



Membership Newsletter
Spring, 2015

Central Sierra Historical Society

PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Reported by Robert Knapp

The Central Sierra Historical Society is celebrating the successful second year of our Partnership in Education Program (PEP) for the 2014/2015 school year.

The program, which is a partnership with the Big Creek and Pine Ridge School Districts, focused on connecting the 4th graders to the rich history of the central Sierra. All sessions were at or around the Museum of the Central Sierra. We had two sessions in the fall and will conclude with two sessions in the spring. April focused on the history of the SJ&E Railroad and in May we will celebrate the important contributions of the Native Americans of the central Sierra. We were excited and proud of how the students demonstrated to parents and other adults their depth of understanding and application of what they have learned throughout the year at the museum.

This year, we have expanded our program to include an 8th grade science component for the 2014/2015 school year. May will be the last of the 4 sessions in which science students from the two school districts, began a project that focused on maintaining a healthy and vibrant forest. These sessions included classroom sessions using the microscope to field work identifying four plots and studying the effect of drought, fire, herbicide and mulching on the variety of plants and trees from fall to spring. These sessions support the current 8th grade science standards and provide hands-on activities, fieldwork and research projects.

We are looking forward to another rewarding year at the museum as we continue to provide and support dynamic student learning anchored in the rich resources of the Central Sierra.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Lisa Crain, CSHS Executive Director

Please make sure to stop by and introduce yourself while you are visiting the museum!

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind but I am delighted to have started my responsibilities as the new Executive Director. The Central Sierra Historical Society is such a fantastic institution and offers so much for our community and out of area visitors. The staff and volunteers here are working tirelessly to make this museum a major area attraction and get it the attention it deserves. Our June fundraiser dinner's focus will be to raise money to support new signage along the highway to further increase the museum's exposure.

We have begun the process of working with our new membership and donation tracking software, "Donor Perfect". This database will allow us to better track our members, donations, renewals, grants, and volunteers. Having access to these services will help us to analyze our fundraising trends, thank our donors in a timely manner, and so much more!

I am energized by the potential that I see here at the museum and by the passion that all of the volunteers and staff bring. I consider this position a great privilege and can't wait to share with you our ideas for the future. As members, you are the foundation of this organization, your membership dues and donations help to fund our day-to-day operations and allow us the opportunity to give back through programs and events.

My main priorities are to strengthen our financial security, further expand our programs, and to build more public awareness. These days the competition

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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LISA CRAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is our pleasure to announce the hiring of Lisa Crain as the CSHS Executive Director. Lisa began her employ with the Historical Society on January 1, 2015. She was born and raised in Tulare, CA. She spent many summers camping in Shaver Lake at Camp Edison and many winters skiing and snowboarding at China Peak.

Lisa graduated from California State University Fresno in 2003 with a B.A. in English. Her love of history and its preservation have only grown through work with the Tulare County Museum and the Tulare County Historical Society. She also enjoys researching and writing articles with her husband for their local history blog.

She enjoys spending her free time playing with her two year old daughter and seeing the world through such eager and adventurous eyes. She has a passion for history and is eager to learn the stories of the people and places of the central Sierra.

JULIANNE STEWART, BOARD MEMBER

A Sierra Nevada native, Juli grew up on the Georgetown Divide in El Dorado County, the epicenter of the historic California Gold Rush. During her childhood she developed a deep interest and appreciation for her natural surroundings and the local history of that region. She pursued this passion by attending Humboldt State University (HSU) and obtaining a B.S. degree in Forestry with an emphasis in Hydrology. While attending HSU, Juli spent the summer of 2005 hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Oregon, fulfilling a childhood dream and reaffirming her love and respect for the breathtaking and formidable mountain range that is the Sierra Nevada. In 2006 Juli graduated from HSU with High Honors and moved to Shaver Lake to conduct botanical surveys for the USFS on the Kings River Experimental Watershed Project. Later that year she joined the SCE Management Team, and spent the next 8 years working as a forester on the beautiful and thriving forests surrounding Shaver Lake.

In the Fall of 2014, Juli turned her focus and energy to the arena of Consulting Forestry and currently works with local forestland owners to manage and improve the quality and health of their forests. As a Registered Professional Forester, Juli is passionate about educating the public on the need for sound forest management, as well as the impacts that historic events and decisions have had to the current state of our forests and natural resources.

Juli and her husband Ryan live in the Shaver Lake Area, where they are raising their daughters, Juniper and Rowan. As a family, they continue to explore the Sierra Nevada and are always up for an adventure in the woods!

SEAN TERRIO, BOARD MEMBER

Sean was born and raised in Kettleman City, California. Since the 1970's Sean has built a vast history of experience working in the retail and restaurant business. In 1989, he became a small business owner by opening his first store in Avenal. Sean and his family relocated from the central valley to Shaver Lake in July of 1993 where he continued expanding his knowledge of small businesses in the beautiful mountains. Sean has owned or been involved in family businesses in the Shaver Lake community from 1993 to 2009.

Before becoming a small business owner, Sean began working for the United States Postal Service in May of 1989. When the family relocated, Sean transferred with the Postal Service to the Shaver Lake office. Since relocating Sean has had a successful career with the Postal Service becoming the Postmaster of the Big Creek office in March 1996 and Postmaster of the Shaver Lake office in June 2012.

Sean has been fortunate to raise his family in Shaver Lake, with all three of his children graduating from Sierra High School and two going on to graduate from CSUFresno. Sean has also spent a great deal of time giving back to the community. He began fundraising for the activities his children participated in starting in 2003 and has been involved with various organizations ever since. He spent 9 years of service on the Mountain Community Recreation Foundation board, was a member of the Shaver Lake Chamber of Commerce in 2012 and has been a member of the Shaver Lake Visitors Bureau since 2013. (Continued on page 3)



NEW FLOOR AT THE MUSEUM

Last year's annual fundraiser dinner, held June 21, 2014, yielded enough proceeds to completely pay to have the Museum's floor sealed and painted in January of this year.

The excellent work was completed by Tommy's Painting of Shaver Lake. Visitors have commented on how the floor makes the museum seem larger. Come see for yourself!

Included in this newsletter is a flyer for our 2015 annual fundraiser. All proceeds will fund Museum advertisement signs at Cressman's General Store, Shaver Lake Liquor Store, and other strategically placed locations. Make your reservation early, as this event is always a quick sell-out.

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Jeff Young

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TOM WARNER, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Tom was born in central New York, close to the Adirondack Mountains, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, all areas of natural beauty and fantastic outdoor activities. He obtained his BBA at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and was commissioned in the US Navy in 1968. From there he spent two tours in Asia, returning to California where he met his wife, Mary, a native of Fresno and the Sierras. They returned to the Far East where Tom finished his military obligation returning to California in 1973 to begin a career with Del Monte Corporation of San Francisco.

After spending 11 years in the Bay Area, Tom and Mary left for what was to be 23 years of expatriate life with Del Monte, where they lived in Asia, Africa and Europe. His career culminated with him being Managing Director of Del Monte's operations in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Sub-Continent, China and the Philippines. At that time he served as an officer on 13 boards including two Asian publicly listed companies.

Upon retirement, Tom and Mary moved to Shaver Lake and are currently full time residents. Both are active in local activities with Tom currently Chief of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department and President of the Shaver Lake Civic League.

CSHS Trustees

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Sierra Voices 2015

by Dina Young

Sierra Voices is an educational program that invites guest presenters to share information that pertains to the history and culture of our beautiful area.

The Central Sierra Historical Society is excited to invite you to the 6th season of its Sierra Voices program at the Museum (42642 Tollhouse Rd. in Shaver Lake). The program is held the second Saturday of each month from May through October at 1:00 pm in the museum's media room. You won't want to miss this year's line-up!

5/9 Terry Ogden—“The Story of the Sage/Wright Families: A Pioneer Family in the Sierra Nevada”, with special guest David Wright. A collection of photographs was donated to the CSHS by David Wright in the summer of 2014. Terry Ogden has spent the last few months restoring this extraordinary collection. See images of Yosemite Valley in the 1880s, logging in Eastern Tulare and Fresno County, guided tours to Mt. Whitney, and other amazing images. Audience members will be asked to contribute ideas about locations and items in the photos. There is even a photo of the Shaver Flume from 1892 and a mill in Poison Meadow across from the Fishing Club entrance. Terry Ogden is a retired teacher (Pine Ridge Elementary) and school administrator whose current interests include docenting in the museum, giving nature trail tours, volunteering with the Lion's Club, and selling photographs at the Shaver Lake Art Gallery.

6/13 The Easton Pot Stirrers—“Black Pot Cooking Demonstration.” Elaine Mehrten, her husband Mike Mehrten, her brother Allan Blacksill (a member of the Sierra Steamers), and her sister Marlene Phillips have cooked for their neighbors and for the museum's Black Pot Cook-off. They have had a cabin at Shaver for 30 years and grew up spending summers at Shaver as their father was camp director at Camp Chawanakee. They grew up doing everything outdoors and were raised not to be afraid to try new things. Thus...they have taught themselves about Dutch oven cooking. They may not know everything there is to know about black pot cooking and just do it for enjoyment, but as someone who has sampled their products, I can say they definitely know what they are doing! Delicious! They have all lived and farmed in Easton since 1889.

7/11 Norman Saude—“The Longest Flumes in the World.” The flumes were incredible feats of designing, engineering, construction, and usage. Norman will present the Shaver flume, along with some tidbits about the Sanger and Madera flumes. Some great slides will be included in this historical account, as well as some perspectives on life in the day of a flume tender; the hard and good times. Norman Saude is a local history buff who has lived in our mountain community since 1971. He is a local builder, school board member, is active in the museum's Partnership in Education Program (PEP), and is also a Sierra Steamer. He is currently working on the Peterson double engine steam donkey and he plans to build the Hayden sawmill.

8/8 Bud Olson—“Rod Riggs: Early Mountain Photographer.” Rod Riggs took many pictures of places from our early history; Shaver, Tollhouse, Pine Ridge, etc. He also recorded many pictures of the pioneers who settled our mountains, making head shot collage collections into post cards, for example, Stockmen, Mill Men, Teamsters, etc. He was very talented as well as being a colorful character, fostering many interesting stories about his life. These unique pictures and information will take you back in time. Bud Olson is a retired history teacher with an MA in history from FSU. He is a lifelong resident of our mountain community and is one of the founders and workers of the Eastern Fresno County Historical Society and has spent many years collecting pictures and stories from our rapidly disappearing elders.

9/12 Jeff Young—“Reading a Sinker Log: Information and History.” The growth and scars of a very interesting sinker log will be interpreted. (During the logging days, sinker logs were those logs that sank due to density as they were floated across the mill pond). Many new photographs of lake-bottom artifacts will also be shared. Jeff Young is a lifelong, 3rd generation resident of the area and a local historian. He is a logger, sawmill operator, science teacher, and museum board member, among other things.

10/10 Nick Curry—“Four Volume A-Z Biographical Dictionary of Big Creek.” In manuscript form, this biographical dictionary by Nick Curry includes many of the major players in the history of the area. You will learn about the people behind the names, such as Wishon, Balch, Huntington, Kerckhoff, Maddox, Staats, etc. Nick Curry, a historian, was a mortgage loan representative for 25 years and has spent 25 years doing research in the Huntington Library.



NEW TAXIDERMY DISPLAYS AT THE MUSEUM

The Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum has been gifted with a collection of 12 wildlife displays by members, Dr & Mrs Peter Morrison, of Visalia. It is their desire to share their collection with children and adults of all ages and what a better way than to donate them to a mountain museum?

Thank you, Dr & Mrs Morrison, for your very generous donation.

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

Once again, due to its tremendous popularity, we will be giving the younger visitors to the museum the opportunity to learn about the history of our area by doing crafts. Volunteers Shirley Kepler and Judy Statler are the coordinators of the program and they have been busy preparing the projects, with help from other volunteers.

There will be four activities to choose from. Children will be making a Native American Necklace, a Native American Headband, a Monarch Butterfly Hand Puppet, and Monarch Butterfly Headpieces.

So many children participated last summer that we are asking for volunteers to help supervise the activities, especially when special events take place, such as the Ice Cream Social.

DOCENT PROGRAM AT THE MUSEUM

We have completed our fourth year of the Docent Program, led by Terry Ogden. People interested in the history of the Central Sierra and the growth of the Museum have been meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:00 to share ideas and information. Presentations at these meetings have been fun, interesting and educational.

There are many opportunities to fit your interest. Being a docent has much to offer, whether your interest is specific to an area like railroads, the steam donkey engine or the powerhouse, or maybe you would prefer to greet visitors inside the museum. We have a very comprehensive docent manual which is available at the office. Come join us!

PRESERVE CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORY - BECOME A MEMBER!

Become a MEMBER of the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum, and explore our unique cultural history.

Your membership helps to preserve the museum collection, to maintain and improve the museum and its exhibits, and to provide our community with educational programs, exhibitions and engaging social activities.

Membership begins at \$20! Your membership is tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Mission Statement of the Central Sierra Historical Society

The mission of CSHS is to enrich the cultural and educational experiences of visitors to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, by deepening their understanding of the human and natural history of this area. CSHS hopes to inspire future generations by bringing to life the challenges and achievements of the people who lived here.

It is the goal of CSHS to construct and operate a first-class museum and learning center near Shaver Lake that will preserve the heritage of the Central Sierra. CSHS will provide educational programs and activities to the public, it will preserve and protect historical artifacts, and it will work in partnership with other organizations to further the study of the history of this area.

GIFT CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Don't forget the gift shop at the Museum for your gift buying needs. We offer a wide variety of books, children's books, oral histories, DVD's, notecards and postcards, clothing, and unique gifts. Also available are numerous items offered by local artists.



New at the gift shop are beautiful, recycled, insulated eco-bags, quilted and printed with our logo. These bags can be used for hot or cold foods and are only \$10. Support the Historical Society by using these bags when you are shopping



2014 IN-KIND DONATIONS

Thanks to many generous donors, our 2014 in-kind donations of goods rendered totaled \$30,633. These are dollars saved which we are able to apply directly to support the museum moving forward.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Gordon Bartholomew
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Kenneth Swinger
Roger Taylor
Monika Von Beverfoerde

We hope you will remember the Society when you are planning your estate, or as a fitting means of honoring a departed friend or loved one.

2015 POWERHOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS



There will be scheduled demonstrations of our Redinger Powerhouse #1, located at the museum, at noon on the following days. Space is limited and a pass will be required. You can get the pass inside the museum, first come first served.

May 24
 July 5
 July 19
 August 15
 September 6
 October 18

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to learn how water generates electricity.

HONORABLE DONATIONS

Donations have been made in honor of:

Doug Koerper from Jean Larsen
Mary Hudak
 from Wilma Thompson-Scrivner
Twinbrooks Family
 from James Sebenius

You can support the Historical Society by giving your friends and loved ones a yearly membership to the Museum. It makes an excellent gift. Call the Museum office for details.

SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPONSORSHIP

Have you wished you could have a lasting impact on the Museum of the Central Sierra? Here's your chance! Donations are appreciated to fund the following projects:

- ◆ Restoration of a sawmill donated by the Hayden Family.
- ◆ Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit.
- ◆ Emmert Stamp Mill Project.
- ◆ Shaver Lake Fire Truck No. 1.
- ◆ Flume exhibit and tender's cabin.
- ◆ Interpretive sign kiosks for: Steam Donkey, Sawmill, Mack Truck, Caboose, Hydro Exhibit, Amphitheater, Nature Trail, Antique Graders.
- ◆ An addition to the Mack Truck Display.
- ◆ Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.

GUIDED INTERPRETIVE WALKS IN THE FOREST

We had a great response to our Guided Interpretive Walks In The Forest last summer, and will be offering them once again.

The hiking begins Tuesday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m. and then every Tuesday and Friday through October (always at 9:00 a.m.). It is an easy to moderate hike, approximately ¼ mile. You should allow 1-1/2 hours, as you will make stops along the way. Meet at the picnic table by the Caboose at the Museum.

YOU CAN SUPPORT CSHS EDUCATION PROGRAMS SIMPLY BY SHOPPING!

Several programs are available

Using the **eScrip Community Card at MarVal Food Stores and VON'S** has proven to be a great benefit to the Historical Society! Up to 5% of your purchases made are given back to CSHS if you designate us as the beneficiary of your donation.

There is no cost to participate. Call the museum and we can enroll for you or you can enroll the next time you are in the stores. Be sure to get a card for each family member and tell your friends to support the museum by checking CSHS when enrolling.

The Historical Society has received \$859 since beginning the e-Scrip Program in October, 2012.

Remember to continue using your **S.H.A.R.E.S. Card when you shop at SaveMart or FoodMaxx.** The Historical Society has received a total of \$7,559 since beginning the program in March, 2010.

Call the museum to ask about the **Amazon.Smile** program.

These are dollars saved which we are able to apply directly to support the museum moving forward.

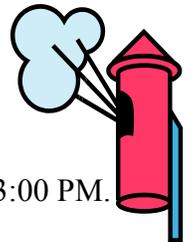
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for fundraising dollars is intense and it is important that we stay relevant to obtain necessary donations to take us to the next level. By expanding our programs and building awareness of the great work going on here, we open ourselves up for more funding opportunities.

I am grateful to be working with such an energized staff that is helping me get settled and learn the ins and outs of this organization. I would also like to thank those members that have reached out to me and set aside time in their busy schedules to discuss the future of the museum and its programs. I look forward to meeting with many more of you and doing all I can to help promote the museum. We have a very busy calendar of events this year and I hope to meet as many of our members as possible this summer.

2015 STEAM DONKEY "STEAM-UP" SCHEDULE

Great family fun. Bring the children and let them blow the whistle!



The Sierra Steamers can be seen in action in the parking lot at the Museum of the Central Sierra.

The Steam-Ups are always from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

May 24 July 5 July 19 August 15 September 6 October 18



ARE YOU A MEMBER?
YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT
PROGRAMS LIKE THESE
BY JOINING CSHS

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING

The Society is always looking for willing helpers. Just in the past year, members and friends alike have lent their talents in many ways. Volunteers generously donated 5,433 hours of their time in 2014. 2015 looks to be another busy year and help is needed. Or, to put it more appropriately, the Society needs your help! There are lots of opportunities and there is always a place for your particular talent.

Have a busy schedule already? Don't worry. Any amount of time you can contribute is valuable. Are you a great organizer, or do you have computer skills? We have projects for that. Are you one of those people who just love to clean? We have plenty of glass cleaner and wipes. Are you a people person? We welcome anyone with a gift of gab!

Whatever your skill or interest, we will try to accommodate. We don't believe in a team of one. If we all give some of our time, energy and effort to help move the Society forward, imagine what great things we can accomplish!

THANK YOU as always to everyone that supports the museum, you make it possible for our projects to get done.

PRIZES ANNOUNCED FOR NEW SUMMER-LONG RAFFLE

Once again CSHS will hold a summer long raffle beginning Memorial Day Weekend and ending Labor Day Weekend. At this time there will be two offerings but we are hoping to have more.

As of this printing the prizes will be:

1 – 2016 Day Use Season Pass of Camp Edison boat ramp, picnic, and beach areas, valued at \$110.

1 - 12x36 framed photo of the 1893 Shaver Dam and Old Mill Site, in the snow, by Ted Reckas, valued at \$300.



PHOTO OF EMPTY SHAVER LAKE DONATED TO THE MUSEUM

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Clovis resident, Tina Quillen, of Tina Quillen Photography. Tina donated a 40"x60" metal print, valued at \$6,000, of her photograph of Shaver Lake taken from a Cessna airplane when the lake was drained. The metal print will hang prominently in the Museum and her photos will be sold in the gift shop. Please come see this beautiful gift.

We thank you very much, Tina!



2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Approximately 50 CSHS members and friends met at the Museum of the Central Sierra on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Chairperson Keith Swinger and Executive Director Lisa Crain co-conducted the business meeting and recapped the Historical Society's past year. Board Treasurer Robert Knapp provided the members with the FY 2014/2015 financial report and encouraged increased effort to expand membership.

Lisa Crain then recognized and thanked Board Vice-Chairperson, Linda Clague, for her work efforts in organizing v.e.s.t. (Volunteer Education Service Team) as the premier volunteer organization in support of the museum. She is stepping down as Chair of v.e.s.t. after 8 years and members Alice Knapp and Mary Warner will now be the co-chairs. Also recognized was John Mount, for his past work on the Board of Directors and now the Board of Trustees.

The election of the 2015 Officers and Directors took place. The Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting is always held the last Saturday in March of every year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND LOCATION
March 28	Annual Meeting	2:00 pm – Museum Media Room
May 9	Sierra Voices Presentation – Terry Ogden “The Story of the Sage/Wright Families”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
May 23	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
May 24	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
May 24	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
May 24	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
May 29	Friday in the Pines – Keith Crain	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
June 13	Sierra Voices Presentation – The Easton Pot Stirrers “Black Pot Cooking Demonstrations”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
June 13	Pine Logging Camp Open House	12:00 pm – Pine Logging Camp
June 20	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
June 21	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
June 26	Friday in the Pines – Tipperary Stew	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
June 27	Fundraiser Dinner (Tickets In Advance)	6:30 pm – Museum Media Room
July 5	Pancake Breakfast	7:00-11:00 am – SL Community Center
July 5	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
July 5	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
July 5	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
July 11	Sierra Voices Presentation – Norm Saude “The Longest Flumes In The World”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
July 19	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
July 19	Ice Cream Social	1:00 – 3:00 – Museum
July 19	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
July 24	Friday in the Pines – The Steam Donkeys	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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August 1	Black Pot Cook-Off (Tickets In Advance)	TBA – Shaver Lake Fishing Club
August 8	Sierra Voices Presentation – Bud Olsen “Rod Riggs: Early Mountain Photographer”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
August 8	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
August 9	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
August 15	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
August 15	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
August 15	Big Creek Old Timer’s Picnic	TBA – Edison Campground
August 28	Friday in the Pines – Rock Therapy	6:00 pm - Museum Amphitheater
August 29	Amphitheater Special Event – My Art Troupe	1:00 & 5:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
September 5	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
September 6	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
September 6	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
September 6	Sierra Voices Presentation – The Davis Family “Native American Life in the Sierra”	11:00-3:00 – Museum
September 6	Osprey II Boat Tour (First Come First Serve) Limited Availability – Sign Up In Museum	10:00 am & 1:00 pm - Camp Edison Marina
September 12	Sierra Voices Presentation – Jeff Young “Reading a Sinker Log: Info and History”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
October 10	Sierra Voices Presentation – Nick Curry “Four Volume A-Z Biographical Dictionary of Big Creek”	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
October 18	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
October 18	Powerhouse Demo (First Come First Serve)	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
November 27	Children’s Holiday Crafts	11:00 – 2:00 – Museum
November 28	Children’s Holiday Crafts	11:00 – 2:00 – Museum

Guided Interpretive Walks In The Forest
9:00 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday, Beginning May 26 Until Oct 23

FRIDAY IN THE PINES CONCERT SERIES

by Katie Blanchard

The Friday in the Pines Concert Series for 2015 will begin May 29 at 6:00 p.m. with a performance by local artist and vocalist, Keith Crain. Keith will offer an evening of classic folk songs on the guitar and banjo with original songs as well.

The program continues on June 26th with an encore performance by ‘Tipperary Stew’ at 6:00 p.m. This will mark their third visit to our amphitheater and they are always a crowd pleaser! ‘Tipperary Stew’ features Noel on guitar and Patricia playing Irish whistles and the Bodhran (a traditional Irish Drum). They are joined on vocals by their daughters, who also delight the audience with lively dancing.

July’s Fridays in the Pines concert will welcome back ‘The Steam Donkeys’, whose musical talent shines in bluegrass, American folk and classic rock. Concert goers especially enjoyed the group’s original tunes last season. Mark your calendars for this special date of Friday July 24th, 6:00 p.m.

On Friday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m., the Concert Series introduces an Oakhurst favorite, ‘Rock Therapy’, a six-member classic rock cover band featuring hits from ‘Journey’, ‘Boston’, ‘The Eagles’, ‘Led Zeppelin’, ‘Heart’, and others.

This summer, the amphitheater will host ‘MyArt’, a Musical Youth Artist Repertory Theatre Troupe from southern California. Two performances are scheduled on Saturday, August 29th at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This amazing traveling troupe, ranging in age from 5-14, will treat us to their version of ‘Broadway, Here I Come’, and yes, they will be performing a variety of numbers from different Broadway shows.

The amphitheater is a perfect venue for picnicking and relaxing while listening to great music. Chairs, blankets, food and drinks will continue to be welcomed. Artist donations are appreciated.



OSPREY II BOAT TOURS OFFERED

by Steve Merrill

In your future, plan to float into the past!

That’s not a misprint, trust me! It’s an invitation to ‘journey’ into Shaver Lake’s past aboard the Osprey II.

This summer on the Lake, several opportunities to ‘float into the past’ will be offered, including May 23 & 24, June 20 & 21, July 5, August 8 & 9, and September 5 & 6.* One of our licensed captains, Robert Knapp,

Leigh Ann Davis, or Steve Merrill, will lead groups of up to 4 adults on a 45 minutes ‘float’ around the Lake, pointing out historic sites above and below the water, along with information about the motor cruiser’s namesake, the Osprey II. (Don’t worry, we have all appropriate safety equipment AND all historic sites below the water will be discussed from above the water!)

It is recommended that a reservation to ride be arranged through the Museum Office (559-841-4478), first-come, first-served. We anticipate this list filling up quickly! Donations to the museum will be gladly accepted.

*All scheduling is subject to good weather and water levels in the Lake.

We will look forward to floating into the past with you this summer at Shaver Lake aboard the Osprey II!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 19 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at the Museum

It’s Free! Sponsored by **v.e.s.t.**

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Museum Wish List

Copy paper Solar path lights Solar shades

Retail Point of Sale (POS) cash register

Golf cart

Can you help?

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!

Memberships are the back bone of this organization and help to fund our day-to-day operations, staffing levels, and help us to better qualify for grants. In the past few years there has been a sharp decline in memberships but an increase in staffing and programs offered. We must have a call to action and increase our membership numbers so that we can maintain the museum at the current levels and continue to grow.

As a way of saying thank you to our members we are now offering a few more for signing up or renewing your membership. All levels of membership include a copy of our bi-annual newsletter, voting rights at our Annual Board Meeting in March, and first priority access to ticket sales for events and tours. Please see the list below for details of new incentives that start at the Benefactor Level.

Also, please keep in mind that a gift membership is a wonderful way to share the passion of our area's history and to introduce our organization to someone you think may enjoy it!

If you would like to help us save further please "go green" and let us know that you prefer to receive all museum correspondence by e-mail. This helps us save on the cost of printing, staff time, and postage!

Membership Levels

Individual - \$20

Family - \$35

Patron - \$75

ALL levels include the following benefits:

- ◆ Biannual CSHS Newsletter
- ◆ Voting rights at the Annual Meeting for election of the Board of Directors
- ◆ First priority access to ticket sales for Fundraisers, Special Events, and Tours

Additional benefits for the following levels:

Benefactor - \$100

10% off in Museum gift shop on all non-consignment items

Bronze Donor - \$250

- ◆ 10% off in Museum gift shop on all non-consignment items
- ◆ Surprise gift from museum gift shop (t-shirt, book, bag, etc.)

Silver Donor - \$500

- ◆ 10% off in Museum gift shop on all non-consignment items
- ◆ Surprise gift from museum gift shop (t-shirt, book, bag, etc.)
- ◆ 2 gift memberships to share with an individual(s) or families

Gold Donor - \$1,000

- ◆ 10% off in Museum gift shop on all non-consignment items
- ◆ Complimentary Day Use Season Pass to Camp Edison
- ◆ Surprise gift from museum gift shop (t-shirt, book, bag, etc.)
- ◆ 10% off rental fees for use of the museum grounds, amphitheater, and media room for private events.
- ◆ 5 gift memberships to share with an individual(s) or families.

Business - \$250

- ◆ Acknowledgment on our website and in each issue of the CSHS Newsletter that is mailed to over 1,000 homes.

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_____ **Membership Renewal** _____ **New Member**

_____ **Check here if you have a change of address**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

- \$1000.00 - Gold Donor \$ 500.00 - Silver Donor \$ 250.00 - Bronze Donor
 \$100.00 – Benefactor \$75.00 – Patron \$35.00 – Family \$20.00 – Individual

IN ADDITION,

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Museum Building Fund.

I would like to donate \$ _____ in memory of: _____

and I would like a notice of my donation be sent to: _____

I would like to donate a gift membership in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 559-841-4478

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All members will receive the CSHS newsletter.
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