I have been very fortunate in having the very best Executive Board, Board Directors and Chair Directors work with me this last year. Guy Coates, Vice President; Chelsea Walterscheid, Secretary; Judy Dunlap, Treasurer; Beverly Cook, Director; Judy Williams, Editor/Publications; Billie Cornell, Membership/Assistant Editor; Don Colclough, Museum Coordinator; Leanne Atwater, Photograph Chair; Dan and Laura Horman Sunshine Committee; and Henry Murray, Memorial Garden, and volunteer par excellence.

Our Annual Election Dinner, Sept. 23rd, also became our Farewell Dinner for Guy and Carol Coates. We wish them much happiness in their new home in Prescott Arizona. They will be missed. We will be placing a plaque in our Memorial Garden in their honor for all they have done for the Society and Truckee.

There will be two changes in the Board. Bruce Cornell was elected Vice President. Chelsea, while still serving as Executive Secretary, will also be Old Jail Coordinator with Don doing special tours. Don Colclough was elected a Director, and the balance of the Board will stay the same. There were no nominations or volunteers for president, so I agreed to stay on another year. Thankfully I have a wonderful group of Directors. Thank you Bruce for "volunteering" for this job.

The Old Timers Picnic, was another success. We gave away Coffee Mugs commemorating our 35 years as a Historical Society. The mugs had a drawing of the Old Jail Museum etched on the cup.

Another first for the Society. We held our first Chamber mixer in the Memorial Garden, a big success despite the down pour the day before and rain during the mixer. This was co-sponsored with the Champion Rodeo Association, who provided the much needed tenting. It was so much fun we will do it again.

The Old Gateway Cabin is getting a much needed paint job. In part because of an anonymous generous donation. THANK YOU.

We had a good turn out for the fund raiser rummage sale Sept. 27th. We plan to do another next spring.

The pine needles, pine nuts, and pine cones are falling fast and HEAVY. Is this an indication of a heavy winter?

Happy Holiday season: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
About the Jail....
~ Chelsea Walterscheid 2003/2004 Curator ~

So I opened my big mouth and volunteered to operate the Old Jail Museum next season. I am excited because I love working in the Jail, but I have to admit I am a little nervous as well—You all know we don’t have enough volunteers to keep the Old Jail open for visitors to enjoy. We have a handful of very dedicated volunteers who help us stay open, but it is simply not enough. Our hours are minimal; it’s a two and a half hour shift, come on folks, that’s nothing! You can work once in a while, or on a schedule if you like, it is totally up to you! Every little bit helps us out so much. Our Jail Museum is the only museum downtown. Visitors come to Truckee from all over the world and it is our pleasure to let them in on all our wonderful history. So won’t you please consider helping us out? My goal is to have the Museum open every weekend next season. Let me tell you that I’ve “done my time” at the Jail over the years and have learned so much and met so many people. I hope you will consider at least trying it out.

We will post more about the Jail in upcoming newsletters. We are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on the weekends. The shifts are from 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00. We will have some docent training days well before the season opens, so don’t be shy about not knowing much about the museum. It’s a learning process, I’m still finding out new things!

Chelsea

YOU CAN HELP

CHANGE THIS SIGN

Sorry...
Jail closed due to lack of volunteers

YES..
WE ARE OPEN!!

OLD JAIL MUSEUM
~ Don Colclough, Museum Coordinator ~

After three years of running the Old Jail Museum this Social Security recipient is stepping aside to bring in some young blood. Chelsea Walterscheid is taking over next year. My THANKS to Joy Horn for all her help in lining up docents. My SPECIAL THANKS to all who served as docents. They make this valuable popular asset of ours available to our residents and guests. I’m not moving. I’ll still handle the special tours, and will be on the docent roster. I enjoy doing it, as do all the volunteers. This year the museum had 2,625 visitors not counting the twelve 3rd Grade classes that came through on their field trip. This is down a little from last year due to the fact we could not maintain a full schedule because of a lack of volunteers. Let’s hope we can get more docents so we can maintain a full schedule next summer. Donations were also down $1,222.00 from $1,313 last year. Special tours were up & accounted for $339 of our total.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
~Sharon Pace Arnold, President~

As a member of the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, (HPAC), for the Town of Truckee, I want to report that we have started phase two of the program. In this phase the CLG, (Certified Local Government, is being prepared. This will be submitted to SHPO, (State Historic Preservation Officer), which then will be a referral to the National Park Service. The Historic inventory will be finalized by Kautz Environmental Association, which will be presented in a joint Council/Planning Commission public hearing, in early January 2004. In May or August of 2004 the nomination will be submitted to SHPO for the formal reading.

I would hope that when Historic Downtown Truckee is on the National Historic Register that we have a party as big as the one when we had when Truckee became Incorporated ten years ago.

Guy Coates/Research Historian for the Society was honored with an award for his column in the Sierra Sun for "Windows on History", and a second place prize for Best Local Non-Staff Column.

The Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce 50th Annual Awards Dinner & Pandora’s Auction was held on Oct. 15th, 2003. Among the 5 Award Categories presented, TDHS was nominated in the: "Nonprofit Organization of the Year".

There will be a Spring clean up day at the Old Schaffer Grave site, look for date in the next issue.

Yes, TDHS is aware of all the major development happening in the area. We would advise you to use the Town’s website to keep up to date: www.townoftruckee.com.

Nevada County Historical Society has a number of interesting exhibits and Museums that are worth a visit. Firehouse Museum: 214 Main St., Nevada City, Summer hours 11 AM to 4 PM. Winter hours: call 530 265-5468. Built in 1861, became a museum in 1947. Among the many items on display are relics of the Donner Party.

Searls Historical Library: 214 Church St., Nevada City. Houses records, maps, photographs, genealogical records. Open 1 AM to 4 PM except Sundays & Holidays, call 530 265-5910 for information.

*Doris Fole Historical Research Library: 211 N. Pine St., Nevada City. A few of the items in their library are: Cemetery records, Census for Nevada County, Maps, Naturalization, Probate, Tax records, Newspapers, but no Truckee papers. Call 530 265-4606 for information.

North Star Mining Museum: Allison Ranch Road, Grass Valley. Open 10 AM to 5 PM daily, May 1 through Oct. 15th, call 530 273-4255 for information.

CHAMBER MIXER A SUCCESS!!
~Henry Murray, Memorial Garden~

Our first Chamber Mixer was held Friday August 1 at the Truckee Jail. Despite the heavy rain, a gathering of over 100 guests attended. The 1st prize winner of a panoramic picture of the old Truckee Lumber Company was Anne England of Rubicon Technology. Congrats and enjoy your photo!

Calendar of events:

* Nov 1st - Truckee Community Center - Great deals on downhill, cross-country and snowboarding equipment for the whole family. Call 530-582-7720 for more information.
* Nov 13-16 - 14th Annual Women's Wellness Weekend Resort at Squaw Creek - Event features three days of relaxation, rejuvenation and education, featuring women's health workshops by nationally recognized presenters, spa day packages, fitness and movement workshops, and gourmet spa food. - See www.tfhd.com or call 530-582-3493 for more information.
* Dec. 14th - Project MANA "Can Drive" Tahoe Donner Cross Country Center - Bring a can of food for a free trail pass - See www.tdxc.com or call 530-587-9484 for more information.

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