECEMBER ∞

7th & 8th- Christmas at the Cabin



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Sharon Pace Arnold, President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ~ MARCH ~

2nd- SnowFest/Railroad Regulators Event

### ~ APRIL ~

28th- Geneoa/Carson City/Bowers Mansion Bus Trip (weather permitting)

### ~ MAY ~

11th- Old Jail Museum Clean-up

18th- Windows on History & Official Seasonal Museum Opening 11a.m-4pm  
(open weekends until Septmeber 15, 2002)

### ~ JUNE ~

25th- Lincoln Highway- an interesting program on the History of the Lincoln Highway presented by Lee Schegg at Donner State Park

### ~ JULY ~

20th- 22nd Annual Old Timers Picnic Truckee Regional Park 10am-4pm

### ~ AUGUST ~

3rd- Garden Party at TDHS Memorial Garden at Jail

### ~ SEPTEMBER ~

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### ~ OCTOBER ~

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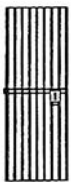
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For any member's interested in becoming docent's, and I hope there are many of you, please call me at 587-1343 and I will send you a description of the exhibit's on display.



Don Colclough  
Old Jail Coordinator

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Gordon Richards

After serving as Vice President from the 1994-2000 terms and President from the 2000-2004 terms, it was time for me to step down and volunteer in other areas of the Society. I have promised to volunteer where ever I am needed.

Our new Vice President, Gordon Richards, would really like to have a new President, any volunteers? During the 1993-1994 term the Society was with out a President, with Joan Mensor serving as Vice president. We just followed our constitution.

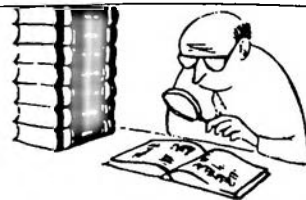
From the slate of officers in the '93-'00 terms 12 officers have moved from Truckee: Joan Mensor, Mary Dutra, Jeramy Johnson, Shirley Mraz, the Mannings, Bob Bosacki, Guy Coates, Ed McMills, Marilou Ficklin, Patt Osborne, Steven Birch, and Garry Hall. Two have passed away, Don Webb and our dear friend Thelma Meiss. Thanks to all of you for your past help.

Over the last four years I have been blessed with an outstanding Executive Board, Board Directors and Chair Directors: Gordon Richards who stepped in to take Guy Coates's place as Research Historian and now Vice President which Guy held for three years followed by Bruce Cornell last year; Chelsea Walterscheid, Executive Secretary and Museum Curator. Judy Dunlap Treasurer and new co-chair of the Grant writing program; Dennis and Beverly Cook Board Director, who has put together our annual election dinners, and Dennis who gets the Rail Road Regulators to volunteer at our Old Jail Museum, the third graders love the show; Sally and Don Colclough Board Director and assistant to Chelsea at the Old Jail Museum, Sally helps with the signs; Steve and Judy Williams Editor of "Echoes From the Past", orders and sells all our publications and new co-chair of the Grant Writing program, Steve fixes our computer; Billie Cornell Membership Chair, Assistant Editor and now our new Corresponding Secretary; Leanne Atwater sells our photos large and small and our book at her store "The Donner Trading Co". Gordon and Judy D. have added many new copies to our photo collection.

Last but not least is Henry Murray Memorial Garden Chair, who has watched over our apple tree with tender loving care. We are looking forward to apple pies or apple butter from Judy D. and Chelsea. Henry has always been available when I needed him for any project. Thanks to all the people who donated to the Memorial Garden in my Mother and Father's name this last spring, the Garden is now in the black after three years.

Also on my list for Thank You's: Carrie Smith, Paul Spensor, Dan and Laura Horman. Every one of the above has done more than their fair share of volunteering. We have worked as a TEAM.

~Gordon Richards, Research Historian ~  
530 587-7438



Due to lack of interest, the Historical Research Committee meetings will no longer be held. The Board has decided to implement general membership meetings on a quarterly basis that will emphasize history education and entertainment. The Christmas At The Cabin on December 3 will be the winter meeting. During the summer months, we will have monthly evening field trips to local historical sites.

#### New Book on Truckee History

The Historical Society is selling a new book. "The Chinese Must Go" is a very readable in depth history of the 1886 Truckee Anti-Chinese Boycott. The author is Wallace Hagaman of Nevada City, who has written two other books on the Chinese in the Grass Valley-Nevada City area.

In the Central Pacific Railroad construction era of the 1860's, the Chinese were invaluable in the grading and blasting of the Donner Summit tunnels. After the construction was completed, many continued living and working in the Truckee area. They were employed as woodcutters, loggers, laborers, railroad maintenance workers, snow shovelers, and as domestic help in the town businesses and homes.

Truckee's citizens and its anti-Chinese faction, The Caucasian League, succeeded in relocating the Chinese from the original Chinatown, to the area now being redeveloped on Southeast River Street in 1878. The economic threat of Chinese workers taking jobs from Americans resulted in a divided Truckee. Many people, led by Charles F. McGlashan, favored the eviction of the Chinese. Several local businesses were slow to comply and were the main focus of the boycott.

In the end, a mostly non-violent, at least according to the McGlashan owned newspaper, boycott of the Chinese and their employers resulted in the complete abandonment of Truckee's Chinatown. The new book is an excellent addition to our book list. The retail price is \$12.95. The other two books by Hagaman, "The Chinese Cemetery at Nevada City" and "Chinese Temples of Nevada City and Grass Valley" are also available in limited quantities. A special price for all three books will be available at the Christmas at The Cabin.

#### New Photo Book on Truckee-Tahoe History

The Sierra Sun's new book, "A Photographic History- Truckee & Lake Tahoe" is now available. This is a new photo album of historic photos from the Truckee Donner Historical Society, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, and the Lake Tahoe Historical Society. Photos were also provided by TDHS member and Donner Ski Ranch owner Norm Saylor. Sierra Sun publisher Jody Poe looked at every photo in the TDHS collection and selected a varied array of photos. The Sierra Sun donated \$1,000 for the use of the photos and a box of books to the Society. We are also purchasing additional books. The book is available through other outlets, but TDHS members are encouraged to purchase their copies from us. The list price of the photo album is \$39.95.

#### Echoes from The Past

The history column, Echoes From The Past, which has been running in most Fridays in the Sierra Sun, will now be only twice a month. For the winter months, TDHS member and well known North Lake Tahoe author, Mark McLaughlin will be writing a weather history column on the first and third Fridays. The Sierra Sun is a supporter of the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

*Truckee-Donner Historical Societies Annual*

*Christmas at the Cabin*

*December 3, 2004*

*4pm ~ 9pm*

*10115 Donner Trail Road*

*Behind PUD at Meadow Park*



*Books & Historic photos for sale*

*Vintage Jewelry & Collectibles*

*Great Gift Ideas ~ Refreshments will be served*

## ~ AT MY OWN PACE ~

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My thanks to all of them for the lovely plaque that was presented to me at the Annual Election Dinner this last September.

Thank You to Joe and Donna Straub who are restoring our flag pole at the Old Jail Museum. I am told that it will be lit with an all weather flag, and at the appropriate height.

There are many exciting things planned for this coming year, starting with our Special Christmas At The Cabin, Friday December 3rd. Looking forward to see many of you there.

Even though it is winter time, we still need VOLUNTEERS.

Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a Prosperous New Year, 2005.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gordon Richards, Vice President, TDHS  
587-7438 gprich@LTOL.com



At the annual elections of officers on September 28, no member in good standing was nominated for the office of President. I was nominated and elected as Vice-President. The office of President shall remain vacant for the time being. At the October 26 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to the delegation of the President's duties. The Society will be operated in accordance to the constitution and with full consensus if the Board. There is precedent for this. In 1993 the President's office was vacant and the society continued to function. Members are encouraged to attend board meetings and become involved in the Society. The next Board Meeting will be a short one on Wednesday, December 1 at the TDHS Cabin at 6PM. We will be setting up for our annual Christmas At The Cabin that night. Normally the Board Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except during Holiday periods. To receive agendas by e-mail contact Gordon Richards.

## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~



The Old Jail Museum had a successful 2004 season. We had 32 docents helping give tours and keep our doors open to the 2981 visitors! We also took in \$2000.00 in donations, remember we depend 100% on donations to keep the Jail running. Can you believe that many people go through there in a season? Docents, **Thank you so much** for helping us out! The good news is that we were open most of the scheduled time; the bad news is that we were closed some of the scheduled time. Even with our 32 docents, we still found ourselves short of help. Please keep us in mind if you would like to help out at the museum. There will be scheduled training this spring, watch in upcoming newsletters for the dates. Think of how many more visitors and donation funds we can have next year with a fully staffed museum!!

We have exciting things going on at the Jail this winter. While the Jail will be closed for tours, there will be plenty of work going on. We will be moving things around, adding new displays and bringing some things up-to-date. Our rummage and bake sale took in \$1,000.00 which was earmarked for the Jail to purchase new display cases. One thing we really need to do is put our clothing in archival quality cases. This will be an expensive project and probably won't be completed by the spring, but I wanted to keep you updated on our goals. We are more than happy to accept any donations to our display case fund.

We are also working on receiving a grant to replace our leaking roof. We will keep you all updated in future newsletters.

One more thing, East-West Partners donated 17 photo/story boards which they had displayed in their sales office and on location. They are beautiful and will look nice as displays in the Jail. I am very excited to get working in there!

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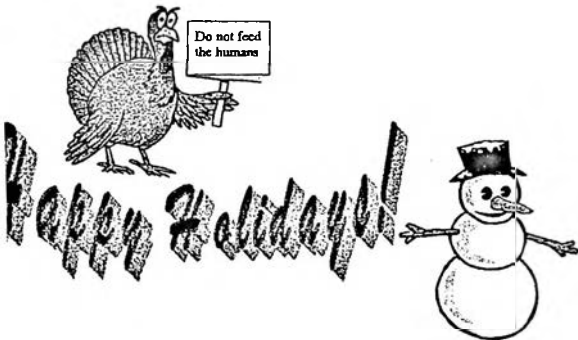
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Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.  
4th Tuesday of the Month  
Quarterly General Meetings  
March\*, June,  
August, October  
2nd Tuesday of the Month at  
7:00 p.m.  
(\*weather permitting)

### Executive Board

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# Echoes From the Past

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## A SEASON OF THANK YOUS

~ Gordon Richards President & Research Historian ~  
587-7438 [gprich@ltol.com](mailto:gprich@ltol.com)



As I step up from Vice President to President of the TDHS, I want to thank the dedicated Board Of Directors and Committee Chairpersons who have kept this Historical Society together and functioning for the past few years.

Past President Sharon Arnold has been a great asset to the Society, having served in a leadership role that no one else could. She has also been the organizer of the Old Timers Picnic for many years, and is now passing that event's organization on to new leaders. Sharon has also donated many hours to the Jail Museum, Rummage Sale, Ice Cream Social and many other events. Sharon has agreed to continue on as the Society Representative to the Town of Truckee Historical Preservation Advisory Committee.

New Vice President Henry Murray has helped out behind the scenes with the Memorial Garden and the Ice Cream Social, among other things. His help is greatly appreciated.

Judy Dunlap has been, and continues to be an important officer, serving as treasurer for many years. In addition she helped organize the Ice Cream Social, which raised \$281 for the Jail and Memorial Garden, helped reorganize the Old Jail Museum, and has written two successful grants, one for the Research Cabin re-roofing and another for the photo archive project. Thanks, Judy!

Continuing on as Recording Secretary and Old Jail Museum Curator, Chelsea Walterscheid has devoted a tremendous amount of energy, all the while raising two even more energetic children. The reorganized Jail continues to impress visitors and is a very important part of the Truckee atmosphere. She is truly a shining light.

Billie Cornell has been reelected as Corresponding Secretary and keeps up the impressive task of membership chairperson, as well as assisting sending out the newsletter. Good job, Billie!

Long time Old Jail Museum docent and Special Group Tour leader Don Colclough is a very helpful addition as he returns as a Board Member. Don has also volunteered to be the Chair of the next Election Dinner. Thanks Don.

Our newest Board Member is Bob Bell. We welcome him to our Board and will value his opinions. Bob brings experience as a Board member of the Truckee Donner Rail Road Society.

Outgoing Board member Bev Cook has also organized our Annual Election Dinner for several years. Bev and husband Dennis have been great supporters of the Society for years and we thank them.

Newsletter Editor and Publications Chairperson Judy Williams is another valuable asset to the group, working behind the scenes to keep our many books for sale organized and our general members in touch with our activities.

The Old Timers Picnic will be organized next year by member Heidi Euer Martin. We thank her for stepping up.

All of our Board members need assistance from members. The way to assist the Board of Directors is to contact us (best by E-mail) and get involved.

## RESEARCH CABIN GETS A NEW ROOF!

As a result of wonderful support from our community, the Truckee Donner Historical Society is proud to say we have a new roof on our research cabin! The Society received a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation to purchase materials for the new roof. Members of C.A.T.T., Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe, donated the labor. A BIG THANK YOU to Mark Tanner Construction who performed the redecking of the roof and another BIG THANK YOU to Joe Vineyard Roofing who removed the old shingles and reshingled the new roof. These two contractors really understand what giving back to the community is all about! Helping us get a preliminary budget early in the process was Rick with Lebel Roofing, so thank you for your help too.

A BIG THANK YOU to Washoe Building Supply Roofing for their donation of roofing materials. In Addition, lumber was provided at cost by the Truckee Tahoe Lumber Company.

Thank you to all who participated on this project. A special thank you to Tom Just of the C.A.T.T. Community Project Association for his coordination. The members of the Truckee Donner Historical Society appreciate the support from these individuals and organizations. Their support helps us to continue our mission to preserve Truckee's historical architecture and uphold our agreement to the community to maintain this historical building.

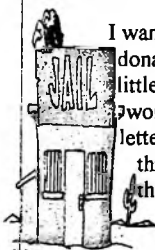
The Cabin was originally built in 1939 as the office for the Gateway Motel. The roof was original to this building and in very poor condition. In addition to providing a meeting place for the Historical Society, it houses a historic photo and document collection. The Society also holds membership gatherings and events in the Cabin. The building is also used as a meeting place for the Truckee Cemetery District, the Chief Truckee Chapter of the E Clampus Vitus and the Nevada County Landmarks Commission.

Judy Dunlap

## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

*~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~*

With last year's early snow and late spring, the Jail season came and went pretty fast. As usual, we were scheduled to have our doors open on weekends during the summer months. We had less docents this year, so we had to have the doors closed on a number of different occasions, but we still managed to show the museum to 2311 visitors, and took in over \$1750.00 in donations. That money goes into a fund for the maintenance of the building. We are hoping next year to be able to repair the leaking roof and some plumbing issues, but other than that, the old building is doing great in it's old age!



I want to say thank you to all of the docents who worked hard all season to keep those doors open. We can not bring in donation money if the doors are closed! Some docents put in many hours, and some put in as many as they could. Every little bit helps us out, so please consider joining our Jail Crew and becoming a docent at the Old Jail Museum. You can work as little or as much as you want and we really need the help! Look for training days and times in the spring newsletter. I also want to thank the Railroad Regulators, who help us give tours every year to the local 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, passing through for an end of the year history lesson. I have to admit, I've been upstaged by their presence...the children think they are the best part of the tour

### VOLUNTEER COCKTAIL HOUR

This year we are doing something a little different for all the volunteers who helped out over the year. Instead of our usual luncheon, we will be hosting a cocktail hour as a BIG THANK YOU to all of the people who help us do all those things that need to be done for the Cabin, the Jail, the Garden and the Gravesite (did I forget anything?). So, if you have helped us out this year, you are cordially invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Volunteer Cocktail Hour, hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Appetizers will be served. Guests are also invited to stay for our annual Christmas Party, taking place immediately after the social hour. Once again, Thank You for all your help!!

RSVP by November 27th to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**~ *Billie Cornell, Membership Chair* ~**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

From the SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 Annual Election Dinner

The new memberships are keeping pace with members we are losing thereby keeping our total membership totals exactly the same. A repeat of last year.

The chart below shows the number count for our membership types. A recap of the changes are:

- An increase in Family, Business, Contributing, Sustaining and Non-Profit,
- A decrease in Complimentary, Honorary, Individual, and Lifetime,
- No change for the Junior, In-Kind, and Contributing memberships.

There were 30 new memberships. The breakdown for each member type is:

- 1 Contributing \$100
- 1 Sustaining \$75
- 3 Business \$40
- 11 Family \$30
- 2 Non-Profit Organization \$25
- 9 Individual \$20
- 3 Complimentary \$0
- 30**

Some members elected to change their membership type during the year. The changes made were:

- Barbara Green is a paid Individual member in lieu of an Honorary member
- Moonshine Ink is a paid Business member in lieu of a Complimentary member
- 5 members changed from Individual to Family
- 1 member changed from Individual to Sustaining
- 1 member changed from Individual to Contributing
- 1 member changed from Family to Individual
- 1 member changed from Family to Contributing

| Member Type     | No. of Members<br>as of 9/27/2005 | No. of Members<br>as of 9/22/2004 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Business        | 9                                 | 6                                 |
| Complimentary   | 29                                | 30                                |
| Contributing    | 8                                 | 6                                 |
| Family          | 60                                | 54                                |
| Honorary        | 5                                 | 7                                 |
| In-Kind         | 6                                 | 6                                 |
| Individual      | 101                               | 109                               |
| Junior          | 5                                 | 2                                 |
| Lifetime        | 51                                | 53                                |
| Non-Profit Org. | 7                                 | 6                                 |
| Sustaining      | 3                                 | 2                                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>281</b>                        | <b>281</b>                        |

**Christmas at the Cabin**

It is time once again to celebrate the holidays with the Historical Society. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Our research cabin, located at Meadow Park behind the PUD, will be open to any one who wants to come by to visit with other members, meet the new Board members and enjoy some home made baked goods. As usual, you can view our photos and books which are available for sale, think about the people on your shopping list! Please invite your friends and family to join us in bringing in the holiday season.

**Baked Goods**

Every year for our Christmas party, we serve our guests homemade baked goods, along with hot spiced wine and cider. If any members would like to contribute a plate of goodies, please call Chelsea at 530-305-4231 to arrange a drop off time. Thank you very much for your contribution!!

**Truckee Donner Historical Society**

Judy Dunlap, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report As of September 23, 2005**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Bank of the West</b> |                     |
| Checking Account        | \$13,462.87         |
| Photo Archive           | 7,189.48            |
| Cabin Roof              | 6,000.00            |
| CD                      |                     |
| Memorial Garden         | 3,883.42            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$ 30,535.77</b> |

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Bank of the West Checking  | \$13,462.87 |
| Hold in Trust Fire & Ice   | ( 297.46)   |
| Hold in Trust Jail Repairs | ( 296.76)   |

Operating Funds      \$12,868.65

**ANNUAL OVERVIEW**

Total Book Sales = \$5,560  
 Total Photo Sales = \$1,449  
 Total Membership Dues = \$4,940  
 Total Donations Memorial = \$1,635  
 Total Donations Jail = \$2,075  
 Total Donations Other = \$2,382  
 Spent \$7,359 to republish Fire and Ice  
 Received Grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation  
 in the amount of \$6,000 to put a new roof on the Research Cabin.  
 Received Grant from the Lahonton Community Foundation to  
 purchase equipment for the Photo Archive Project.

- *Dec. 3 4pm*-Volunteer Cocktail Party
- *Dec. 3 5pm*-Christmas at the Cabin
- Field trips in spring-slay tuned!



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Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.  
4th Tuesday of the Month

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I am honored to begin serving my second term as President of the Board. Thank you to all of you who have supported me this past year.

Gordon Richards worked tirelessly behind the scenes responding to the numerous requests we receive for photo reprints and research questions. He is always on top of it and we are lucky to have Gordon as a member of our team.

Chelsea Walterscheid, has a great deal of love for our community and it shows in everything she does. She knows a lot about our history and the history of TDHS and is always willing to help wherever and whenever it is needed. Her greatest passion is the museum and she looks over it with great care.

Billie Cornell responds to all of our email inquiries and does the job of Membership Chair, phenomenally well. Billie has worked with Mary Lou Ficklin to update our website, has created a fantastic Email Newsletter and signed us up for Shop for Museums so that we are able to generate income from those individuals who shop on-line on our behalf.

Bob Bell brings all of his business experience, wisdom and stability to the organization as Treasurer. We are a 501 3c corporation, therefore we have responsibilities to the federal, state and county governments and he makes certain that we remain accountable.

Henry Murray takes great care of our garden. If ever there is a problem with weeds, water or whatever, Henry is right on it. Henry is also the reason behind the success of our Ice Cream Social. He solicits all of the donations so that we are able to make a small profit off of this fun event. Henry also conducts group tours at the museum and along with Don Colclough, helped to open the doors of the museum on Tuesdays throughout the summer.

Don Colclough tirelessly works to keep the doors of the museum open. He conducts group tours throughout the season, helping to spread the good word about our delightful museum. Don is also willing to do whatever is necessary to assist our organization.

Judy Williams has worked diligently for many years making certain that we have our inventory of books on hand and making certain that orders are filled. She also is the editor of this newsletter.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

### I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

|                                                   |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Patrick & Elaine McDonough (Family)               | Val & Buffalo Cano (Family)  |
| Wild Cherries Coffee House (In-Kind)              | David Tirman (Individual)    |
| Edward & Christine O'Neill (Family)               | Dan Anderson (Complimentary) |
| Century 21 Tahoe Resort, George Koster (Business) |                              |

In the online October E-News, I wrote an article about the benefits of joining the society. I would like to re-print it in this newsletter format for the benefit of those members who do not have access to the World Wide Web.

## TDHS PURPOSE AND MEMBER BENEFITS

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our *Mission Statement* and *Purpose* is: To discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the aboriginal, natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of the Town of Truckee and surrounding area.

### PURPOSE, REVENUE SOURCES and FUTURE DREAMS

With that in mind when you join the Society and become a member, you are helping to further our Mission Statement. We are able to accomplish this objective in various ways. TDHS receives no local, state, or federal funding to further our mission so our primary method of preserving and sharing Truckee's history is through operating the Old Jail Museum. Open to the public on summer weekends, holidays and for the new Truckee Tuesdays, a nominal entrance donation is suggested. Funds are also raised through private jail group tours. Other avenues of funding are through sales of our books, reprints from our vintage photograph collection, memorial plaques, from fundraisers such as the annual Ice Cream Social, and by generous donations and grants. However, our consistent revenue-generating avenue is through membership dues.

Membership dues help to pay the operating expenses for both the Old Jail Museum and the restored historic Gateway Research Cabin used for board meetings, events, and as the Society's research and business office. Immediate projects in need of financing are for repair/replacement of the Old Jail Museum roof and the ongoing, extensive archival photo project to preserve historic snapshots of Truckee and surrounding areas.

Looking to the future, one of the Society's dreams is to have an online research and photograph library. Another long-range goal is to organize and catalog our extensive collection of research books, newspaper articles and reference materials. Ultimately, the Society would like to be able to open up a year-round public historical research library and retail store. Of course, we want to continue with the education of our local school kids through the annual 3rd grade Old Jail tours and to add kid programs to our activities. Grand dreams and goals indeed, which will require time, money and the work of more active members in order to come to fruition.

Currently, the Society is a 100% volunteer driven organization with no paid staff members. Therefore, all projects, community functions, and docents to keep the museum open and all administrative and operational functions are performed by the passion and dedication of each volunteer. To realize our future dreams and goals the Society hopes to attract more members, especially active members, and gain greater community support. The work we do today will help to guarantee the History of Truckee to be preserved for future generations.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:**

1) 10% off the retail price of all books and historic photos sold by the Society. You can preview a very small selection of photos and our entire line of publications (books) we sell on our website. We literally have hundreds of photos as the collection continues to grow and we continue to look for new publications to add to our book selection.

2) A Membership Card indicating your current year of membership. Memberships run for 12 months from the month you join.

3) Voting privileges in all Society elections, including the annual board of director elections held each September.

4) A mailed hard copy of our quarterly newsletter, *Echoes From the Past*, that includes member specific news and information.

5) An email subscription to our monthly TDHS E-News.

6) Complimentary admission to the Old Jail Museum and all Society sponsored special events.

7) Business Memberships receive a laminated Business Certificate to hang on the wall of their business establishment.

**We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) so your donations are tax deductible.**

I hope this information has been helpful and informative. If you know of anyone who is not currently a member, we invite you request them to join the Society today to help us continue to work into the future to keep the history of Truckee past alive for years to come. For further information, contact us at:

**Phone: 530-582-0893**

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Download a membership application from on our website [www.truckeehistory.org](http://www.truckeehistory.org) **THANK YOU!**

Please help us recruit new members by referring family, friends, and work associates. The easiest way is to forward an E-News or send them to our Website.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**DUES CURRENT?** It is easy to tell... just look at the mailing label on your newsletter. It shows the month and year of your renewal if you are paying yearly dues.

**DO YOU KNOW? TDHS IS SELF-SUPPORTING.** The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission:

*To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.*

PRESIDENTS CORNER- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Carmen Le Blanc was instrumental in creating the 2007 TDHS calendar last year. Carmen is also our newest Board Member this year, agreeing to take on the role as Recording Secretary.

Joy Horn is a long time, avid supporter of TDHS. She agreed to return in her role as volunteer coordinator for the museum. As a result of Joy's work, we were able to keep the museum open almost every scheduled day this past season. Joy also helped to coordinate, along with Don and Chelsea, the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

And lastly, thank you all of you who support TDHS and the Old Jail Museum by volunteering your time as docents. In my opinion, our museum is one of the most important things we do to share Truckee's history with our community and visitors. We could not do this without your support.

**SAVE THE DATE!!****CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN**

*Saturday December 1st  
5:00 pm—8:00 pm  
10115 Donner Trail Road  
(next to the field behind the  
PUD)*

*Please join us for an evening and  
friendship and refreshments!*

*~Photos and books will be  
available for your  
Holiday purchase~*



### \*\*\*Web Service News\*\*\*

~Billie Cornell, Corresponding Secretary & Web Services~

Many things have happened since the Summer '07 Edition of *Echoes*.

First off:

➤ ***WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME AND HAVE MOVED!! OUR LOOK IS THE SAME BUT OUR ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT. WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN DOMAIN NAME AND A NEW WEB PAGE ADDRESS.***

It is similar to moving from one home to another. In the world of houses, condominiums and apartments, it is easy to notify others of your new address. You submit change of address cards to the Postal Service and walla, you continue to have visitors come to your home and you receive your mail without (much) delay. In the world of Cyberspace though, it is much more complicated and what a learning experience it has been! But, finally after a year in the making TDHS has realized its dream to own its' own domain name together with a new web address. We hope it will be an easy name and address to remember since we would miss our many visitors from far and near. In the spirit of the .org extension (created to distinguish nonprofits), we are now using '.org' instead of '.com' (created initially for commercial enterprises). Our new domain name is ***truckeehistory.org*** and our new address is ***www.truckeehistory.org***.

➤ **You can now find our website address at [www.truckeehistory.org](http://www.truckeehistory.org)** Our old website located at <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> will soon become an address of the *past*. So, please update your Favorites with our new web address.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gracious THANKS to ROBERT BOUSQUET. Robert is our most recent benefactor providing the Society with FREE WEB HOSTING SERVICES. He was responsible for making the transfer of our hundreds of web pages, files and photos from the Tripod host server over to his server and for setting up our new domain-based email service. Robert lives locally and we are most thankful for the generosity of his professional services. It has already been a relief to be able to speak to a *live* person for our website questions in this world of email, press 1 to hear this, press 9 for an operator and then in the end to be disconnected. In addition, our website would definitely be a historic archive if not for the web master services of TDHS member, Marilou Ficklin, who provides numerous volunteer hours keeping it informative, functional and up-to-date. Thank you BOTH.

➤ In addition to moving our website, we now have several new email addresses that incorporate the use of our unique domain name--truckeehistory.org.

- 1) Our general information email address for any and all questions and comments is [info@truckeehistory.org](mailto:info@truckeehistory.org)
- 2) Our address to use if you want to order or request information on our publications (books) that we sell please use: [publications@truckeehistory.org](mailto:publications@truckeehistory.org)
- 3) Our address to use if you want to join or have questions on your membership please use: [membership@truckeehistory.org](mailto:membership@truckeehistory.org)
- 4) Or if you want to contact one of our board members or committee chairs please use:  
(first initial)(last name)@truckeehistory.org (for example, [bcornell@truckeehistory.org](mailto:bcornell@truckeehistory.org))

I know there will be learning curve on how to use our new email service by the board and committee chairs, so take that under consideration, if you email them and do not hear promptly back. If all else fails and you need to reach someone ...anyone...immediately, please use the general information address at [info@truckeehistory.org](mailto:info@truckeehistory.org)

➤ **PayPal** will be coming soon. In the near future, we will have PayPal services available through our Website so you will be able to make donations, join the Society, renew your memberships, and purchase books by credit card. So keep checking our website for updates and added features.

➤ On July 25, we joined **ShopforMuseums.com** as a Museum Partner. Whenever you shop online for personal or business purchases, you can create donations to the Society without costing you an extra cent!! Log onto [www.ShopforMuseums.com](http://www.ShopforMuseums.com) every time you go online to make purchases from participating retail stores, register or shop anonymously, select the Truckee Donner Historical Society as your Museum Partner of choice, and start shopping—it's a win-win for everyone. Make sure you also add [www.ShopforMuseums.com](http://www.ShopforMuseums.com) to your list of Favorites.

➤ Our **PUBLICATIONS PAGE** includes a complete list of our current books we sell, including our newest title, *To Truckee Trails* by Celia Hayes (retail \$15.95). Our interactive order sheet makes it easy to order. It automatically calculates your total purchase price, shipping costs and member discount when you *tally* your order. Print out the order sheet, write a check and mail it to

us. Once we are in receipt of your payment and order, your books will promptly be shipped to you. After we activate our PayPal account, you will have the option to charge your purchases.

➤ Are you receiving our **Free Online Newsletter, TDHS E-News?** Use the link on our website **HOME PAGETO SUBSCRIBE**. You will find it near the bottom of the page.

A rectangular form with a dark background. At the top, it says "Sign Up for Our Free Newsletter" in white. Below this, there is a text input field labeled "Email:" on the left and a "Go" button on the right.

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Any information provided with this link will not be used by any other source than TDHS in our pursuit to provide updates and information about the Society.

- Don't forget to read the history articles found on our website **HISTORY PAGE**. The last article added in September was titled the *SIERRA NEVADA WOOD AND LUMBER COMPANY*, by Gordon Richards, our research historian. Look for the *Sierra Nevada Lumber* article under History.

We hope you enjoy the new Cyberspace changes. Remember to change our address in your Favorites and visit us often. To share your ideas, suggestions, and comments please contact us at [info@truckeehistory.org](mailto:info@truckeehistory.org). The world is (literally) at our finger tips helping to keep us abreast of the present, a way to discover the future and to keep us grounded with the *Past*.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

|                      |                                                                                                            |
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| Judy Dunlap          | President/Panoramic Photo Chair                                                                            |
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# TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Presented at the Annual Election Dinner held at The Lodge in Tahoe Donner  
Submitted by: Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

Our membership numbers stayed consistent overall from last year, with a total net gain of four. Our largest membership sign-ups were last October during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Donner Party Hike where TDHS staffed a table to sell books and photos. Other avenues where new members joined were from online applications, interest generated from email contacts at [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com), one-on-one contact with board members, and at society functions throughout the year.

The chart below shows the number breakdown for each membership category. Overall there was:

- An increase in Business, Contributing, Family, In-Kind, and Sustaining memberships
- A decrease in Individual, Lifetime and Honorary memberships,
- No change in total numbers for the Complimentary, Non-Profit and Junior memberships

| Member Type                 | Member<br>breakdown<br>as of Sept 25,<br>2007 | Member<br>breakdown<br>as of Sept. 26,<br>2006 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Business                    | 13                                            | 11                                             |
| Complimentary               | 32                                            | 32                                             |
| Contributing                | 7                                             | 5                                              |
| Family                      | 75                                            | 72                                             |
| Honorary                    | 2                                             | 5                                              |
| In-Kind                     | 14                                            | 13                                             |
| Individual                  | 112                                           | 117                                            |
| Junior                      | 3                                             | 3                                              |
| Lifetime                    | 49                                            | 50                                             |
| Non-Profit<br>Organizations | 7                                             | 7                                              |
| Sustaining                  | 6                                             | 2                                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>321</b>                                    | <b>317</b>                                     |

The following members have volunteered to pay annual membership dues in lieu of receiving a *non-fee* membership:

- Ted Owens paid for an *Individual* membership in lieu of an *Honorary* membership as provided in our Constitution for the Nevada County Supervisor representative of our area.
- Sherwin-Williams Paint Company upgraded from a *Business* membership to an *In-Kind* membership.

The Society is very appreciative for their elective decision to help support the Society with their annual membership dues.

We would like to honor the memory of our former dedicated members who helped in so many ways to make TDHS a better organization: Mary King, Gladys (Sandy) Poulsen, Ellis "Bill" Rose, Dave LeBlanc, Jackie Hall, Ed McMills, and Dan Horman. Our heartfelt condolences go out to loved ones. To learn more about some of the members listed here, visit our website Memorial Pages.



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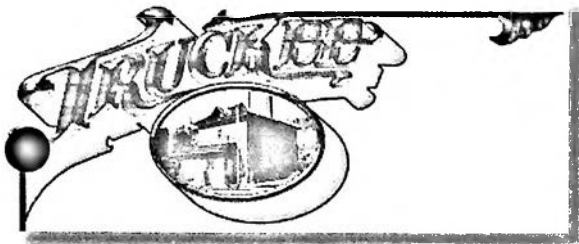
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~MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES~

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# Echoes From The Past

WINTER 2008

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I wish you all a very Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Christmas at the Cabin event last month. It was a great success, with the largest turn-out we have had in many, many years!

I look forward to a very productive 2009 in continuing our Society's *Mission* to preserve and protect the rich history of our community.

We made progress on the Research Library this past year. We were able to purchase new book shelves and move the library from our small back room to the main room of the Cabin. Our goal is to make our archives more user friendly. The next step in this endeavor is to have "open" hours.

Hopefully by the spring time, we will be ready to announce that the Truckee Donner Historical Society's Research Library will be open to the public several hours per week. This would give individuals an opportunity to come to the Cabin, conduct their personal research projects and also peruse the photo archive catalogs. Look for additional information and details in your Spring 2009 edition of *Echoes of the Past*.

In the event you receive this newsletter in time to view this series when aired on American television, I wanted to let you know that the Oxford Film and Television will be broadcasting their documentary series "The American Future" on BBC America. The documentary is in four parts and will air two episodes on Monday January 19th and the other two episodes on Tuesday January 20th.

One part of this four part series is entitled "What is an American?" A portion of this video is filmed in Truckee and covers the history of the Chinese laborers who built the railroad through the Sierra Nevada, and the subsequent boycott of the Chinese residents of Truckee, led by Truckee citizen, Charles McGlashan. The Oxford Film and Television has provided TDHS with a DVD copy of this segment that will be added to our research library collection and also provides us the opportunity to share this television segment as a TDHS community educational event. Stay tuned!

In the meantime,  
I hope that you enjoy the winter snows, and remain safe and warm.



JUDY DUNLAP  
TDHS PRESIDENT

## 2009 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

9th - Docent Training and Jail Cleaning  
23rd - Old Jail Museum open for Memorial Day weekend

### JULY

18th - 29th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Reunion

### SEPTEMBER

22nd - TDHS Annual Dinner and Election  
27th - Old Jail Museum closes for the Winter Season

### DECEMBER

5th - Christmas at the Cabin

### JUNE

13th - Old Jail Opens weekends for the Summer Season

### AUGUST

15th - 5th Annual Ice Cream Social

### OCTOBER

10th - Docent Appreciation Luncheon

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**SNOW, SHOES, AND PLANES**

Snow in the Truckee-Tahoe area, whether a lot or a little, has long been a draw for the film industry: winters here provide affordable locations to represent other comparably snowy parts of the world. Having moved here less than a year ago (full time since February 2007) and wanting to indulge my interest in history, I have begun a personal film fest of productions that feature the Tahoe-Truckee area.

I recently watched two movies from my Netflix queue: Charlie Chaplin in *The Gold Rush* (1924) and John Wayne in *Island in the Sky* (1953). In *The Gold Rush*, Charlie Chaplin is a Yukon prospector in 1898 who falls in love, eats a shoe (a weird reference to the Donner Party's desperation in eating the boiled hides of their cattle), doesn't fall off a cliff, and doesn't strike it rich. The opening scene is of hundreds of miners trudging up towards Donner Summit, echoing the great numbers of men who trekked up mountains in Canada to get to the gold deposits. Other scenes that were shot in Truckee ended up on the cutting room floor, but the craggy mountains challenging the men at the start of the movie are our craggy mountains.



THE TRAMP IS CARVING UP A BOOT.

Truckee's Boca Mountain served as much of the backdrop in *Island in the Sky*, representing the windy, heavily forested land of Labrador. John Wayne pilots a plane that he must land in a storm, which he does with no immediate loss of life, but the aircraft's radio is damaged and cannot provide accurate coordinates to the search parties that quickly disperse to locate the crash. The movie cuts between the crash site with the freezing, starving men of John Wayne's crew and the airbase and pilots conducting the search missions. During filming in 1953, Truckee's airport was located just south of where the agricultural inspection station now is on Interstate 80. Features of that old airport may be distinguishable in the movie to someone who had been very familiar with it, but of course our modern airport replaced the old airstrips several decades ago.



PHOTO DATE: 1953

ON LOCATION IN THE HIGH SIERRAS FOR "ISLAND IN THE SKY," WARNER BROS. 1953  
IMAGE COURTESY MPTV.NET

My hope is that as I continue to make my way through the many movies available more specific locations will be readily recognizable. Many films remain to be viewed, and how much airtime Truckee-Tahoe gets in each one remains to be seen.

**KATIE HOLLEY**  
TDHS Board Member

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## DOCENT LENDING LIBRARY

Hi, my name is Carmen LeBlanc, and I am your Publications Chair, and also an enthusiastic DOCENT at our JAIL MUSEUM. It is such fun to meet the people that join to visit our Jail from all over the world and even many local residents, who happen by when the music is on and our door is open, visiting for the very first time. We, the docents, learn many new 'stories' as we are getting acquainted with our visitors. I have found that sometimes, the questions our visitors ask may stump us, and it's good to know we have a generous selection of historical books that we sell, and we can find some answers within. I personally have, over time, purchased many of our books, and I know how this has enhanced my experience working as a docent in the jail.

We are starting a Lending Library For Our Docents. I have one copy of each book available for loan. Please see the list of books below. All you have to do is call Carmen at (530)582-5535 to arrange the loan. With the winter season, upon us when the Jail Museum is closed, it's a great time for reading, and learning more of our history, and will also help us sell the books we've become familiar with in the future. The Truckee Donner Historical Society earns a profit on the sale of each book sold, as well as all our terrific professional prints of some of the thousands of historical photos we have available. I hope to hear from you soon!

CARMEN LeBLANC  
Publications Chair

### DOCENT BOOK LIST

- \* Across the Plains in the Donner Party  
...by Virginia Reed Murphy
- \* A Donner Party Story...Daughters of Destiny  
...by Frankye Craig
- \* Fire & Ice...by TDHS
- \* Give Me a Mountain Meadow...by M. Nona McGlashan
- \* History of the Donner Party...by Charles F McGlashan
- \* Ordeal by Hunger...by George R. Stewart
- \* Patty Reed's Doll...by Rachel K. Laurgaard
- \* Sawdust Trails in the Truckee Basin...by Dick Wilson
- \* Showdown at Truckee...by M.W. Ficklin & L. E. Romaniak
- \* Sierra Stories Vol I and II...by Mark McLaughlin
- \* The Donner Party: Weathering the Storm  
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- \* The Fateful Journey of Tamsen Donner...by Frankye Craig
- \* To Truckee Trails-the Greatest Adventure...by Celia Hayes
- \* Things I Wished I'd Asked My Father  
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- \* To Donner Pass from the Pacific...by Jack Duncan
- \* Western Train Adventures...by Mark McLaughlin
- \* Winter of Entrapment...by Joseph A. King
- \* Lovina's Song...by Marian Rudolph
- \* The Donner Party Rescue Site...by Jack Steed

### SHOP FOR MUSEUMS

We continue to participate in the [shopformuseums.com](http://shopformuseums.com) program. It's an easy way to do your online shopping while supporting the Jail Museum. Simply visit [www.shopformuseums.com](http://www.shopformuseums.com) and choose us as your charitable museum then follow the link to your favorite store. We receive a portion of each purchase through the participating retailers.

## A LOOK BACK - 2008 OLD TIMERS' PICNIC

The 2008 28th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion was once again a wonderful event and enjoyed by all in attendance. It was also a celebration of the Truckee Donner Historical Society's 40th Anniversary which included a deliciously large cake enjoyed by all.

There were many past and present residents who came to visit and share stories. A short list among those who came include the following: Dino Digesti and son, Ron, along with Silvana, Gino, Yolanda and Harry; Zeph Rose, Reg Smart, Charles and Adeide (Babe) Taylor were there; Alberta Cooper Schell, George Francschini, Josef Sutter and Mary Ann Haswell; John and Sharon Euer of the Euer Brothers Ranch; Eileen Olson Burbank and her mother, Elsie Olsen who, by the way, was 94 years last February. And among the 'old-time' regulars were Dennis Richards, Dana Scanlon, Jack Hollgate and his wife; Bob Sutton, Jr., Chuck Grigg and Jerry Beck.

Earlier in the year, Chelsea Walterscheid attended a workshop in the Bay area on the use and art of oral histories. She decided to waste no more time and began an oral history project for TDHS that she hopes to continue in the coming years. Thanks go out to everyone that participated in this project that will help preserve the Old Timer's stories for decades to come.

The success of this year's picnic and reunion is a testament to the hard work of all our volunteers and TDHS board members. We all look forward to this coming year's event on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

So save the date and I hope to see you there!

HEIDI EUER MARTIN  
Old Timers' Picnic Chair

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

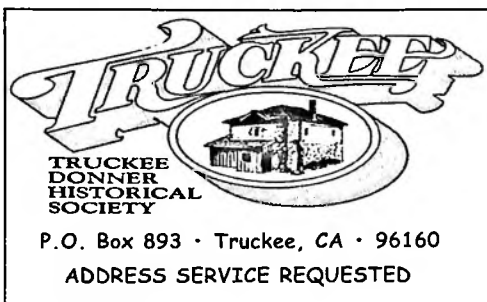
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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have spare time and an interest in Truckee history? We are always in need of more helping hands and have two openings to serve as essential board chairs; Research Historian and Publicity Chair. Please contact us by phone or email to let us know your volunteer passion!



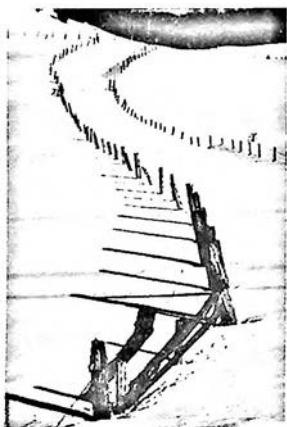
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