

STEAMING AHEAD...

North Lake Tahoe Historical Society Annual Report
2009



A LOOK BACK AT 2009

The NLTHS began 2009 with updated mission and vision statements, which more accurately reflect not only our existing operations, but our future goals as well.

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WHO WE SERVED IN 2009



How does knowledge about our visitor demographics translate into our operations? In 2010, we will place focus on developing programs that will attract younger audiences. In addition, beginning May 1st, children 12 and under will now enjoy free admission to the Gatekeeper's Museum.

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed new interpretive exhibits in the Watson Cabin seen by over 3,000 visitors
- Provided new programming for all ages
Old Time Tahoe Picnic
July 4th Kids' Day at the Watson Cabin
Prohibition Night Pub Crawl
- Provided a brand new Tahoe City Historic Walking Tour
- Provided weekly summer guest lectures on a variety of historically-related topics
- Provided (2) pine needle basketry classes for 50 participants
- Hosted the 6th Annual Native American Basketweavers' Market with 15 weavers and over 150 visitors
- Developed and implemented a Collections Management Plan
- Provided free guided tours of the Gatekeeper's Museum for over 350 local 3rd graders
- Presented the Traveling Washoe Exhibit program to ten local 3rd grade classrooms
- Completed the Cottonwood Nature Trail & Guide

COLLECTING & PRESERVING HISTORY

The stewardship of collections entails the highest public trust and carries with it the presumption of rightful ownership, permanence, care, documentation, accessibility and responsible disposal.

- American Association of Museums Code of Ethics for Collections Management

Lake Tahoe has a rich cultural history that survives in photographs, buildings, oral histories, books, artifacts and our collective memories. Like many historical Museums, we have been receiving donations of historical items for over 40 years. Our collections include Native American basketry, textiles, historical photographs/albums, oral histories, artifacts, books and more, requiring a diversity of storage in form and function. Collections are the backbone of any Museums. Our collections make it possible to create exhibits and interpretive material, provide hands-on experiences for school children, and engage our visitors in educational programming.

In 2009, the NLTHS recognized the importance of our collections with the development of a Collections Management Plan to completely revitalize our collections care and documentation. The objective of this plan was to bring our collections management in-line with national standards, reflecting our appreciation for the importance of our collections to all visitors to the Museum. Ultimately, these changes will provide a solid basis for future accreditation, provide visitors and staff greater access to our collections, encourage greater utilization of our collections in exhibits, and raise the NLTHS to a new level of professionalism.

Collect

The COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLAN is a two-year endeavor, which began in early 2009. Our milestones in 2009 included:

- Hired our first-ever dedicated Director of Collections & Exhibits in February.
- Attended the California Association of Museums conference and obtained crucial knowledge in collections plan preparation.
- Created a 3-year plan for exhibit development, which will culminate in our brand new exhibit in 2012.
- Developed a plan for a new Collections Annex, secured funding and completed Phase 1.

Director of Collections & Exhibits Sarah Schaefer carefully helps to lower a log remnant from the original construction of the Steinbach addition to a waiting volunteer.

Phase 1 of the collections plan included removing all collections in preparation for complete documentation and accessioning, and replacement in archival storage.



Preserve

EXHIBITING HISTORY



WATSON CABIN CENTENNIAL : SPECIAL EXHIBITION

In 2009, the NLTHS celebrated the Centennial of the Watson Cabin. For this special event, our Director of Collections and Exhibits utilized our collections to research and trace Watson family history, and their pioneering role in the development of the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. This research culminated in brand new exhibit panels detailing the history of the Watson family in Tahoe City and beyond.

These exhibits were not only informational, but added the element of interactivity through thoughtfully-placed questions and interactive elements for children.

One interactive component featured a hands-on area, where visitors could "write a postcard home", and leave it in the cabin for others to read about their experiences in Tahoe. As one child wrote,

"Tahoe is the most awesomest place ever! Even better than Disneyland or Great America. My favorite part about Tahoe is the Lake and catching crab."

Exhibit

TEXTILE EXHIBIT

The NLTHS collections house many textile items, ranging from winter boots to children's summer dresses. This summer, Jan Loverin, from the Marjorie Russell Center at the Nevada State Museum, visited our Museum to evaluate our textile collection, and provided vital information regarding the care and display of textile items. She was able to identify many of our pieces, including a very rare and unusual hat, which was included in the Watson Cabin display.

Her expertise was invaluable while creating the textile exhibit that was on display at the Watson Cabin throughout the summer season. This display featured clothing from the late 19th century through the mid-20th century.



TAHOE CITY HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

In 2009, several new interpretive programs were introduced. Our most popular new event, attended by over 150 visitors throughout the summer, provided visitors with a detailed glimpse into the history of Tahoe City and the North Shore. Tourists were also provided with information about local community businesses and tourist destinations.

Docents who presented the Historic Walking Tour completed an extensive training prior to presenting to the public. Mary Arthur and Jean Stowell dressed in period costume for their tours which added an even greater interpretive dimension to the tours.



FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING

As indicated by our visitor statistics, youth currently represent our lowest visitor demographic. It is a goal of the NLTHS to increase our appeal to younger visitors by offering educational and Museum-based programming that is attractive to a new generation.

As part of the Watson Cabin Centennial celebration, the NLTHS offered a brand new program for children on July 4th weekend. Participants created pioneer-inspired crafts, played pioneer-style games, and enjoyed free face painting! This event was attended by over thirty children.

ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN
BASKETWEAVERS' MARKET

Kathy Wallace, a Hupa-Karuk weaver, demonstrates traditional basketweaving for visitors at the 6th Annual Native American Basketweavers' Market, held annually in September.

This event is so much more than an opportunity for weavers to sell their wares. This program provides the ideal setting for visitors to learn about the culture of basketweaving directly from those actively involved in keeping this very old tradition alive and thriving.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Ritch Davidson, Vice President, Governance

A two day workshop was held in October 2007 and attended by Board members and Museum staff. A third-party facilitator from Aligning Visions moderated the event. The outcome of this and subsequent workshops with a leading authority (Patrick Bell) on non-profit organizations, led to the revision of our Bylaws, which were approved by the membership at the July 2009 Annual Dinner. The revised Bylaws establish an Executive Committee comprised of the Board President, three committee Vice-Presidents (Governance, Finance and Development) and the Executive Director.



The Governance Committee is responsible for the health and functioning of the Board by identifying and mentoring qualified candidates to fill Board vacancies, reviewing Board member participation in Board activities and responsibilities, maintaining and building membership, and insuring that Board members are informed and prepared for their responsibilities. The Governance Committee also guides plans for the growth of the NLTHS, reviews adequacy of the Bylaws and Policies and recommends changes as necessary to the Board. The Committee meets four times per year or more as necessary to fulfill our charter.

Last year four new Board members were elected (Bob Hartsfield, Carol Savary, Carol Shaw and Julie Quintana). These individuals bring a wealth of skills and experience to our Board. A major emphasis this Spring will be to replace Board members whose terms will expire in October and to prepare a slate of officers for the next term.

Departing Board members from the last two years were sent surveys to essentially ask what worked and what didn't work during their term(s) on the Board. It was revealing that the majority indicated a need for better orientation and assimilation onto the Board prior to the start of their terms. To this end the Governance Committee will devise a new member orientation and education program conducted by members of the Executive Committee and will start with the next slate of elected Board candidates.

Throughout the year, the Committee will evaluate Board performance and compliance using mechanisms such as Board member self-assessment, third-party facilitators (retreat), and will continue to conduct retiring member "exit" surveys. The Committee will assess the Bylaws and Policies, living documents that will change with the operations environment and monitor and assist the ED with the museum accreditation effort.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

David Elliott, Vice President, Development

The Development Committee has as its principal objective the provision of adequate funding to enable the Society to carry out its mission on an ongoing basis, including those growth objectives that are selected and approved by the Board of Directors. In order to accomplish this, the Committee organizes and conducts several annual fund raising activities such as the Gathering at the Gatekeeper's, the Home Tour and others with volunteer assistance from the general membership. These activities are well into the planning stages for 2010.



In addition, and of equal importance, the Committee is developing a major donor program to enable the Society to move forward with significant and relevant growth programs including new and expanded exhibits, growth of our museum collections, and an anticipated expansion of our museum facilities in the future. Our membership will hear more about this exciting program in the near future.

2009 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE



- Fundraising & Facility Rentals 47%
- Donations & Grants 12%
- Programs & Admissions 7%
- Retail Operations 17%
- Membership 17%

EXPENSES



- Fundraising & Facility Rentals 9%
- General Operating 60%
- Retail Operations 14%
- Marketing & Outreach 3%
- Membership 2%
- Program & Exhibit 5%



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Warren Wagner, Vice President, Finance

The last two years have, indeed, been a volatile and tumultuous time for the budgets and endowment investments of non-profits throughout the country. The NLTHS felt the effects of the recession and the meltdown of securities markets. In early 2009, the Finance Committee and Executive Committee, with Board approval, determined that capital preservation and the lowering of our risk profile was the first priority in our endowment stewardship. Based on the recommendation of our investment advisor our asset allocation was changed from 50% equities and 50% fixed income, to a weighting of 30% equities and 70% fixed income. The new weighting was accomplished by the end of April, 2009. We also initiated using Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) rather than Mutual Funds in our portfolio. The ETF's have significantly lower expense ratios than Mutual Funds. By the end of 2009, our portfolio had recovered 16% from the market lows of March, 2009.

The NLTHS 2009 budget experienced significant revenue shortfalls during the steep economic downturn. Charitable donations, grants and store sales were much lower than anticipated. However, overall expenses were reduced by 18% year over year. The Finance and Executive Committees felt it was of utmost importance to conduct a rigorous budget process to maintain fiscal prudence. The Committees held numerous meetings and made many difficult choices to generate a proposed balanced budget for 2010. We're hopeful that our budget assumptions will turn out to be reasonably accurate. The Finance Committee meets monthly to monitor the financial condition of the Society.

For looking forward to a successful NLTHS year.

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MAJOR DONORS IN 2009

The following individuals contributed \$250 or greater to the NLTHS in 2009. We thank them for their support.

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STEAMING AHEAD INTO THE NEW DECADE...

The NLTHS is looking forward to this new decade with optimism and excitement. What are some of our goals?

Museum-based cross-curriculum and school programs
New exhibit in 2012 utilizing the latest in Museum technology and educational theory
Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum Catalog & Native American Advisory Committee
Summer museum-based programming for youth and so much more!

How can you help us to reach our goals? The NLTHS is beginning 2010 with a new campaign entitled *Steaming Ahead*. The core of this campaign is the formation of an NLTHS Circle of Friends, a group dedicated to supporting our mission and providing a rich Museum experience for all our visitors and the local community.

Members of the CIRCLE OF FRIENDS pledge a tax-deductible donation of \$2,000 for a period of five years. Our goal for 2010 is a minimum of ten members. At the present time we have reached 25% of our goal for the year with pledges from members of our Board of Directors.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS members receive all the benefits of the Donor's Circle membership level and will be honored with a special plaque in the Gatekeeper's Museum.

Interested in learning more?

Contact Stefanie Givens at (530) 583-1762 or stefanie@northtahocemuseums.org



NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to our new and renewing members who contributed between October 1st and December 31st.

*Denotes new member.

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Thank you to the individuals below who contributed between October 1st and December 31st.

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Carolyn Johnson, in memory of Marjorie Marr
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Nancy & Marshall Kraus, in memory of Jean Huff Fiddymont
Martha MacLaughlin, in memory of Jean Huff Fiddymont

A special note about Memorial Donations...

The NLTHS receives many memorial donations every year. While each donation means the passing of a friend or family member, these donations are truly important to our work at the Museum. All memorial donations are placed in a Board-restricted fund, and utilized for projects that are truly meaningful to the mission of the NLTHS.

In November of last year, the Board of Directors voted to utilize \$17,000 of our memorial funds for the complete renovation of our collections storage area. The final result of this project will be a new Collections Annex, providing more than double our original storage! This is being accomplished through the development of a collections plan that maximized our existing space with new shelving and storage components, archival materials and a much improved layout.

We will honor those in whose name we received these donations with a plaque on the outside of this new annex. This plaque will be in place before we open for regular hours on May 1. Thank you to all those who have contributed memorial funds. It is a wonderful way to honor those who appreciate the history of our unique area.

THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR END FUND DRIVE DONORS!

A very special thank you to all those who contributed to our yearly appeal! (Received on or before January 5th. Those received after this date will appear in the May issue.)

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Firing range - Early spring in the winter of 1932. Vernon Collection.

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Tahoe Tavern sleigh in winter, circa 1930's. From the collections of the NLTHS.



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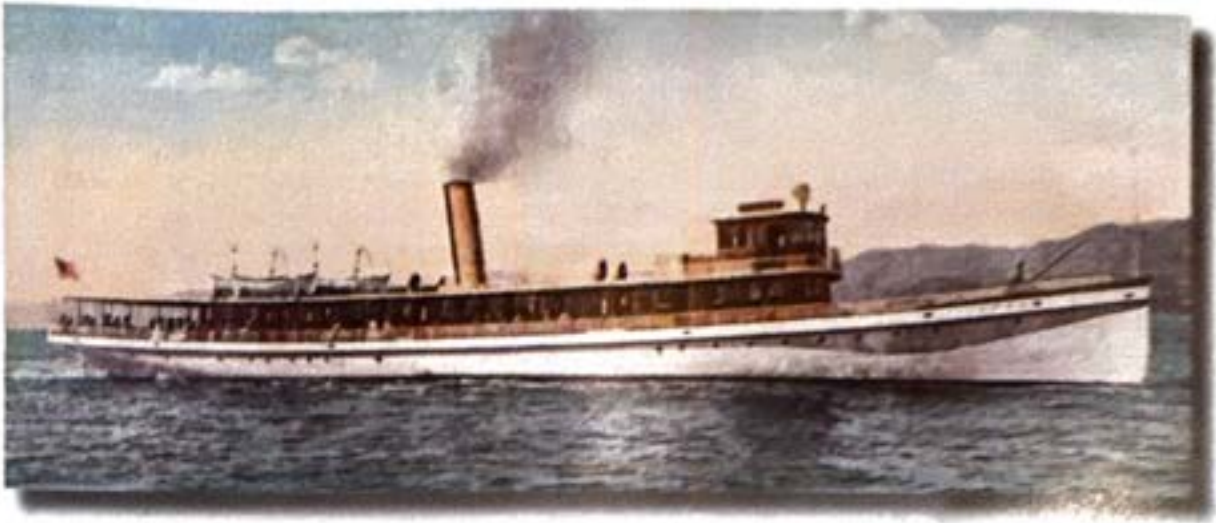
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Cross - The Steamer Tahoe cruises on very calm waters. Postcard courtesy of Don & Jeanne Davis.



STEAMING AHEAD INTO 2010...

Being involved in a historical museum, we have the unique perspective of always looking into the past, while at the same time planning for the future. Looking back on 2009, I realize what a pivotal year it was for the NLTHS. Many factors contributed to our challenges and successes. Foremost was the economy, and how we felt its impact. Not only were Museum Store sales and admissions down (though they were consistent with the retail trends in North Lake Tahoe), but volunteerism was down as well. Our experience has not been unique, as Museums nationwide are reporting similar circumstances. At the same time, however, we provided free school tours to over 400 local school children, welcomed over 8,000 visitors to the Gatekeeper's Museum, Layton Park and Watson Cabin, celebrated the Watson Cabin Centennial with brand new interpretive exhibits and family-friendly programming, and added new programs including the very popular Tahoe City Historic Walking tours and the Old Time Tahoe Picnic. In addition, we collaborated with the Tahoe City Downtown Association on the promotion and development of events, and welcomed over 100 new members to the NLTHS family.

Less visible to the public, but equally as important, has been our behind the scenes collections project. Slated for completion in spring 2010, this project arose from a thoughtful discussion and evaluation of our Museums and how we operate. Our collections are the very core of why we are here, and all future endeavors are based on how we care for and utilize these great resources. This project, which you can read more about on page 13, not only dramatically improves our collections care and management, but raises us to a new level of professionalism in all areas of accession, care and display, and helps to ready us for future application to the American Association of Museums accreditation program, and a new major exhibit in 2012.

After many lengthy meetings of the Finance Committee, we begin 2010 with a balanced budget, and the mantra of "Steaming Ahead". This is also the theme of our first-ever Annual Report. This mantra fits our organization as it recognizes the importance of the history we collect, preserve and interpret, but also emphasizes the forward propulsion of the NLTHS into the new decade.

On a final note, I would like to personally thank all our donors in 2009. Whether they provided financial support, referred a new member, sponsored an event, or gave willingly of their time and talent to our volunteer program, their support has been instrumental to our success, as well as our ability to meet challenge, facilitate change and plan for the future.

Thank you and we hope that you will "Steam Ahead" with us in 2010.

Stefanie Givens
Executive Director

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Director of Exhibits and
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We are starting 2010 with plans for our summer season and are looking forward to welcoming back visitors and members. For the past 40 years Volunteers have helped in every aspect of NLTHS activities including special events and programs, education outreach to local schools and grounds upkeep at Layton Park and the Watson Cabin. For those who give so much, thank you. For those who would like to share of their time but wonder how to go about it, please give the Museum a call and let Stefanie Givens or Sarah Schaefer talk to you about this very important activity.

Every year we identify a handful of special capital projects that help enhance the historic experience and education for our visitors and members. This year we are initiating a "PRESIDENTS PROJECT LIST" to identify several museum needs that members and supporters of the Society may wish to directly support and contribute to. This is an opportunity to help the NLTHS in a special way and you will be able to identify exactly where your dollars will be spent. As an example, Jeanne and Don Davis have come forward to fund the 2010 installation of handrails leading from the patio area fronting the museum to Layton Park. See if any of these suggested projects appeal to you.

PRINTING COSTS FOR 4 ISSUES OF THE 2010 GATEKEEPERS

GAZETTE: The quarterly Gazette initiated in 2009 with its historic reflections and member information has been a great success. This is a cost effective way to communicate with our supporters and visitors as the layout is produced in house with cost effective printing arranged on line. We are looking for 4 families or individuals to sponsor one issue for \$1,000 or four issues for the full year at \$4,000.

ALL WEATHER STORAGE STRUCTURE FOR MUSEUM EQUIP-

MENT: Never enough space! We hope to construct an addition to the existing storage container for those items that can be left covered but in the cold and \$1,000 would start us on the way.

STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET RESEARCH: The Steinbach Collection is a priceless asset for the NLTHS and we are researching the publication of a catalog highlighting this world-class Native American collection. Please talk with Stefanie Givens if you are interested in learning more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON PUBLIC RADIO OF NLTHS SEASONAL

EVENTS: We found this to be a cost effective way to support both NLTHS and our local NPR station while highlighting our 2010 events calendar. \$500 is needed to fund these multiple radio announcements heard throughout our area.

SOFTWARE PURCHASE: Software updates seem to be endless, but the results for the NLTHS by staying current with modifications has helped us to control expenses and better manage our membership database and museum inventory. The latest update for our PastPerfect Museum Software will cost \$750.

SEALING OF THE WATSON CABIN EXTERIOR: This 100 year old landmark needs continued TLC, which includes the periodic sealing of the log exterior. \$500 will take care of this.

**Bruce McNulty
President**

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

For the first time, the NLTHS is producing an Annual Report. This report is a record of our accomplishments in 2009, and an opportunity to communicate our activities and recognize special people, including donors and volunteers. We hope you enjoy this look back on what was both a challenging and rewarding year for the NLTHS. Our Annual Report begins on page 11.

WE TAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

This winter issue of the Gatekeeper's Gazette represents the fourth issue, and a full year with this new format. The feedback has been overwhelming and we thank you for your constructive comments. We do take your suggestions to heart, and implement them when possible. Each issue reflects the input we receive. Comments or suggestions? Please email stefanie@northtahoemuseums.org.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At the end of 2009, we took careful stock of our current membership program. In an effort to streamline our database we have moved overdue members to inactive status. This has helped us to gain an exact appraisal of our membership program, with 665 up-to-date members at the end of 2009. We are so pleased that over 100 new members joined the NLTHS in 2009! We are continuing our Membership Drive through 2010. We have set a goal of 750 active members at the end of 2010.

HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART IN OUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE?

1. Consider renewing at a higher level.
2. Recruit new members to join!

Please see our membership information on page 10.

SPONSOR THE GATEKEEPER'S GAZETTE

Do you like the look of our new publication? The Gatekeeper's Gazette is mailed to our entire membership database, plus homes and businesses throughout Nevada, California and beyond, and distributed throughout the North Shore of Tahoe. Sponsors receive ad space in the issue. Sponsorships begin at \$250 for a 1/4 page ad, \$500 for 1/2 page or \$1,000 for a full-page ad. If you would like additional information please contact stefanie@northtahoemuseums.org.

NEW SUMMER HOURS AT THE GATEKEEPER'S

This summer, we will be open for new extended hours. From May 1 through September 30th we will be open from 10am - 5pm Wed - Mon (Closed Tuesdays). We hope to see you this summer.



Toboggan slide at the Tahoe Tavern.

HISTORICAL FEATURES

A PICTURE STORY: A Spotlight on Don and Jeanne Davis and the NLTHS Photograph Collection COMPILED BY SARAH SCHAEFER



Don and Jeanne Davis have been volunteers with the NLTHS since 1994 and continue to make their mark on this institution. They have been working on the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society photo catalogue since 2006, and have already catalogued approximately 1,100 prints and 200 negatives. After volunteering for the Museum for some years, they were drawn to the photo collection because of Jeanne's long-time love of, and lifelong work with, photography. They have estimated the total NLTHS photo collection to be around 3,000 images. They still have a long way to go, but their dedication is unmatched. They come almost every Wednesday and meticulously process photographs into our collection.

Their process is an excellent example of how a well-documented collection should work. Each photograph or negative is scanned and copied at various resolutions and added to our digital collection. They are all identified by category, subject and source. A description of the photograph is also given along with a number which identifies where the photograph can be found in both the collection storage area and within the digital collection. All of this information is typed into a standard form, which can not only be found with the photograph and in our digital records, but also in the library, available to the public. Their process is a great model for us as we catalog our entire collections this winter and spring.

Don and Jeanne's favorite pics...



Don and Jeanne chose this picture because it shows us how people dressed for a day of fishing at the turn of the century. It is also a great example of how plentiful fishing was for Lake Trout.



Don and Jeanne like this picture because it portrays how difficult it was in the early days to launch your boat for the summer season. "They did not have paved launch ramps and easy access to water." - Don Davis



This picture was chosen by the Davis' because of its dramatic representation of what winters on the Lake used to be like. This picture is the "Hut" in Homewood, buried in snow, in 1938.



Don and Jeanne selected this photo of the railroad tracks running along the waters edge, at what is now Commons Beach, because "Many people are not aware of the track running from the Tahoe Tavern to the Round House in Tahoe City, where the engine turned around for its return trip to Truckee." - Don Davis



This photo was selected because its uniqueness. Most photos from the set of Rose Marie are of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, despite the large representation by local Native Americans in the film. This photo shows Captain Pete, a local Washoe, in costume.



EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS A MESSAGE FROM SARAH SCHAEFER



This has been a very important winter for the North Lake Tahoe area as well as for the NLTHS. This winter, the community celebrated an important milestone in Lake Tahoe history, the 1960 Winter Olympics. During this time, the NLTHS has reached many milestones of our own. Implementation of our Collections Management plan is in full swing. The goal of the Collections Management plan is to align our collections practices with the American Association of Museums Accreditation program standards. Thus far, this has involved the removal of all non-collections items from the collections storage

area in the Museum, and consolidating them into a newly created hallway upstairs in the Gatekeeper's Museum. This act alone has tripled our collections storage capacity. The second portion to Phase 1 included removing all of our collections to the upstairs of the Gatekeeper's Museum, which will remain closed throughout the winter. New chrome shelving is currently being installed into the now-empty collections area in preparation for Phase 2. Phase 2 will involve the detailed review of every item in the collection, and the creation of new uniform documentation for the entire collection. This is a very labor-intensive project, and we thank the many volunteers who have helped bring this project to life.

It is so exciting for us to see the changes we have made thus far, and to see our plans come to fruition. The Museum is truly "steaming ahead"! Upon completion of this project in the spring, I will move forward with planning our 2012 exhibition, which will have its foundation in our collections. I am looking forward to this summer when I hope to see you at the Museum!

CAUGHT IN THE ACT...VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Volunteers are active year-round on many different projects. Above left, volunteers Don Davis and Margy Arthur (pictured) and Joanne Davis and Diana Larson (not pictured) devoted two full days in January to complete a Museum store inventory. Their work on this project was necessary to begin the new year with an accurate accounting of on-hand inventory. Above right, volunteer Sandy Zoerner utilizes PastPerfect Museum software to accession collections items.



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- Special Event/Hospitality
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- Publicity and Community Relations
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Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Check box for preferred method of contact.

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Administrative/Office Collections Grounds/Maintenance Docent

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Invitation to Exhibit Preview Receptions & Yearly Cocktail Reception							■	
Acknowledgement on Museum Donors Wall							■	

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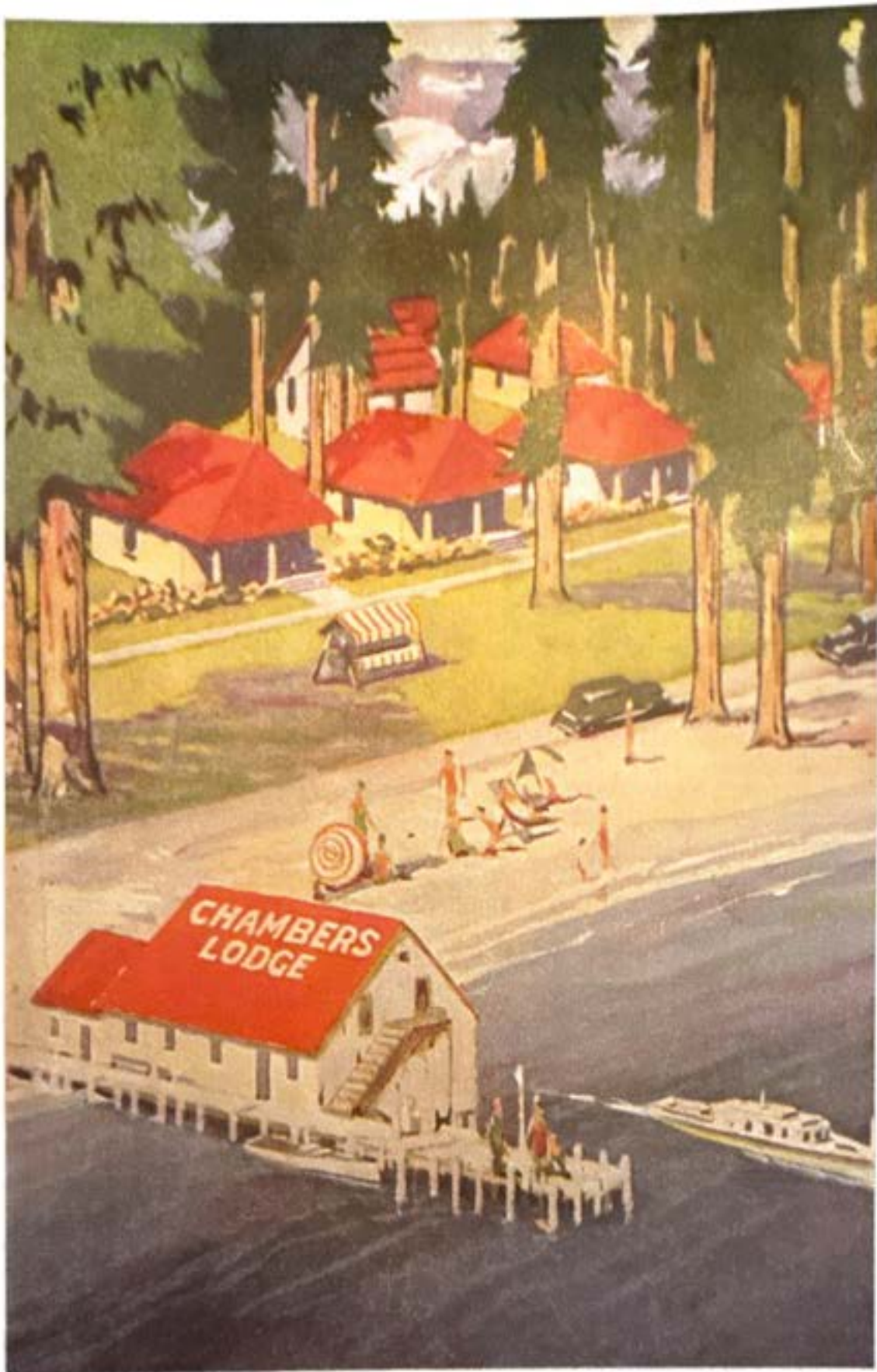
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On the cover: Art from a vintage Chamber's Landing brochure entices visitors to the Lake in summer.

Looking forward to summer...

For the last several weeks, our focus has been looking forward to the summer months. While the winter provides an opportunity for us to make a difference "behind the scenes", it is during the summer when our efforts are most visible. This summer, we are working towards establishing our Museums as a destination for tourists. All our programming and events are geared towards attracting visitors of all ages. We are very pleased that our summer calendar of events marks the return of an old favorite, the Labor Day Dinner Cruise, as well as the introduction of several brand new events, including nature sketching in Layton Park, living history at the Watson Cabin, and the kick-off of our 1st Annual Heritage Week in August. This event celebrates the history of North Lake Tahoe through a variety of brand new programs, including an *Historic Bus Tour* led by Mark McLaughlin and the very popular *Old Time Tahoe Picnic and Movie in the Park*.

Over the past few years, we have listened to the feedback from our visitors and members, and incorporated that feedback whenever appropriate. Perhaps the most prevalent feedback has been regarding the hours at the Watson Cabin. When Karen Wagner, Curator, retired from the Watson Cabin in 2006, it became very clear just how much time and devotion she put into managing the Cabin. Since her retirement, the Cabin has been open for limited hours, much to the dismay of many visitors and volunteers. We have heard you, and are pleased to announce that the Watson Cabin will be open for regular extended hours all summer long! You can now visit the Watson Cabin from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day on Thursday through Mondays from 10am - 5pm! The Gatekeeper's Museum will also be open for extended hours, from 10am - 5pm, and will be open 6 days a week for the entire summer (closed Tuesdays). We hope that you will stop by the Museums and meet our new seasonal staff.

Our members will continue to play a major role in our event scheduling. We will begin the summer with a Members-only Open House on June 5th at the Gatekeeper's Museum. This will be an opportunity for members to be treated to a private Museum tour with staff, followed by a cocktail reception. We will make special mention of our charter members, who believed in our mission and vision long before the Museum became a reality. In addition, members are invited to our Annual Home Tour & Benefit Drawing, which will be held on August 12th. This is a new date, so please be sure to mark it on your calendars early.

In our winter issue of the Gatekeeper's Gazette, we introduced our new Steaming Ahead Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to attract interested parties who are willing to commit to a \$2,000 annual donation over a period of five years. These individuals will become a part of our Circle of Friends, an elite group who not only receive many special benefits, but can take pride in the knowledge that they are playing a significant role in enabling the NLTHS to reach a new level as a leading historical Museum. We are so pleased that we have welcomed our first members to the Circle of Friends. We thank Don & Jeanne Davis, Michele Finch and Andy & Lois Skaff for their initiative, and hope that others will be inspired to join them!

We also thank our newest members in the Donor's Circle level of membership - Richard & Mary Louise Johnson, Lou & Mary Ann Peoples, and Ned & Carol Spieker. We hope that our enthusiasm for the Museums is becoming contagious! If you are interested in learning about the various ways to support the NLTHS, please contact me at the Museum.

Thank you for all your support, and we hope to see you this summer.

*Illustrations by John Muir Lawton.
Attend our Nature Sketching for Families in July and find your inner artist!*



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As all of us are reminded, time and the tide wait for no one. As you read through this issue of the Gatekeepers Gazette it will seem that summer this year will be upon us before we know it. Over the winter the NLTHS staff and volunteers have done a very good job planning and organizing activities for our members, our visitors and the North Shore community to enjoy as the days get warmer. Inside this issue of the Gazette you will find many activities in and around the Museum that you will want to take advantage of. The Watson Cabin, Gatekeeper's Museum, Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection and our peaceful 3-acre Layton Park and Interpretive Nature Walk on the shore of Lake Tahoe represent what your North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and its members have worked hard to preserve and hand off to future generations. These facilities and activities are meant for you and your family to enjoy and use.

May starts the busy season with the opening of the Watson Cabin and regular hours for this and the Gatekeeper's Museum. Again this year, with the help of our volunteers, the NLTHS is offering a Tahoe City Historic Walking tour, which is a great way to understand the history of many of the buildings 'downtown'. In July we begin our annual historic lecture series and workshops with special emphasis on programs for children as well as nature hikes to help us all learn a bit more about the wildlife, trees and plants we take for granted. August we will be having our "Old Time Tahoe Picnic and Movie in the Park" once again and will be showing the 1951 locally filmed George Stevens classic "A Place in the Sun" starring Elizabeth Taylor. This is a popular NLTHS evening program, and seating is limited so get your reservations in early.

On Sunday July 18 our annual GATEKEEPERS GATHERING and dinner will once again be held on the museum grounds. The Gathering is a NLTHS tradition which has grown from a 'pot luck' affair hosted at private homes by the founding Society members 40 years ago to what is now a yearly gathering of several hundred NLTHS members and friends who can enjoy a Tahoe evening of live entertainment, conversation and catered sit down dining. We especially would like to see those newer members who perhaps have not had the opportunity to attend this annual event in the past. Reservations and tickets can be purchased at the Museum or simply return the enclosed reservation form in this issue of the Gatekeepers Gazette. We look forward to seeing you there.

As I have mentioned over the past year, Members are the glue and grease that makes the NLTHS a healthy and viable organization. We judge our value by how you, the members, not only support the museum financially but in also introducing your friends and family to membership. Thank you for the support you give.

Bruce McNulty
President

NLTHS PROGRAMMING MOVES OUTDOORS

We are so pleased to be introducing several new programs this season! This summer, we are taking our educational programming outside the doors of the Museum, into Layton Park and beyond. Some of our exciting new programs include:

NATURE SKETCHING FOR FAMILIES with John Muir Laws
HERITAGE WEEK - A week-long historical event with themed-programming, the Annual Home Tour, a historical bus tour and culminating in the popular Old Time Tahoe Picnic.
TAHOE CITY HISTORIC WALKING TOURS
AROUND LAKE TAHOE HISTORIC BUS TOUR with Mark McLaughlin

For more details, and a complete listing of our summer programs, see our new calendar section beginning on page ten.



Mimulus guttatus
by John Muir Laws

A COMMUNITY CENTER

The vision of the NLTHS, among other goals, is to function as a community center. To help facilitate this, we have reached out to local community groups, offering the Gatekeeper's Museum as a potential meeting site. We thank the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for hosting their monthly Book Club meeting at the Museum in February. The event was a great success, and we look forward to greater community involvement in the future.

Do you have a group that is looking for a meeting site? Contact Sarah Schaefer for details. (530) 583-1762.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Like many nonprofits, we rely tremendously on volunteer support, even to coordinate our volunteers! We are so grateful that Sue DeVoe and Carol Savary have both stepped up to not only coordinate the scheduling of our summer volunteers, but to schedule trainings and events, provide support for the staff and help recruit new volunteers. Their time, knowledge and dedication is invaluable to us and we thank them for their support! We also thank Buildings & Grounds chairperson Bob Hartsfield, and Membership Committee chairs Susan Elliott, Michele Finch and Julie Quintana.

A special thank you to school-program coordinator Julie Ginocchio for coordinating the spring school program for local elementary classrooms. Interested in helping to develop new school programs or to help present existing programs? Contact the Museum for details.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

We are pleased to introduce our slate of new candidates for the Board term beginning October 2010. We welcome Darrel Cruz, Art Mennick, Dick Morton, Niletta Morton, Randy Pomin and Marguerite Sprague. Look for our summer issue for an introductory biography for each of these members.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Many of our summer events require advance reservation. All members receive a reservation form as an insert in this issue of the Gazette, along with a return envelope and benefit drawing tickets. Reservation forms can also be downloaded from our website.

New this year! If you would like to receive a confirmation postcard reminder by mail, please be sure to check the appropriate box on the reservation form. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our events this summer!



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TAHOE CITY HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

No fence-climbing necessary! We will again be offering the very popular historic walking tour in Tahoe City every Saturday between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. The tour was researched and developed by NLTHS Board Member Karen Willcuts, a professional tour guide. Our volunteer tour guides are provided extensive training before they "graduate" to giving tours on their own. If you are interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Museum.

Trainings include a historical reference packet and tour outline, along with a DVD copy of the Story of Tahoe Part I and II.

Classes are ongoing. It's never too late to learn!

Visitors to Tahoe City, circa 1910.

VOLUNTEERS IN HISTORY

TRAINING

SUMMER KICK-OFF TRAINING

Calling all Volunteers in History! This training will include basic Museum information, and a tour of the Gatekeeper's Museum, Steinbach Indian Basket Collection, and Layton Park. Come learn about the many options for volunteering with the NLTHS, meet staff and other volunteers and enjoy a luncheon provided by Volunteer Program Coordinators Carol Savary and Sue DeVoe.

DATE Tuesday May 4th
TIME 10am - 2pm at the Gatekeeper's Museum

WATSON CABIN DOCENT TRAINING

Docents at the Watson Cabin play an important role in providing historical information to visitors through guided tours and answering questions. This training will include a tour of the Watson Cabin and grounds, as well as an opportunity to meet the staff and other volunteers.

DATE Tuesday June 2nd
TIME 11am - Noon at the Watson Cabin

VOLUNTEERS IN HISTORY PICNIC & PROGRAM IN LAYTON PARK

All our Volunteers in History are invited to attend a casual potluck picnic in Layton Park, followed by an educational program. We will socialize, address some Museum business and learn something new!

DATE Tuesday June 13th
TIME 11am in Layton Park

**Please be aware that the events described here are exclusively for members in the Volunteers in History program. We are always recruiting new volunteers! If these events are interesting to you, consider becoming a volunteer of the NLTHS!*

ACTIVITIES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

The activity program includes special events for all our Volunteers in History. We thank our docents for providing their time and knowledge to prepare and present these programs.

SKUNK HARBOR DAY TRIP

Leader: Paul Ackerman

Tour leader Paul Ackerman will guide volunteers down from HWY 28 above Skunk Harbor to Pray Meadows, then down to Skunk Harbor, where lunch will be enjoyed at one of the most beautiful and secluded beaches on Lake Tahoe. Some of the historical points of interest along the way will include the sight of a long railroad trestle bridge built in 1875 by Duane Bliss as part of the Lake Tahoe Railroad line, a brief history of the area beginning in 1860 until the logging industry tailed off in 1901, the remains of a large switchback trestle which was built out from the side of a mountain to allow the trains to reverse direction without the need of a turntable, and much more.

The hike is on a dirt road, with a gentle gradient. Be sure to wear appropriate shoes, sunblock and bring a hearty lunch!

DATE Tuesday June 8th
TIME 9:30am Carpooling encouraged. Contact the Museum for detailed directions.

Other upcoming activities will include field trips to Virginia City and a field trip to an archeological site in Fallon. Details to follow! Be sure to attend our volunteer meetings to stay updated on all our events.

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My credit card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

MUSEUM IN ACTION

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS A MESSAGE FROM SARAH SCHAEFER

The snow is finally melting and we are getting ready for the summer season. It has been an eventful winter and we are hoping for an even more eventful summer. Here are some of the highlights from this winter. We were able to organize almost all the Museum's storage areas. The collection project was researched, planned and implemented. We participated in Snowfest for the first time. We had a consultation with an exhibit designer for the 2012 exhibit in the Gatekeeper's Museum, and we functioned as a community center, holding meetings for groups like the AAUW's book club. This winter we embraced change and worked towards our goals. This summer we will be continuing with new exhibits and programming.

"Experience the history" has become a staff mantra, leading the NLTHS in a new direction. This summer, visitors will see new exhibits at both the Watson Cabin and Gatekeeper's Museum. The Watson Cabin, in addition to the current exhibit about the Watson Family in Tahoe City, will have a new traveling exhibit that will visually and orally communicate early life in Tahoe City through photography, artifacts and oral histories. At the Gatekeeper's Museum, we will be altering the upstairs into a working exhibit, The Collections Lab. Since the collection project is still underway, we saw a unique opportunity to create a dynamic, changing, and interactive exhibit upstairs. The Collections Lab will bring the behind-the-scenes collection work to the public, and reveal the many treasures we have found in the NLTHS collection. I am very excited for this opportunity to share with you this important work that we do at the Museum.

We also have new programming this summer which will help visitors to better experience the history of the North Shore. For example, we have added living history days at the Watson Cabin on the last Saturday of July and August. Get a taste for pioneer life! Docents will be dressed up and kids will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in times gone by.

We are also having the first annual Heritage Week Celebration this summer, August 9th-15th. During each day of Heritage Week the Museum will be offering new historic programs along with some old favorites. I am so thrilled Heritage Week is coming to fruition. It is an important new event because having many dynamic programs, spanning many aspects of Tahoe history, becomes more powerful than one stand-alone event. Consequently, Heritage Week has the opportunity to grow, becoming widely supported by the community, and better promoting the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society as a relevant and integral cultural center. The depth and scope of the programming during Heritage Week will also further cement the goal of the NLTHS to better encompass the entire North Shore's history. We are hoping to create, through all our new programming, meaningful experiences that our visitors will take with them. So please come "experience the history" with us this summer and create memories that will not be soon forgotten.

If you are interested in becoming a living history docent, please contact me at the museum.

BEADED MASTERPIECES...

A COLLECTION OF CONTEMPORARY BEADED BASKETS BY PAIUTE-SHOSHONE ARTIST
REBECCA EAGLE LAMBERT

On display through 2010 only! Don't miss this last opportunity to view some of the most exquisite beaded baskets ever made. From the private collection of Gene & Julie Quintana.





Patrol officer: Summer begins with a day of boating at the Truckee River Outlet, circa 1912

May

CALENDAR QUICK VIEW

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MAY IS CALIFORNIA MUSEUMS MONTH! Visit the California Association of Museums website for information. www.calmsuseums.org .						Gatekeeper's Museum opens for summer hours
2	3	4 Volunteers in History Train: Big and Littleton Sites - Open at the Gatekeeper's	5	6	7	8
9	10	GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM CLOSED		13	14	15
16	17			18	19	20  Cottonwood Nature Trail Available all summer long
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				Watson Cabin opens for summer hours	Historic Walking Tour 10am

EXPLORE THE TRUCKEE RIVER OUTLET

Layton Park is not only rich in beauty, but rich in cultural history as well. Long before it became known as Layton Park, generations of Washoe Indians called this ideal location a summer home. Like today, families would visit the same location every summer. To the Washoe Indians, this site was known as *dashyOde'Z*, or "flowing away over the edge". As late as the mid 1800's, the site was described as "...a low, grassy flat covered with myriads of tall slender willows which march into water to a considerable depth, and almost hide the outlet from view on the lake."

To learn more about the history of the outlet and what is now Layton Park, be sure to pick up a free guide and stroll the 1/4-mile COTTONWOOD NATURE TRAIL in Layton Park. A free and educational event for the entire family! Be sure to visit the Gatekeeper's Museum on August 11th for Washoe Cultural Day featuring demonstrations and events in Layton Park.

GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM & WATSON CABIN OPEN FOR SUMMER WITH NEW EXTENDED HOURS!

Visiting the Museums of the NLDHS is now easier than ever with our new extended hours at both locations.

GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM

NEW HOURS!

May 1st through September 30th
Open Wed - Mon (Closed Tuesdays)
10am - 5pm

ADMISSION

\$5 General (13 - 64)
\$4 Seniors (65 and over)
Children 12 and under are now free!
Members are always free

WATSON CABIN

NEW HOURS!

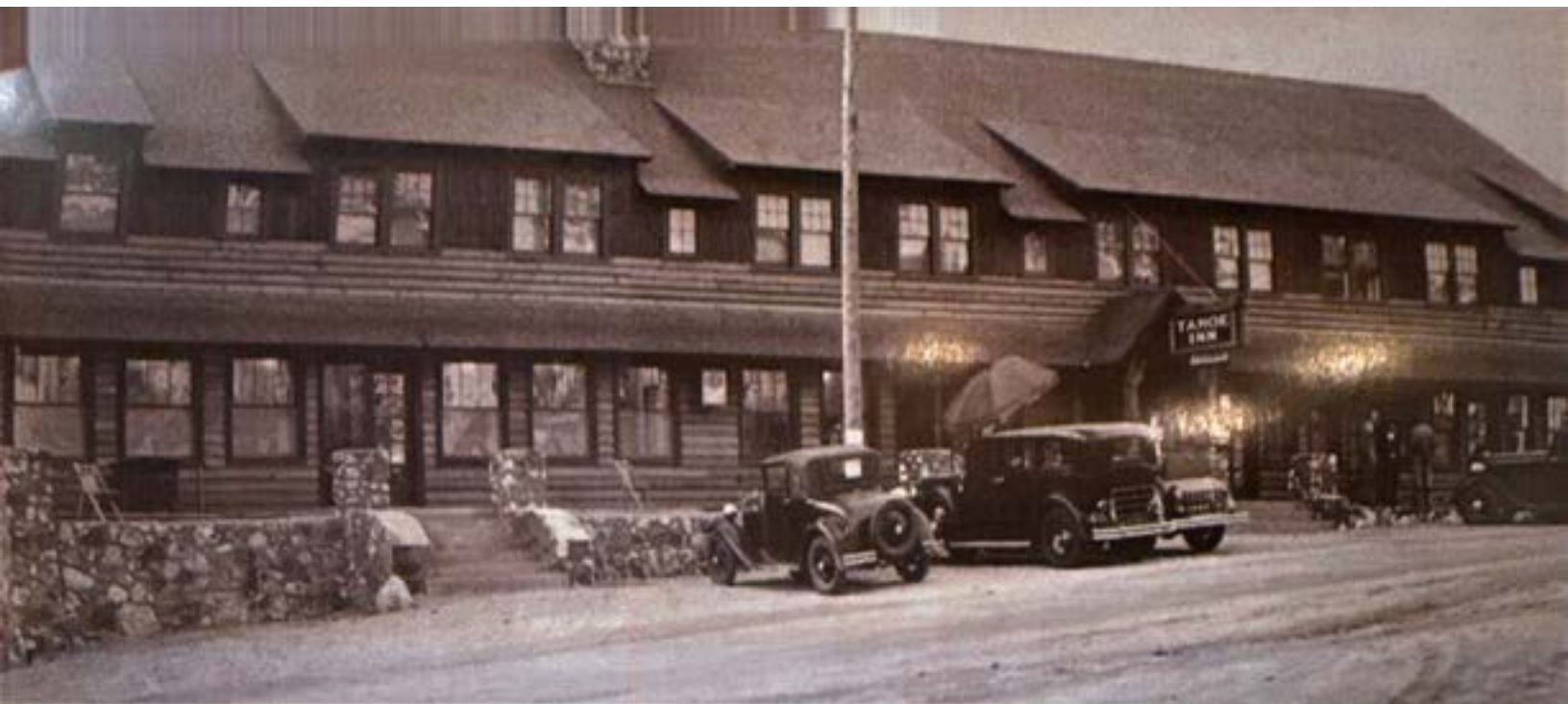
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day
Open Thurs - Mon (Closed Tues/Wed)
10am - 5pm

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$3 General (13 - 64)
\$2 Seniors (65 and over)



Marshlands of the Truckee River circa 1910



A street view of the Tahoe Inn, circa 1930. Bechtolt Collection.

The Tahoe Inn is just one of the many points of interest highlighted on the TAHOE CITY HISTORIC WALKING TOUR.

Tours are FREE and are offered every Saturday at 10am from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Interested in becoming a tour guide? Contact the Museum!

CALENDAR QUICK VIEW

June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Docent Training at the Watson Cabin 11am - noon	2 Watson Cabin CLOSED	3	4 First Fridays 11am - Noon Meet the Curator Of Free Admission	5 Members Cocktail Reception 5 - 7pm Historic Walking Tour 10am
6	7 Volunteers in History Stand Harbor Field Trip	8 GATEKEEPER'S & WATSON CABIN CLOSED	9 Watson Cabin CLOSED	10	11	12 Historic Walking Tour 10am
13	14	15 GATEKEEPER'S & WATSON CABIN CLOSED	16 Watson Cabin CLOSED	17	18 Member Appreciation Days June 17 - 20 Visit our booth! Late Tahoe Contests D'Eligance June 18 - 20	19 Historic Walking Tour 10am
20	21	22 GATEKEEPER'S & WATSON CABIN CLOSED	23 Watson Cabin CLOSED	24	25 Annual NLTHS Dance Tournament	26 Historic Walking Tour 10am
27	28	29 GATEKEEPER'S & WATSON CABIN CLOSED	30 Watson Cabin CLOSED			

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MEMBERS-ONLY OPEN HOUSE & COCKTAIL RECEPTION

SATURDAY JUNE 5th 5 - 7PM

Members of the NLTHS are invited to a special Open House at the Gatekeeper's Museum. Meet staff and Board Members, and learn about the exciting plans we have for the Gatekeeper's Museum and Watson Cabin. Light refreshments will be served. Friends and family of members are welcome. Arrive early (4pm) for a tour of the Museum by NLTHS staff. Please RSVP by 5/20.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS JUNE 17 - 20

For four days in June, we will show our appreciation for our members with a special 20% discount at the Gatekeeper's Museum & Watson Cabin stores. A great opportunity to find special and unique items for your visitors this summer to enjoy!

WALKING TOURS EVERY SATURDAY IN JUNE

Our very popular Tahoe City Historic Walking Tours return for a second year! These tours will highlight points of historic interest, as well as local tourist destinations. Tours meet at 10am at the Visitor's Center and will end at the Gatekeeper's Museum, where all participants receive a 10% discount in the Museum Store and free admission. Tours are free. Donations encouraged. Suggested donation \$5/person.



Panoramic view of the Tahoe Inn, circa 1930. Bechtolt Collection.



A Tahoe Lake student shows her Independence Day spirit, circa 1940. Mystic Gallinger Collection.

BEGINNING BASKETWEAVING... PINE NEEDLE BASKETS

JULY 8 FROM 9:30AM - 2PM

Join Watson-Paine weaver Audrey Frank for a lesson on coiled basketry utilizing a resource that is readily available... pine needles! This class is ideal for beginners or weavers looking for a refresh. Morning refreshments and materials provided. Please bring a lunch and wear sunscreen as this event is held outdoors in Layton Park. Pre-registration is required and classes fill quickly. \$25 members / \$30 nonmembers.

NATURE SKETCHING FOR FAMILIES with John Muir Laws

JULY 9th AND 10th FROM 9AM TO NOON

Keeping a nature sketchbook is a great way to deepen learning, discovery, and memories on a family trip in the Sierra Nevada. Join naturalist, educator and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws for this 2-day program (Saturday and Sunday) that will inspire you to head outdoors with sketchbook in hand. Participants ages 9 and up will be introduced to the basic techniques and tools to help you draw plants, landscapes, birds and other wildlife. Bring your own sketchbooks and pencils and be ready to draw. This event will be mainly outdoors in Layton Park, so please dress accordingly. Morning refreshments will be provided.

\$25 for members / \$30 for nonmembers / 17 and under are free with a paid adult



Mimulus guttatus
Illustration by John Muir Laws

TONI FAUVER MEMORIAL NATURE HIKE

JULY 21st FROM 9AM TO 2PM

Join Nicole & Jerry Mischke for a day of exploration in memory of Toni Fauver, local naturalist and artist. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, bring a snack/lunch, and plenty of water. The location and duration will be determined based on wilderness conditions. Pre-registration is required. Meets at the Gatekeeper's Museum at 9am and carpooling is encouraged. \$25 members / \$30 nonmembers.

GUEST LECTURE with Mark McLaughlin

JULY 23RD AT 10AM

LONGBOARDS TO OLYMPIC: A CENTURY OF THOSE WINTER SPORTS

Join us for this special lecture about how winter sports took Northern California by storm and captured the imagination of a nation. This lively lecture will begin with the early exploits of skian mailman Snowshoe Thompson, continue through the 1930s, a breakout decade for Skiport when thousands attended ski jumps in Berkeley and San Francisco, and conclude with the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, the seminal event that launched Lake Tahoe into the international spotlight for world-class winter sports. 10am at the Gatekeeper's Museum.

\$4 members / \$5 nonmembers (includes admission to the Museum)

INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR KIDS

JULY 3RD FROM 1PM TO 4PM

Stop by the Watson Cabin for Independence Day and pioneer-inspired crafts and games along with face painting. Parents must be present for child participation. Suggested donation \$3 per child.

WATSON CABIN LIVING HISTORY FOR KIDS

JULY 31ST FROM 1PM TO 4PM

Experience pioneer life through living history activities appropriate for youth of all ages. Activities will include dress up, role playing, crafts and more. Parents must be present. Suggested donation \$3 per child.

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July

CALENDAR QUICK VIEW

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					First Fridays 10am - Noon Meet the Curator of Free Admission	Crafts for Kids at the Watson Cabin
4	5	Valentine's Party 6-7pm Packed in Layton Park 11am		7		Historic Walking Tour 11am
		Beginning Basketry 9:30am - 2pm	Watson Cabin CLOSED		8	9
						Nature Sketching 10am - Noon for Families Part I
11	12			14	15	16
Nature Sketching for Families Part II 10am - Noon						Historic Walking Tour 11am
						17
18	19					Historic Walking Tour 11am
Annual Membership Meeting 3-5pm						24
Gathering at the Gatekeeper's 4-6pm						Historic Walking Tour 11am
25	26			28	29	30
						Historic Walking Tour 11am
						Living History for Kids at the Watson Cabin 1pm - 4pm

GATHERING AT THE GATEKEEPER'S Annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

JULY 18th FROM 4PM - 8PM

Members and the public are invited to attend our annual fundraising event in Layton Park. This year's event will feature live big-band era music, provided by Russ Patrick, appetizers, catered dinner, live & silent auctions and great lakeviews, all in support of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Gatekeeper's Museum and Watson Cabin.

\$60 or \$65 after 07/11
\$30 to reserve a table



HERITAGE WEEK

August 9 - 15, 2010

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Wednesday August 11th

BEGINNING BASKETWEAVING

A Washoe-Pyrene weaver Audrey Frank for a lesson on outdoor basketry utilizing a resource that is readily available... please bring your own materials. Registration is required and classes fill quickly! \$25 members / \$30 nonmembers. 9:30am - 2pm in Layton Park.

ASHOE HISTORY AT THE GATEKEEPERS

at the Museum and William B. Layton Park to learn about Washoe history through hands-on activities and demonstrations. 11am - 4pm in Layton Park.

Friday August 12th

36TH ANNUAL HOME TOUR

Saturday August 13th

ROUGH THE COLORED GLASS

GUEST LECTURE with Paul Ackerman

Guest speaker and NLTHS docent Paul Ackerman will display extensive medicine bottle collection, and share the historic as they reveal. 10am at the Gatekeeper's Museum. \$4 members / \$5 nonmembers.

STORY UNDERGROUND

AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM

at the Museum to learn about the wonderful world of archeology. Archaeologist from California State Parks will share exciting artifacts and provide hands-on activities for kids. Items from the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society's collection will be on display for this special event. 11am - 4pm in Layton Park. A fun event for the whole family!



An "old time" picnic at Rubicon Springs in 1901. Besholt Collection

Sunday August 14th

WINDMILL LAKE... HISTORIC BUS

TOUR with Mark McLaughlin

Historian Mark McLaughlin for our first-ever bus tour! Begin at the Gatekeeper's Museum, where we'll find refreshments and continental breakfast, then a chartered bus for your round-the-lake adventure. We'll narrate the trip, which includes several stops of interest. Lunch will be at Tallac, and will include a picnic lunch on the Lake. Meets at the Gatekeeper's Museum at 9:30am. \$60 members / \$65 nonmembers. *Note: Participants must be prepared to walk up to a mile on level ground.*

Monday August 15th

TIME TAHOE PICNIC & MOVIE IN PARK 5:30PM (MOVIE AT 7PM)

for the 2nd annual Old Time Tahoe Picnic. Guests treated to music, socializing, and picnic dinner in Layton Park, followed by a showing of award-winning *A Place in the Sun*, filmed partly in Tahoe in 1949/50, and starring Elizabeth Taylor and Gregory Peck. Advance reservations are required. A sex reservation form for picnic dinner options. \$50 members / \$55 nonmembers.

Our dinners include choice of smoked salmon, chicken or beef with a herb wheel, fresh loaf of our baked bread, summer garden salad with vinaigrette, & fruit, sparkling water, chocolate and vanilla, all provided by Whole Foods of Reno. Bring a bottle of wine!

GUEST LECTURE with Trent Pridemore

AUGUST 27th AT 10AM

HISTORY OF THE FISHERY AT LAKE TAHOE

Guest speaker Trent Pridemore will present the intriguing history of the fishery at Lake Tahoe. If you are interested in fishing or the natural history of Lake Tahoe, this presentation is for you! 10am at the Gatekeeper's Museum. \$4 members / \$5 nonmembers (includes admission).

August

CALENDAR QUICK VIEW

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	GATEKEEPER'S & WATSON CABIN CLOSED	4	5	6 Free Tickets 10am-12pm Meet the Curator 12 Free Admissions	7 Placer County Heritage Trails Days Free admission! Historic Walking Tour 10am
8 Placer County Heritage Trails Days Free admission!	9 Free Admissions at the Gatekeeper's		10 WASHOE CULTURE 9AM	11 Historic Cabin CLOSED	12 ANNUAL HOME TOUR Noon - 4:30pm to 5:30pm Rubicon	13 HISTORY UNDERGROUND Guest Lecture with Paul Ackerman 10am
15 Living History for Kids at the Watson Cabin 1pm - 4pm Old Time Tahoe Picnic and Movie in the Park 5:30pm	16	17	18 Historic Cabin CLOSED	19	20	21 Historic Walking Tour 10am
22	23	24 Social Bridge at the Gatekeeper's Hosted by Sue DeLoe	25 Historic Cabin CLOSED	26	27 Guest Lecture with Trent Pridemore 10am	28 Living History for Kids at the Watson Cabin 1pm - 4pm Historic Walking Tour 10am
29	30	31				



36TH ANNUAL HOME TOUR & BENEFIT DRAWING AUGUST 12th NOON - 4:30PM

Tour lakefront and historic homes in beautiful south Rubicon. This popular annual event includes a wine & cheese reception and benefit drawing. This is an event for members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and you must be a current member to purchase tickets. Memberships start at just \$30 annually.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$55 after 7/29



...to relax with friends new and old after a busy summer. Cruise includes beautiful views, dinner, coffee and dessert. Please note: Cruise begins boarding at 5:30pm and departs at 6pm from the Tahoe Gal pier by the Post Office in Tahoe City. Tickets are not mailed for this event. Our guests will have a great list at the dock.

\$60 members / \$65 nonmembers



Passengers enjoy a cruise aboard the Steamer Nevada, circa 1920. David Burnett Collection

7TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETWEAVERS' MARKET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH FROM 11AM - 5PM

This popular annual event features sales, demonstrations and exhibits of basketry by California and Nevada weavers, appraisals of contemporary and antique Native American art, and traditional acorn processing and cooking demonstrations.

This event is in Layton Park and is free (Museum admission applies)

LAST CHANCE IN 2010!

WALKING TOURS

Our very popular Tahoe City Historic Walking Tours will end the season on Labor Day weekend. These tours highlight points of historic interest, as well as local business and tourist destinations. Tours meet at 10am at the Tahoe City Visitor's Center and will end at the Gatekeeper's Museum, where all participants receive a 10% discount in the Museum Store and free admission. Times are free. Donations encouraged. Don't miss this last opportunity for 2010!

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Heading home after a summer at Lake Tahoe. Jerry Johnson collection

September

CALENDAR QUICK VIEW

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			Hilton Cabin CLOSED		First Fridays 10am-noon Meet the Curator & Free Admission	Historic Walking Tour 10am Last one of 2010!
5	6 Labor Day Dinner Cruise aboard the Tahoe Gal 6 - 8pm Final day for the Hilton Cabin	7 GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM CLOSED	8	9	10	11 Annual Native American Basketweavers' Market 11am - 5pm in Layton
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Final day for the Gatekeeper's Museum Oct - April open by appointment.	30		



HISTORICAL FEATURE

FROM OUR COLLECTIONS

TAHOE CITY'S LAWLESS PAST: FROM ELUSIVE CRIMINALS TO THE SMALLEST FISH

Every artifact has a story, its own history, which becomes a window to the past. Sometimes these artifacts reveal a history that is not always as idyllic as we often imagine. The NLTHS has over thirty court dockets in its collection. These relics from the past reveal a sometimes less-than-stellar criminal history of Tahoe City! What do they reveal to you?



PLACER COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT DOCKET 1909-1927

The earliest court docket we have is a criminal docket from 1909-1927. The pages reveal a lot about Township 11 during the twenty years its pages cover. In the earlier years crimes were mostly about fishing and hunting violations and take place almost exclusively in the summer months. This is congruent with how Lake Tahoe is remembered at the turn-of-the-century. Lake Tahoe was a relatively peaceful playground for the rich, where the greatest crime was having caught too many fish. As the years passed the population grew, more varied people were visiting the Lake, cars were becoming more popular, and alcohol was no longer legal. These geographic and social trends as well as others are reflected in the crimes from later years. For example, in the 1920's most of the charges deal with motor vehicle violations, burglary, and liquor consumption. The items here document the evolving nature of criminal activity at Lake Tahoe.

Early ticket for a Motor Vehicle Violation

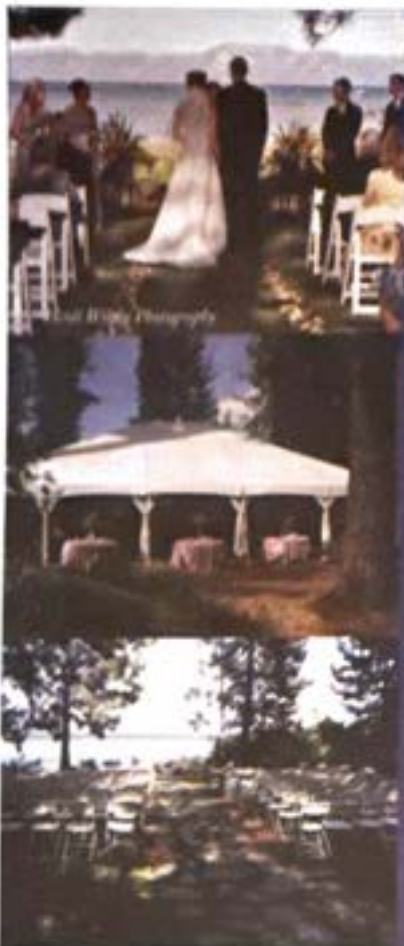
Receipt for constable fees.

Paid in full! State Controller's receipt for fine paid resulting from a criminal activity.

THE CRIME OF THE DAY

Excerpts of charges from the Placer County Criminal Court Docket, 1909-1927

- October 1909 *Exhibiting a shotgun in a rude and angry manner*
- July 1910 *Violation of fish laws by spearing fish*
- August 1910 *Willfully and unlawfully killing a female deer.*
- July 1911 *Petty larceny*
- October 1911 *Offering for sale trout less than 1 pound*
- May 1912 *Having in his possession more than 10 pounds and one fish*
- June 1912 *Fishing for profit without having secured license.*
- July 1912 *Shipping more than 10lbs and one fish on same day*
- August 1912 *Catching trout by means other than hook and line*
- July 1913 *Offering for sale trout weighing less than one pound*
- July 1914 *Assault and battery*
- July 1915 *Passing fraudulent check on Tahoe Tavern (\$195.60)*
- August 1915 *Shipping our meat without tag*
- August 1915 *Taking trout in manner other than that known as angling*
- June 1916 *Violation of fishing law, he having in his possession more than 20 trout*
- September 1916 *F.X. Walker for \$75.00 for value of one red cow killed by defendants*
- June 1918 *Fishing without a license*
- June 1919 *Driving an automobile while intoxicated*
- September 1919 *Failing to extinguish campfire*
- May 1921 *Failure to send his children to school*
- June 1921 *Taking fish within two miles from mouth of stream*
- July 1922 *Horse stealing*
- August 1922 *Violating Sec. 15 of California Motor Vehicle Act.*
- June 1923 *Theft of twenty dollars*
- September 1924 *Allowing his cattle to trespass on public highway*
- August 1925 *Being drunk and disorderly*
- August 1925 *Reckless driving of an automobile on a public highway*
- July 1926 *Sale of intoxicating liquor / Assault with a deadly weapon*
- August 1926 *Possession of intoxicating liquor*
- February 1927 *Vagrancy*



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info@northtahoemuseums.org

GUEST SPEAKER TRENT PRIDEMORE

August 27th

Trent Robert Pridemore received a degree in Field Zoology from UCSB and worked as a timber cruiser in Humboldt and Trinity Counties. His zoological background stimulated an earlier interest in fly fishing that led him to involvement in angling conservation. He was Project Chairman and Biological Consultant for the Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force in the mid 70's that ultimately led to what has become a major and unique trout resource in the Wild Trout Program. In 2006 he orchestrated the Regulation Proposal Changes that resulted in Wild Trout status for the Truckee River and its tributary's between Trout Creek and the Nevada State Line. He was also involved in the implementation of winter angling on the Truckee and Yuba River systems and is the second recipient of the "Black Hand" conservation award.

Other angling related activities include writing for California Fly Fisher, Sierra Heritage Magazine, Tahoe Maritime Museum and guest appearances on radio and television. He has taught classes on fly tying, fly casting, and angler's entomology. Major interests are Stillwater angling for trout and bass. In the mid "nineties" he formed Angler's Education Service to expand his lecturing and educational programs. He is a member of Sierra Grape Growers Association and is currently working on a memoir collection of angling stories and a cookbook titled, "Recipes from Jack Rabbit Hill and the Sierra Grape Growers."

You can meet Trent on August 27th when he will be speaking about the history of the Tahoe fishery. 10am at the Gatekeeper's Museum



EXPLORING OUTDOORS

This summer, we are introducing new programming that will promote our historical past while exploring the scenic wonder of Lake Tahoe. Our Museum Store features many resources that encourage visitors to take their explorations outdoors! Be sure to check out these resources from two of our featured educators this summer. **These books are available for purchase in the Gatekeeper's Museum Store and Watson Cabin.**

JOHN (JACK) MUIR LAWS

PRESENTING NATURE SKETCHING FOR FAMILIES *July 10th & 11th*

Naturalist, educator and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws delights in exploring the natural world and sharing this love with others. Laws has worked as an environmental educator for over 25 years in California, Wyoming, and Alaska. He teaches classes on natural history, conservation biology, scientific illustration, and field sketching. He is trained as a wildlife biologist and is an associate of the California Academy of Sciences. In 2009, he received the Terwilliger Environmental Award for outstanding service in Environmental Education. Laws is deeply committed to stewardship of nature and collaborates with organizations throughout the state.

Laws has written and illustrated books about the natural history of California including *Sierra Birds: a Hiker's Guide* (2004), *The Laws Guide to the Sierra Nevada* (2007), and *The Laws Pocket Guide Set to the San Francisco Bay Area* (2009). He is a regular contributor to *Bay Nature* magazine with his "Naturalists Notebook" column. His illustrations are informed by extensive field experience and capture the feeling of the living plant or animal, while also including details critical for identification.

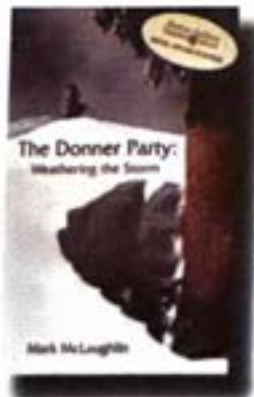


MARK MCLAUGHLIN

GUEST LECTURER *July 23rd*

HISTORIC BUS TOUR GUIDE *August 1st*

Mark McLaughlin is an award-winning, nationally published author and photographer with five books and more than 500 articles in print. His work appears regularly in California and Nevada media; he was awarded the Nevada State Press award five times. Mark teaches Sierra Nevada pioneer history firsthand, using entertaining stories, unique slide shows and informative field trips. He is a frequent guest on regional television, documentaries and PBS programs, and has appeared on The History Channel and The Weather Channel.



Written in a clear and easy to read style, Mark's informative stories about California and Nevada history are entertaining and very popular with readers of all ages. As a weather historian, Mark's work frequently focuses on how weather and climate has affected people living or traveling in the western United States. 1860s.

Also available at the Museum Store: Sierra Stories Vol. I & II and Western Train Adventures.

The Gatekeeper's Museum Store... where culture, education and style come together! In addition to these items, the Museum Store features a full compliment of Tahoe history-related books, prints, work from local artisans, posters, magnets, cards, pine needle baskets and other great gift ideas.

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Thank you to our new and renewing members who contributed between January 1st and March 31st.
*Denotes new member.

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The STEAMER TAHOE model is back at the Gatekeeper's Museum! John Colombo, the builder, grew up in Castro Valley, CA. He has been modeling ships, trains and historical mining equipment since he was eight years old. He spent many enjoyable hours researching the Steamer Tahoe, and the evolution it went through in it's many years on Lake Tahoe. He created an accurate scale model for the Museum, which has been on display for many years. Last year he added lights, which really made the boat come alive for visitors. He took the boat back this winter to make some more additional changes and wowed us all with the addition of audio and new details, including tables and chairs. You can now view the Steamer model, then close your eyes and listen to the sounds of the bell and whistle. You can almost feel the summer wind on your face and the hustle and bustle of people on the Tahoe Tavern pier. We are so thankful to John Colombo for his time and dedication to this project and we look forward to his model work on the 2012 exhibit.



ABOUT THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NLTHS)

The VISION of the NLTHS is to operate a community center where interactive exhibits and innovative educational programming promote ongoing thought, research, discussion and involvement in the preservation and interpretation of North Lake Tahoe history, both regionally and as it relates to the historical experience of the American West.

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The Gatekeeper's Museum & Watson Cabin place emphasis on the cultural and geographical histories that influenced the development of North Lake Tahoe.

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Correction to Winter 2010 issue: Family memberships and all higher levels still, and will always, include free admission for (2) adults, not (1) adult as printed. We apologize for the error.

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North Lake Tahoe Historical Society Quarterly Member and Community Magazine.



On the cover: Art from a vintage Tahoe Tavern brochure entices visitors to the Lake in winter.

Winter 2010

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When you're finished changing, you're finished.

-- Benjamin Franklin



When I came on board at the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, on September 20th, the summer was winding down, school programs were starting up and the staff was ready for quieter times. After several weeks on board, I now know where the coffee machine is and am getting up to speed on most fronts. I am thrilled and grateful to have such a wonderfully supportive Board of Directors and terrific volunteers! I know that together we will go great places. I've conducted my first school group presentation at the museum and visited our school program, put on by fabulous volunteers, at the local Tahoe Lake Elementary School and am so impressed by our efforts to keep Tahoe's historical stories alive for young people.

We are becoming an ever more active community presence in Tahoe City and environs! In October, we put on our first-ever Spooky Ghost Walk for local families. More than 85 people attended this evening, walking through the dimly lit trail that featured more than a dozen Tahoe area ghosts, from Margaret and Patty Reed of the Donner Party, to Amy Cohen, to the Hermit of Emerald Bay and even Marilyn Monroe (from her Cal Neva days)! It was a joy to see children dragging their parents into the museum afterwards to show them the exhibits!

In November we partnered with the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce to host a community mixer. Held the day before Veterans' Day, we collected several boxes of goodies that Rideout Center martial arts instructor Patrick Cerceau will ship off to troops in Afghanistan. We had a sizeable turnout and all were treated to the surprise of a kilt-clad bagpiper (8th generation piper!) who played *Amazing Grace*, in honor of our veterans both here and absent.

On December 3rd and 4th we opened the Watson Cabin for holiday shoppers who came to Heritage Plaza for the tree lighting and Santa's visits. Our many visitors were delighted to see the cabin ready for the holidays! And just in time for holiday shoppers, we've launched our new, exclusive Fanny Bridge gear-- come by Gatekeepers and check it out!

Happy Holidays to one and all,

Marguerite Sprague
Executive Director

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STEFANIE GIVENS MOVES ON

2010 brought many changes to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, perhaps the largest of which was the departure of Executive Director Stefanie Givens. Stefanie, who was ED since 2008, left the NLTHS and its museums to work at as a non-profit director closer to home. During Givens' tenure, the Society increased its outreach, elevated its materials with a stunning new Gatekeeper's Gazette, and introduced new events such as the much heralded Weavers' Market, held each September. Although she misses the NLTHS and the many friends she made here, Stefanie is enjoying her new position, which locates her much closer to her Reno home.

We would like to thank Stefanie for her years of service and the many innovations and improvements she brought to the Steinbach Indian Basket Museum, Watson Cabin and Gatekeeper's Museum. We wish her the very best and look forward to hearing all about what she is doing in the coming months. She leaves behind some large shoes for the new Executive Director to fill, and she will bring many talents to her new job. *Thank you, Stefanie!*

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

With all the many changes, this was a most challenging summer. Director of Exhibits and Collections Sarah Schaefer was the glue that held it together, performing many tasks in addition to her usual duties. Interim Director Joanne Domingue had the difficult job of directing the whole shooting match with only minimal familiarity with the organization. Both Sarah and Joanne did remarkable jobs this summer, and events and programs were impressive successes! A most hearty thank you to both Sarah and Joanne!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that this end of year message finds all of our members well and anticipating a joyous holiday season! 2010 has proven to be a very challenging year for the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, but one which we on the board of directors believe will lead to future successes in achieving our mission and vision.

We have been pleased to welcome our new Executive Director, Marguerite Sprague, and are happy to report that she is well into the planning process to insure that 2011 will be a year that you, our members, will remember as a milestone for the NLTHS.

As evidence of this, please take the opportunity during this busy time of year to observe the new external lighting of the gatekeeper's museum and the renewal of our patriotic flag display, day and night, outside the museum, both thanks to the efforts of our new building and grounds chairman and board member, Art Mennick.

Speaking of board members, we have been pleased to welcome several new board members, including Darrel Cruz, Cultural Resources Preservation Officer and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Washoe Tribe. The Washoe people have been Tahoe area residents longer than anyone, at more than 10,000 years, which makes us especially pleased that he is on the board. We are also thrilled to welcome Randy Pomin, scion of one of the pioneering families of Tahoe City, and hard working Dick and Nileta Morton, returning after a one year hiatus from the board.

During 2011, it is our intention to reinvigorate our volunteer and docent programs because they provide the additional assistance to our staff that is always necessary to insure that our museum programs designed by the staff are professionally presented to our visitors. Should you wish to become a part of our growing volunteer and docent organizations, please feel free to contact Marguerite Sprague or Sarah Schaefer at the Gatekeeper's Museum at (530) 583-1762.

Finally, we are always seeking new members to support our activities and it is our belief that the best source of additional membership is personal reference from you, our existing members. Be assured that we will have exciting and worthwhile activities in 2011 that all of our members will be able to enjoy and that will stimulate our thought processes. And remember the Gatekeeper's Museum Store and your membership discount privileges while doing your holiday shopping.

It is indeed my privilege to be your president and I look forward to serving all of you in the coming year.

Dave Elliott
President



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NOTE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS!

Remember the Gatekeeper's Museum for your holiday shopping—we have the best selection of Tahoe gifts on the lake! Extended holiday hours: open 11am until 5pm daily December 17 through December 30 (closing early Christmas Eve). We're also *always* open by appointment: for appointments please call 530.583.1762.

A special thank you to Art and Karen Mennick for the wonderful lights on Gatekeeper's Museum, getting us all into the holiday spirit!



Santa,
the jolly old elf himself, stopped by the Watson Cabin on December 4, doing a little holiday shopping!

MUSEUM IN ACTION EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS



We made it! This summer our Executive Director, Stefanie Givens, left us with heavy hearts and a very busy summer schedule. However, we did make it through the difficult and trying summer months, thanks to staff dedication (both seasonal and year 'round), volunteer help and a lot of elbow grease! I am happy to report we successfully hosted 22 weddings, 15 historic walking tours of Tahoe City, and 18 new and old events including one of the most successful Home Tours yet! I am particularly proud of the success we had last August during the first annual Heritage Week, with many well-attended events covering an array of topics such as Washoe history, bottle history, and lawless-ness in the Tahoe/ Truckee area. Some of the more popular Heritage Week events included a catered bus tour around the lake with historian Mark Mc Laughlin, and a series of gunfight re-enactments done by the Railroad Regulators 601, which brought over 150 visitors to William B. Layton Park. Next year we will have more events and we hope to partner with groups like the Maritime Museum and California State Parks. Please check the list of our 2011 events and dates on our website (www.northtahoemuseums.org) and make the NLTHS your first stop for summer fun!

Now that the snow is falling, I would like to update you on some of our winter projects. This winter we will finish the collections inventory project. We have been very lucky to have the assistance of UNR intern Brian Mandio, who has inventoried over 150 new artifacts! You can see some of the treasures we have uncovered in the new exhibit, *What's in the Attic*, on display through March 2011 at the Gatekeeper's Museum. This winter we will also be working on a new exhibition which will relate to the history and development of biking in Lake Tahoe. This exhibition is the brainchild of our new Executive Director, Marguerite Sprague, and is inspired by growing community excitement around the 2011 Arngen Tour of California, which will start at Lake Tahoe this May. We've brainstormed with Bob Bolton of TCPUD, Andy Chapman of NLT Resort Association, Rob Weston of West Shore Sports and Justin Broglio of the TC Downtown Association. We are currently in the planning stages: if you have any information, pictures, or memorabilia relating to the history of biking in Lake Tahoe from the turn of the century through today, we would welcome your assistance--please call the museum at (530) 583-1762.

This summer we learned what we were made of and I am so proud of what we accomplished in the face of daunting odds. This winter I am excited to see what we can accomplish and create with a new team of staff and Board Members.

I hope to see you all in the museum soon!

Sarah Schaefer
Director of Exhibits and Collections

..... COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to work in the NLTHS Collections. Volunteers can help inventory new artifacts, monitor the collections care and management, and input data and oral histories into the computer. Pictured is volunteer Jim Hillick, who assisted with the identification, cleaning and stabilization of a rifle from 1887. The rifle was found buried in the backyard of a local Tahoma resident. It is the first multiple shot rifle produced in Germany. If you are interested in becoming a trained collection volunteer, please call Sarah Schaefer at (530) 583-1762.



..... MUSEUM NOTES

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO INTERN

The museum is very happy to have a UNR intern, Brian Mandio. Brian is currently a senior at the University of Nevada, Reno., studying history and museum studies. He came to the NLTHS through his Museum Training for Historians course, which is a 100 hour internship with an area museum. He has been in the Lake Tahoe area all his life and has always been fascinated by the region's dynamic history. We are grateful for all his hard work and we hope he will continue to stay involved with our museum after his internship.

..... YEAR END FUND DRIVE

In December, all our members will be receiving our annual Year - End Fund Drive letter. We understand that many people are flooded with year - end fund drive requests. However, we hope that you have noticed the organizational changes and new programming we have implemented at the NLTHS in the past year, and will be inspired to help us to further our goals as we go into 2011. Thank you for your support over the last year, and we look forward to another successful year!

VOLUNTEERS IN HISTORY

Our volunteers are essential to the operations of the NLTHS and are often the first line of service for our visitors.

Docents are the educational force of the NLTHS. Volunteers who become docents have completed an extensive training class and participate in a variety of educational opportunities.

Together in learning and service.

2011 NLTHS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

NLTHS VOLUNTEERS' SKUNK HARBOR DAY TRIP



Tour leader Paul Ackerman guided 13 volunteers down from HWY 28 above Skunk Harbor to Pray Meadows, then down to Skunk Harbor itself, where lunch was enjoyed at one of Lake Tahoe's most beautiful and secluded beaches.

This summer our volunteers also enjoyed a guided historic flora and fauna hike at Northstar, followed by a tour and lunch at the new Ritz Carlton. If you would like to participate in these fun and educational fieldtrips next summer, please join our volunteers in history by filling out the form below!

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

Our volunteer program is the perfect way to make a difference in our community. Our Museums and programs are an integral part of life on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, and volunteers help to make our programs possible. Volunteers also learn about the history of the Tahoe Basin, receive special invitations to volunteer hikes and workshops, and have the opportunity to meet others in the local area who share common interests. If you are interested in finding out more about our volunteer program please contact Sarah Schaefer at (530) 583- 1762.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

CAROL SAVARY & SUE DEVOE

This year, these two volunteers assumed the roles of our Volunteer and Docent Coordinators. Carol and Sue implemented monthly meetings, created a volunteer calendar, planned volunteer field trips, made sure the museum had volunteers when needed, and planned our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

This year our volunteers donated over 9,000 hours to the NLTHS. The staff of the NLTHS wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the support we received from Carol, Sue and all our 2010 volunteers.

We could not have made it through the summer without you!

Volunteer Interest Form

YES, I am interested in receiving the VOLUNTEERS IN HISTORY introductory guide to volunteerism at the NLTHS!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Check box for preferred method of contact.

Please indicate your area(s) of interest: Museum Store Publicity Special Event

Administrative/Office Collections Grounds/Maintenance Docent Walking Tour Guide

Thank you for your interest! A volunteer chairperson will contact you to schedule a time to discuss volunteer opportunities! Please return this form to: NLTHS P.O. Box 6141 Tahoe City, CA 96145.

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*Core NLTHS membership benefits are one full year of unlimited Museum admission for one, a free subscription to our quarterly Gatekeeper's Gazette, invitation to members-only events, 10% discount on Museum Store merchandise and members' pricing on programs and special events. Each level includes all the benefits of the preceding levels.

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to: NLTHS and return to P.O. Box 6141 Tahoe City, CA 96145

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

YES, I would like to receive E-Muse, the quarterly e-newsletter of the NLTHS.

Please select your membership level: Student \$20 Teacher \$25 Individual \$30 Family \$40

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