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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

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

Executive Board

- ~ President ~
Sharon Pace Arnold
- ~ Vice President/Historian ~
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- ~ Assistant Editor ~
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- ~ Membership ~
Billie Cornell
- ~ Museum Coordinator ~
Don Colclough
- ~ Photograph Chair ~
Leanne Atwater

For our out of town members, the winter so far has been mild, with most of the snow falling on Donner Summit.

First I want to thank all the Officers and Board Members for jobs well done these last six months: Guy Coates, Jim Smith, Judy Dunlap, Don Colclough, Judy Williams, Billie Cornell, Leanne Atwater, Chelsea Walterscheid, Laura and Dan Horman, Carrie Smith, Paul Spencer, and Dennis Cook. Your dedication to TDHS is what is keeping our organization up and running.

My thanks to Judy Williams for taking on the extra job of Newsletter Editor. She also does an outstanding job of Chairing our book sales.

Guy Coates got us started on a new project of getting some of our large panoramic photos on CD's. So far this has been a big success. Leanne Atwater has accepted the role of Chairperson for this project. It is the goal of the Society to some day have all of our Photos on CD's.

Don Colclough has agreed to be our Old Jail Museum Coordinator. This is not an easy assignment and he will need volunteers to act as docents at the museum. We will also be looking for volunteers to help get the Jail ready for opening day. Please let us know if you care to help. We are only open weekends from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Call or write or e-mail us if you can volunteer.

Our Gateway Cabin Research center is in need of some TLC. The porch and railing needs repairs and staining. It also need a new roof and some landscaping. Our problem is lack of \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Our Old Jail Museum is also in need of a new roof. There is a possibility of help for the Old Jail from the Railroad Regulators "601" of Truckee. This group is also a member of the Old West Living History Foundation. The Regulators have some exciting events planned for this coming year. They have offered TDHS help in keeping a "roof" over the Old Jail. Guy Coates, Dennis and I are members of this group and it is a lot fun.

In less than two months the Memorial Garden, behind the Old Jail Museum, should be in full bloom. Thanks to the many volunteers who planted hundreds of bulbs, it should be beautiful. Thank you Jim Smith, Chairperson; And many thanks to the many who generously donated to the Garden. I feel Thelma smiling down on us.

Don't forget the 21st Old Timers Picnic coming up July 14th, same time and place, mark your calendars. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY SPRING TIME,

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

MARCH/ SPRING 2001 TDHS NEWSLETTER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIPS: Please note that our membership roster runs 12 months out of the year. Whatever month you join will determine when your membership dues will become payable again. So, if you are making your annual and/or monthly budget, you may want to plan on budgeting your membership dues during the same month each year.

LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL: On the newsletter you are reading please take a moment to look at your mailing label. You should find, printed above your name, the expiration date (month and year) for your annual membership dues. IF you notice your membership has expired, I ask you to double check your records to verify same. If you are past due, you could use the Application Form found on the outside of the newsletter to remit your payment and bring your account current. IF for some reason (and this is quite possible) you have paid your dues but my records are not reflecting your payment, please drop me a note and let me know. It would be helpful if you could provide me with, when you mailed your check and the amount you paid.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: All members that are current in their annual membership dues receive a Letter of Renewal, usually in the month prior to your expiration. Attached to this letter I include your new Membership Card in anticipation of receiving your dues payment for the upcoming year. I do this to avoid a second mailing just to send you your Membership Card in pursuit of controlling the printing and mailing costs. I realize it would be easy to believe you have already "paid" your dues if you look at your card showing you as a current member in good standing. I do apologize if this has confused anyone.

DROP LETTERS: For any member that has lapsed a year or more in their dues, (it takes awhile before I will drop a member from our membership rolls) I send, what I call, a "Drop Letter." This letter will advise you when our records indicate your membership expired and provide you the opportunity to renew for the upcoming year. I have found most of our members are astonished that they failed to send in their dues. My thought is that the advance mailing or your new Membership Card may have been a factor. I hope reading the "Membership Cards" section above helps explain this matter.

RETURN ENVELOPES: Beginning with the March 2001 renewal letters I will be including a return envelope for

your dues payment. Since we had some smaller envelopes already on hand, I thought we should go ahead and use them to see if it will assist you (our members) in returning your payment. Let me know if you like that feature. If it is successful and renewals come in quicker and with more regularity, the Board will probably authorize me to obtain a more formal return envelope for this purpose. Maybe, even including space for your personal information and membership category.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: If you venture onto our Website and find our application section, please make a note that we do **NOT** have the capability to bill your credit card for your membership dues. We still require the old fashion method of payment by writing a check and putting it in the "snail-mail." (the U.S. Postal Service) Another way to join is in person at the Old Cabin (please be advised we do not hold regular office hours so you'd need to call to meet someone there), the Old Jail (during the summer months when it is open) or at one of our events held throughout the year. We hope to post on the Website an actual application form which members can print off their computer and then mail back to The Society with their payment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: I noticed we had not properly greeted our new members since the Spring 2000 newsletter. So, I would like to thank all of you on behalf of TDHS (and to the hundreds of other long standing members) for your support of The Society through your Membership!

Janet Mann
 Betty Arras
 Kenneth Snider
 McCarthy Sign Company
 Robert Nevit
 James & Barbara Sherman
 Michael Hurley & Natalie Korp
 Joe Suter.
 Nilda Duffek
 Don & Sally Colclough
 Joshua Susman
 Virginia Donica
 Charles & Patti Fink
 Conference of California Historical Societies
 Bruce & Marijo Douglass

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Mark Your Calendar...

The Community Memorial Garden

Will be dedicated on

Sunday, May 27, 2001 at 1:00 PM

TDHS Old Jail Museum

Jibboom Street, Downtown Truckee

Presentation of Colors (Truckee Color Guard)

Music

Non-Denominational Service

Refreshments

*Come and enjoy the culmination of countless
hours of hard work by many volunteers
Over 600 bulbs, trees, roses, lilacs, & annuals*

*All in Memory of Truckee's Pioneers, Service
Men & Women, Loved Ones, & All
Who Helped Develop Truckee*

RSVP's Appreciated

530-582-0893

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- Dennis & Beverly Cook
- Shawn McDowell
- Ross & Jaime Mortensen
- Norman ("Red") Rockholm
- The Richard Orsi Family
- Alan & Dorothy Wilmunder
- Larry Hahn
- Stephen Harris
- Jack Douglas Walterscheid
- Lester Lazzari
- Dale & Barbara Stricklin
- Alan & Jose Noyes
- Claire Kelly

Colfax Area Historical Society
and Truckee's own Nevada County Library

CONFIDENTIALITY: Please let it be known that our Membership List is confidential and is not provided to any outside source, for any purpose. Occasionally I will print our full membership roster up for distribution to specific TDHS Board Members for their use in doing TDHS business.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership or have any questions regarding any issues I have written about in this newsletter. My e-mail address is b&bcornell@onemain.com for those of you online. Or you can write The Society at the address found on the front of this newsletter.

Cordially,
Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

NEW PHOTO REPRINTS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce, that we now have available by special order, large panorama-style photo reprints of historical Truckee photographs. There are six different photographs available which include views of Donner Lake, Downtown Truckee, Brickelltown, and the Train Depot. These photos are available in three sizes and range in price from \$60.00 to \$135.00. If you are interested in seeing the photographs or placing an order, please contact Leanne Atwater, Photo Chair, at 587-1608 or by email at donnerath20@jps.net.



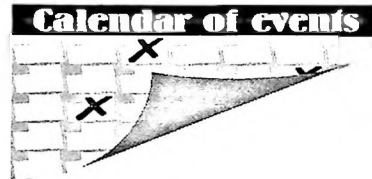
SUMMER



OUTINGS

- Saturday June 9
The Wildflowers of Sagehen, easy 4 mile hike.
\$10 members, \$15 other, good for kids.
- Sunday, July 7
Van Norden Meadow History & Ecology,
moderate 3 mile hike
\$10 members \$15 others.
- Saturday, July 28
Kids Trek and Outdoor Fun on Trout Creek,
easy 2 mile, hike, great for 3 years and older
\$10 per member family, \$15 per other family.

Call Truckee Donner Land Trust
530-582-4711 to sign up.



- * April 28th-Docent Training 2:00 pm at Cabin
- * May 12th- Museum cleanup 11:00 am
- * May 19th-20th- Windows on History
- * May 26th- Official Seasonal Museum Opening
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (open weekends until Labor Day)
- * May 27th- Community Memorial Garden Dedication
1:00 p.m.
- * May 28th- Memorial Day
- * July 4th- Truckee Parade 10:00 am
- * July 14th- 21st Annual Old Timers Picnic at
Truckee Regional Park 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm
- * September date TBA- Railroad Days
- * September 25th- Truckee Donner Historical Society
Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner
- * December 7th & 8th- Christmas at the Cabin