

## **Basket Collection**

### **New Accessions & Baskets Around the World**

This year, our rotating basket displays feature an exciting new addition — more than 30 newly accessioned baskets generously donated by community supporters. A highlight of the collection is a remarkable Klamath cradleboard distinguished by its rare rounded hood and delicate dangling toys designed to engage and comfort infants. Alongside this important cultural piece, a second display expands the story of basketry across time and geography, showcasing works from local non-Native weavers as well as examples from Pakistan, Asia, and Appalachian traditions. Visitors can explore some of the earliest basket forms found in human history while discovering how the sophistication and innovation of Native American basketry have influenced artisans around the world. These new exhibits invite guests to compare techniques, materials, and cultural meaning through one of humanity's oldest and most enduring art forms.



New Accessions



Baskets Around the World

New to the Basket Gallery this season is an engaging video presentation featuring Native basket weavers sharing their knowledge, techniques, and cultural traditions in their own voices. This addition brings basketry to life and deepens visitors' understanding of the living traditions represented in the collection

## **Fluming**

### **The Original Log Ride In Lake Tahoe**



Our revitalized Logging and Fluming exhibit highlights one of the museum's most remarkable artifacts — what is likely one of the few surviving original flume boats on public display in the country. Recovered from Lake Tahoe and carved from a single log, this rare vessel dates to the late 19th century and represents one of Tahoe's earliest Western industries: logging. During the height of timber operations in the Sierra Nevada, wooden flumes carried cut lumber down steep mountainsides using rushing water, much like a natural log ride. Flume boats were used to transport tools, supplies, and sometimes people, and adventurous loggers were even known to ride the flumes downhill to save hours of travel. This unique artifact offers visitors a tangible connection to the ingenuity, risk, and resourcefulness that shaped Tahoe's early industrial history.

# What's Happening At Watson Cabin?

## Ribbon Cutting & Grand Re-Opening May 23

Join us on May 23 at 12 PM for the ribbon cutting and grand reopening celebration at Watson Cabin as we mark the completion of the building's two-year restoration. This special event celebrates the preservation of the historic 1908 log cabin and honors the many supporters whose generosity made the project possible. Guests will enjoy live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to experience this beautifully restored landmark. The Watson Cabin Restoration Project remains an ongoing campaign, with donations supporting continued maintenance and long-term preservation of the structure. There is still time to contribute — donors who give \$1,000 or more will receive a permanent engraved plaque inside the cabin recognizing their support. Visit our website today to donate and help preserve this treasured piece of local history. **Thank you for helping us preserve this vital piece of Tahoe history.**



### Calling all Members!

- The NLTHS has made minor updates to our bylaws, and as required, we are asking all members to participate in a formal vote to approve these changes. Please take a moment to review the proposed updates using the QR CODE provided and submit your vote at your earliest convenience. Your participation is essential in helping us maintain strong governance and continue supporting the mission of the organization. Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support.

### Upcoming Events & New at the Museum

**Stewarding Knowledges: Tending Good Fire in the Tahoe Basin** – Join us for a Washoe-led community gathering on May 16 from 12–4 PM at the Gatekeeper's Museum.

**Watson Cabin Ribbon Cutting & Grand Reopening** – Celebrate the completion of the Watson Cabin restoration on May 23 at 12 PM at Watson Cabin.

**New on Our Website: Historical Resources Page** – Explore newly added digitized newsletters, gazettes, and home Tour archives, along with special articles written by Carol Van Etten, now available online.