On behalf of the Society, I want to thank the Developers of Old Greenwood, East West Partners', for their generous donations. Last June they came to us to ask permission to use our photo's at their new sales offices, one to be located in Downtown Truckee and the Old Greenwood site off US 80. With their help we are now able to have many of our photo's scanned onto discs. For this they gave us a very generous donation. If you go to their Old Greenwood Realty office at 10076 Donner Pass Road you will be able to view a very large display of the Historical Society's photos.

In December they offered, for a $5 donation to benefit the Historical Society, a copy of "Mountain Dreamers, Visionaries of Sierra Nevada Skiing" by Robert Frochlich. Many of the stories were about old-time Truckee skiers. This also resulted in a very generous donation.

In November Chelsea Walterscheid, Judy Williams, Don Colclough, Pat Davison, and myself traveled to Carson City to attend a docent training session with the Nevada State Museums. This invitation came through the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society. You will be hearing more about this docent training through Chelsea our new curator.

December 5th's Christmas At The Cabin was a big success. Thanks to Judy Dunlap we added a number of new photo's to our 8 x 10 collection. Thanks to Henry Murray and Gordon Richards for decorating, and Chelsea for cleaning. Also thanks to the Treat Box for providing goodies, and the members of the board for bring refreshments. A special Thank You to Sally Colclough, Don's wife, for two beautiful hand painted tree ornaments.

The Town of Truckee, and the Council are proceeding nicely on the up coming nomination to the National Register Historic District. We have a number of events planned for the coming year, so watch for our next newsletter, that should be out by the end of April or the first of May, for times and places.

Wishing Everyone A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year
~ Gordon Richards, Research Historian ~

The Truckee Donner Historical Society is looking for people who are interested in joining a new historical research committee. The focus of the group will be to research and write articles for publication in the Sierra Sun newspaper and to share historical research. Historian Guy Coates formerly wrote articles in a bi-monthly column for the TDHS. His shoes will be hard to fill. An opportunity exists for members to participate in a new committee that will take over this function as well as other projects.

The Sierra Sun is celebrating it's 135th anniversary in September and is going to produce a second edition of it's 1998 publication, The Truckee and North Lake Tahoe Historic Picture Album. The TDHS will benefit from the proceeds of this next edition. Publisher Jody Poe has requested that different photos be used for the second edition. Volunteers are needed to sort through the uncatalogued photos in the TDHS cabin, so the Sierra Sun can select photos for the book.

Many photos and documents in the cabin from the John Corbett collection and others still need to be organized. Many negatives need to be reviewed and catalogued. Existing photos need to be scanned to disc and catalogued for quick reference. Requests for historical information continue to come in and need to be answered.

Historical Society members and potential members are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday February 10, 2004 at the Historical Society Cabin at Meadow Park, on 10115 Donner Trail Road, adjacent to the Truckee Donner PUD building. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM. The plan is to have meetings every second Tuesday of the month, with subsequent meetings planned for March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8. For more information please contact Committee Chairman Gordon Richards at 587-7438 or E-mail at gprich@ltol.com.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~

2004 DOCENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

Sat. April 17th--Part 1 of 3 part docent training. 10:00 am at the cabin to meet docents, watch video on the Jail and brief introduction to being a docent. Coffee and donuts. Please RSVP to 305-4231

Sat. May 15th--Part 2. 1:00 pm at the Jail to go through and talk about items in the Jail, plus the shift routines. Make sure to dress warmly, no heat in the Jail. RSVP to 305-4231

Sat. June 5th--Part 3. 11:00 am at the Jail. Chelsea will open the Jail up for tours and the docents can have hands on training. Bring sweaters, still a little chilly inside. RSVP to 305-4231.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!! Hope everyone is enjoying our snowy winter and plan to join us in some new activities this coming year, such as the new docent training being organized by Chelsea Walterscheid.

Also we could use more members who have a flair in writing historical articles for publication to become involved with Gordon Richards our newest Research Historian.

Please help spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join the Society. We can always use more helping hands and can always utilize those annual membership dues to help support the costs for keeping our Old Jail Museum, Memorial Garden and Research Cabin open and in tip-top shape.

In addition to the Society asking for YOUR support, we encourage you to support our local businesses have been loyal supporters of the Society over the decades.

The Truckee Hotel Sierra Sun
Advanced Asphalt Truckee Tahoe Inn
Alpen Environ Donner Lake Realty
Cottage Hotel Creative Interiors
Cabin's The Tree House
All-Star Carpet Photo Sensitive
Bank of the West Sutton Construction
O.B.'s Ponderosa Golf
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Truckee Donner Land Trust
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The Villager Nursery
Wagon Train Coffee Shop
Richardson House Bed & Breakfast
Donner Trading Company
Nevada County Library, Truckee branch
Truckee Donner Public Utility District
Evergreen Painting and Construction

Welcome to our newest members:
The Richard Orsi Family, Lyle & Diane Hendrickson, Sandy Poulsen, Wally Watkins, Priscilla Vanderpas & Richard Hansen

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.

CONFIDENTIALITY - The Board of Directors would like to reassure our members that disclosure of their personal information from our membership records 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.

~ THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT ~
PLEASE HELP US INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP BY ASKING YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN.

Plucky, Lucky Truckee
By Arthur L Price, January 1903

Every other city poses midst its January roses,
And guzzles ice cream soda as a diet;
While asserting every moon is a replica of June,
With solar thermal action never quiet.
San Diego, San Jose claims the warmth of Mandelay;
Alameda has a warm midwinter;
Santa Rosa, Oroville, never, never have a chill -
But Truckee - why, it boasts of ice and snow!

A display of overshoes is considered almost "news";
Overcoats are given museum display;
Warming pans and fireplaces are disloyalty's disgraces,
In every other town that you might say.
But in Truckee, bless her heart! snow and ice are a la carte.
And skating is a pastime in the town.
Why they are proud of all their ice, and they think their weather nice -
They smile before old Winter's frosty frown.

Girls in Menlo and Tulare at the height of January,
Insist on wearing scant, transparent waists;
Parasols are in demand in Colusa and La Grande.
Umbrellas show the worst of vulgar tastes -
But, old Truckee, dear old Truckee - oh, your courage makes you lucky!
You wear a pure white mantle and a crown of icicles and snow, and you want the state to know,
You've capitalized old Winter's frosty frown.

After this last December's two week holiday, the frowns you saw on locals faces was not because of our "Frosty Winter". This poem was sent to me some time ago, unfortunately I do not remember who sent it.

Sharon Arnold

Calendar of events

* April 17th-Part 1 of 3 parts Docent Training 10:00 am at the cabin
* May 15th-10:00 Garden/Jail cleanup
* May 15th-Part 2 Docents Training 1:00 pm at the Jail
* May 22nd-Windows on History-Jail open
* June 5th-Part 3 Docents Training 11:00 am at the Jail
* June 12th-Schaffer Grave Site cleanup
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---MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES---

INDIVIDUAL $20.00  FAMILY $30.00  BUSINESS $40.00  JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) $10.00

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

MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) $ IN HONOR OF:

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR:

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS: