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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Gordon Richards, Vice President & Research Historian

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

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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 Josph 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.

Photo courtesy of 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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| Bill Schafer | William (Bill) Haskell |
| Marcie Walker | Mary Ann Haswell |
| Thomas Meyers | Pat Gibbons-Johnson |
| Karen Gideon | John F. Roper |
| John Dean Abramson | Jack Luther |
| Bob Bell | Verdi History Club |
| Rorie & Leigh Fitzpatrick | Martis Creek, Inc. |
| Robert & Meredith Walkington | |
| Ron & Cathie Mullin Family | |
| USS Donner Memorial Assoc., Inc. | |
| Church of the Mountains Preschool | |

THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SOCIETY!!

MEMBERSHIP AVENUES: There are several ways to obtain an application to become a member of the Society. If you check out our Web Site at <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> you can download our application form. You can also find our new Membership Application Post Card in one of the many historical books the Society distributes to the local stores for sale. If you know or happen to meet a board member, you can ask them for an application form. Additionally, you can email us at tdhs@inreach.com and request an application form to either be snail-mailed or emailed to you.

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT? Just a friendly reminder to check the mailing label to verify the month and year that our records indicate your dues are paid-to. Please advise me if you discover a discrepancy. If you notice you are behind in your annual membership dues payment, feel free to send them in at any time, we will gladly accept payment to bring your account current.

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:

To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

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.

~ THANK YOU ~

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP

BY ASKING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN.

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<http://truckeehistory.tripod.com>

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