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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Judy Dunlap

The busy summer season is finally upon us. Spreading the news about our events and activities to our members and the community-at-large is a job in itself. For quite some time we have been without a Publicity Chair. We could use the skills of a proactive volunteer to ensure that the local news publications, online calendar resources, and special newspaper inserts contain information and news stories about the Society, our annual events, and special events. If you are interested to fill this very important position please contact Billie Cornell at info@truckeehistory.org. She will be thrilled to share the media information that has been collected and used to date. The rest of the story will be up to you!

On that same topic, let me take this opportunity to brief you with our upcoming news and events. First, the Old Jail Museum is open for the season. We are always in need of volunteer docents. We are only a few weeks into the season, yet we have not been able to have the museum open all hours on the weekends due to lack of volunteers. Please think about giving just one shift during the summer. We advertise being open from 11am - 4pm Saturdays & Sundays through September and during Truckee Thursdays from 5-7pm. It is so easy, and so much fun. Please contact Chelsea Walterscheid at 530.305.4231 for additional information.

On Saturday, July 18th we will be hosting our 29th Annual Old Timers' and Truckee Reunion Picnic. Books and photos will be available for purchase. We have many new photographs available this year. Bring your lunch, folding chairs, and stop by the Truckee Regional Park for a relaxing afternoon. Catch up with old friends, or make new friends. It is always a lovely day in the park.

Our 5th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, August 15th at the Community Memorial Garden behind the Old Jail Museum. Stop by for an old fashioned root beer float or an ice cream sundae. We will have live music by the Town Kats, featuring an eclectic mix of blue grass, old time, Celtic and swing music. Toto the Clown will be on hand for face painting and temporary tattoos together with a variety of events to entertain young and old alike. All proceeds from this event go to maintain the Old Jail Museum. We are moving closer in our goal to re-roof the museum. Please come down and support the cause.

REMEMBRANCES

April 30, 2009 was a sad day for the Society. We lost two of our long-time members, William (Bill) Smith of the Cottage Hotel and Beverly Beatrice Williams. Our condolences go out to the families of both members. View a remembrance of Bill Smith on our website REMEMBRANCES Page at <http://truckeehistory.org/remembrances>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 18 — 29th Annual Old Timers' Picnic

Tuesday, September 22 — Annual Dinner & Election

Saturday, August 15 — 5th Annual Ice Cream Social

Saturday, October 10 — Docent Appreciation Lunch

TDHS RESEARCH LIBRARY NOW HAS OPEN HOURS

The historical research library, located in the Truckee Donner Historical Society Old Gateway Cabin at 10115 Donner Trail Road, will be open to the public every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the summer season. Books, newspaper files, maps, and photographs are available for use within the library for researchers, genealogists, historians, homeowners, or anyone else who wants to investigate Truckee history.

Each year the Society receives numerous requests for research from people all over the world. Those requests cannot always be fulfilled because of the limitations of volunteer availability, however, with Open Hours, local residents and visitors to the Truckee Tahoe region will be able to do their own research. A trained Society volunteer or board member will be at the Research Library to assist patrons with their research.

All Society members are encouraged to come in and indulge their curiosity about local history and the people who created it. Perhaps you have wondered about Truckee's heyday in films (1920s - 1930s) or the once-thriving ice harvesting industry (1860s - 1920s). If you would like to volunteer to help staff the Library during the Thursday Open Hours or if you have questions, please contact the new Library Chair, Katie Holley at kholley@truckeehistory.org or call 530.550.7120.



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4th Tuesday of the Month at 6pm
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DOCENT LENDING LIBRARY

In the Winter issue our Publications Chair, wrote about the new Docent Lending Library. She is happy to report it is being used and out of the first two docents who borrowed a book, one docent ended up buying the book! Carmen says, "the lending library has been well received by the docents." Only active docents are allowed to participate for this docent benefit program. All docents interested in borrowing a book please call Carmen LeBlanc at 530.308.3577 to make your book request.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry, Kathleen & Dominic Solari

John McCormick Jr and Family

Brian Olson

Allen De Negri

Jan Kirkwood

Twin Cedar Resources | Sherry Mays

Richard Fisher and Family

Jim & Carey Hood

Members of the Society become part of a legacy and can take pride in their support of Truckee's invaluable historical resources, the Old Jail Museum and Research Library.

COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

In early spring the apple tree, lilac bushes and shrubs were pruned to get them ready for the upcoming summer season. A red, white and blue theme was used for the perennials planted in the flower boxes. Bob Bell added and adjusted the watering system to insure all areas of the garden were being covered in addition to the new flower pots in front of the Garden Angel.



Chelsea Walterscheid and Patty Lomanto conferred and decided to trim up and remove some of the wild rose bushes — a bigger job than expected due to the long tap roots. The upper garden areas will continue to be weeded which blossomed with beautiful golden California poppies and irises this spring. Help is always welcome to keep the rear patio area clean of debris and to inspect the memorial plaques and archway for any damage.

The board approved building a terraced area to make it easier and safer to access the seating under the cool shade of the grand old apple tree. To accomplish this project we have a WISH LIST of SUPPLIES:

Rock Railroad Ties Top Soil

If you have access to any items in our Wish List of Supplies or would like to assist with maintenance in the Community Garden please contact Patty Lomanto, who has graciously volunteered to be in charge of maintaining the garden grounds this summer — 530.582.0726.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ONLINE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

TDHS has just past its one year anniversary to accommodate membership dues payment by credit card or an existing PayPal account. Here are a few things you should know.

1. TDHS utilizes the secure payment services of PayPal to create a 'Subscription' (aka Membership).
2. All membership payments require a PayPal 'Subscription account' to handle identical automatic recurring renewals in subsequent years.
3. If you do not have a PayPal account, pay by credit card and after your credit card information is entered a new PayPal account will be created to handle your subscription.
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6. Create a NEW subscription and CANCEL your OLD subscription PRIOR TO your renewal date to avoid a possible double payment.

To access our online payment services for your annual membership dues go to our Membership Page on our website at <http://truckeehistory.org/membership.htm>

Questions about your membership or the online account procedures, contact Billie Cornell at membership@truckeehistory.org

29th ANNUAL OLD TIMERS' PICNIC & TRUCKEE REUNION

You are invited to join the Truckee Donner Historical Society for our 29th Annual old Timer's Picnic and Truckee Reunion on Saturday July 18. The annual gathering is enjoyed by many families as a way to see old friends and enjoy each others company for the day. Not an 'Old Timer?' That's alright! Bring your family along with you and make it an annual reunion event.

TDHS rents the Truckee River Regional Park (located on Brockway Road across from the 7-11) for the day and you bring your own picnic lunch and lawn chairs (there are picnic benches available but space fills up quickly).

As in previous years, books on local history and some new, never released before, historical photographic reprints will be available for purchase.

Everyone who attends will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win some Truckee historical prizes. Please mark your calendar and make our annual picnic *your* family tradition!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

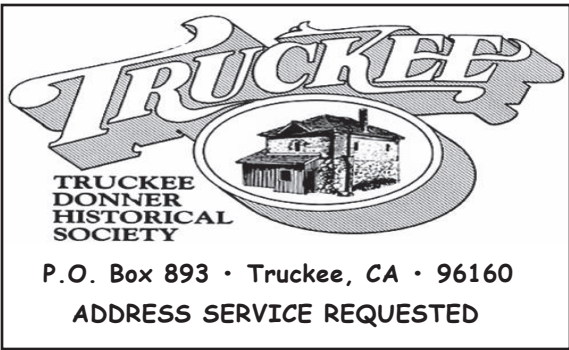
At last year's picnic Chelsea began recording oral histories from our Truckee Old Timers. This is an ongoing project so TDHS will have oral records and photographs of the people behind the history of Truckee. Short interviews can be recorded at the picnic or an appointment can be made for another day.

Do you have transcribing skills? Assistance is needed to turn the recordings into print.

Contact Chelsea Walterscheid for more information on the picnic, directions to the park, to help with transcription or to arrange to be interviewed for an oral history appointment at 530.305.4231.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP CONTRIBUTE

You may be short on cash to donate money but for anyone who may be under or unemployed, volunteering is a way to hone skills, add to resumes, network and garner new experiences. TDHS has an abundance of needs that require volunteer time. Just let us know your skills and interests to become active today!



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