



**ECHOES FROM  
THE PAST**

**Truckee-Donner Historical  
Society**  
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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.

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**AT MY OWN PACE**

*Sharon Pace Arnold, President*

**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)**

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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    **OPEN**
- 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.

Calendar of events



- \* 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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September is California History Month  
The California Historical Society will  
launch a statewide program to celebrate  
our rich history in the Golden State

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#### ~~MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES~~

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER, NOT IN A FAMILY) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
SUSTAINING \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
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