

# **NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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WINTER NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY, 1998

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*The Board and our Museum Director have been busy planning our activities for Summer, 1998. It will be an exciting year for the Historical Society with special attention devoted to the Watson Cabin Restoration.*

*Our Watson Cabin is very special - a treasure in the heart of Tahoe City. It is a home where early pioneers lived and today a living museum...a place where students and visitors alike can step inside and relive the history and traditions from the early 1900's at Lake Tahoe. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as the oldest home, built on site, in Tahoe City, it is important to preserve this unique log cabin.*

*In our last newsletter we reported the urgent need for restoration of the cabin. In answer to this appeal we have received over \$24,000...over one half of our goal. A minimum of \$30,000 is needed to begin the restoration. To all who have contributed to this effort we extend our most sincere gratitude. If you haven't contributed, we hope you will send a donation. Every donation is appreciated, regardless of size. The improvements needed to restore the Watson Cabin will be impossible without your support.*

*Carolyn Johnson, President.*

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**JOANNE & EUGENE ABSHIER    FRANCES & RICHARD BAKER    WILLIAM D. BAUDEN**  
**CB'S PIZZA & GRILL**  
**BARB & MARTY COHEN - THE SHORE HOUSE AT LAKE TAHOE**  
**BARBARA CUMMINGS    SANDY & BRIAN CUNNEEN**  
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## **RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

*Hank Steinbach has donated seven special Native American baskets, previously retained by the family. They will be on permanent display in the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum.*

*Jim and Marie Lawson donated a beautiful and unusual Washoe basket that has been in the family summer home at Meek's Bay. Jim's sister, Sally L. Scott, donated her special Washoe basket and both will be on display.*

*Special thanks to Barbara Cummings for donating a very special photograph of her mother at the Tallac Resort. This will be on display.*

## **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

*A charitable grant to the Endowment Fund was donated by the Brewster West Foundation and an anonymous gift of \$10,000.00 was also received.*

## **THE SINKING OF THE 'MARIAN B.' by PHILLIP I. EARL**

Lake Tahoe visitors today are familiar with the steamers serving the tourist trade, the Tahoe Queen, Dixie II (and the Tahoe Gal). A few might know of some of their predecessors - lumber steamers dating from the early 1860s, freight and mail vessels and several devoted solely to excursions and pleasure cruises. The best known of the last is the Steamer Tahoe. That ship was deliberately sunk by her owner, William S. Bliss, on August 29, 1940, rather than having her broken up and the iron sold for scrap to the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Six years before Bliss consigned the Tahoe to the deep, her owners had lost their lucrative mail contract to Daniel M. Brodehl. Brodehl's vessel, the Marian B., was a 42-foot-long packet steamer with a beam of 10.5 ft. which could carry eighteen passengers. Powered by two converted automobile engines, she was considered unseaworthy in comparison with the Tahoe, but she proved to be adequate to the task, making daily runs out of Tahoe City and stopping at the fourteen post offices serving the people of the lake.

Captain Arthur Brodehl, son of the owner, and his 12-year-old son, Donald, took her out from Tahoe City at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 17, 1941, accompanied by mail clerk Everett Dolan. At 2:30 that afternoon, she departed from Glenbrook bound west for Brockway, but never showed up. The lake was rough that day and those awaiting the craft thought that Brodehl might have put in at some remote cove on the north end of the lake. George Whittell, millionaire sportsman, was the first to organize a search party, sending out a powerful motor launch equipped with searchlights from his home near Sand Harbor. Others set out on foot patrols along the shoreline. Those who launched small boats were driven back by a coming storm.

Next morning, Harry Johanson, Tahoe City Constable, organized a 200-man posse to search from the west shore to Glenbrook. A U.S. Coast Guard amphibian plane sent up from San Francisco early that morning was also on patrol, as were four private planes from Reno, but neither wreckage nor bodies were sighted. Late in the afternoon, a member of Johanson's search party found a starboard light with the ship's nameplate washed up at Chambers Lodge.

Dave Chambers, Chambers Lodge resort owner, said that the Marian B. was having motor trouble on Saturday, and Mrs. Brodehl claimed that she and her husband had found a small leak in a gasoline line when they painted the vessel a few weeks earlier. The postal inspector at Tahoe City said that the craft had recently been inspected and had been found "seaworthy". However, some locals believed that the vessel had been caught in a huge swell and smashed by the waves, but two men reported that they had seen smoke rising from the lake near the north end on Saturday afternoon, reason enough to believe that there had been an explosion and fire.

At 12:15 p.m., Monday, May 19, Bill Arnold, a caretaker at Homewood, found Donald Brodehl's body lying halfway in the surf at McKinney's Bay on the west shore. Everett Dolan's body was found about a mile north 45 minutes later. Both were wearing life preservers. Those who knew something of the vessel believed that Captain Brodehl had probably been down in the engine room at the time of the explosion and doubted that his body would be found.

Constable Johanson said that there was no indication of burns on the bodies and a subsequent autopsy at Colfax indicated hypothermia and drowning to be the cause of death. Captain Brodehl's father had meanwhile arrived from Sacramento and had secured a truck to haul the mail. The reason for the small pieces of wreckage being found on the east shore and bodies some 12 miles across the lake on the west shore was never adequately explained, but those who knew the lake said conflicting currents could have easily dispersed anything that happened to be in the water. Captain Brodehl's body was never found.

The nameplate was donated to the NLTHS and is on display. A twenty-pound bell was donated in August, 1997 by the family of James Cooper. A bell collector, Cooper had obtained the bell from Captain Brodehl in a trade when he was doing a stint as a postal clerk. The bell is now on display as well.

## IN MEMORIUM

In memory of Mariam and Michael Sodergren from: Ruth and Theodore Johanson; Jeanne and Phil Schiedermaier; Lucy and Bob Gutowsky and Marianne Goldman.

In memory of Bernice Giannini from: Marilyn and Bob Fugazi; Rhoma Jane and Bill Sumner; Herb Kahn; Bernie and Bill Bechdolt; Kathie and Joe Hoxsie; Suzanne Carroll and Kenneth Selvidge; Lucy Mayhood; Beccy Shontz; Elrose Rose and Fritzi and Bill Briner

In memory of Ray Fellows from Pete Jeffalone

In memory of Isabelle V. Harrington from Joan and Bob Clark

In memory of Lester Woideck from Maxine Polzin

In memory of Dorothy Finlay from Beccy Shontz

In memory of Marian Moyer from Beccy Shontz and Fritzi and Bill Briner

In memory of Carol Ardito from Bernie and Bill Bechdolt

In memory of Henry E. (Bud) Lapkin, Jr. from Kay and Howard Turner, Muriel and Hugh Harris, and Marie and Jim Lawson

In memory of Christine Ruhkala from Marie and Jim Lawson

In memory of Jim Williamson from: Herb Kahn; Nancy C. Russell; Brian DeVore; Perata Excavation Co., Inc.; Barbara and William Grimm; Gwen and Dick Clarke; Bernie and Bill Bechdolt, Arlene Koenig and Jerry Neft, and Fritzi and Bill Briner

In memory of Jinny Coates; Milton Seymour; Tom Mosher and Jim Williamson from Jan and George Edmondson

A NEW DISPLAY FEATURING THE STORY OF THE 'MARIAN B.', THE LAST MAIL PACKET OF LAKE TAHOE WILL FEATURE THE BELL AND A SCALE MODEL OF THE SHIP

## ENDOWMENT FUND

We would like to update you on our Endowment Fund accounts building to our goal of \$250,000. We now have \$89,000 towards that goal. Should you wish to donate to this most important Fund, please make check payable to N.L.T.H.S Endowment Fund and mail to: NLTHS, P.O. Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

## THE 1998 RAFFLE

*Each summer we ask our members to support our annual fund-raising raffle and this year we want to make it the best ever with more prizes and our goal is to sell 10,000 tickets to support our museums. Do you have a special prize to donate? We ask that prizes be valued at no less than \$25. If you have a prize or one from your business would you contact Miriam Biro at (530) 583-1762. The raffle tickets will be mailed to our members in the May newsletter along with reservation forms for our special events.*

LOOK FORWARD TO MORE NEWS ABOUT THE MACY'S BENEFIT DAY ON JUNE 4TH TO GIVE YOU SPECIAL SAVINGS AND THE NLTHS BENEFITS FROM THE TICKETS WE SELL.

*Anyone wishing to make a gift of appreciated stock to the NLTHS can do so by having their broker transfer the stock to the brokerage firm of Dain Rauscher, Account #60901630, or by calling Steve Hill, Dain Rauscher Reno Nevada office at 1-800-854-0436. Please call Miriam Biro, Museum Director, at 1-530-583-1762 to indicate the designation of such gifts, i.e., Endowment Fund, Watson Restoration Fund or the NLTHS general account to preserve, study and present our history.*

## WATSON CABIN FUND DONORS

John M. Adams, Janet H. Angell, Ann & Ed Baehr, Virginia B. Barnett, Marge & Syd Bartlett, Phyllis & Bruce Bassett, Beth & Harvey Berger, Bob Bernard, Shelby E. Best, Miriam & Lou Biro, Nancy & Bill Bittner, Mr. & Mrs. William Boord, Gilbert Bovet, Helen & Steven Boyd, Barbara Braker & Charles Bidstrup, Ida & Edgar Braun, Polly & Thomas Bredt, Barbra Briggs, Gina & Harry Brix, Linda & David Brown, Mary & Bruce Carswell, Jamie & Jim Casey, Ruth Harris Caton, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chamberlain, Peter Chesebrough, A. J. Clark, Cindy Collinsworth, Betty & Jim Corison, Jean Mills Corlett, Gael & Bud Craft, Virginia & Walter Crinnion, Jeanne & Don Davis, Mary & Graham Davis, Susan & David DeVoe, Fran & Bob Dobbins, Bobbie & Bob Dolton, Fran & Joe Drury, Robin & Jeff Dworsky, Thea & Tibor Eckstein, Jane & John Edginton, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon English, Sharon & Randy Faccinto, Joan & Domenic Favero, Jane & Fred Fine, Helen W. Ford, Doris & Hal Fox, Dorothy & William Frey, Virginia R. Furth, Jan & R.B. Ganong, Joan & Buzz Gibb, Julie & Gary Glander, Ernest D. Grossman, Darryl Gunther, Anne & Charles Haist, Shirley & Don Hale, Mary & Alan Halkett, Kathryn & Harold Hallin, M. Erlene Hampton, Dale & Marge Hanson, Mary & Pat Harrington, Muriel & Hugh Harris, Marilyn & Stan Harris, Nancy & Homer Hayward, Sandra Hayward, Harriet Henderson, Mary Lou Herhusky, Anne & John Hetland, Lawrence Hoffman, Kathy & Ray Holstead, Ruth Holt, Marjorie & Al Huber, Gail Hunt, Adalyn Jack, Gordon Jack, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Jayred, Bryte Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Johnson, the Kenneth Jonsson Family, Anne E. Kehoe, Lilian & Robert Kimble, Heide Kingsbury, Frieda & Richard Klein, Arlene Koenig, Barbara Kudrna, Mr. & Mrs. William Laraway, Carol & Alan Larson, Diana Larson, Marie & Jim Lawson, Anne & Robert Levison, Peg & Ted Lewis, Rosemary & Larry Lindsey, Lois Linn, Vera Long, Anders Lundberg, Eunice Lycke, Gordon MacAulay, Donna & Jack Macey, Dolores Macrae, Sarah & Jacob Malin, Carol & Hugh March, Marjorie & Earl Marr, Clara & Robert Martin, Steven L. Merrill, Jacque & Don Mielke, Edythe & Robert Miller, Royal Miller, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Don Morrison, Barbara & Russ Mulvany, Eva C. Nahas, Joanne Neft, Walter Nelson, Gloria & Bud Novack, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ogburn, Magdelene Ortiz, June & Ralph Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Peer, Anne & Art Penniman, Perata Excavation, Ruth D. Percival, Ruth Ann Perry, Lois & Ray Perryman, Ralph Petty, Mardell & Chuck Pheil, John Platt, Randy Pomin, Glen Poulsen, Mr. & Mrs. F. J. Quillinan, Marilee & Dean Railton, Joan & Sky Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rose, Diane & Frank Rosman, Mrs. A. H. Schilling, Shirley Scurti, Marilyn Seely, Mary & Edmund Shea, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shurtleff, Sierra Boat Company, Barbara & Tom Simms, Marie Sluchak, Dr. Kenneth Smith, Jo & Al Sperry, Linda Stahmer, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Steele, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Summers, Sara & Don Sweet, Tahoe World, Tahoe Tree Company, Ann & Harold Tiller, Mary Ann Tonkin, Janet & Herbert Towler, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Troost, Kay & Howard Turner, Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Vanderhoof, Harvey Wagner, Petey Walsh, Ed & Troy Wasp, Beverly Watson, Katrine Watson, Tat & Wayne Welcome, Richard L. Whitaker, Shirley M. White, Connie & Glenn Wilson, Judge & Mrs. C. Wolfe, Marcia Woods and Babette Wurtz

Many pledges have been received for donations due in April, 1998. Plans are to start restoration in May, 1998. Your support is urgently needed.

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### WATSON CABIN RESTORATION FUND DONATION

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NLTHIS WATSON FUND

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# **NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**SPRING NEWSLETTER - MAY, 1998**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*Still snow, but the Museum's daffodils are welcoming Spring and our May 1st opening. The Watson Cabin Restoration Fund has received over \$31,500 - - our thanks to all. Restoration to begin mid-summer pending permit approval. Donations are still needed to achieve our goal of \$45,000.*

*During the winter the tracks and track lights have been repositioned to improve the lighting of the displays (thanks to Bob Kelgard Electric). The special lights and filters have been changed by lighting expert, Dennis Smith. Both Bob Kelgard and Dennis Smith donated their services to this project.*

*New displays include the expanded Marian B exhibit with the ship's first bell and a scale model of the ship made by Don Willoughby to the same scale as the model he made of the Steamer Tahoe (it is fascinating to see the difference in the two ships' sizes, making you realize how large the 'Tahoe' was. The Alice Chichester Myhre beaded basket collection is on loan for this summer and worth a visit to the museum to see these extraordinary baskets. The display of vintage Steamer Tahoe photos is from the James Bell collection. Upstairs you will see a new 'Movies Made At Lake Tahoe' display and a Wildflower photo display. The changing gallery will feature paintings of Robert Montanucci replacing John Betts' petroglyph drawings. The Grunauer collection of original John Muir letters, inscriptions and manuscripts will continue on display for this season.*

*A limited edition hardback book of photos and history of Lake Tahoe and Truckee-Donner has been published by the 'Tahoe World' with the cooperation of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and the Truckee- Donner Historical Society. This book will be on sale at the newspaper and by the NLTHS and Truckee-Donner Historical Society only and in a limited quantity (see article in this newsletter).*

*Our Fund Raising Committee has developed an exciting calendar of events and the annual raffle. We look to your support in buying or selling the raffle tickets sent to you in this package.*

*New this year is the NLTHS participation in Macy's Reno Benefit Day - Thursday, June 4th. Coupon books sell for \$10.00 and proceeds from the books we sell will go directly to the NLTHS.*

*Our museums are very special to members and visitors at Tahoe. Already Museum Tours and Park Events are being scheduled. We sincerely appreciate your support and hope many of you will donate some time either at the museums or with special activities. Tell us your special interests.*

*Looking forward to seeing you during the summer months.*



**Carolyn Johnson, President**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**LARENA F. BURNS    MADELYN & JIM COOK  
KATHY & RAY HALSTEAD    CAROLE & DAVID HUTCHISON**

**MORE DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE THE WATSON CABIN RESTORATION FUND**

Kathleen & Don Allan, Nancy & Michael Alvarez, Laura Anderson, Emily Andrews, Jennie & David Antonucci, Bernie & Bill Bechdolt, Judy & Bob Bell, Barbara & Win Benner, Betsy & Robert Bingham, Maria & James Bizzack, Gloria W. Bourke, Barbara Braker, Bea Brattain, Barbara & Bill Breuner, Finette & Jim Carpenter, Daniel J. Carrick, Mary Alice & Bruce Carswell, Ruth Harris Caton, Helen Chamberlain, Gwen & Bob Cheesewright, Betty Connolly, Theda & George Dell, Robin & Jeff Dworkin, Janet & George Edmondson, Joanna & Jack Emerson, Loie & Glenn Engle, Diane & Jim Fisher, Bernie & Jack Franklin, Janice & R.B. Ganong, Joyce Griswold, Shirley & Don Hale, Sally R. Hammill, Dale W. Hanson, Mary & Pat Harrington, Muriel & Hugh Harris, Mike Hawkins, Barbara Heard, Harriet W. Henderson, Monie & Carl Hoag, Ruth E. Holt, Gail Hunt, Marijane & Dean Jacobs, Barbara & Eric Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Shirley & Louis Kearn, Pat & John Kessler, Heidi Kingsbury, Constance B. Koch, Betty & Don LaRue, Solomon Lazar, Peg & Ted Lewis, Betty & Ned Long, Barbara & Bill Loveless, Martha & Thomas MacBride, Gordon Macaulay, Donna & Jack Macey, Ellen & Gilbert Magnani, Elizabeth & Alan H. Matthews, Marjorie & Maurice McCown, Barbara & Gerald McCue, Dr. John F. McKenna, Jacque & Don Mielke, Barbara Moore, Nancy G. Mooring, Max Murphy, Jeanette & Raymond Ogburn, Norman Olson, June & Ralph T. Owens, Perata Excavation, Ann & John Platt, Lennoe & Frank Quillinan, Dr. & Mrs. Frank Roberts, Lawrence A. Schei, Joyce Schwaner, Jane G. Scott, Dody & Bob Scoville, Marilyn Seely, Joyce Shansby, Beccy Shontz, Nancy & Robert Shurtleff, Liz & Les Simmonds, Winnie & Ted Smith, Karen & Jake Solomon, Jo & Al Sperry, Mary & Bruce Summers, Rhoma Jane & Bill Sumner, Leslie & David Swartz, Barbara Taylor, Juanita & David Tormey, Janet & Herbert Towler, Tom Veith, Jean & Richard Walker, Ed Wasp & Helena Troy, Tat & Wayne Welcome, and Joan & Roy Wood

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

In memory of Chris Ruhkala from Bernie and Bill Bechdolt  
In memory of Howard Edward Reese from Muriel and Hugh Harris  
In memory of Lock Turner from Kay and Howard Turner  
In memory of Jim Williamson from Dody and Bob Scoville  
In memory of Betty Poppoff from Rosemary and Larry Lindsey and Miriam and Lou Biro  
In memory of Bud Lapkin from Nancy and Harvey Rogers  
In memory of Dick Baldry from Kay and Howard Turner, Steve Lapkin, and Gwen & Dick Clarke

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

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Endowment Fund Donation received from Lennoe and Frank Quillinan

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**NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
SUMMER, 1998**

- MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 1 GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM, MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM & WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK OPEN.  
Hours: 5/1 through 6/14 and 9/8 through 9/30 Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. 6/15 through 9/7 open daily 11 am to 5 pm
- JUNE 15 WATSON CABIN OPENS DAILY HOURS: 12pm to 4 pm until the work begins on the restoration project (probably in mid-summer) When work is started, the cabin will be closed until the work is completed.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 4 MACY'S RENO BENEFIT SHOPPING DAY from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
Purchase a coupon book from the NLTHS for only \$10 and receive: 15% discount on selected items throughout the stores and 10% discount on fine jewelry and small electrics. Call (530) 583-1762 to purchase your book.
- SUNDAY, JULY 19 ANNUAL 'DINNER & DIXIELAND' MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PARTY  
Membership meeting at 3:30 pm, no-host bar: 4 pm, dinner 5:00 pm to 7 pm Music by the Al Shay group. Valet parking.  
Space limited/by reservation Donation: \$25 per person
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS - BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE  
From 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Instructors: Betty Long and Susan Betts.  
Pre-registration required/class limited to 25. Donation: \$20 per person
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR from 1 pm to 5 pm with a special wine & cheese tasting (wine tasting presented by Redwood Vintners and featuring outstanding California wineries). Homes on the West Shore.  
Reservations for members only with limited space available. No separate invitations will be sent. Donation: \$35 per person
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 DINNER CRUISE ON THE 'TAHOE GAL', donated by Merle and Judy Lawrence's 'North Tahoe Cruises'. This 3 hour cruise from 6 pm to 9 pm is limited to 100 guests. Donation for cruise and dinner (no-host bar) is \$40 per person.

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**ANNUAL FUND-RAISING RAFFLE**

EACH OF YOU, OUR MEMBERS, WILL FIND TWELVE RAFFLE TICKETS IN THIS MAILING. IF EVERYONE OF YOU WOULD SUPPORT THIS FUND-RAISING EFFORT AND SEND A CHECK FOR \$10 WITH YOUR RAFFLE TICKET STUBS IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE, WE WOULD RECEIVE OVER \$7,000 TO HELP SUPPORT THE MUSEUMS AND THE PRESERVATION OF LAKE TAHOE HISTORY. IT IS A PRACTICALLY PAINLESS WAY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PROJECTS, AND YOU ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN REALLY FABULOUS PRIZES SUCH AS WEEKEND GETAWAYS, LAKE TAHOE CRUISES, DINING AT OUR FINEST RESTAURANTS AND SO MUCH MORE.

*The North Lake Tahoe & Truckee*  
**HISTORIC PICTURE ALBUM**

**The North Lake Tahoe & Truckee  
Historic Picture Album**

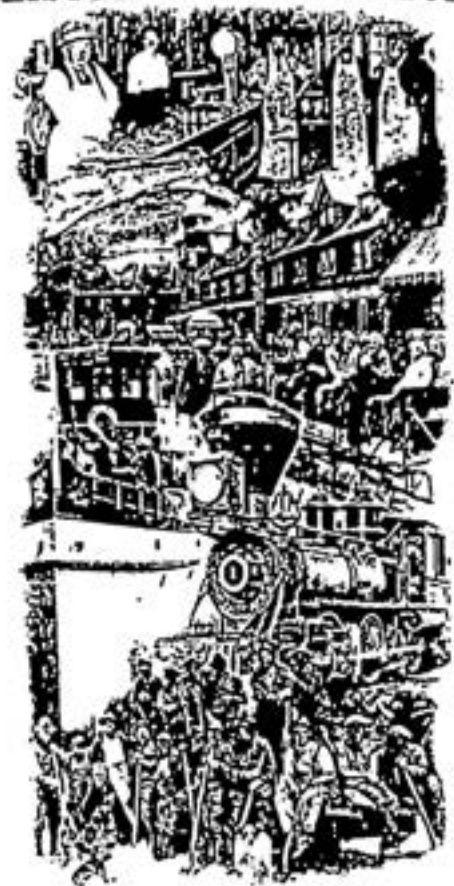
Get your order in now for this classic hard cover book produced by the Tahoe World, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and Truckee-Donner Historical Society. This beautiful keepsake book will feature more than 200 photos capturing the history of North Lake Tahoe, Truckee and Donner Lake.

This limited first edition of 500 copies will be sold by the Tahoe World, Sierra Sun, Truckee-Donner Historical Society and North Lake Tahoe Historical Society ONLY.

Your purchase of the book from us will help the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society's museums and the preservation, study and presentation of our local history.

To reserve your book, fill out the reservation form below and return it in the enclosed envelope with your check. We will hold your book at the museum.

The pre-publication orders are \$29.95 and will go up in June to \$34.95 to all but our members.



*A cooperative effort of the Tahoe World, Sierra Sun, North Tahoe Historical Society and Truckee-Donner Historical Society.*

I wish to order \_\_\_ copies of the NORTH LAKE TAHOE & TRUCKEE HISTORIC PICTURE ALBUM at the pre-publication and member price of \$29.95 plus tax for a total of \$32.12 per book.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:** Contributing(Jrs... & Srs....)\$20.00 Sustaining....\$40.00  
Sponsor....\$100.00 Patron....\$150.00 Benefactor....\$250.00 or more

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER - JULY, 1998

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

An exciting summer has begun with reservations to our annual events meeting all expectations. Additions to the museum include the balance of the Marion Steinbach collection, including her own personal favorite baskets. The Eva Buck Gallery is featuring the Southwestern still life paintings and prints of Robert Montanucci.

On August 15th our first "Meet the Local Authors and Artists" Day will be held in William B. Layton Park. On Labor Day join the NLTHS in our annual Sunset Dinner Cruise - this year, for the first time, along the North Shore to Whittell's Castle. What a grand way to say farewell to summer!

Thanks to all of you for your continual support and particularly for your donations to the Watson Cabin Restoration Fund. Details of the events I mentioned will be found in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the museum and our events during the summer.

*Carolyn Johnson*

Carolyn Johnson, President

## JOIN US FOR A MEET-THE-AUTHORS / ARTISTS / WEAVERS / BASKET EXPERT AFTERNOON AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK.

**\*\*DO YOU HAVE A BASKET AND WONDER IF IT IS VALUABLE? ASK EXPERT JEROME EVANS FOR AN ORAL EVALUATION (ONE BASKET-\$5/3 BASKETS-\$10)**

**\*\*WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE LOCAL AUTHORS, CAROL VAN ETEN, JANE FIEDLER AND MARK MAC LAUGHLIN AUTOGRAPH THEIR BOOKS?**

**\*\*MEET STILL-LIFE ARTIST, ROBERT MONTANUCCI, WHOSE UNIQUE PAINTINGS OF THE SOUTHWEST ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE EVA B. BUCK CHANGING GALLERY.**

**\*\*MEET JOHN BETTS WHOSE PETROGLYPH DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED AT THE STEINBACH MUSEUM AND DONNER MUSEUM.**

**\*\*MEET LOU BIRO, LOCAL WOODWORKER AND SEE HIS VASES, CHEESE BOARDS, ETC.**

**\*\*WATCH DEMONSTRATIONS OF BASKET WEAVING BY SUE BETTS AND PETEY WALSH AND SOUTHWESTERN GOURD ART BY ALETA DRAKE**

**MEET THESE ARTISTS SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK  
(130 WEST LAKE BLVD.) FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. NO ADMISSION CHARGE**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CAROLE & EUGENE AVERKIN SHARON & ED CRANE SUE & DAN DANIELS

PEGGY & REID DENNIS KARLENE & ROBERT DICKEY

MARILYN & EUGENE FENECH'S "TAMARACK LODGE"

DIANNE & TIMOTHY FIX BARBARA JOBBINS JOAN & ROGER McGEE MARSHA & LARRY NEU

BUCKY WHITTIER & BUCK McCOLLUM'S 'PERATA EXCAVATION' DELORIS & PATRICK RATHBUN

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CHEVRON TAHOE CITY (BILL SHARBROUGH, OWNER)

EL DORADO SAVINGS BANK (LYNDA NELSON, BRANCH MGR.)

NORTH TAHOE CRUISES-'TAHOE GAL' (JUDY & MERLE LAWRENCE, OWNERS)

PERATA EXCAVATION (BUCKY WHITTIER & BUCK McCOLLUM, OWNERS)

THE SHORE HOUSE (BARB & MARTY COHEN, OWNERS)

TAMARACK LODGE (MARILYN & EUGENE FENECH, OWNERS)

TRUCKEE-TAHOE LUMBER CO (EMBREE B. "BREEZE" CROSS, OWNER)

## **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

**WILLIAM J. CRANDALL, CHARTERED**

**RASCALS IN PARADISE: STEPHEN A. LIND; JEANETTE HOLMES; CAROL WANGARD;  
THOMAS W. GROSSMAN; MIKE SCHENONE; INGRID & MARK O'SULLIVAN  
H. JAMES LAWSON; DAGMAR & RAY DOLBY; SHELBY E. BEST;  
JAMES W. HATCH AND GORDON MAC AULAY  
HENRY A. STEINBACH**

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

**In memory of Dick Baldry from Barbara and Tom Simms; Martha, Virginia, Tom,  
Jim and Billy MacLaughlin**

**In memory of Betty Poppoff from Marge Fellows**

**In memory of Bernice Gianinni from Binth Rustad**

**In memory of Jack Miller from Marion & Andrew Collins**

**In memory of Gary Levi from Charlotte & Cy Johnson; Steven A. Lapkin;  
Marilyn & Ross Bewley; Martha B. MacLaughlin & Family and Gail & Jim Thompson**

**In memory of Chandler Mitchell from Steven A. Lapkin**

**In memory of Bud Lapkin from Marilyn & Ross Bewley**

## **A LITTLE HISTORY**

**From the July, 1942 edition of 'Westways' magazine**

The boy tethered his pony to a tree, stepped aboard the floating island of Floating Island Lake, and drifted across the water. Landing upon the farther shore he started scrambling through the brush - and ran smack into a mother bear and her two cubs. The nearest tree was a small one, but he shinned up as far as he could, over-weighting the tree and nearly bending it within the bear's reach. Madame Bruin clawed at the slender trunk within a paw's breadth of the boy's heels, certain that he had intended harm for her young. As the hours crawled slowly by, the bear shuffled away for a few yards from time to time, then returned to wait expectantly under the tree, while the boy, from his uncomfortable perch, gazed longingly at his pony across the lake. But Her Ladyship finally tired of waiting, and the boy regained his pony for the ride home to Tallac on the shores of Lake Tahoe.

That boy was Harry O. Comstock, who had spent every summer of his life at Tahoe; the year was 1892, and Harry was 14. The lake (situated between Fallen Leaf Lake and Mt. Tallac) was a small one, covering some 40 acres, but unique because of its floating island of sod detached from the meadow land at the outlet end of the lake.

Such an experience might have deterred many a boy from further solitary exploration of the then really wild Tahoe back country, but it only quickened Harry's interest. Alone, or with Indian Ben, a famed Washoe hunter, Harry combed the back country, learned much of Indian lore, and marveled at the beautiful lakes and lakelets that, in his judgment, would be ideal for fishing if only they had fish in them. They were virgin waters, though Lake Tahoe itself was world-famous for its cut-throat trout, the Salmon Trout mentioned by Fremont in 1844 when he struck the Truckee River.

So, in 1894, at the age of 16, Harry Comstock, aided by an uncle, began stocking a few of the nearer back country lakes such as Lily and Gilmore with cut-throat trout. The young Johnny Appleseed was, of course, rather limited in his efforts. His first hatchery was a small affair, but it was the acorn from which the oak grew.

In 1898 young Comstock learned that the California Fish & Game Commission was going to plant in Fallen Leaf Lake 16 cans of Mackinaw trout (raised at the Tallac Hatchery on Taylor Creek, an outgrowth of the small hatchery started by Harry). He begged the president of the commission to have the fish planted in land-locked lakes in the back country rather than in Fallen Leaf. But into Fallen Leaf Lake they went, and within a year 2 1/2 pounders were taken, and in three years some

Mackinaw weighed as much as 10 to 12 pounds. However, what young Comstock had feared came to pass; within a few years Mackinaw were becoming numerous in Lake Tahoe, having escaped into Tahoe from Fallen Leaf Lake by way of Taylor Creek. The Tahoe cut-throat trout became scarce compared to their former teeming numbers, the Mackinaw preying particularly upon the native species.

"Why, before Mackinaw invaded Lake Tahoe it was nothing to catch 25 cut-throat trout in a forenoon," said Comstock, "and now when you catch a cut-throat he's generally a pretty big fellow; the small and medium-size cut-throat just don't have a chance with the voracious Mackinaw ranging around." The speed with which the Mackinaw increased in size was indicated by the fact that in 1903, only five years after the planting in Fallen Leaf Lake, a Miss Silverberg of San Francisco caught a 32-pounder in Emerald Bay. Recalling the catch, Comstock ruefully declared that "the big fellow got that way at the expense of countless native cut-throat trout." Later authenticated Tahoe records registered larger specimens in both cut-throat and Mackinaw trout than the 32-pounder. The marvel was the rate at which the fish grew in only five years.

The real planting of Tahoe back country lakes came in 1902 when Comstock received a consignment of 16,000 Eastern brook trout and took a pack train far up into the headwaters of Eagle Creek, planting the Velma Lakes (named after his baby daughter). No fishing was permitted until the second year thereafter, at which time the first fishing party to the lakes obtained limit catches of Eastern brooks, come up to 2 1/2 pounds in weight and the Velmas became famous among sportsmen for the gamy, pan-sized fish.

Harry O. Comstock and Tahoe were practically synonymous, for he was born in Carson City, Nevada, in 1878, spent the first summer of his life at Glenbrook in 1879, and from 1880 to 1913, at famed Tallac. G.L.M. Comstock, Harry's father, was sheriff of Mineral County, Nevada, for some years, but in 1880 began operating the Tallac House on a lease from Lucky Baldwin. After the elder Comstock's death in 1889 the brother of his widow carried on the business of the estate until young Harry became of age, when the firm became known as Lawrence and Comstock. In 1914 Lawrence and Comstock moved to Brockway Hot Springs, which they had purchased in 1909, and it was at Brockway that the dean of Tahoe resort operators greeted his guests.

**AN UPDATE ON THE WATSON CABIN RESTORATION**

*Thanks to the continued support of our members and friends our Watson Cabin Restoration Fund now stands at \$35,000.*

*We are ready to begin work as soon as the TRPA and the State Preservation Office give their final approval. Until that time the Watson Cabin will remain open daily from 12 PM to 4 PM. Your visit to the cabin will bring you up to date on all our plans.*

**Watson Cabin Restoration Fund Donors**

**Bank of America Foundation - a Grant of \$1,500**

- Marilyn Bates    Natalie Daneri    Joan & Buzz Gibb    Beth & Ed Grebitus**
- Betty & Loring Hanson    Peggy & Dick Hartshorne    Mr. & Mrs. Robert Herhusky**
- Merdene & Lewis Hess    Carol Kaufmann    Edythe & Bob Miller**
- Urdene Newfarmer    Binth Rustad    Lynn J. Rogers    Kenneth C. Smith, M.D.**
- Snow Flower (Kate Thomas & John Wilcox)    Carol & Fred Wilmar    Marie Winton**

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**WATSON CABIN RESTORATION FUND DONATION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NLTHS WATSON FUND**

**MAIL TO: NLTHS, P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA 96145 ....(530) 583-1762**

# **NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**FALL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER, 1998**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*A year ago, I was honored when asked to serve as President of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, but I never imagined how truly rewarding this experience would be.*

*The Board of Directors along with Miriam Biro, Kathy Betts, Betty Long and Lou Biro have put forth a tremendous effort to achieve many of the goals established early in the year.*

*The Watson Cabin Fund-Raising effort reached its initial goal and restoration work has begun. By-laws were updated, and a new fund-raising effort, Macy's Benefit Charity Day, was successfully launched. All other fund-raising activities achieved their goals raising a net income of \$25,734.00 against a budget income estimate of \$22,300. Our Annual Dinner was delightful and the House and Garden Tour was an outstanding success when six beautiful homes on Tahoe's West Shore were open to our members. The weather cooperated beautifully for our Dinner Cruise along the east and north shores while we enjoyed the scenery and delicious food. A huge Harvest Moon appeared to light our way back to the dock.*

*Membership is growing, thanks in great part to the efforts of the Membership Committee who have initiated the Business Member category and going out to meet the public at the 'Farmers' Market' and Antique Boat Show as well as having a table at all events each summer. It has been a very successful year.*

*We extend our thanks to retiring board members Jeanne and Don Davis who have served since 1990 in many capacities including Co-Presidents from 1996 to 1998. We are pleased they will continue on committee assignments.*

*The Membership's on-going financial support of our fund-raising events and Endowment Program is greatly appreciated. As we look to the future we will complete the Watson Cabin Restoration and continue to strengthen our Endowment and Membership Programs. Let us know your interests as more volunteers will be needed to meet our goals.*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President.*

*Carolyn Johnson*

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**LINDA & JOHN BERSINGER    BETTY & SKIP BRUST    VALERIE GOOD CIAMPI  
WENDY COOK & RICHARD SILVER    MARTHA & DONALD CORBIN    PATTI DE RYKE  
PAM & DOUG ELMORE    DEE & PETER EMPEY    RALPH L. FEYH    CORINNE & SCOTT HEDRICK  
ALICE & JACK HUTCHISON    EILEEN & TED JENKEL    DOROTHY LEMELSON  
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CHARLENE & ROGER WALKER    CAROLYN & THOMAS WEST    BRENDA R. WYNEKEN**

**NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS**

**JEROME EVANS (ANTIQUE & CONTEMPORARY ART/APPRAISALS)  
JEAN BARNETT & MARVIN PEPPER, ACCOUNTANTS  
ROBERT STONER, INVESTOR**

**BUSINESS MEMBER ROSTER**

**JEAN BARNETT & MARVIN PEPPER, ACCOUNTANTS  
SYD BARTLETT, GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
CHEVRON TAHOE CITY (BILL SHARBROUGH, OWNER)  
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JEROME EVANS (ANTIQUE & CONTEMPORARY ART/APPRAISALS)  
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PERATA EXCAVATION (BUCKY WHITTIER & BUCK McCOLLUM, OWNERS)  
THE SHORE HOUSE (BARB & MARTY COHEN, OWNERS)  
ROBERT STONER, INVESTOR  
TAMARACK LODGE (MARILYN & EUGENE FENECH, OWNERS)  
TRUCKEE-TAHOE LUMBER CO (EMBREE B. "BREEZE" CROSS, OWNER)**

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**WATSON CABIN VOLUNTEERS**

**THE WATSON CABIN VOLUNTEER CREW OF CAROL WILMAR, VIVIEN CRAIG, BETTY LA RUE, LAURA DAVENPORT, BEVERLY WATSON, HELEN FORD, BARBARA KUDRNA, BETTY CONNOLLY, JO SPERRY, KATHLEEN ALLAN, JOAN CLARK, PHYLLIS AND BRUCE BASSETT, RUTH HOLT AND CARTER GORSKI WORKED HARD TO KEEP THE CABIN OPEN FOR THE SUMMER SEASON, AND SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.**

**BETTY LONG, CURATOR**

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**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

**RASCALS IN PARADISE: ALAN AMERIAN, JOYCE & DAVID ARMITAGE, LINDA & WARREN BRAY, VALERIE & NORMAN CIAMPI, MURIEL & HUGH HARRIS, STEVEN A. LAPKIN, JEANNE & BUD LEUTZA, CHARLENE & ROBERT ENGEL, CAROLYN J. JOHNSON, LOUISA & AL SMITH, KATHLEEN & BRUCE TAVERNIER  
SNOW FLOWER (KATHERINE THOMAS & JOHN WILCOX)  
HONORING STEVE LAPKIN'S BIRTHDAY FROM BRENDA & DONALD MACLEAN  
IN HONOR OF SALLY'S BIRTHDAY FROM HER FAMILY FOR THE STEINBACH MUSEUM  
FOR THE STEINBACH MUSEUM IN THE NAMES OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SULLINGER  
AND IAN MICHAEL PATRICK SULLINGER FROM PATRICIA SCOTT  
TAHOE YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION**

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**FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS THE CHARLES I. DANIELS, JR. FAMILY, AND THEIR 'REDWOOD VINTNERS' HAVE PROVIDED THE FINE WINE TASTING FOR OUR HOUSE & GARDEN TOURS AS A DONATION TO THE N.L.T.H.S. THEIR WONDERFUL AND ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR EVENTS IS SO SPECIAL. TO CHUCK, CAROL, AND PETER, THANK YOU FROM US ALL.**

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**THE PINE NEEDLE BASKET CLASS WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF BETTY LONG AND SUSAN BETTS.**

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF GARY LEVI FROM: MARIE & JIM LAWSON, BARBARA & TOM SIMMS AND  
MARY ALICE AND BRUCE CARSWELL  
IN MEMORY OF BERNICE HUFF FROM CHARLOTTE & CYRUS JOHNSON AND LUCY MAYHOOD  
"IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FATHER, DAVID B. BERELSON, ON HIS BIRTHDAY, JULY 11TH"  
FROM BOBBI WILTSEK  
IN MEMORY OF ERNA MOELLER FROM BARBARA & RAY JONES  
IN MEMORY OF JACK TOMMANEY FROM BERNIE & BILL BECHDOLT  
IN MEMORY OF BERNICE HUFF FROM LUCY MAYFIELD AND PEGGY & DICK HARTSHORNE AND  
CHARLOTTE & CY JOHNSON  
IN MEMORY OF RUTH RUTH FROM MURIEL & HUGH HARRIS  
IN MEMORY OF BUD LAPKIN FROM JOAN & TED HAYNES AND KATHY & RALPH PARKER  
IN MEMORY OF DORK MILLER; URSULA WOLCOTT GRISWOLD BINGHAM; BERNICE HUFF AND  
HOWARD, JANE AND STUART GOOD FROM VALERIE GOOD CIAMPI  
IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY YOUNG FROM CHARLOTTE AND CY JOHNSON

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## WATSON FUND DONATIONS

JUNE & JERRY BISHOP BETH BITTNER PAUL CHAMBERLAIN RUFUS R. JEFFRIS, JR.  
BARBARA & RAY JONES ELIZABETH A. JUNG MARJORIE & EARL MARR  
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THE MORTGAGE CONSULTANTS GROUP (DOUG JACK) GLORIA AND BUD NOVACK  
VICKY & GORDON ENGLISH BETTY JANE ROTH CARLETA AND JACK JONES  
CAROLYN AND BOYD QUINN LESLIE AND DAVID SWARTZ MARY AND DON HUFF, JR.  
TAT AND WAYNE WELCOME  
A DONATION OF \$3,000 FROM THE TAHOE YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

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## ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

B/W FOUNDATION CHARITABLE GRANT  
BARBARA & RAY JONES

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MARJORIE MARR AND MIKE HAWKINS

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SIXTEEN YEAR-EVERY WEDNESDAY OF SUMMER-VOLUNTEER  
EXTRAORDINAIRE - MARJORIE MARR FOR BEING OUR LADY AT THE DESK, A GRAND  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE N.L.T.H.S. TO OUR VISITORS -YOU ARE THE GREATEST!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MIKE HAWKINS FOR HIS SATURDAY AFTERNOONS VOLUNTEERING AT  
THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM - YOU ARE PRETTY SPECIAL TOO!

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'RASCALS IN PARADISE', A TWO DAY SPECIAL EVENT, PRESENTED BY HUGH HARRIS AND STEVE  
LAPKIN BENEFITTED THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$6,015. OF THIS AMOUNT \$4,000 WILL BE DEPOSITED IN OUR ENDOWMENT FUND AND \$2,015  
WILL BE PUT INTO THE 'CABINET' ACCOUNT TO BUILD NEW AND SPECIAL DISPLAY CABINETS  
FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN POTTERY, CRADLEBOARDS AND OTHER FINE BASKETS DONATED,  
THIS YEAR, BY THE STEINBACH FAMILY.

## FUND-RAISING RAFFLE

Thank you to the Donors and Congratulations to the Winners of our most successful Benefit ticket event ever, thanks to the generosity and support of our local Business Community.

- Breakfast or Brunch Cruise for Two on the M.S. Dixie II won by Mrs. Shepherd
- Bottle of Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon in Basket Holder won by Ray Holstead
- Two ceramic Trout and Rabbit Doll and Bear Doll donated by the Cowleys - won by Beccy Shontz
- \$35 Gift Certificate for Dinner for Two at the Tahoe House won by Chuck Phefl
- Set of two autographed books by Carol Van Etten, "Tahoe City Yesterdays" & "Meeks Bay Memories" won by Don MacLean
- Hair Cut from Denise at "4 Hair" won by Betty Corison
- Four Original Design "Tahoe" placemats created and donated by Suzanne Riley won by Jere and Cy Goldin
- Two gifts, each of Nine Hole Play for Two at the Tahoe City Golf Course won by Christal Duddith and Mrs. Lorenzen
- Free Lube, Oil & Filter from Tahoe City Chevron won by Mary and Pat Harrington
- Dinner for Two at Hacienda Del Lago won by Marilyn Bewley
- One 5 gallon-size Aspen from the Tahoe Tree Company won by Bob Shurtleff
- Framed Mixed Media Painting of Wildflowers from Artist, Ellen McBride won by Joe Drury
- \$25 Gift Certificate from Frames by Ryrrie won by Monica March
- Two prizes, each a Cable Car/Skate/Swim Package for Two People at Squaw Valley won by Bill Bittner and Evelyn Hyatt
- Porcelain Indian Doll & Stand & two golf gloves donated by Gloria & Bud Novack won by Roger Perryman
- Dinner for Two at the Primavera Restaurant at Caesar's Tahoe (value \$75) won by Ricky
- Kodak Fun-Saver Camera and 4 x 6 double print developing, value \$39 from Barifot - won by C. Eldridge
- \$35 Gift Certificate at Ikeda's in Auburn won by Thomas Berry
- Set of two autographed books by Carol Van Etten "Pre-War Wood" and "Lakers & Launches" won by Jean Walker
- \$40 Gift Certificate from the Tahoe Tree Company won by Kathy Boehm
- Fishing Trip for Two with "The Fishing Grandma, Bobbie Dolton" won by Roger Birkenbeul
- Dinner for Two at Lanza's won by Fritzi Briner
- Sportfishing Charter with Mickey Daniels and a bottle of Windsor Wine won by Tom Veith
- \$50 Gift Certificate for Dinner for Two at Wolfdale's won by Larry Lindsey
- One Free Coffee Drink each day for one month from the "Coffee Connexion" won by Jan Towler
- Dinner for Two at the Crystal Bay Steak & Lobster House won by Bea Brattain
- One hour flight over Lake Tahoe with Vernon Gross won by Carol Buck
- Hair Cut and Blow Dry by Jeri Grabb at La Petite Styling Salon won by Fran Barnett
- \$50 Gift Certificate from "The Store" won by Lou Ohlson
- Dinner for Two at Le Bistro(\$66 value) won by Mrs. William Breuner
- Dinner for Two at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe's "Lone Eagle Grill" won by Cleolue White
- Two Night Mid-Week stay and Theater Show Tickets for Two from Harvey's Resort Hotel/Casino (value \$280.00) won by Jean Walker
- Two tickets to the San Francisco 49ers vs New York Giants Football Game at 3Com Park, donated by Marie and Jim Lawson won by Lynn Potter
- A cruise on the Thunderbird for the winner and 15 friends donated by Joan and Buzz Gibb and won by Joanna Emerson
- Two prizes, each an Adult Full Season Ski Pass to Squaw Valley USA for the 1998-99 Season, each valued at \$1,380 and won by Ian Smith and Paul Walker
- A Weekend Getaway for Two in San Diego, including round trip air fare, hotel & rental car for a minimum value of \$650 donated by the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and arrangements donated by Margy Hunter-Lake Tahoe Travel and won by Malvine Bickerstaff

**A LITTLE HISTORY**  
**Tahoe City, August 23, 1931**

**Mermaid to Try Tahoe Crossing**  
**Myrtle Huddleston in Lake Grind**

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Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston, world's endurance swimming record holder, will make the first attempt on record to swim across Lake Tahoe tomorrow morning.

Swathed in 10 pounds of grease, Mrs. Huddleston, will plunge into the water at 7 a.m. tomorrow and, if successful, should reach the finish at the Tahoe Tavern twelve hours later. Her starting point will be Glenbrook on the Nevada side of the lake. The distance is approximately 15 miles.

While Lake Tahoe's old-timers doubt that the swim can be accomplished, Mrs. Huddleston has been training at Tahoe for some time and is confident of success. In Los Angeles earlier this year Mrs. Huddleston established a world's endurance record by staying in the water 87 hours and 48 minutes. She is a widow and a mother of a 15-year-old boy.

**Woman Swims Across Tahoe**

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**Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston Battles Icy Waters for 23 Hours; Lost From Escorts for Two Hours**

Tahoe City (Cal.), Aug. 24 - (AP)-After battling the icy waters of Lake Tahoe for nearly twenty-four hours, Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston, endurance swimmer, reached shore shortly before 7 o'clock this morning, completing her swim across the fifteen mile wide lake.

For about two hours late last night Mrs. Huddleston was separated from her escort of rowboats and it was feared that she had gone down in the darkened waters. She finally was located about two miles from shore, still paddling resolutely. On being located Mrs. Huddleston said she had suffered several sinking spells and vomiting attacks. She refused to quit and said she would swim as long as she was conscious. Previously a wind had blown her about eight miles off her course.

Mrs. Huddleston's object was to win a \$700 prize offered by a Tahoe organization for the first woman to swim the lake. Being 6,225 feet above sea level, Tahoe waters are extremely cold even on warm days.

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**AN UPDATE ON THE WATSON CABIN RESTORATION**

Thanks to the generosity of our Watson Cabin Fund Donors we have \$43,500 of the \$45,000 estimated to complete the restoration. With all permits received and thanks to Syd Bartlett's determination and tremendous efforts the work has begun. All fragile furnishings have been boxed and moved. Be sure to take a look each time you drive through Tahoe City to follow the progress of this very special project to preserve the oldest building-built on site-in Tahoe City. From what the construction people have found, we are lucky to have a building to restore. Should you wish to send a donation to help us reach our goal please mail to: N.L.T.H.S. Watson Fund, P.O. Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

**OUR ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Endowment Fund has grown to over \$106,500 through July, 1998 towards our goal of \$250,000. This fund will ensure that the N.L.T.H.S.'s efforts to preserve, study and present Lake Tahoe history will continue for future generations. Remember, as 1998 draws to a close that your donations are tax-deductible.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WINTER NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 1999

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

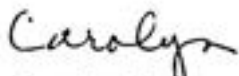
*With excitement and anticipation we begin a new year for the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society...a year when we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary while developing long range plans as we move into the 21st century.*

*How different things were in 1969 when a group of concerned citizens saw Tahoe landmark structures destroyed to be replaced with condominiums. Determined to preserve our local history, the NLTHS was formed and dedicated itself to the study, preservation and interpretation of Lake Tahoe history. In this Newsletter is a history of our early years and future issues will highlight our progress since that time.*

*We are proud of the past 30 years and now is the time to develop plans for the future. Today our museum is recognized for the exceptional quality of its collections. Our planning objective will be to preserve this quality while enhancing the visitors' and students' experience through the recruitment and training of an active core of volunteers. As we grow the need for volunteers to aid in the Education Program as well as to be involved in fund raising events is obvious. The Watson Cabin Restoration Program will be completed in 1999 and landscaping for the Gatekeeper's and Watson Cabin grounds will be finalized. Additional strategies to be developed include maximizing revenue generation, Memberships, and increasing visitations for both museums. To enhance our research and library facilities we plan to computerize records and complete the cataloging of historic photos.*

*Our commitment to "study, preserve and interpret the history and heritage of the Lake Tahoe Basin" remains as strong as ever. The values that have characterized our organization for thirty years are firmly in place and will be the springboard for our future growth. To our Members...we are grateful for the time you have donated and for your financial support. Without you none of our accomplishments would have been possible. I invite your comments and ideas as we move into a new century.*

*Join me in saluting the NLTHS on its 30th Anniversary and its outstanding record of achievements!*



*Carolyn Johnson*  
President

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**THE PLACE: MACY'S AT MEADOWWOOD MALL IN RENO, NEVADA**  
**THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999**

**MACY'S BENEFIT SHOPPING DAY WILL BE HELD ON ~~FRIDAY~~, MAY 19TH THIS YEAR . WE ASK YOU WILL ALL TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THIS GREAT SAVINGS EVENT. YOU WILL SAVE AND WE WILL BENEFIT AND ALL WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME! MORE NEWS LATER.**



## A LITTLE HISTORY

The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society was founded in 1969 with the goal of preserving Lake Tahoe's historic structures as well as records and artifacts of our historical heritage.

Incorporated as a non-profit, public benefit corporation on January 20, 1971, the first meeting was held on February 24, 1971 at the North Shore Club. Present were Gardner Mein (first President), Betty Layton, Ann Tiller, Hilda Pugh, Vickie Johnson, Clyde Wilson, Barbara Wilson, Terri Washburn, John L. Corbett, Alice R. Hall, Harold Farr, Ray Huston, Dave Stollery, Donald F. Williams, Karen J. Streepy, Dorothea Preus, Jeanne Van Wetter, Ben Callender, Jean Callender, Mary Funnell, Zella B. Mortimer, Marshie Jenkins, Nadine Mastin, Lorraine Fadda, Virginia Lee Parsons, Barbara Smith, Dr. Kenneth C. Smith, Lynne Smith, Taffi Miller and Janet Wentworth.

Secretary, Betty Layton, gave a report of the Brockway Hot Springs Auction from November 27 and 28, 1970 when \$5,282.98 was donated to the NLTHS from the income.

The first project was to oppose the condominium development at the mouth of the Truckee River, owned by Sierra Pacific Power Company. The Chamber of Commerce had saved the Gatekeeper's Log House from destruction and had agreed to move it to another location, not foreseeing the amount of public pressure in opposition to moving the cabin from its original site. Thus began a seven year negotiation to preserve the historic site and cabin. Also mentioned as candidates for preservation were: The Watson Cabin, Pomin's log cabin, the Old Fish Hatchery and the Bullwheel at Incline.

The first Board of Directors were elected as follows: Bill Bechdolt, William Bliss, William Briner, Ben Callender, James McClatchey, Stan Dollar, Mrs. Wellington Henderson, Robert Pomin, Wendell Robie, Mrs. Chapman Wentworth, Don Williams, Robert Fugazi, Mrs. William Layton, Gardner Mein, David Stollery and Mrs. Harold Tiller.

First Board Officers: Gardner Mein-President, David Stollery-Vice President, Wendell Robie-Treasurer, Mrs. Harold Tiller-Assistant Treasurer and Mrs. William Layton-Secretary.

First Committee and Chairpersons were:

Historic Sites: Mrs. Wellington Henderson

Museum: Don Williams

Nominations: Robert Pomin

Publications: Mrs. Chapman Wentworth

Library: James McClatchy

Program: Mrs. Harold Tiller

Hospitality: Ben Callender

Honorary Chairmen: C.W. "Judge Bill" Vernon and Mrs. Stella Watson

Honorary Historians: Mrs. Millie Robbins, E.B. "Bud" Scott and Bill Berry

## WATSON CABIN RESTORATION UPDATE

The concrete foundation is complete including the new structural floor members. The exterior logs have been replaced as necessary. As early as possible next Spring we will complete the exterior and interior restoration. The foundation will be faced with stone veneer to match the original. A new entrance walk will be constructed with handicap access. Log chinking will be completed. The exterior of the building will be power-washed and resealed. On the interior the fireplace will be completed including the stone hearth and damper with flue cap. The four fixed windows in the sun room will be replaced. Finish carpenters will repair and re-align doors and repair trim as necessary. Plumbing and electrical will be repaired as necessary. Landscaping and fencing will be done when all work on the cabin is completed.

We estimate that \$8,000 to \$9,000 over and above the \$45,000 already donated will be needed to complete all of the restoration. Your tax-deductible gift will be gratefully accepted. We would like to open fully restored on June 15, 1999.

**Syd Bartlett**  
Chairman Building & Grounds Committee

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## WATSON FUND DONATIONS

*Gina & Harry Brix*  
*Dick Clarke*  
*Jean Mills Corlett (honoring Carolyn Johnson at Christmas)*  
*Federated Women's Club of Tahoe City from their "Win For Charity" Fund-Raiser*  
*Kenneth A. Jonsson*  
*Ardith & Howard Marguleas*  
*Colleen & Gary McKelvey*  
*Gloria & Bud Novack*  
*Mollie Sinclair*

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## ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

*Robert E. Bernard*  
*Kiwanis Club of North Lake Tahoe*  
*Nancy & Robert Shurtleff (honoring Carolyn Johnson at Christmas)*  
*Marilyn Taylor*

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## NEW ADDITIONS

RECEIVED FROM ELSIE L. ODGERS A LOVELY QUINAULT BASKET AND FROM KATHIE & JOE HOXSIE AN UNUSUAL 1CENT POSTCARD FROM THE WEST SHORE

## OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY WISH LIST

1. A COMPUTER AND SCANNER TO PUT ALL OF OUR HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTIFACTS ON THE COMPUTER AND CATALOG ALL ITEMS FOR PROTECTION OF THE ORIGINAL ITEMS AND EASY INDEXING. WE WOULD LIKE A COMPUTER THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH OUR HEWLETT PACKARD PAVILION COMPUTER. THIS COMPUTER STORES ALL OF OUR BOOKKEEPING RECORDS, FINANCIAL RECORDS AND MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING LISTS. BECAUSE OF THE SPACE NEEDED ON DISKS FOR PHOTOS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO ITEMIZE THE MUSEUM INVENTORY.

MANY OF OUR PHOTOS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ARE BECOMING VERY FRAGILE, SOME REALLY SELF-DESTRUCTING AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HANDLE THESE TREASURES. BY COMPUTERIZING EVERYTHING IT WILL SAVE THE ARTIFACTS, PHOTOS AND NEWSPRINT AND STILL ALLOW RESEARCHERS TO SEE PICTURES OF EVERYTHING. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT WE CAN COMPLETE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

2. MEMBERS WHO WILL COMMIT TO SERVING AS VOLUNTEERS AND TOUR GUIDES AT OUR MUSEUMS. THIS WILL REQUIRE TRAINING AND A REGULAR SCHEDULE OF AT LEAST TWO DAYS A MONTH IN THE SUMMER. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ACT AS "WATCHFUL HOSTS" DURING THE BUSY SUMMER, PARTICULARLY FROM THE 4TH OF JULY TO LABOR DAY.

3. MEMBERS WHO WILL VOLUNTEER AT OUR FUND-RAISING EVENTS TO SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP AND SERVE AS HOSTS.

4. HELP FROM OUR MEMBERS IN SOLICITING NEW MEMBERSHIPS. WE WOULD LIKE TO DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS TO HAVE EACH MEMBER GET AT LEAST ONE FRIEND TO JOIN.

5. EVERY MEMBER COME VISIT THE MUSEUMS IN THIS, OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. MANY OF YOU GIVE YOUR SUPPORT BUT HAVE NOT REALLY TOURED THE MUSEUMS FOR SOME TIME. WE THINK YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AND DELIGHTED TO SEE THE PROGRESS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS MADE POSSIBLE. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME SEE US THIS SUMMER.

6. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TRANSCRIBE ORAL HISTORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TAPED. EACH TRANSCRIPTION DOES TAKE TIME AND EFFORT BUT THE RESULTS ARE REALLY WORTHWHILE AND IMPORTANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR HISTORY. SOME OF YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT WE HAVE A DAILY NEWSPAPER FROM 1881 TO 1882. OUR NEXT NEWSPAPER WAS PRINTED 53 YEARS LATER IN 1935 AND THEN MOSTLY IN THE SUMMER, SOMETIMES A CHRISTMAS EDITION, AND NO PAPERS DURING WORLD WAR II UNTIL 1953 AND THEN ONLY OCCASIONALLY UNTIL THE STOLLERYS 'TAHOE WORLD' IN 1963. ORAL HISTORIES FILL IN SOME HUGE GAPS IN OUR WRITTEN HISTORY.

7. IF YOU LOVE GARDENING AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP OPEN THE PARK BEFORE MANY 1ST, WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP. THIS IS HARD WORK, GREAT EXERCISE AND YOU CAN REALLY SEE THE RESULTS!

A NEW AND COLORFUL BROCHURE HAS BEEN PRINTED AND IS NOW AVAILABLE TO PICK UP ON YOUR NEXT VISIT. REMEMBER THAT WHILE THE MUSEUMS ARE CLOSED IN THE WINTER MONTHS WE ARE HERE WORKING AND WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR WRITE US.

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# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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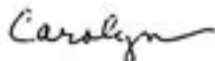
SPRING NEWSLETTER - MAY, 1999

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In 1969 the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society was founded for the preservation, study and presentation of Lake Tahoe History. To celebrate this 30th Anniversary an exceptional Summer Program has been developed.

The Watson Cabin restoration will be completed in early summer - thanks to your continued donations. I encourage you to visit both the Watson Cabin and the Gatekeeper's Museums this year to see the latest additions to our collections and to relive our 30 year history. Our Annual Dinner, "Swinging At The Gatekeeper's", will pay special tribute to our Anniversary. The Annual Benefit Drawing will highlight 30 exciting prizes. The Board of Directors and I hope you will join us for these events as well as the House & Garden Tour, Macy's Benefit Shopping Day and the Labor Day Dinner Cruise. Why not also learn to weave a pine needle basket as a remembrance of our celebration?

To our Members, the spotlight is on you for your ongoing support of our museums, fund-raising activities, and endowment program. You are responsible for the success we enjoy today. We will see you soon at our various events.



Carolyn Johnson, President

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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### ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

Francis & Robert Dobbins (In memory of Virginia Barnett)  
Marion & John Robotti  
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## IN MEMORIUM

*Mariam Virginia "Ginny" Bunker Barnett* died March 8, 1999 of cancer in Chico, CA. Born August 20, 1918 in Bozeman, Montana, she graduated from UC Berkeley where she met her husband, Edmund S. Barnett. After serving in the Peace Corps in Bolivia and India the Barnetts lived in the Bay Area before moving to Lake Tahoe in 1970. Ed practiced law in Incline Village until his death in 1991. Ginny and Ed were charter members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, serving on our Board of Directors for many years. She also served on the California State Park Foundation and was a member of the Tahoe Chapter of AAUW. She spent her life in volunteer service. Her daughter, Mariam and husband, Mike Sodergren were killed in the mudslide in Australia in 1996. She leaves sons, Ed of Chico, and Cooper of Steamboat Springs, CO and three grandchildren. Her gift for life, friendship and service will long remain in the memories of her legions of friends.

*Stub Stollery*, the founder and editor of the *Tahoe World* died on February 14, 1999. His editorials brought thought-provoking information to his readers and his "Sierra Sue" columns brought great humor and delight to all. Stub's brother, David, wrote the "Tales of Tahoe" columns and eventually two books that remain Lake Tahoe classics. The *Tahoe World* was a family business from the first issue in 1963, and their love of the lake and concern for its environment was most probably the greatest legacy they left when the paper was sold in 1979. David was one of the founding members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*In memory of Gary Levi from Kay & Howard Turner*  
*In memory of Alberta Jordon from Charlotte & Cyrus Johnson*  
*In memory of Virginia Duttweiler from Betty Layton*  
*In memory of Henry Trainor from Valerie Ciampi*  
*In memory of "Charlie" Penniman and "Rascal" Armitage from Valerie Ciampi*  
*In memory of Jeanne Van Wetter from Bernie & Bill Bechdolt*  
*In memory of Virginia Barnett from Miriam & Lou Biro, Natalie Daneri, Francis & Robert Dobbins, John & Claudia Fulton*  
*In memory of Robert Stoner from Jo & Al Sperry*  
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NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

1998 INCOME		1998 EXPENSES	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$26,990.00	UTILITIES	\$6,062.53
GATEKEEPER'S INCOME	\$51,297.92	ITEMS FOR RESALE	\$20,386.96
sales: \$31,121.34		PRINTING/POSTAGE	\$7,144.03
sales tax: \$2,280.12		PAYROLL	\$28,215.27
donations: \$15,029.00		PAYROLL TAXES	\$17,407.05
park events: \$2,575.00		SALES TAX	\$4,371.00
SPECIAL DONATIONS	\$12,642.00	SECURITY	\$900.00
FUND-RAISING EVENTS	\$30,365.83	INSURANCE	\$8,589.87
MISCELLANEOUS	\$300.00	FUND-RAIS.EVENTS	\$4,965.41
INTEREST EARNED(REG)	\$455.63	DUES/SUBSCRIPT.	\$535.00
		GATE/PARK	\$7,966.22
		MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,318.23
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$122,051.38</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$108,861.57</b>
Transfers(not expenses):		Reserve operat.fund	\$5,000.00
		Basket Mus.Cabinets	\$5,000.00
		Watson Restoration	\$3,189.81
		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,189.81</b>
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$122,051.38</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b>			
cash on hand 12/31/98:	\$114,207.35		
<b>WATSON CABIN RESTORATION FUND ACCOUNT</b>			
cash on hand 12/31/98:	\$13,791.77		

Please note that complete financial records are kept at the Gatekeeper's museum and are available upon request.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER - JULY, 1999

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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A special thanks to Calligrapher, Tina Cornwall of Sierra Artists Network for donating her time and talents to writing the names on 30th Anniversary special recognition parchment forms for past presidents and charter members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Robert Cunningham from Brenda & Bryte Johnson, Thomas B. Hughes, Stephen Lind, Valerie G. Ciampi, the Lapkin Family, Myrtle & Frank Leese, Sherry Levi, Sandy & Brad Hill, Barb & John Esson, Marie & Jim Lawson, Brenda & Don MacLean, Olga & Bill Keever, Colleen & Thomas Knopf, Edmund and Mary Shea Family Foundation, Gail & James Thompson

In memory of Arlene Koenig from Richard B. Fores, Joan & Bob Clark, Miriam & Lou Biro, Natalie C. Daneri, Gloria & Bud Novack, Peg & Ted Lewis, Bernie & Bill Bechdolt, Suzann & R. G. Todoroff, Judy & Betty Layton, Marge & Syd Bartlett, Marjorie & Earl Marr

In memory of Don Silva, Virginia Duttweiler, Virginia Barnett and Ray Darby from Betty & Ned Long

In memory of Kay Turner's father, Robert Stinchfield, from Marie & Jim Lawson

In memory of Virginia Barnett from Dorothy & Arnold Intorf

In memory of Ginny Barnett, Virginia Duttweiler, Jean & George Messner from Marjorie & Earl Marr

In memory of Lola Jones from Marge & Syd Bartlett

## ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

*B/W Foundation  
Gary Hoshiyama & Patricia A. Wood  
Marie & Jim Lawson*

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

Steve Lapkin and Hugh Harris are presenting two "Rascals In Paradise" events this summer. The Domino Tournament will benefit the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society by providing the funding for a new scanner, computer and printer so that we can put all of our photographs, newspapers, albums and printed papers on file and catalog them for visitors, researchers and students.

Following is a list of donors (as of printing time of this newsletter):

Valerie G. Ciampi Carol & Paul Cunha Jean & Daniel G. Felger Stephen Lind  
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## THE GOVERNOR STANFORD

Don Willoughby, who has made same-scale models of the Steamer Tahoe, Steamer Nevada and the Marian B for display in the Gatekeeper's Museum has just completed a beautiful model of the Governor Stanford (1873-1883) and it is now on display in our Ellen Attardi Library.

## A LITTLE HISTORY

The Governor Stanford was a side-wheeler, 92 feet over-all. A locomotive-type "balloon" spark catcher topped off 25 feet of smokestack. A 75-horsepower steam engine furnished the propulsion power. On June 8, 1873 the editor of the Truckee Republican offered this article: "We left Campbell's Hot Springs on the Stanford yesterday morning with Captain W. W. Lapham at the helm. Our original destination was to be Emerald Bay but unfortunately Lapham had to settle for the shorter trip to Glenbrook, otherwise we would have returned somewhere in the neighborhood of the Fourth of July." He continued: "I feel safe in saying that a trim sailboat running before the wind, yes, even a skiff manned by one oarsman, could easily outdistance this one teakettle-powered hull." (from the *Early Marine History* chapter in the *Saga of Lake Tahoe*, volume I)

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A special thanks to Dennis Hoffman Plumbing for his continued generosity in donating his services to our museum's plumbing problems. His kindness and talents have literally kept us running!

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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FALL NEWSLETTER -SEPTEMBER, 1999

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our 30th Anniversary Year has been exceptional thanks to the tremendous support of our Members, Volunteers, Board of Directors and Museum Staff. You have made where we are today possible. In June we recognized Charter Members and Past Presidents; and in July celebrated the completion of the Watson Cabin Restoration. New exhibits enhanced our permanent Historical and Basket Collections and museum visitations met expectations. Fund-raising activities surpassed our goals. Our Endowment Fund, established in November 1995 with a goal of \$250,000, now exceeds \$130,000. To support our activities over 140 Volunteers have donated their time and talent. We look forward to expanding this number as a Docent Training Program for the Gatekeeper's Museum is planned for Spring, 2000.

Now is the time to pass along the next phase of our Museums' future to President-elect, Al Sperry and his Board of Directors who will take the organization into the new millennium. Al and Jo Sperry served on the NLTHS Board from 1991 to 1997. Since their return to the Board in 1998 Al has actively served as Membership Chairman with Jo on this Committee. Both have served on the Long Range Planning Committee which is developing the guidelines to address our opportunities and challenges. The future looks very bright indeed as we continue to build our membership base.

Serving as your President for the past two years has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. This has been an exciting time to be associated with the NLTHS, and I want to express my gratitude for having had this opportunity.

*Carolyn Johnson*  
Carolyn Johnson

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

M. et Mme Pierre-Alain Schieb   Henry A. Steinbach

## WATSON FUND DONATIONS(received since our last newsletter list)

Vi & Cliff Bishop, Pat Castellucci, Diane & Jim Fisher, Barbara Kudrna, Mary & Bruce Summers

## A REPORT ON OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Gordon and Jeanie MaCaulay & Jim and Marie Lawson chaired our first annual "Swinging at the Gatekeeper's" with the help of many members and members of the board of directors. The event began with a report from board president, Carolyn Johnson and next followed the fine wines donated by the Charles I. Daniels, Jr.'s Redwood Vintners, a great dinner by Branding Iron Caterers and the sweet swing sound of Deutsch Entertainment, and to round out the evening a special auction helped raise a net of \$8,250.00.

Betty Long, Sue Betts, and Petey Walsh taught our Pine Needle Basket Weaving class and all who attended said it was the very best ever. We even enjoyed a visit from Washo-Paiute artist, Audrey Frank (whose basket won a first prize blue ribbon at last year's Wa She Shu It Deh Festival). A net of \$320.00 was raised.

Our annual House & Garden Tour was held on August 12th, a perfectly beautiful day and five spectacular homes with wine and cheese tasting at the Brockway Springs Clubhouse drew raves from all who attended and special thanks to our generous homeowners, Lynn and Dave Olson; Shari and Alan Ottomeyer; Anne and Robert Levison and Ruth and Bob Halperin; Shirley and Leonard Frierman and Gail and Drew Arvay. Chuck and Carol Daniels and daughter-in-law, Clarissa not only attended but helped serve and with the planning by Redwood Vintners Warren Helman and Scott Stagnoni, presented the following wineries: Louis Martini; Silverado Hill Cellars; Alderbrook Winery; Trellis Vineyards (the Daniels family's own winery - The Daniels family has supported our events for over fifteen years with the greatest generosity and they have made our tours very special); Chatham Vineyards; Vigil Vineyards and Torani Non-Alcoholic Syrups. Thanks to Safeway, Toni and Ed for their donations of fruit and cheeses to compliment the wine tasting. Along with our Board of Directors, many generous members volunteered as hosts and hostesses at the homes. With the generous help of the Cal-Neva Resort, we were able to obtain mini-buses for the Brockway homes and were given a large space in Cal-Neva's parking lot for our cars.

The Annual Dinner Cruise on the *Tahoe Gal* has once again been donated by owners and operators, Merle and Judy Lawrence. The Lawrences have given this gift to the NLTHS for the past four years, allowing the Society to realize every cent of the donations totalling \$4,000 for the 100 passengers who enjoy this farewell to summer. We thank the Lawrences for their ongoing generosity and hope our members will enjoy one of the tours on the *Tahoe Gal*. Tours include an Emerald Bay Cruise and Sunset Cocktail Cruise. See the Tahoe Truckee Week for further details or phone (530) 583-0141.

### A SPECIAL DONATION

The Tahoe Yacht Club held their potluck dinner and annual video, auction party at William B. Layton Park again this year. Along with other most deserving organizations, we were given a check for \$3,000. This is specifically for our park landscaping and permanent park lighting. Once again the local community is benefitting while thousands of people are enjoying the Boat Show and the week of events featuring the old woodies. We all thank Dave Olson and the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation for giving so much back to us all.

*For the Young Readers*

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In memory of Ed Maloney from Peggy & Dick Hartshorne  
In honor of her father, David Berelson's Birthday from Bobbi Wiltsek  
In memory of Gwen Cheesewright & Arlene Koenig from Fritzi & Bill Briner, Beryl & Ray Thompson  
In memory of Arlene Koenig from Mary & Charlie Jones, Beryl & Ray Johnson  
In memory of Elsie Martin from Bernie & Bill Bechdolt  
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In memory of Ginny & Ed Barnett from Dick Fuchs

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

Steve Lapkin and Hugh Harris presented two "Rascals In Paradise" events this past summer. The Domino Tournament benefitted the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society by providing the funding for a new scanner, computer and printer so that we can put all of our photographs, newspapers, albums and printed papers on file and catalog them for visitors, researchers and students.

Following is a list of donors (since our summer newsletter):

Joyce & David Armitage, Barbara & Stanley Chaconas, Patricia & John Ewing, Jane & Donald Harvey, Ardagh & Henry Kistler, Carolyn B. O'Connor, Diane & Don Sloat and Steve Lapkin and Hugh Harris

For the Watson Fund in honor of June Bishop's Birthday from Vi & Cliff Bishop

For William B. Layton Park from Gloria & Bud Novack

An anonymous donation fully sponsored our 30th Anniversary Recognition Day reception, honoring our Charter Members and Past Presidents. The generosity of these sponsors to the NLTHS has been shown many times in the past.

THANKS TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE  
NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BENEFIT DRAWING

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\$30 Gift Certificate for dinner at the Tahoe House-winner: Jean Barnett  
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Set of Carol Van Etten's books *Tahoe City Yesterdays & Meeks Bay Memories*-winner Rick Bibbero  
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Set of Carol Van Etten's books *Pre-War Wood & Lakers & Launches*-winner: Norma Watkins  
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Fishing Trip on Lake Tahoe with the Kingfish Guide Service-winner: Marilyn Bryant  
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Certificate for a day's x-county ski rentals for two from Homewood Hardware-winner Shirley White  
Copy of Carol Van Etten's newest book "Lake Champions"-winner: Bobbie Dolton  
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Grand Prize of an adult full season ski pass to Squaw Valley USA-winner: Marian Handy

WATSON CABIN VOLUNTEERS

*I want to thank the following volunteers for their dedication and efforts in keeping the newly restored Watson Cabin open this season:*

*Kathleen Allan; Marge Bartlett; Phyllis & Bruce Bassett; Betty Connolly; Vivian Craig;  
Laura Davenport; Cathy & Bill Erickson; Helen Ford; Ruth Holt; Barbara Kudrna;  
Betty La Rue; Marge McCown; Beccy Shontz; Bev Watson; Tat Welcome and Carol Wilmar*

*Betty Long, Curator*

GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

*Once again Marjorie Marr has volunteered at our Gift Shop desk every Wednesday during the summer (she is over 1650 hours and adding). Mike Hawkins often volunteers on the weekends at the Gift Shop desk and he and the Sperrys (Jo and Al) have helped with the school tours. Jeanne and Don Davis continue to work (Don on Finances, Jeanne and Don with displays).*



**A LITTLE HISTORY** (This story of Fallen Leaf Lake is reprinted as a tribute to Bob Dobbins)

A Washoe Indian legend links the formation of Fallen Leaf with the plight of an Indian brave fleeing for his life from the Evil One. According to the story, the Good Spirit had pressed a leafy branch into the warrior's hands, telling him to drop part of it if he was pursued by the Demon. The branch, counseled the Good Spirit, contained magical powers and water would spring up wherever it was dropped.

The Indian started out and, upon reaching the south side of the Great Depression, was panic-stricken to see the Evil One in pursuit. He tried to pluck a leaf, but in his terror snapped off most of the branch instead. To his relief waters began to rise and almost immediately Tahoe (Daowaga) lay between him and his pursuer.

Hurrying on up the canyon toward the spot where Fallen Leaf Lake now lies, the brave again glanced over his shoulder. The Fury had circled the newly-formed lake and was rapidly gaining on the young warrior. Fear gripped him anew. In his hand there remained one small twig with only four leaves. He plucked one leaf and threw it from him. With agonizing slowness it fell to the ground. Again water began to rise and Fallen Leaf (Doolaga) sprang into being.

With dread still clutching at his heart, he turned and raced on up the ravine, dropping the remaining leaves whenever the Evil Spirit threatened to overtake him. In his path Lily, Grass and Heather lakes rose up to protect him. The warrior crossed the wastes of Desolation Valley and, leaving the high peaks of the Sierra Nevada, found safety in the Great Valley below.

(as told to Mrs. Harriet Price, one time owner of Fallen Leaf Lodge, by the Washoe and edited by Edward B. Scott for the Saga of Lake Tahoe, Vol. I, Chapter 20).

One tale of how Fallen Leaf Lake was named concerns a Delaware chief, Falling Leaf, who guided Colonel Jack "Cock-Eye" Johnson during his Tahoe-Sierra explorations in the late 1840's and early 1850's. Johnson and his trail-blazing party viewed the lake's brilliance for the first time from a point northwest of what is now Echo Summit.

Recognized as the largest of the region's Alpine lakes, Fallen Leaf, as it later became known, is located one and one-half miles from the southern shoreline of Tahoe. Shaped more like the bottom of a human foot than a leaf, it lies at an elevation of 6321 feet, only 90 feet above Lake Tahoe itself. It is three miles in length and less than one mile in width. To the west the slopes of Mount Tallac rise above this secluded glacial oval and on the south, Angora Peak sweeps into the sky.  
(from the Saga of Lake Tahoe, vol. I)

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

*We invite you to join the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society. Your support will help us preserve and present Lake Tahoe history for present and future generations.*

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# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MID-SUMMER NEWSLETTER - AUGUST, 2000

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*After a fast start we are at mid-season and going strong. We are financially sound and membership is at an all time high.*

*It's great to be in this position. However, in spite of our ongoing efforts to manage efficiently there are some operating costs that continue to rise. Therefore it is important to maintain our program to increase our membership. Our hope is that each member can bring in at least one new member.*

*Our eighteenth annual meeting coupled with "Swinging at the Gatekeeper's" was a huge success, more aptly described later in this newsletter.*

*A special thanks to all of our committees and volunteers for their dedication - they make it all happen. Also, again, my thanks to you all for your continuing support of our collective effort.*

*Al Sperry, President*

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**Welcome New Members**

Sandra & Terry Ashford, Gabrielle & Robert Bryant, Gene Campbell,  
Carol & Ralph Coppola, Val and Bob Dawes, Sally Gibson, Elizabeth Hale,  
Mary Lou & Ted Harris, Susan & John Ingle, Fina Jausoro, Shirley & Merrill Knopf,  
Lynette & Dwight Matheson, Carol Mousel, Sunny Sue & Richard Nishkian,  
Eleanor & Bob Preger, Varda & Irving Rabin, Ann & Jon Reynolds,  
Ingrid & George Ryst, Marilena & Bruce Scott, Mary & Richard Solari,  
Carol & Mark Steingard,  
Diana Joslin Whitworth & Donna Joslin (great nieces of Ethel Joslin Vernon),  
Louise & Dick Wiesner

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**A TIME TO REMEMBER**

You are invited to an informal gathering of friends at William B. Layton Park to honor the memory of our NLTHS co-founder, Betty Layton, to be held on Sunday, September 10, 2000 at 1:00 pm. Please join her daughter, Judy Layton, for a time to remember an exceptional lady.

for further information, call Miriam or Kathy at (530) 583-1762

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**A TIME TO SAY THANK YOU**

*Betty Long, our first and only Watson Cabin Curator, has been the mainstay of the Watson Cabin and a loving caretaker of the building and grounds. At the end of September, Betty will be leaving her job. She will be sorely missed and we hope that all of our members and friends will take the time to visit the cabin and let Betty know how much her dedication has meant to the NLTHS and the community. It is hard to imagine the Watson Cabin without her.*

## A NEW ADDITION TO THE STEINBACH MUSEUM

The NLTHS has just acquired a magnificent addition to our Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum, thanks to the donations received from Rascals In Paradise's 'Swing, Swing, Swing' night. The Maggie Mayo James basket is what the worldwide expert on Washo Basketry, Dr. Marvin Cohodas, calls "technically, the finest known Washo Basket" with 40 to 42 stitches per inch. Other great Washo weavers like Dat So La Lee and Lena Dick wove about 30-32 stitches per inch on their extraordinary baskets.

The basket



Maggie Mayo James was the daughter of Captain Pete Mayo and a woman whose name is not remembered with certainty.

Her career was long and successful and she wove until her death. Her basketry is the most variable in style and quality of all the major weavers with a tremendous range of artistic production, most of which is well documented.



The artist

This is a permanent addition to our museum, and, we hope is the first of the great baskets of the great Washo weavers to be on display. We will endeavor to add examples of such weavers as Dat So La Lee (we have a small one of her baskets in our collection), Lena Dick, Sarah Mayo, Scees Bryant, Lizzie Peters, Jennie Bryant Shaw, Tillie Snooks and Lillie James.

Our Gatekeeper's Museum, Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum and William B. Layton Park are located on land that was for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years one of the camp grounds of the Wa She Shu (the People). Those of you who attended the dedication of the Steinbach Museum will recall that it was blessed by the Washo Elders. Having examples of the great Washo weavers on display in the museum that stands on Washo land would complete one of the finest and most unique basket collections in the world.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- In memory of Rhoma Jane Sumner from: Bernie & Bill Bechdolt, Miriam & Lou Biro, Karen & Bernd Bremer, Cheryl & Ronald G. Chan, Jeanne & Don Davis, Bobbie & Bob Dolton, Evagene & Jerry Emmett, Mike Hawkins, Mary Lou Jones, Rae & Catherine Kleiner, Diana Larson, Rosemary & Larry Lindsey, Marjorie & Earl Marr, Lucy Mayhood,*
- Marge & Mac McCown, The Tuesday Bridge Club(Betty Jorgenson, Jean Milner, Rosemary Lindsey, Beccy Shontz, United States Coast Guard Auxilliary, Ann Baehr and Beverly Watson), Beverly Watson*
- In memory of Katherine "Chick" McBride from Bernie & Bill Bechdolt, Peg and Ted Lewis*
- In memory of Matthew Bartlett from Bobbie & Bob Dolton, Beccy Shontz*
- In memory of Vivian Mullen from Lucy Mayhood*
- In memory of infant, Nathan Oertle from Barbara & Tom Simms*
- In memory of Robert Intorf from Beccy Shontz*
- In memory of Dorothy Stone from Jo & Al Sperry*
- In memory of Marcellee Tyler from Valerie Good, Muriel & Hugh Harris, Brenda & Bryte Johnson, The Lapkin Family*
- In memory of Linda Jones from the Lapkin Family*
- In memory of "Sebastian" from Muriel & Hugh Harris*
- In memory of Chuck Winton from Marilyn & Fritz Strain*
- In memory of Kate Whitney Stratton from Valerie Good*
- In memory of Wolfe Lefkoff from Bobbie & Bob Dolton*
- In memory of Dan Sheldon and Tom McBride from Marilyn & Ross Bewley*
- In memory of Betty Layton from Natalie Daneri*
- In memory of Chick McBride, Don Silva and Matthew Bartlett from Dody & Bob Scoville*
- In memory of James Hurt from Barbara & Ray Jones*
- In memory of Don Blessing from Brenda & Bryte Johnson*
- In memory of Betty Layton from Marjorie & Earl Marr*

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

A special donation to have new archival cabinets built for the Gatekeeper's Museum has been received from the B/W Foundation

A special donation for the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum from the Gilly Family and the Vlahos Family (Marion Steinbach's sister and niece)

A special donation for the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum for the Museum Acquisition Fund from Diana Larson

A special donation honoring Martha B. MacLaughlin on her birthday from Brenda and Donald Maclean

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## WATSON CABIN

Special thanks from Buildings-Grounds Committee Chairman, Ray Jones, to Bob Scofield for transporting the top soil and Bob Hartsfield and Jack Warner for top soil spreading and clean up at the Watson Cabin. A special thanks from Ray, Curator Betty Long and flower garden advisor, Marge Bartlett to the students of the Tahoe Lake School third grade class for flower planting there, using a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation for the beautification of Tahoe City.

## **A LITTLE HISTORY**

(ed. note - with the death of Don Blessing this year, we thought our members might want to read the history of the Blessing home, as given by the family.)

In 1933 R. Randolph Walker, Sr. owned the old McConnell home on Blackwood Creek as well as several lake front lots in Tahoe Pines. He literally "gave" one of them to his friends for a song. The deed reads \$100, and it is registered in the name of Nola Blessing.

For the next six years, Nola and Don Blessing had the land cleared by a neighbor, Ernest Pomin. Because the country was coming out of the depression there were very few people available to help. The only plumber on the west shore, J. W. Urch, liked to fish and hunt, so the plumbing was installed accordingly.

The lot was choked with willows and cottonwoods and fed by tributaries of Blackwood Creek which ran through and in back of the house. At that time there were bridges on both Grand and Bellevue Avenues.

In 1939, Ernie planted pine trees and put in rudimentary electricity. Not much was needed as ice boxes were in use at that time. It was not until World War II's end that the first electrician came to the west shore (Pete Sederberg), and updated the electricity and installed a refrigerator.

It remained a summer cabin until Squaw Valley opened. Over the years it has been winterized - sort of.

In 1950, there were only twelve pages of listings in the telephone book. That year a telephone was installed.

Nola Blessing died in 1985, Don this year, the cabin belongs to their children.

## **OUR FIRST-EVER DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM**

Our five-week training class started on April 5th and ended on May 3rd. We had twenty sign-ups and we hope those who were able to attend all of the sessions will stay with us as our first Docent Council and will be the teachers of future classes. Getting really involved in the museums, whether it is volunteering in the gift shops, Watson Cabin, research, park events, oral histories and transcriptions is a wonderful way to learn more about this beautiful spot we all enjoy. Thanks to all who attended and to our guest speakers, Archaeologist Susan Lindstrom and Historian and Author Carol Van Etten; and to Jeanne Davis who joined Betty Long, Miriam Biro and Kathy Betts in preparing the program.

Program graduates: Phyllis & Bruce Bassett, Betty Corison, Susan DeVoe, Karlene Dickey, Candy Dowdle, Jim Egan, Mike Hawkins, Carolyn Johnson, Diana Larson, Betty LaRue, Dana Mordini, Judy Rodda, Ingrid Ryst, Beccy Shontz, Mary Summers and Don Willoughby.

A Docent Council has been formed and officers elected are: President - Jeanne Davis, Vice President - Karlene Dickey, Secretary - Susan Devoe. Chairpersons are: Gift Shop - Mike Hawkins, Tour Guides - Mary Summers, Host/Security - Don Willoughby, Social Events - Judy Rodda.

Another Docent Training will be offered next May with a signup sheet and dates in our Winter Newsletter.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WINTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 2000

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## *Millennium Money Matching Message*

An unprecedented opportunity to reach our \$250,000 Endowment Fund Goal has been given to the NLTHS. A generous member, who wishes to remain anonymous, has deposited \$60,000 in a special account to match all donations that we can raise up to a total of \$60,000, and we have one year, until 12/31/2000 to reach this goal.

We began raising funds for an Endowment Fund in December, 1994 with a goal of \$250,000 to make certain that our museums and society will continue to preserve, educate and present Lake Tahoe history for future generations. In the five years since initiating the Endowment Fund we have raised over \$135,000. Now with the matching funds for a possible total of \$120,000 we can meet and surpass our goal.

If ever you wish to support the NLTHS, *NOW IS THE TIME!* Your gift will be doubled and our future will be secure. Perhaps you would like to honor a family member or friend with your gift. If so, we will send a letter to the honoree acknowledging your donation.

If you wish to pledge several donations during 2000 or if you wish to make one gift, please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter and send in the enclosed envelope.

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ELIZABETH "BETTY" LAYTON, N.L.T.H.S.'S CO-FOUNDER

Betty Layton died on November 26, 1999, at her home in Kentfield, California. Betty and her husband, Bill Layton, were residents of Tahoe City for twenty years. They were active in the North Tahoe community. Bill was killed in a plane crash at Lake Tahoe in 1982.

Betty was manager of the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce for twelve years and served on many boards for Placer County and the North Tahoe area. She worked tirelessly to preserve many historical sites and landmarks and was co-founder with Gardner Mein of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and served as its secretary and president. She served on the board of the League to Save Lake Tahoe and was voted "Person of the Year of North Tahoe" in 1976. She contributed to many cultural events and started the first art show at the Ehrman Mansion. She was a potter and watercolorist and belonged to the Marin Society of Artists, Marin County Watercolor Society and Palm Springs Art Council of the Desert Museum.

After her retirement from the chamber in 1976, she rented the Watson Cabin in Tahoe City and placed it on the National Register of Historic Places and opened the "Potter's Wheel" there. After 13 years, the Watson Cabin was restored as a museum and the Potter's Wheel moved to Sausalito for four years. In 1994 the Potter's Wheel returned to Tahoe to the newly completed "Layton Building" in Kings Beach. She is survived by her daughter, Judith; son Kim of Reno; and sister Dr. Margaret Basham of Shalishan, Oregon. A memorial service will be held in William B. Layton Park (Gatekeeper's Museum) in the late spring.

At her family's request, memorial contributions may be made to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, P.O. Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*Greetings as we enter the new year and the new century. The challenges and opportunities ahead are exciting and achievable. Thanks to Carolyn Johnson's able leadership and the strong support of our members, board and staff, we have a healthy foundation to continue to build upon.*

*Our number one priority for this year is to obtain \$60,000.00 in donations to our Endowment Fund which will be matched, dollar for dollar, by one of our generous members who wishes to remain anonymous. This is a rare and monumental opportunity for us, and with your help and continued dedication we can and will meet this challenge.*

*Our standing committees are formed and have already started their activities to create and implement an interesting year for our Society. We have established a program to train volunteers from our membership to learn more about and to assist in the various functions of our museums and programs. We also look forward to increasing the participation by our active members on our committees and in all of our activities. Our Membership Committee has set an objective of substantially increasing the membership rolls, increasing the awareness of our existence and of our value to the community as well as ensuring our financial health.*

*We have a "full plate" to digest as we enter this New Year. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist in the continuation of our successful growth and respectfully ask for your help and support in pursuit of our goals.*

*Al Sperry, President*

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*Janice & Roger Anderson   Lucy & Vern Conway   Judy & M. Rogue Hemley  
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**WATSON FUND DONATIONS(received since our last newsletter list)**

*Kay Williams  
Lois Linn (In memory of Robert Dobbins)*

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Robert W. Dobbins (received since our last newsletter)  
from

Bernie & Bill Bechdolt, Gwen & Dick Clarke, Jeanne & Don Davis, Judith Dobbins,  
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In Memory of Dorothy Bury from Bernie and Bill Bechdolt

In Memory of Marie Louise Benson from Kathy & Ray Holstead and Marie Louise Benson

In Memory of Peter Hughes Empey from Jo & Al Sperry

In memory of Gwen Cheesewright and Herb Kahn from Alberta & Dwight Steele

In memory of his wife, Joann R. Feyh from Ralph Feyh

In memory of Mary Lou Herhusky from Gloria & Bud Novack

In memory of Mr. Harold Baer and of Jane Oberfelder from Mary Ann Tonkin

In memory of Robert Swanson from the Lapkin Family

In memory of Betty Layton from Miriam & Lou Biro, Ginny & Ray Bly, Grace & James Edwards,  
Claudia & John Fulton, Michael Geister, Wes Howell, Elizabeth "Lamie" Hughes,  
Geraldine O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Randolph, M.D., Evelyn Sims,  
Alberta & Dwight Steele, Kaye & Roger Steele

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Federated Women's Club of Tahoe City Barbara Heard

Frieda and Richard M. Klein Anne & Robert Levison Philanthropic Fund

Tahoe League for Charity (TLC)

### A LITTLE HISTORY

When the Steinbach Family donated the magnificent Indian Basket Collection to the NLTHS, seventy seven pieces were on loan to the Indian Cultural Museum in Yosemite. We now have these baskets, known as the Atkinson Collection (purchased by Marion Steinbach in 1967). All of the baskets were woven prior to 1903 and collected by Nellie and Charles Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson worked for the Yosemite Valley Commission.

Nellie befriended local Indian women and traded baked goods to them for their beadwork. She became an enthusiastic collector of Indian Baskets, reflecting the growing public interest in Indian arts that took place at the end of the 19th century. Her baskets, which almost filled one room of the Atkinson home in Yosemite, were acquired primarily as gifts from her Indian friends or in exchange for kindnesses.

While there is little specific information about individual baskets, there is one interesting story that has been passed down from the Atkinson family. Captain Dick, a Miwok leader living in Yosemite Valley, became ill and was expected to die. His prized basket was to be buried with him, as was customarily done with valued possessions. Although Captain Dick's case seemed hopeless to Miwok shamans who had attempted to cure him, Nellie Atkinson reportedly nursed him back to health. In accordance with Miwok custom, Captain Dick gave her his treasured basket just as he would have paid a Miwok shaman for his cure. Captain Dick lived until 1911, when he died at an estimated age of 100 years. (from the Martha J. Lee story in the Fall, 1987 Yosemite Association newsletter)

The entire collection (including Captain Dick's basket) will be on display in the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum's Eva Buck Gallery when we open for the season on May 1, 2000.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER - MAY, 2000

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a wonderful way to start our year! Due to the prompt response of our many generous members and friends, our drive for \$60,000.00 in Matching Funds for our Endowment Fund has been completed in record time. This means our goal of \$250,000.00 has been attained! There are not enough words to adequately express my thanks to all of you and to our generous benefactor, so please accept a simple - THANK YOU!

With this momentum we are about to start on our summer activities. The Gatekeeper's Museum and the Marlon Steinbach Indian Basket Museum have received tender-loving cleaning and preparation. The Watson Cabin has a new solid foundation (as our Society now has!) and will be ready for all to enjoy. The House Tour promises to be an exciting event, as always. We encourage everyone to visit our beautiful facilities and to participate in our activities. I'd like the opportunity to meet and thank each one of you, perhaps at our annual meeting and "Swinging At The Gatekeeper's" dinner and party on July 23rd?

*Al Sperry, President*

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*Sally & Philip Chapman   Marcia & Jerry Churchill   Barbara Conley  
Lynne & Michael Dittmore   Candy & Larry Dowdle   Joy & James Egan  
Nydia & John Gletne   Lynn & Ken Hall   Nileta and Dick Morton  
Joann & Arthur Nunes   Rotary Club of Tahoe-Incline   Mary Jo & Bill Shepherd  
Bette & Ken Shutt   Eleanor & Don Willoughby*

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An unprecedented opportunity to hear Dr. William Kinderman perform Beethoven Sonatas on the Steinway Piano used by Vladimer Horowitz when he played his last concert in Moscow (see Summer Schedule for more information)

During his career at the University of Victoria, where he has taught since 1980 as Professor of Music, and during his tenure at other institutions such as five semesters as full-time guest professor at the Hochschule der Kuenste in Berlin, Germany, he has had the occasion to gain experience in a variety of educational settings. He has been Acting Director of Graduate Studies at the School of Music, University of Victoria, and also a member of the Executive Committee for Graduate Studies for the entire university. He has served on many committees that have dealt with most aspects of the academic programs at the School of Music. On a higher level, he has also acted as Acting Associate Dean of Fine Arts at the University of Victoria.

Dr. Kinderman has several times been the organizer of major international conferences, and he has had extensive experience with large-scale research projects. He has also coordinated events involving lectures and performances including the very successful three-day workshop "Brendel on Beethoven" held at Carnegie Hall in 1993. He has also served as advisor for documentary films such as the recent BBC film on Beethoven in which he was also featured as scholar and performer.

*"William Kinderman is a very rare bird. His book on Beethoven's Diabelli Variations must be one of the best monographs a musical masterpiece has ever received. The unfolding of the work's genesis alone makes it worthwhile. But it is one thing to write about a piece and another to be able to play it. Mr. Kinderman manages, at the end of an excellent lecture, to sit down and play the Diabelli Variations with an understanding and expertise that would be the envy of many a professional pianist. Go and see for yourself, and listen." Alfred Brendel, London*

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*Thanks to our anonymous benefactor who matched funds for \$60,000.00 and to all of the donors named above we have met our goal and then some! Our Endowment Fund now has over \$250,000.00 to ensure the future of the NLTHS and our Vision and Mission:*

**The VISION** of the NLTHS is to operate the finest museums devoted to the history of the Lake Tahoe basin and its related geographic areas.

**The MISSION** of the NLTHS is to make this Vision possible by the preservation, education and presentation of Lake Tahoe History. The emphasis is on North Lake Tahoe and American Indian Basketry.

## 2000 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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<b>Tuesday, June 6</b> 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	<b>Museum Open House for Members to view the pre-1903 'Atkinson Collection' from the Marion Steinbach Basket Collection and to meet artist Robert Montanucci and view his new painting of one of our prehistoric pots and rattle, now owned by the NLTHS thanks to an anonymous donor. Wine &amp; hors d'oeuvres</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 28</b> 9:30 A.M. to mid-afternoon	<b>Wildflower walk with the Wildflower Lady Tony Fauver. Space limited to 20. Donation \$15 per person</b>
<b>Saturday, July 8</b> 3:00 P.M.	<b>A one-time-only special piano concert by world-renowned pianist William Kinderman Space limited to 100/Donation \$100 per guest (more information on page 1)</b>
<b>Sunday, July 23</b> 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.	<b>"Swinging at the Gatekeeper's" annual meeting with dinner following. \$30 per person (annual meeting is from 4:30 to 5:00 - no charge for meeting-all welcome)</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b> 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.	<b>Pine Needle Basket Weaving Class - Cost \$20 per student - space limited</b>
<b>Thursday, August 10</b> 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	<b>House &amp; Garden Tour with Wine Tasting (West Shore Homes this year) Space limited/Donation \$35 per person</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b> September 13, 20, 27	<b>Wednesday Evening Lecture Series - Open to the Public-no charge (call 530-583-1762 for more information)</b>

**Twelve Benefit Drawing Tickets are enclosed in this newsletter. The cost is \$2 per ticket or 12 tickets for \$20. Many special prizes have been donated for the drawing which will be held on Thursday, August 10th at the House & Garden Tour.**

**You do not need to be present to win.**

**Please remember to include your ticket stubs in the enclosed envelope with your reservation forms. Your support is needed - you can win and so can the NLTHS!**

**PROJECTED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2000**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership annual dues	\$ 26,000.00	Utilities	\$ 7,000.00
Gatekeepers/Steinbach		Gate/Stein/Park	\$ 15,200.00
Museums/W.B.Layton Park	\$ 45,000.00	Resale Items	\$ 20,000.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 2,000.00	Printing	\$ 2,500.00
Special Donations	\$ 2,000.00	Postage/Mailing	\$ 2,500.00
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 35,000.00	Fund-Raising Events	\$ 7,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	Payroll	\$ 30,000.00
Interest earned-checking account	\$ 450.00	Payroll Taxes	\$ 22,000.00
Watson Cabin sales/donations	\$ 3,500.00	Security	\$ 350.00
Sales tax collected	\$ 2,000.00	Sales tax paid	\$ 2,000.00
O&D insurance from directors	\$ 1,200.00	Insurance Packages	\$ 9,000.00
		Subscriptions/Dues	\$ 600.00
		Seminars/Conferences	\$ 500.00
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**WATERFRONT LIVING HISTORY DAY AT SUGAR PINE POINT STATE PARK**

Saturday, July 15, 2000 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Sponsored by the Tahoe Maritime Museum, a non-profit group dedicated to the preservation of Tahoe's Marine History*

Waterfront Living History Day will include displays of wooden boats both in the Lake and on trailers. Several vintage cars and a special exhibit of an aluminum trailer from the 1930s will also be among the attractions.

The event will be held in conjunction with the Rascals In Paradise weekend, a fund-raising organization which benefits numerous non-profit groups in the Tahoe Basin, and will serve to introduce the community to TMM's newly-completed headquarters near the North Boathouse at Sugar Pine Point State Park. Admission to the event is included in the nominal \$5 per car day-use fee required for admittance to the Park.

***For Skiers - Past, Present and Future***

**NEW IN OUR GIFT SHOP IS A VIDEO CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF**  
**Squaw Valley USA**

1949 - 1999 "The First 50 Years"

This tape includes much of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society's films of early skiing at Lake Tahoe, preparing for the 1960 Winter Olympics and the events that took place. Price: \$10.00

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

*Honoring Hugh Harris on his Birthday from Martha & Thomas Hughes,  
Brenda & Donald S. MacLean & Colleen & Tom Knopf*

*Honoring Florence and Emory Foote from Phyllis & Bruce Bassett*

*Honoring Beth Grebitus from Marilyn & Ross Bewley*

*Honoring Rosemary & Larry Lindsey from Suzanne Weeks*

*Honoring June Miller from Kim & Tony Miller*

*Honoring Jerre & Cy Goldin from Bobbie & Herb Wiltsek*

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## A LITTLE HISTORY

July 21, 1939 from the 'Tahoe Tattler' headline:

### George Whittell to Abandon Planes, Buy Yacht, Report

As hard to confirm news about as a European government is Lake Tahoe's land-owning George Whittell. In the last two years, Whittell's pilots have cracked up expensive amphibian planes each time they attempted a landing on Tahoe waters. Most recent smash was in June.

Last week reports persisted, although unconfirmed, that Whittell, no bachelor but still miraculous, had decided to give up Tahoe flying, buy a 50-foot aluminum cruiser, to be housed in a boathouse hollowed from solid granite 83 by 22 feet huge. (e.d. This, of course turned out to be the magnificent 'Thunderbird', now owned by Joan and Buzz Gibb and still thrilling all who see her on the Lake. She is 55', can do 55 m.p.h. and has two 1,000 h.p. Allison engines).

Launched was his new Bentnor-hulled, 175 h.p speedboat, reputedly fastest boat on Lake Tahoe, which has been clocked at 86 m.p.h. in trial runs at sea level.

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## SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give special thanks to Dennis Smith (and wife, Barbara) of Laner Electric for donating their time and talents to beaming, filtering and improving our new tract lighting; to Burt Willis of Burton Electric for his work on changing over our tract system, putting heating in the restroom facilities and donating much of his time and giving us his cost of materials; and to Dennis Hoffman, who once again got our plumbing ready (as it can be) for summer, donating materials and services and to Lou Biro who does just about everything else.

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## OUR FIRST-EVER DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Our five-week training class started on April 5th and ended on May 3rd. We had twenty sign-ups and we hope those who were able to attend all of the sessions will stay with us as our first Docent Council and will be the teachers of future classes. Getting really involved in the museums, whether it is volunteering in the gift shops, Watson Cabin, research, park events, oral histories and transcriptions is a wonderful way to learn more about this beautiful spot we all enjoy. Thanks to all who attended and to our guest speakers, Archaeologist Susan Lindstrom and Historian and Author Carol Van Etten; over 2,000 hour volunteer Marjorie Marr; and to Jeanne Davis who joined Betty Long, Miriam and Kathy in preparing the program.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*In memory of Betty Layton (since our last newsletter)*

*Josephine & Leo Blaber, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Blau, Fritzi & Bill Briner,  
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*"In memory of Alice McDonald of Pine Cone fame" and "Betty Layton, who, with her daughter,  
Judy, had the wisdom to invest in the future of Kings Beach" from Pete Jeffalone*

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*In memory of Chick McBride from Dorothy & Arnold Intorf*

*In memory of Matthew Bartlett from Betty & Ned Long, Marge & Sid Bartlett*

*In memory of Margaret Brown from the Lapkin Family*

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# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER - FALL, 2000

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We can all take pride in the fact that we are closing out this year on a very positive note. Our objectives have been met and, in some cases, have exceeded expectations. The home tour was one of the best ever, "Swinging at the Gatekeeper's" was a huge success and all of our other events were equally so. Additionally, our membership is at an all-time high.

Most importantly, as a consequence of our efforts, interest in our activities and the numbers of visitors to our facilities have set new records. This is most gratifying since this is one of the main reasons for our existence.

The new program for the Docents is off to a strong start. A Docent Council has been formed and its members are providing invaluable assistance in many ways as well as generating more interest in our activities.

The Watson Cabin landscaping project has been started and will be completed. This is a major step toward our objective to preserving its history. We hope to make this "The Crown Jewel" in the center of Tahoe City. We are saddened that Betty Long, our Curator, has decided to retire. Her many years of dedication and her love for "The Cabin" have kept it alive and made it the warm hospitable home of which the Watson family can be proud. Betty assures us that she will be available to offer advice and to be a Docent.

Our success could not be possible without the strong support and efforts of the members of our Board of Directors. We can all be proud of and thankful for their dedication.

As always, it must be stated that complacency is not an acceptable trap for us. There is the ongoing challenge of maintaining our momentum in pursuit of our objectives. The problems of increasing costs and changing conditions will continue but I am certain that with our collective efforts we will meet these challenges.



*Al Sperry, President*

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### *Welcome New Members*

Gail & Bruce Adair   Denny & William H. Alff   Craig Beckstead   F. Allen Bowman  
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## *The Year 2000 House Tour our most successful ever*

Special thanks to Nancy and Marshall Kraus, Margo and Robert Forrar, Charlotte and Robert Himsi, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pleau and Beth and Ed Grebitus for allowing us to enjoy their unique and beautiful homes.

Co-Chairmen, Hugh Harris and Carolyn Johnson; Food Co-Chairmen, Bobbie Dolton and Gloria Novack; House Volunteer Chairman, Jo Sperry; Historian, Randy Walker and the Volunteers all contributed to the most successful House Tour ever. Thanks are due to Stohlgren Brothers, who donated the ice; Redwood Vintners for once again presenting the wine tasting; and to Albertson's and Safeway Markets for their donations.

### *A LITTLE HISTORY*

#### **INCLINE HISTORY - THE FACTS**

by Ann and Harold Tiller

The history of the beginning of Incline Village started in Oklahoma City in a large Certified Public Accounting office. In 1958, Art Wood and Harold Tiller were partners in Billups, Wood and Champlin Company.

A friend in another office in an 'oil and gas business' by the name of Buddy Martin, came to Wood's office and told Wood about a very large corporation in Hawaii that was wanting to sell the corporation, but didn't want it handled in Hawaii.

Remaining as a partner with the Oklahoma City accounting firm, Wood went to Hawaii to work with a group of CPA's to liquidate the assets of the corporation. Wood and the group headed by Wood purchased the assets which included radio and television stations, the Ala Moana Shopping Center, newspaper companies, lumber holdings, movie theaters, etc. The group disposed of the corporation's holdings.

In 1959, the group had five million dollars in cash, plus holdings, for a total of nineteen million dollars. It took about a year and a half to sell all of the assets.

While Wood was still in Hawaii, he was informed that a 9,000 acre parcel of land at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, was available for purchase from a Captain George Whittell, who owned most of the property on the east side of Lake Tahoe's shore. The purchase price was \$5,300,000.

In October, 1959, Art Wood flew to Reno, Nevada and met with attorney, Bob McDonald and U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt (acting as attorney for Captain George Whittell). McDonald took Wood to the "Mount Rose Lookout" overlooking Lake Tahoe in a July snowstorm for Wood to see the 9,000 acres now known as Incline Village.

Wood said, "Anyone who would buy property in this country must be crazy", but crazy or not, the investors exercised the option and executed the purchase papers on the Whittell property at 11:00 A.M., an hour before the expiration deadline in October of 1959.

Wood called Tiller and asked how fast he could come to Incline, he wanted him to come immediately as Vice President with Art Wood President. Tiller was unable to leave the firm so quickly since the accounting firm was short of help with Wood gone.

Wood returned to Oklahoma City to resign from the C.P.A. firm and moved to Incline, Nevada, in October, 1959. The Tillers moved to Incline in 1960. Art Wood and Harold Tiller then began laying the groundwork for what was to become Incline Village.

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In memory of Rhoma Jane Sumner from Kathle & Joe Hoxsie  
In memory of Robert Intorf from Dorothy & Arnold Intorf and Dorothy R. Stenz  
In memory of Mrs. Jane Baker from Henry A. Steinbach  
In memory of Ralph Kanna from Constance B. Koch  
In memory of Perc Fleming (Rosemary Lindsey's brother) from the Larry Lindsey Family,  
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In memory of Ann Ciampi, Carol Green and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Claburn Jones  
from Valerie Good  
In memory of Don Blessing and Marilyn Strain from Kay & Howard Turner  
For the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum in memory of Donald Welcome from  
Beverly & Dave White  
In memory of Phil Slater from Diane & William Filice  
In memory of Colin Utber from Roz & John Mitchell  
In memory of Alice Stone from Marge & Mac McCown  
In memory of Betty Layton from Judy Layton  
In memory of William Noack from Valerie Good  
In memory of Robert Dobbins from Jill A. Spencer***

A collage of winter sport photos from the Bechdolt, Henry and Vernon collections as listed in our Museum Photo Catalog



## **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

**For the Basket Acquisition Fund from Joyce & David Armitage,  
and Craig Miller (through their donations to 'Rascals in Paradise')  
Honoring Jane and Kelly Bane from Virginia and Walter Crinnion  
For the 'Traveling Display for the Schools' project from the Tahoe League for Charity**

The Benefit Drawing was held at our House & Garden Tour on August 10th. It was our most successful ever, thanks to the generous Lake Tahoe Business Community and their ongoing support. The prizes were wonderful and the winners delighted! Thanks to all, the donors and the ticket purchasers.

### **BENEFIT DRAWING PRIZES AND WINNERS**

1. Two adult all day ski passes from Alpine Meadows: winners-Robert Gutowsky, Diane Taggert
2. Breakfast or lunch for two at the Moose's Tooth Cafe: winner- Dave Coward
3. One night, two day stay and one dinner for two at Caesar's Tahoe: winner- Nancy Gibson
4. Dinner for two at the Crystal Bay Steak & Lobster House: winner-Dick Lonergan
5. Squaw Valley 50th Anniversary Package: winner-Bill Jaeger
6. \$50 Gift Certificate from Ikeda's Market in Auburn: winner-Marilyn Morrison
7. Emerald Bay Cruises for two aboard the Kingfish: winners-Iren Jenny, Lou Ohlson
8. One 'fabulous' fishing day aboard the Kingfish: winner-Peter Krueger
9. Dinner for two at Sunnyside Resort: winner-Marilyn Taylor
10. Mackinaw Fishing Trip for Two with the 'fishin' grandma, Bobbie Dolton: winner-Shirley Jorgensen
11. Free coffee drink every day for one month from the Coffee Connexion: winner-Gael Craft
12. Dinner for two at Le Bistro: winner- Betty Champas
13. Kodak FunSaver Flash Camera & 4x6 processing of double prints: winner-Donna Hull
14. Gift certificates from Val & Bob Dawes' Homewood Hardware: winners-Marty Cohen, Karlene Dickey
15. Two night-three day vacation and theatre show tickets for two at Harvey's Resort Hotel: winner- Robert E. Bernard
16. Two prizes, each two rounds of golf at the Tahoe City Golf Course: winners-Alan V. Pineschi and Mary Lou Jackson
17. Dinner for two at Lanza's Italian Restaurant: winner-Jarrett Lewis
18. Dinner for Two at Hacienda del Lago: winner-Marie Sluchak
19. Two night-three day vacation with two breakfast buffets, South Shore Room show for two and use of the Health Club from Harrah's Resort Hotel Lake Tahoe: winner Carol F. Buck
20. Two Southwest Airlines Gift Certificates: winner-Julie Bouden
21. One round of afternoon golf for two including shared cart from Northstar at Tahoe: winner- James Carpenter
22. Three prizes from Boreal Mountain Playground: first is two adult lift tickets-winner Steve Cherry; second is four adult lift tickets-winner Jim Bizzack; third is four adult lift tickets-winner Virginia Graham
23. Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe two night stay for two: winner: William Callender
24. Two prizes from Homewood Mountain Resort: first is two adult lift tickets-winner Beryl Thompson; second is four adult lift tickets-winner Dick Lonergan
25. One night stay at "The Knot House" a cottage inn in Healdsburg: winner-Dr. Frank Roberts
26. Bottle of Corison Wine-1995: winner-Jill Bryant

### **THREE GRAND PRIZES**

1. Cruise on the "Thunderbird" for the winner and 15 friends, donated by Joan Gibb and won by Lois Owens (who once owned the Thunderbird with her husband, Owen Owens)
2. One adult mid-week full season ski pass to Squaw Valley USA: winner-Marie O'Rourke
3. Three hour cruise for the winner and 9 guests aboard the restored and beautiful cruiser "Tahoe", formerly owned by Edward B. Scott and now owned and donated by 'Sail Woodwind', Steve Dunham, Captain: winner-Betty Jane Roth

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 2001

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are gearing up for our rapidly approaching busy season. During these past winter months your committees have been active to ensure that all will go well. As always, Miriam has been working hard to have the Gatekeeper's Museum and all of our facilities in tiptop condition.

We are proud to announce that Karen Wagner has agreed to join us as the new curator of the Watson Cabin. Karen is an active and enthusiastic new member of our Docent Council, and she shares a special love for "the Cabin". Welcome aboard, Karen.

While speaking of the Watson Cabin, Karen joins us at the same time that we have completed the basic landscaping. This spring and summer we will have the challenge and fun of accomplishing the planting which will enhance its surroundings.

A special thank you, on behalf of all of us, to these Directors who retired from our Board at the completion of their terms this year: Bob Bernard; Bob and Bobbie Dolton; Joe Drury, Earl and Marjorie Marr. Their strong guidance and assistance will be sorely missed.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing all of you this summer.



Al Sperry, President

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*Welcome New Members*

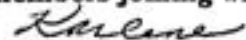
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**FROM THE DOCENT COUNCIL**

The Docent Council is active and has a devoted membership of about twenty. Two subcommittees are busy at work on special projects. The Travelling Exhibit committee is developing a program on the Washo Indians to be taken to schools in the Tahoe area. We will be offering interactive activities with 3rd and 4th graders and will take artifacts that the children can touch and draw, as well as maps, photos, etc. Future programs, which are planned, include one on the historical development of the Tahoe area and one on the environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The second committee is working on the program for the new Docent training to be held in May. Details of the program and an application form are included in this newsletter. We hope to have every docent develop expertise in at least one particular exhibit in the museum, so that assistance can be given on the many tours led by the Director.

It is a pleasure and a great learning experience to work on the Council. We look forward to new members joining with us after the new class is completed.



Karlene N. Dickey, President, Docent Council

## *A September Lecture Series*

Toni Fauver (the Wildflower Lady) brought native plants and an encyclopedic knowledge on September 13th and showed her audience how native plants can enhance our gardens and brighten our lives. She also led a short tour around William B. Layton Park where she pointed out a variety of native plants thriving in the park.

Mark McLaughlin, weather historian, author and teacher, held his audience enthralled as he recounted our Lake Tahoe history. He brought to life the American Indians who inhabited the Lake Tahoe Basin and the pioneers who came through and to Lake Tahoe.

Jerome Evans, collector and professional American Indian Art appraiser, brought samples of various types of basket weaving, brochures on baskets and research materials, and told and showed the audience how baskets are woven. He described the various materials and types of weaving, how to care for baskets and what makes one basket more valuable than another. The audience brought their baskets, pots and rugs for his oral appraisal.

The NLTHS would like to thank our three speakers for their time and talent and the enjoyment they brought to all who attended. Refreshments were provided by Phyllis Bassett, Diana Larson and Miriam Biro.

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Your tax-deductible contributions help the NLTHS preserve Lake Tahoe's heritage  
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# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2001

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This summer our William B. Layton Park, surrounding the Gatekeeper's and Steinbach Museums, will be thrown a bit "off stride". The State of California-Parks & Recreation Department is planning to raze the Bridge Tender's Restaurant and replace it with an attractive new building and relandscape the site. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is planning a three-year project to upgrade the outflow gate system of our Tahoe City Dam. Access to this construction will be through a portion of the park. There will also be four archaeological digs with at least one in our park. While a little disruptive, it will be interesting and certainly in keeping with our mission. The archaeologist in charge, Susan Lindstrom, has invited our Docents to take part in this project. The grounds of our park were, for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, summer camp sites for the Washo.

The good news is that all of this upgrading is long overdue and will be a plus for us upon completion. During all of this activity, access to the park may be slightly detoured, however, the Museum will be open and we hope doing business better than usual.

Next summer, in addition to the dam upgrading project, our restroom facilities will be replaced with "comfort stations" by the State of California. Of course, temporary facilities will be provided.

The Watson Cabin is unaffected by all of the above and with its new Curator, Karen Wagner, it will be starting a new era. Thanks to the hard work of Ray Jones and the generous donation of a cash grant from the Lake of the Sky Garden Club and the advice of their Master Gardeners, the grounds surrounding the little cabin should be a tremendous asset to downtown Tahoe City.

We are off to another busy, productive and fun summer season at our beautiful lake.

*Al Sperry, President*

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**Welcome New Members**

Sutton Chapa Alexandra Cushing Howard & Philip K. Howard · Barbara Ginocchio  
Mary & Britt McConnell Nancy & Curtis McLachlan  
Maureen Miller Sally & Robert Mullarkey Kitty Murray Pat & Philip Robbins  
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**A DOMINO TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE NLTHS**

*A mixed doubles tournament will be held on Friday, July 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the West Shore Cafe in Homewood. This sponsored event is tax-deductible. A \$50.00 donation per entry will include the tournament and lunch including wine. A no-host bar will also be available. For reservations please call (415) 435-4743 or (530) 525-5940.*  
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**A BIRD WATCHING WALK**

*Nancy and Bill Bittner will take a small group (12 only) to several sites to observe our Tahoe birds. For those who attend, the Bittners ask that you bring binoculars, a pencil and scratch pad, and, if you have one, please bring your copy of the 'National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of America' (3rd edition). This is a fund-raising event for the NLTHS and the donation is \$25 per person - Thursday, August 23rd from 8:15 a.m. to about noon. The group will meet at the Gatekeeper's Museum. By reservation only - first come/first serve.*

*North Lake Tahoe Historical Society*

**2001 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>EVENT DATE</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>
January 1 - August 9.....	Annual Benefit Drawing held at the House & Garden Tour Tickets \$2/Six for \$10.00
Friday, July 6.....	Wildflower Walk with the Wildflower Lady, Toni Fauver Donation: \$25 per person/20 people only
Friday, July 6.....	Domino Tournament To Benefit the NLTHS - privately Sponsored (see first page of this Newsletter)
Sunday, July 15.....	"Swinging at the Gatekeeper's" (4:30-7:30 p.m.) Annual Dinner/Meeting Live Music and Auction Donation: \$30 per person
Wednesday, July 25.....	Basket Weaving Class - Instructors: Sue Betts, Betty Long, Petey Walsh, Audrey Frank Donation: \$25 per person
Thursday, August 9.....	House & Garden Tour - (12 p.m. to 5 p.m.) Space Limited. Donation: \$40 per person
Thursday, August 23.....	Bird Watching Walk with Nancy & Bill Bittner (8:15 a.m. to noon.) Space limited to 12
Wed., 9/5-9/12-9/19.....	Wednesday Evening Lectures Open to the public - no charge - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9/5-Mark Twain (McAvoy Layne) 9/12 and 9/19 will be announced in local papers & summer newsletter

## A LITTLE HISTORY

### *The Lampson Journals - A Diary of Tahoe Written in 1861*

(The following excerpts from the diary of James Lampson were disclosed during the research work of E. P. "Bud" Scott while working on his book the 'Saga of Lake Tahoe'.)

*May 14, 1861*

I left Folsom in the stagecoach for Placerville, where I expected to find a mule train belonging to Aaron Wingate, bound to Esmeralda in the territory of Nevada. Mr. Wingate had kindly offered me a passage on one of his mules. But the train was delayed for a day or two. I left Placerville on foot and went on with the expectation that the train would soon overtake me, though not I hoped until I should have had time to make a visit to the celebrated Lake Tahoe, which lay directly on our route. A walk of 21 miles, the last five of which was through an unbroken forest, brought me to the Esmeralda House, where I passed the night.

*May 16, 1861*

After eight miles further travel through the forest, I came to a newly erected bridge across the South fork of the American river, which I crossed and made a sketch of it. Five miles distant from this bridge is the Sugar Loaf House, where I arrived at noon.

Near this house is a singular pile of granite rising precipitiously 1200 feet above the river, having for its base a small hill of earth, whose sides were covered with a growth of coniferous and other trees. This is the sugar loaf from which the hotel takes its name.

Great blocks of granite had been detached from the mountain and rolled down its sides, and they stand among the forest of pine and cedar like huge monuments to mark the burial places of the Indians, who may have inhabited the place. A flag with the stars and stripes had been prepared by the patriotic inhabitants of the neighborhood, which they intended to erect on the summit of this rock on the next Fourth of July. I made two sketches of the Sugar Loaf.

*May 17, 1861*

The road still followed the river on the left side, having a considerable ascent, and the mountains rose higher as I advanced; their summits covered with snow. I passed through Strawberry Valley, a long, narrow, sandy plain, hemmed in by bare mountains of granite. Near the northern extremity of this Strawberry Valley\*(where never a strawberry grew) is a commodious hotel, where I dined.

Here I found a man bearing the name of Yank - contraction of Yankee - who was bound over the mountains with a loaded wagon drawn by mules. He invited me to ride. We had proceeded, however, less than two miles when his wagon broke down. Finding I could be of no service to him, I went on alone, while he stopped to repair.

Crossed a creek a few rods above Slippery Ford. Before the bridge was built the only crossing was at this ford; which had a smooth granite floor considerably inclined, over which the water rushed with such velocity, that many mules and horses have there lost their footing, and been swept down the stream and over the falls.

I had now a very steep and rugged mountain to ascent; still following the foaming torrent of the American, which dashed down its rocky bed forming a hundred cascades and chutes. Far up the mountain was a public house\*\* where I passed the night, having travelled but 15 miles.

There my newly acquired friend, Yank, overtook me. There were also several teams here bound for Esmeralda with machinery for a quartz mill.

\*Strawberry Valley was actually named for the wild strawberry plants growing there.

\*\*Probably Audain's Station, Phillip's Station or North America House.

(continued in our Summer edition of the NLTHS Newsletter)

**BASKET ACQUISITION FUND DONATIONS**

**Helen & Richard Bibbero**

**Robert E. Bernard Fund at the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation**

**In memory of Bill Bechdolt from Miriam & Lou Biro**

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In memory of Jack Phelan and Ben Lowell from Steven Lapkin & Family

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Bobbie & Bob Dolton; Kathy & Steve Swigard; the Long Family-Ned, Betty, James, Patti and Katie;

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In memory of Ruth Goodites Hild (mother of Karen Bremer) from Jeanne & Don Davis

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**ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS**

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**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

*Charitable Grant from the B/W Foundation*

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# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The world has suddenly changed due to the tragic events of September 11th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims and their families. It is important that we go on with our lives commensurate with being willing to make the adjustments and the sacrifices as may be necessary.

As we close one of the most successful seasons ever, the Gatekeeper's Museum and the Watson Cabin are being "put to bed" for the winter. At the same time, our new Director Sara Keil Larson, is assuming control and is busily preparing for the next season and beyond.

We have been fortunate to receive a generous grant from an anonymous donor to be used for planting at the Watson Cabin. We are very grateful, as this will enable us to substantially complete the landscaping for the "Crown Jewel" of Tahoe City.

We look forward to the future and to your continued support and participation.

*Al Sperry, President*

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## DOCENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Members of the docent group had a very special visit to Vikingsholm as part of the Tours into the Past program. Many thanks to Diana Larson for making all the arrangements.

The Travelling Exhibit Committee of the Docents has been invited by 5 area schools to share their Washo Indian program with third grades. This will require close to 20 presentations as the program is intended for only 20 students at a time! The committee is also at work on a new program for 2002-2003 on the Tahoe environment.

Our next Docent Council meeting will be on November 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the museum. It will be an open discussion with Sara Keil Larson, the new Director, about the directions she sees the Docent Council should undertake. We are looking forward to that date.

*Karlene N. Dickey, Chair, Docent Council*

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Frances Dobbins from Marion Adams,  
Margaret & R. Randolph Walker

In memory of Bill Bechdolt and Mike Brown  
from Gwen & Dick Clarke

Honoring the memory of David Berelson on the date  
of his birth, 7/11/04 from his daughter Bobbie Wiltsek

In memory of Joann R. Feyh from Ralph L. Feyh

In memory of Don Snyder from Bernadette Bechdolt

In memory of Don Snyder from Marjorie Fellows

In memory of Bryel Thomspson from  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Paiute beaded basket & lid, circa 1930s from  
Mary Jane Dewhurst

Klinkit Doll, made by 93-year-old Florence Donnelly  
in Sitka, AK, and donated by Genevieve Schroeder

White House (old Carnelian Bay Restaurant) menu,  
match book & business card donated by Brad Turman

Taped oral history of Ernie Pomin in 1966; photo of  
youngest Pomin (Douglas) in Captain Pomin's hat;  
post cards, Christmas card and stationery from  
Pomin's Resort, donated by Tami & Craig Pomin

Western Mono basket made by Ida Bishop circa 1960.  
On long-term loan from Joyce & Ralph Grunauer



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Grebitus; Great Mountain Furniture Company; Tippy canoe; Swiss Lakewood; Bewley Wine; The Lonergans, Chaconases, MacLeans, Lawsons & MacAulays; Brian & Alyce Johnson; Tahoe Tree Company; Karen & Warren Wagner; Frames by Ryrie; Jill Beede; Miriam Biro; Deborah & Ed Scott; Southwest Airlines & Ritz Carlton Hotels; Plates from Celeste.

More thanks to Sally Scott, Hugh Harris, Ross Bewley, Maggie & Tony Gouge, Karen & Greg Finn, Brenda & Donald MacLean, Barbara & Stan Chaconas, Howard Turner, Bryte Johnson, Jean Barnett & Marvin Pepper, Kelly Bane and Carol & Dave Digirolamo.

## 2001 - A BUSY SUMMER OF EVENTS

*Toni Fauver and her group went on a Wildflower Hike on July 6th in the high meadow on the Mt. Rose Highway to benefit the NLTHS. Everyone enjoyed the high country wildflowers. Thanks to Toni's great knowledge this day was a most enjoyable and educational experience.*

*Betty Long was the leader of our annual Pine Needle Basket Weaving Class on July 25th and basket weavers, Peggy Long, Audrey Frank and Petey Walsh all volunteered to help the class. This allowed the students to learn different techniques. This was the last year that Betty Long was the volunteer instructor and she will certainly be missed. Thank you, Betty, for so many years of generous help to the Society. She is still our volunteer museum libraries cataloger.*

*Nancy and Bill Bittner led a Bird Walk on August 23rd with the participants contributing to the NLTHS. On a warm and sunny day they produced the following list of birds: Canada Geese, Mallards, Common Mergansers, Spotted Sandpiper, Killdeer, California Gulls, Band-tailed Pigeons, Barn Swallows, Mountain Chickadees, Red breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Robin, Starling, Yellow rumped Warblers, Wilsons Warbler, Brewers Blackbirds, Pine Siskins, Western Wood Pewee, Hermit Warbler and Dark-eyed Juncos. A pretty impressive list for this first time event.*

## HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, August 9th was a beautiful day for a house tour and our members enjoyed eight special homes and gardens from Brockway through Incline Village. Special thanks to our generous homeowners: Toni and Dick Fauver; Laurie and Steve Clayton; Mary Jane 'Bill' Dewhurst; Janet Pahl and W. C. Kochmond; Cathy and Alex Mendez; Nancy and Curtis McLachlan; Sara and Len LaFrance; and Donna Buchholtz.

Following are some of the people who worked to make this day a special one:

House & Garden Tour Chairmen: Jo & Al Sperry

Volunteer Chairman: Phyllis Bassett

Parking & Transportation Chairman: Bruce Bassett

House Volunteer Chairmen: Fritzi Briner, Dody Scoville, Miriam & Lou Biro, Lois & Ray Perryman, Muffy Betker, Lorri Waldman, Donna Benner and Jo & Al Sperry

Wine & Cheese Tasting Chairman: Diana Larson

Caterer: Marlies Pendarvis

Wine Tasting Sponsor: Charles I. Daniels, Jr., wife Carol, son & daughter-in-law Peter & Larissa

Benefit Drawing Chairman & House Tour

Coordinator: Carolyn Johnson

Mini-Bus Sponsor: Northstar

*To all of our volunteers - a heart felt thank you for making this a wonderful success.*



Mama Bear and Cub visited the Park in October

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Have you checked out our website?  
[www.tahoecountry.com/nlths](http://www.tahoecountry.com/nlths)

We now have email: [nlths@aol.com](mailto:nlths@aol.com)

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## A LITTLE HISTORY

(From the Tahoe Tattler, August 3, 1881)

### Excursion.

Mr. Birdsall, of Idlewild chartered the steamer Stanford yesterday, took his friends on board, and steamed away for Emerald Bay, where with lunch baskets, Eagle falls, rocks, wine, mountains, trees and many other good and beautiful things mixed up indiscriminately, they managed to pass time till near one o'clock, when all aboard and away for the shady groves of Tallac; roamed and mused till again aroused, by the steam whistle, when all again aboard the steamer headed for Carnelian Bay, where arrived, the party found amusement, and perchance profit, by hunting the pretty carnelian gems; this sport ended the days doing, and the people returned about five o'clock loudly sounding the praises of Tahoe in general, and Mr. Birdsall in particular.



Summer residence of F. Birdsall, Idlewild.

Idlewild Correspondence.

Two young ladies were observed in the vicinity of Idlewild, yesterday, meandering through the woods with murderous looking knives in their hands, also a bottle. As this is a very peaceful community, they were interrogated, and said they were gathering balsam from fir trees. Judging from the appearance of their faces and hands it must be a very delightful occupation and all young ladies would do well to try it for novelty's sake.

The photographs of the Birdsall cottage, taken by R. E. Wood, are pronounced by all to be a decided success.

Idlewild will be nearly deserted soon. Mr. Birdsall's family, Mr. Gunn and family together with several young ladies, leave next Friday for their respective homes. Annie and Mamie will need some one to comfort them!

Tuesday at Idlewild, Geo. Carr and Geo. McConnell caught twenty-five silver trout at the Georgetown snag, and on Wednesday a party consisting of Mr. Birdsall, his daughter Etta, Geo. Carr, Mary Pohlemus and Laura Graham, caught eighteen trout at the same place.

Captain Pomin rejoices in the possession of a beautiful badge, presented by some of the young ladies at Idlewild. The captain by his gentlemanly and accommodating behavior, and his polite attentions to the comfort, convenience and inquiries of those with whom he has associated, has made hosts of friends.

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### TTCF GRANT AWARDED

Ray Jones, Chairman of our Buildings and Grounds Committee, submitted a funding request to the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation. We are pleased to announce that they have approved an anonymous donation in the sum of \$4,000 for the completion of the Watson Cabin gardens.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## *Benefit Drawing Prizes and Winners - Tickets Drawn August 9th*

1. Dinner for two at Sunnyside - Winner: W. David Brown
2. Two prizes of Dinner for Two at Lanza's - Winner #1: Bobbie Dolton; #2: Sam Livermore
3. Dinner for two at the Crystal Bay Steak & Lobster House - Winner: Shirley White
4. 'Droll Yankees' bird feeder & seed - Winner: Syd Bartlett
5. Lake Tahoe Picture Album - Winner: Maureen Nolan
6. Four Lake Tahoe History books by Carol Van Etten - Winner: Bob Bernard
7. 'Tahoe's Magical West Shore' by Jill Beede and note cards by Miriam Biro - Winner: Jane Scott
8. Bottle of 'Corison Cabernet' - Winner: Joyce Grunauer
9. 'Sacramento, Gold Rush Legacy-Metropolitan Destiny' book - Winner: Bobbi Wiltsek
10. 'Cristal JG Durand' crystal vase - Winner: Jill Beede
11. Manicure by Nails by Cheri in Incline Village - Winner: Nancy Kraus
12. \$25 Gift Certificate from Goldstrike Jewelry in Tahoe City - Winner: Martin Pavloff
13. Two deli sandwiches & bottle of wine from PDQ Market in Tahoma - Winner: BIRTH Rustad
14. Breakfast or Lunch for 4 at The Old Post Office Coffee Shop - Winner: Carol Daniels
15. 9-Hole round of golf at the Old Brockway Golf Course Winner: Winnie Smith
16. Two night vacation at the Hyatt Hotel & Resort Incline Village - Winner: Beccy Shontz
17. Dinner for two at Benihana Japanese Steakhouse in the Flamingo Hilton Reno - Winner: Don Allan
18. Six VIP Free Passes to the Ponderosa Ranch Incline Village - Winner: George Hall
19. Woman's Haircut from Lei Anne of the Hair Works, Boatworks Mall - Winner: Betty Jane Roth
20. Man's Haircut from Lei Anne of the Hair Works, Boatworks Mall - Winner: Judy Troy

21. Mackinaw Fishing Trip for Two with the 'Fishin Grandma' Bobbi Dolton - Winner: Winnie Smith
22. One Night/Two Day vacation at Caesar's Lake Tahoe & Dining Credit - Winner: BIRTH Rustad
23. \$50 Gift Certificate from Fiamma's Tahoe City - Winner: Tanya Anderson
24. Dinner for Two at the Seafood Cove and Show for Two in the South Shore Room, Harrah's Lake Tahoe - Winner: Harry Pomin
25. Lunch for 4 at Jake's on the Lake in the Boatworks Mall - Winner: Liz Simmonds
26. Dinner for Two at Hacienda del Lago in the Boatworks Mall - Winner: Laura Anderson

**Grand Prize #1:** Four Hour Cruise for the winner and up to eighteen guests aboard the restored cruiser, 'Tahoe', formerly owned by Edward B. Scott and now owned by 'Sail Woodwind', Steve Dunham, Captain - Winner: Betty Brust

**Grand Prize #2:** 2001-02 season pass from Squaw Valley USA - Winner: Barbara & Frank Clifford

**Grand Prize #3:** Cruise on the 'Thunderbird' for the winner & 15 guests - Winner: Joanna Emerson

*Thank you to all the generous donors of the prizes and to all who purchased tickets.*

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### **!!!Construction 2002 Update!!!**

The NLTHS is pleased to announce that the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation has decided against building a restaurant next door to us. Current plans call for a park and picnic area, interpretive signage and dam viewing area. The Bridgetender Restaurant demolition and construction of new restroom facilities in the William B. Layton Park will continue as planned for 2002. Please contact Sara at the Museum if you have questions or concerns about this project! (The Bridgetender is relocating across the street.)

The State Parks recently completed an archaeological survey of the museum grounds. As many of you know this area is a prehistoric Washoe site. A point, tools as well as debris from tool production were found during the survey. Susan Lindstrom and her team will supply us with a copy of the report.