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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.

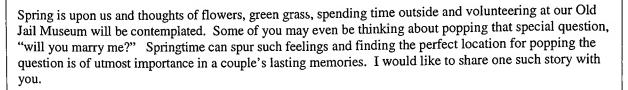
This is the time of year we ask for your help in volunteering as a docent at our OLD JAIL MUSEUM, and helping with the MEMORIAL GARDEN. With out your help the Society could not exist. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Call Don Colclough, 587-1343, to help with the jail, Henry Murray 582-1675, Memorial Garden, if you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



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 Statute, 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 BloomfieldDan & Anne GoeschlPhilip GreeleyDavid BlackDan Rolfs & Sandra CooptonRocklin Historical SocietyStephen HarrisHenry MurrayAnn Kohlmoos FathmanRotary 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 5th District Nevada County Supervisor 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~



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

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~~~

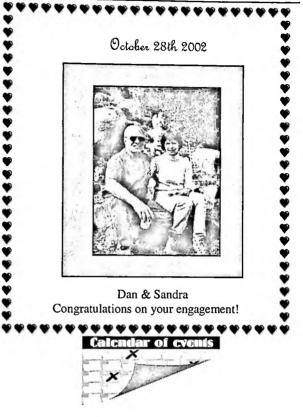
Plaque prices are 200 + tax and wall mounting cost. The plaques are 4x8 cast bronze with a dark brown finish.

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.



- <u>April 25th-</u>Donner State Park 6:30-8:00 PM. Panel discussion on historical fiction book Snow Mountain Passage featuring James D. Houston & Gail Green -Free
- * <u>April 26th</u>-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
- <u>April 27th</u>- Panel discussion on historical fiction featuring James D. Houston, Joanne Meschery and Persia Woolley. Truckee Library, 12:00 PM—2:00 PM-Free
- * <u>Mav 10th</u>-Old Jail Museum Clean-up & Memorial Garden clean-up 9:30 AM
- <u>Mav 16th</u>-Glenshire Elementary 3rd Grade Museum visit
- Mav 17th-18th-Windows on History & Official Seasonal Museum Opening 11 am ~ 4 pm
- May 24th-25th-Museum open for Memorial Day Weekend
- <u>May 30th</u>-Truckee Elementary 3rd Grade Museum visit
- <u>July 24th</u>-Truckee-Donner Historical Society's 35th Anniversary
- <u>Julv 26th</u>-23rd Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10 am ~ 4 pm.

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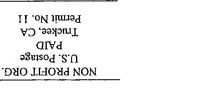
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