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DONNER PARTY HIKES

TDHS is proud to be a sponsor of the Donner Party Hikes. This annual event has attracted as many 400 people to Donner Summit for the past few years. The event is put on by the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce.

This year the event is on October 7-8, 2006. The base of operations is at Sugar Bowl. While this is a paid event for the public, members of the Society are encouraged to volunteer for act as hike docents, herders, and assisting in selling Society photos and books, assisting in the bar-b-que, and the history presentations later in the afternoon.

Contact Gordon Richards for more information.

RESEARCH CABIN PAINTING

The Research Cabin has a new coat of paint! Thanks in part to a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, donated labor from Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe Foundation, CATT contractors Greg Hines and Hersey Dandini. We have completed a complete painting of the exterior of the Cabin. This is in addition to a new roof installed last fall. The grant funding for the roof also came from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation with labor donations from CATT and its contractors. When selecting a local contractor for your own projects, be sure to consider giving the work to CATT contractors, as they have assisted the Society immensely.

RECENT HISTORIC PHOTO DONATIONS

The Society is always interested in donations of historic Truckee area photos. We also have the capability of scanning historic photos and collections, so that the originals can remain in family collections. The photo scanning and printing equipment is courtesy of a grant from the Lahontan Community Foundation. We recently scanned about 50 family photo albums belonging to long time Truckee-Tahoe resident Lynn Richardson that came from her family collection. They are of winter scenes of the Crawford family trips to Truckee in the 1920's. Scott Wall allowed us to scan 65 photos taken from a scrapbook from 1901. These photos chronicle the horse and bicycle trips of 2 unknown young men on trips through the back country around Truckee, Donner Lake as well as a few town scenes. We would love to scan your historic Truckee family photos to add to our collection.

26th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion
~Heidi Euer Martin, O.T.P. Chair~

The Old Timers Picnic and Truckee Reunion was a great success this year. The addition of "reunion" to the invitations and the announcement in the Sacramento Bee, brought us an influx of newcomers there to hook up with old school buddies. Of course we had our wonderful "truly" Old Timers but also new faces young and old, everyone from 9 1/2 months to well in their 90's. People came from great distances, Wyoming, Arizona, and all points east to west. I would like to thank all the volunteers and especially Chelsea Walterscheid who made this year possible and thanks to all of you book and photo buyers. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, TALENTED & HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED.....

Your dedicated and hard-working board members invite you, the members of the Truckee Donner Historical Society, to participate with us in fulfilling our mission to the community of Truckee in accomplishing our objectives set out in our Constitution.

Objective 1:... "illustrate the history of the area and promote, stimulate, and maintain the interest of the community". WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING US TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE OUR WEBSITE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE JOB OF "PUBLICATIONS CHAIR". WE ARE THE OWNERS OF THE HISTORICAL SCHAEFFER GRAVESITE AND TRY TO OFFER A CLEANUP DAY EACH YEAR FOR THE GRAVESITE, BUT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THIS COMMITMENT.

Objective 2:... "establish and maintain a museum so that all who desire can explore and enjoy the history of Truckee". WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS DOCENTS FOR THE OLD JAIL MUSEUM. IF WE HAD A LARGE (OR MODERATE) SIZE POOL OF VOLUNTEERS, THE REQUIREMENT WOULD ONLY BE A FEW 2 1/2 HOUR SHIFTS ON WEEKENDS DURING THE SUMMER. THE MORE WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP THE JAIL MUSEUM OPEN DURING THE SEASON, THE MORE DONATIONS WE RECEIVE, WHICH WE USE TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING AND KEEP THE LIGHTS ON. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING AND/OR WEEDING, OUR BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF TENDER LOVING CARE FROM MAY TO OCTOBER EACH YEAR.

Objective 3:... "disseminate historical information and promulgate interest in the history of Truckee by holding meetings and special events". WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH SPECIAL EVENTS, HISTORY PRESENTATIONS, FIELD TRIPS, HIKES, AND WALKING TOURS. IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL JAIL MUSEUM TOURS, WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FOR HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS OF DOWNTOWN TRUCKEE, BUT ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS TO HOST THE EVENTS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPAND OUR SERVICES AND INCREASE THE DONATIONS WHICH ALLOW US TO DO WHAT WE DO. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WITH SPECIAL TALENTS, I.E. MUSICIANS, WHO WOULD VOLUNTEER TO ENTERTAIN WHEN WE HOST OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

Objective 4:... "not really an objective but always in need of worker bees. WE COULD USE HELP WITH SOME HOUSE KEEPING DUTIES AT THE RESEARCH CABIN, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A LITTLE LOW-MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING AT THE CABIN, PERIODIC HOUSEKEEPING INSIDE THE CABIN. WE ALSO ALWAYS NEED HELP WITH THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE JAIL MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR THE SEASON.

➤ *If you have some time, talent, enthusiasm and a desire to support the Truckee Donner Historical Society in realizing the mission and purpose of preserving and sharing Truckee's history WE NEED YOU! Please contact us. <<*

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~



We have had a very busy season at the Old Jail Museum so far, with over 800 visitors to date and \$1000.00 in donations. But consider this; we have only had our doors open half of the scheduled time. With fewer volunteers than ever, we have had a real hard time being available for tours of the Museum. Imagine if we had been open all of our scheduled hours, we would have had twice that amount in donations and more than double that amount of visitors!! Remember, we run 100% on donations and we can not bring in that much needed money if the Jail is not open!! We really need YOU, members of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society, to help us out with working at the Jail. Yes, it is a volunteer effort, but if only one-third of our membership could give us just 5 hours of volunteer time for the whole season (that's ONLY 2 shifts over 3 months!!) we would have the Jail fully staffed and operating for the entire season! It is a small price to pay to help in our efforts to keep the Museum open and teach people about our RICH history.

When was the last time you took a tour of the Old Jail? Have you been down to see all the changes we've made over the last year? We have put in some well spent hours at the Jail, changing displays, adding new items, more photos and over the next year will increase our retail options. It's honestly one of my favorite places, and have thoroughly enjoyed every hour I've spent there over the last 10 years. Did you know that every spring we give tours of the Jail to every 3rd grader in Truckee? Through the schools and home study programs, the students spend a day touring Truckee and it's historic sites, including the Old Jail. The kids have a great time learning about the town they live in. We invite you to come down, bring a friend or neighbor and visit the museum. A good time to do this would be during our Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 19th. Good music, cool ice-cream and a beautiful garden to enjoy it all in!



ANNUAL DINNER

The time is approaching for the Annual Dinner and election of officers. The nominating ballot and election dinner menu have been mailed. Please participate by nominating your choice for our new Board of Directors. Deadline for nominations is Aug 26, 2006. The election dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at The Lodge in Tahoe Donner. Menu selection, RSVP and payment are due no later than September 12, 2006. Space is limited, so get your RSVP and payment in early. Voting will take place at the dinner. For members who would like to cast their ballot, but do not wish to attend the meeting, you may come to The Lodge between 6 – 6:30 p.m. and ballots will be available.

**ICE
CREAM
SOCIAL**



**SAT, AUG
19TH
11am-3pm**

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OLD JAIL
MUSEUM
11000 STREET
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FUNDRAISER FOR THE TRUCKEE
DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALL MONEY
GOES TO HELP MAINTAIN AND REPAIR OLD
JAIL MUSEUM

ICE CREAM SUNDAES: \$4
ROOT BEER FLOAT: \$2
Each ticket includes a raffle
for Old Truckee Photo

The museum will be open
for viewing. Live music in
the Community Memorial
Garden



- August 19** Ice Cream Social at Old Jail Museum
- August 22** Board Meeting
- September 12** Field Trip - Truckee River Legacy Trail
- September 26** Annual Dinner and Elections
- October 1** Jail Closing
- Oct 7-8** Donner Party Hikes
- October 24** Board Meeting
- November 28** Board Meeting
- December 2** Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation luncheon



HELP WANTED: *In an effort to focus on recruiting new volunteers, special tours and the museum itself, I would like to find somebody to take over the scheduling of the Docent shifts. You would be given the contact list of our Jail volunteers and would set up the shifts for the season. Don Colclough and myself will still schedule all special tours, this would just be for the regularly scheduled weekend shifts. It would be a GREAT help to us to find someone to take over this task.*

Contact Chelsea at 530-305-4231,
or Don at 530-587-1343.

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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: _____