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CHINESE HERB SHOP OPEN HOUSE

On January 14 The Society, Truckee River Associates and E Clampus Vitus held an open house at the recently restored Chinese Herb Shop building on South East River Street. The Society presented an Award of Merit to owner John McManus for the restoration. The Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe presented contractor Steve Isbell with a similar award. Despite the snow, dozens of people attended the preview. Check out the restored Chinese Herb Shop, built in the late 1870's, the last remaining building from Truckee's second Chinatown. The building was also used by Charles Thomas and William Englehart as the Truckee Soda Works from the 1880's until the 1960's.

PHOTO ARCHIVE PROJECT

Using a \$4,000 grant from the Lahontan Community Foundation and other funding, a new scanner, printer, computer and safe have been purchased. This allows us to scan historical photos at a higher resolution, print better reproductions for sale, digitally store images, keeping original photos in a secure environment. The subject organized collection will take awhile to complete, but a good start has been made. More photos will be available for sale at the Old Jail Museum this summer.

RESEARCH CABIN PLAQUE

We would like to thank to E Clampus Vitus for installing a historical plaque in front of our Research Cabin. Last fall the Clampers and the Society had a dedication ceremony. Check it out on the rock near the entrance.

AZAD JOSEPH MCIVER ESTATE

In January the entire Azad Joseph McIver estate was donated to the KidZone Museum. The KidZone allowed the Society to search through the contents before the estate sale, collect family and historical items, documents and photos. The Society also assisted the KidZone in the estate sale. A portion of these important Truckee history documents and photos have been added to our files, increasing our history of the Joseph and McIver families. Another portion of the Joseph family history will also be displayed in the new wing of the Tahoe Forest Hospital.

ECHOS FROM THE PAST

Truckee's varied history can be found every Friday in the Sierra Sun. Gordon Richards publishes Echoes From The Past and TDHS member Mark McLaughlin publishes Weather Window on an alternating basis. The Sun also has supported Truckee history through the years. Available free in news racks or online at Sierrasun.com in the Truckee life section.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

The Society will be holding field trips on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 6PM. Details on the meeting place will be available in the Sierra Sun.

June 13 Lower Martis Creek - We will explore the site of Native Americans, Sisson Company Lumber Flume, Truckee Ice Company Ponds along the route of the Truckee River Legacy Trail.

July 11 Alder Creek - We will explore the Alder Creek branch of the Emigrant Trail, logging railroad grades, and two sawmill sites.

August 8 South West River Street - We will explore the Truckee Lumber Company (1868-1910) site.

September 12 Truckee River Legacy Trail - Regional Park - Tecoma Smelter sites



**26th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion
Saturday, July 22nd from 10:00-4:00, Rain or Shine!**

Hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at the Regional Park, our annual picnic is a good opportunity to see and chat with old friends and family and to meet new people.

Bring your own lunch, blankets or chairs, sometimes the benches are limited. TDHS will have old photos on hand to look at or purchase, along with books for sale on local history. This year there will be a couple of additions to the usual lineup. Sharon Pace Arnold has turned over her reigns to Heidi Euer Martin, daughter of Bernal Euer. This will be Heidi's first year planning the event, and we wanted to say "Thank You" for taking on this task. And a big "Thank You" to Sharon and her mother, Jeanne, for all their past work on the picnic. Also, we have added the words "Truckee Reunion" to the title of Old Timers' Picnic. We want the town to know that the event is open to everyone, not just "old timers". We have noticed that a lot of you folks like to say "I'm not an old timer yet!" Well, you are just as welcome to come, old timer or not. Make it an annual event for your own family to meet up and visit with each other. Two years ago, Heidi's class planned their reunion around the Old Timers' Picnic. It worked out well to have the picnic added to their weekend festivities. We thought it was a good idea and wanted to share that with anybody looking to plan a Truckee Reunion. There isn't much work to do, because we rent the spot, you just have to let everyone know the date! We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones! Tell all your friends and family, and by the way, kids aren't just welcome, they are Mandatory! We want to pass on this tradition to the new generations!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORUM

The Society will be co-hosting with the Sierra Business Council and the California Preservation Foundation a forum on heritage economy and cultural tourism which includes historic preservation as one of its primary topics. This is one of a series taking place throughout the Sierra Region. More details will be available in the Sierra Sun in May. The date is June 2 at The Cottonwood Restaurant at lunchtime.

Saturday May 13th @ 10.00 AM.

It is time to "clean-up" the Memorial Garden. Prune the "apple tree" and plant flowers.....

Come on let's get dirty!

Contact:

Chelsea @ 587-1855 Or Henry @ 582-8113.



OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator ~

We are gearing up to open up the Old Jail Museum for the 2006 season, with all the March and April snow, it has snuck up on me! As usual, part of this article is a plea from me for much needed volunteer help staffing the museum.

As you know, we depend on volunteers to keep the doors open. The Jail is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00-4:00 pm, the shifts are split from 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00. There are always two people scheduled for each shift. We have a good amount of docents who have helped over the years, but there still aren't enough to keep the Jail open for the whole season. If you can help as little or as much as possible, please call Chelsea at 305-4231 or Don at 587-1343.

On Saturday, May 13th we have two things going on at the Jail. At 10:00 am we will be at the Jail getting it ready to open for the season, uncovering displays, dusting, sweeping, etc. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to show up. Second, at 12:00 pm we will be at the Jail to train Docents who want to work at the Jail. If you are a returning Docent who would like to brush up on the routine, or a brand new one, or just interested in stopping by to see what it is like, please come down to the Old Jail at noon. We will show you around and get you familiar with other Docents and the museum. Sandwiches will be served. Call me so I can get a head count. 305-4231.

I would like to take the time to reflect on a friend who has passed on. Dennis Cowan, long-time Truckee resident and Old Jail Museum Docent passed away in April of this year. Dennis loved working at the Jail and I could always count on him filling in a shift last minute when I was in a pinch. I originally worked with Dennis years ago at Lahontan, and got to know him more through the Jail. He would keep people entertained with his knowledge of the town he loved so much. To his wife, Jill, thank you for sharing Dennis with us, it was a pleasure knowing him.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



FIRESIDE CHAT

The Truckee-Donner Historical Society would like to invite you join us at the Cottonwood Restaurant at Hilltop on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. Come meet new members and find out what the Society is up to this year. There will be photos to view from our photo archiving project, come learn about this and other projects planned for the year. The Old Jail Museum Volunteers will be there for those interested in the Museum, plus musical entertainment and research historians will entertain you for the evening. Bring a friend and tell a neighbor! We look forward to seeing you! Photos and Books for sale, No host bar and donations always appreciated!

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY.

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| Joe & Donna Straub, Jr. | Kary & Jode Kielhofer |
| Moonshine Ink | Merry Alberigi |
| Jon T. Weatherhwx | Dwight Teeter, Jr. |
| Marilou Ficklin | Frederick Dana Cutler |
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| Willie & Dori Preston | Patrick Richard |
| Ryan & Natalia Williams | CATT |
| Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation | |
| Lahonton Community Foundation | |
| Waters Snow Removal | |
| Washoe Building Supply | |
| Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Company | |
| Mark Tanner of Mark Tanner Construction | |
| Joe Vineyard of Vineyard Roofing | |

DUES CURRENT? You may wonder how you can tell... it's easy just look at your mailing label which will reflect month and year when it's time for your yearly renewal.

TDHS IS SELF SUPPORTING Please let it be known the Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission:

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

Be assured that disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential. Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT

And

PLEASE HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

Thank you!

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| May 13 | Jail cleanup Day |
| May 18 | Fireside Chat |
| May 23 | Board Meeting |
| June 2 | Historic Preservation Forum |
| Jun 10 | Jail Opening |
| Jun 13 | Field Trip - Martis Creek |
| Jun 17 | Schaffer Grave Cleanup |
| Jun 27 | Board Meeting |
| July 11 | Field Trip - Alder Creek |
| July 22 | Old Timer's Picnic |
| July 25 | Board Meeting |
| August 8 | Field Trip - Truckee Lumber Company |
| 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 |

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????????DID YOU KNOW????????

The Society owns the white wooden Donner-Graves Family Cross and plaque at the east end the Factory Outlet Stores along Donner Pass Road, next to Truckee Elementary School. It could use a coat of paint and the plaque polishing if any member is interested in volunteering.

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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 _____
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