

**ECHOES FROM  
THE PAST**

**Truckee-Donner  
Historical Society  
P.O. Box 893  
Truckee, CA 96160**

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)

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# Echoes From the Past

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**AT MY OWN PACE**  
*Sharon Pace Arnold, President*

The month of May started off with a bang. We had almost 900 visitors to our OLD JAIL museum. Most of these were children. The third grade classes from the Truckee elementary school, the third grade classes from the Glenshire elementary school, and children and their parents from the Bass Lake school district.

The OLD JAIL got a thorough cleaning from Jean Koose, a new volunteer; I have been told that it hasn't looked this clean in a long time. We also have two new docents: Dennis Cowan and Bert Costello. Welcome aboard and thanks for your help.

Another BIG THANK YOU to Paul Spencer and his helper Ben Malone for moving some very big items out of the Jail. They helped move and rearrange a few things. Thanks guys.

We still need volunteers to be docents at the museum. If you can help please call Don Coiclough at 587-1343. We are looking forward to having a busy summer at the Old Jail.

I wish all of you could have been present for the dedication of the Community Memorial Garden. The flowers and trees were beautiful. The benches and chairs were filled, the plaques were in place reminding us of our loved ones. If you have not been by to see the garden, please go visit .

There is still room for addition plaques if you would like to have one placed in the garden. At this time they are \$150.00 each, for an 8"x4" plaque. Many thanks to Jim Smith who put his heart and soul into this project, and thank you to the many volunteers who helped him.

A special thank you to a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, for your donation to the Cabin repairs, there are many, but I feel it will have to go to fix the leak in the old roof.

**~~TWENTYFIRST ANNUAL TRUCKEE OLD TIMERS' PICNIC~~**

**SATURDAY JULY 14, 2001 10 AM TO ????**  
**TRUCKEE RIVER REGIONAL PARK**  
**HIGHWAY 267 - ALSO KNOWN AS THE OLD BROCKWAY SHORT CUT**  
**(RAIN OR SHINE)**

Bring a picnic lunch, folding chairs and a blanket as tables and benches are sometimes limited. Cold drinks will be provided, (donations are accepted).

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC**

Sharon Pace Arnold, President

**A cordial welcome** to the newest members to our Society:

Philip Sapunor	The Mazzini Family
Patt Osborne	Don Cooper
Bert Costello	James & Doris White
Jean Koose	Richard & Bette Treiman
Dennis Cowan	

I would personally like to thank all of you for joining and becoming involved with our Society. And I would like to thank all our other members for promptly returning your annual membership payments (I hope using our return envelopes when mailing in your membership dues has made it easier for everyone!). If I have failed to send your new membership card please email me at [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com).  
Cordially,

**Billie Cornell-Membership Chair**



### Old Jail Museum

Since opening on May 19<sup>th</sup> we have been able to keep our scheduled hours of 11AM to 4PM every Saturday and Sunday and were even able to stay open on Memorial Day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes from Glenshire toured on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Truckee on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Truckee Elementary was lucky to have Tarantula Bill (Vince Deveney) and the Marshall (Josh Susman). The kid's, parent's and teacher's loved it. The thank you notes we received are priceless. Thanks guys you did a great job. We've had 3<sup>rd</sup> grader's come back on the weekends with their whole families, who have never been in our Museum before. In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce we have been sending visitors to their booth at the Train Station and they have been directing visitors to our Museum.

What do we need? MORE DOCENTS. When accepting this position I didn't expect to have a weekly crisis in staffing our Museum. Some member's have been very good at letting me know when they can volunteer and filling in on a day's notice. WE NEED MORE. If you are interested in becoming a docent, give me a call at 587-1343. I will be happy to meet you at the Jail Museum at your convenience and give you whatever training you feel you need. I've found being a docent enjoyable and the Museum is an important source of revenue for our Society.

**Don Colclough**  
**Old Jail Coordinator**

### MEET YOUR BOARD



#### Sharon Pace Arnold ~ President

Sharon's grandfather came to Truckee in 1889 from Italy. A shoemaker by trade, he operated a business on the on the corner of Church and Bridge Streets. Tony Pace, Sharon's father, operated the Truckee Mercantile from 1944 to 1968. Her mother, Jeanne, was born in Gilroy, California and came to Truckee in 1935 as a relief telephone operator during summer months while residing at Bob & Annie Tonini's residence on River Street. Tony and Jeanne met in 1935 and were soon married. Sharon attended Truckee Grammar School when it was located in Today's Recreation building on Church Street. She was a member of the first freshman class at the new Tahoe-Truckee High School in 1951. Thereafter, she attended San Jose State University and San Francisco Dental Nurses Training School and worked for a dentist until 1961. While working in the Bay area, Sharon met her husband Bud, a fifth generation San Franciscan and the couple were married in 1961. They lived and worked in Santa Rosa for 17 years, then went to Florida in 1980 where they lived on a boat for a year. From 1981 through 1987 they lived in San Rafael where Sharon worked for a computer chip manufacturer until 1987. They then relocated to Folsom where she worked for in the electronic business from 1987 to 1991. Returning to Truckee in 1991, Sharon has been active community, working with the town of Truckee in drafting the Downtown Specific Plan for 3 years, serving in the Historic Preservation Council, and as Trustee of the Cemetery Board and is currently President of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and each year organizes the annual Old Timer's picnic.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Our website is no longer available. However we are in the process of developing a new site. We will let you know our new WWW. address is when it becomes available.
- We have a new email address! Contact us at :

**[tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com)**

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## Garden Dedication

The Community Memorial Garden is to honor all people who called Truckee their home, early day pioneers, servicemen and women, and citizens who have aided the community in its development, dedicated May 27, 2001 by the Truckee Donner Historical Society, Inc... The language on this plaque states the purpose of the Community Memorial Garden.

Many of you knew Thelma Finger Meiss and she was a dedicated and loyal supporter of all activities of TDHS. But her special joy was being a docent at the Old Jail Museum. She loved talking with people from all around the world who have visited our little museum; but her special joy was giving tours to the many school groups that come on an annual basis. Thelma passed away May 2, 2000 at the age of 94. Thelma was a gardener and just before she passed away I asked her if she would approve of a memorial garden in her honor and for all those who called Truckee their home. She and her family agreed and I volunteered to chair this project and the garden fundraising was immediately put into place after her passing. I, and a small crew of 27 volunteers commenced our work after the Town of Truckee

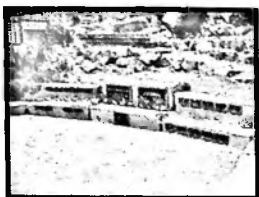
graciously loaned a backhoe, and operator, and tons of granite that form the memorial wall and various parts of retaining walls and walkways.; I extend my personal thanks to all those who helped on this project: Tom Covey, Eric Larusson, Shirley Knapp, Winnie Wain, Bernie Lander, Chelsea Walterscheid, Steve Harris, Rich Griese, Barbara Barte-Osborn, Dave Corollo, Allie Hahn, Jim Hirst, Peggy Boelk, Lindy Astrup, Joy Horn, Guy Coates, Barbara Sullivan, Jeri McElhaney, Heather Hudson and Don Colclough. I let the photos speak a thousand words. Special donations were made by the Sierra Tinkerbells Garden Club, Villager Nursery, Trout Creek Landscape and The Rock Garden, along with Tahoe Instant Press and the Sierra Sun.

Donations can be made at any time for additional plaques in the amount of \$150, and contributions in any amount to the trust fund to keep the garden growing. I personally thank everyone who has contributed to this project. It was truly a labor of love.

I invite you to stop by and enjoy the garden, sit for a moment in one of the many benches or have a picnic lunch at the picnic table.

**Jim Smith**

**Community Garden Chair**



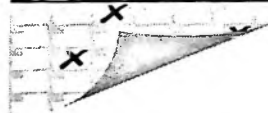
## SUMMER/FALL OUTINGS



- 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.
- Sunday, August 5  
Emigrant Trail Mountain Bike Excursion, intermediate level, 18 miles round trip.  
\$10 members, \$15 other.
- Saturday, August 25  
Kids Klimb on Donner Summit, easy, 4 hours. geared for 5 years old and above.  
\$10 per member family, \$15 per other family.
- Sunday, September 29  
Hike Mt. Lola, strenuous, 9 miles, 5-6 hours  
\$10 members, \$15 other.

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

### Calendar of events



- \* July 14th- 21st Annual Old Timers Picnic at Truckee Regional Park 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm
- \* Jul. 28-Pops Concert on the Green Tahoe Donner - Chuck Mangione will conduct the Festival Orchestra Gates Open: 5 pm. Showtime: 7 pm. Tickets: Adult: \$25, Youth \$15
- \* Aug. 11/12-Truckee Championship Rodeo Truckee Rodeo Grounds on HW 267 - PRCA Sanctioned Competition. Kids Day, shows and BBQ. Tickets purchased at the gate. Call (530) 582-9852 for more information.
- \* September 8/9- Railroad Days
- \* Sep. 15th-7th Annual Duck Races 11:00 Truckee Regional Park
- \* September 16th- Bus trip to Bowers Mansion/Genoa & Carson City. Bring a picnic lunch-Dinner in Carson City. For more info/reservations contact Jim Smith @ 587-2876.
- \* September 25th- Truckee Donner Historical Society Annual Meeting, Elections & Dinner
- \* December 7th & 8th- Christmas at the Cabin



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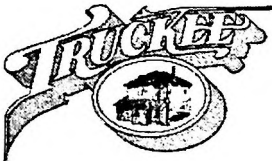


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~~MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES~~

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: \_\_\_\_\_

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS: