

North Lake Tahoe Historical Society
Home Tour
August 8, 2002
Noon—5pm

The West Shore



1. Rippey House

The Rippey House was built by Bruce Olson Construction of Tahoe City in 1999. The grand entry hall will take your breath away. Hand carved details adorn the living room columns. Native

split faced granite stone work is used extensively throughout the house, including the Bruce Olson designed stone fence and gates. To the left of the living room are the theater and Dave's office (note the desk and paneling). To the right of the living room discover the wine cellar with a special room for French wines greeting you as you enter.

Grand European windows frame wondrous views of Tahoe. Redwood is used as exterior wood and custom eastern cherry is used for all interior trim (including the coffered cherry ceiling). Honed and polished granite and marble are found throughout the ground floor with iron and cherry wood custom railings along stairways.

Wine and Cheese

Indulge your palette with a wine tasting donated by Charles Daniels, Jr. of the House of Daniels & sumptuous edibles catered by Marleis.

Our annual benefit drawing will also be held at the Rippey House. Don't miss your chance to win great prizes.



2. Gates/Quist House

This beautiful "French Country" home, situated on six acres of lake-side property was built in 1925 by

the architect George Kellan of San Francisco (he was the architect for the Russ Building in San Francisco). He built the house for himself and lived there until he moved to Rubicon Bay. The second owner was Mr. Seroni whose wife was Claire Zellerbach. The wooden boat moored off shore is a 1952 Chris Craft built for the house and named "Carousel" - as was the house.

The next owner was Robert Watt Miller. George Quist bought the house from his widow in 1981. After George died, his widow Robin, married Ned Gates and together they enjoy the house. The property includes a tennis court, a pier, the main house and a caretaker's house. There are a total of 12 bedrooms. The first room you enter to the left from the breezeway is the main living room, with a large Johannsen painting and three tables by him. Throughout the house you will enjoy paintings by John "Jack" Johannsen. The headboard in the master bedroom was by Johannsen as well as a wooden door from the "Squirrel's Nest." The "George" in the breezeway is another Johannsen. The Indian baskets were collected by Robin Quist (some came from John C. Rauzy and others were purchased from Quintana Gallery in Portland as was the Totem Pole outside).



The painting over the fireplace is by artist, Genie Callan from San Francisco. Directly across from the living room, you will enter a "passageway" which is really two bedrooms - the next building houses the original dining room. From there you pass through the original kitchen into a "family room" which is a new addition to the house. This room was built by Gary Collignon of G.C. Construction Co. with Ron Driller, architect of Tahoe City. As you leave the house, be sure to look for the large black bear hidden in the garden across from the entrance.

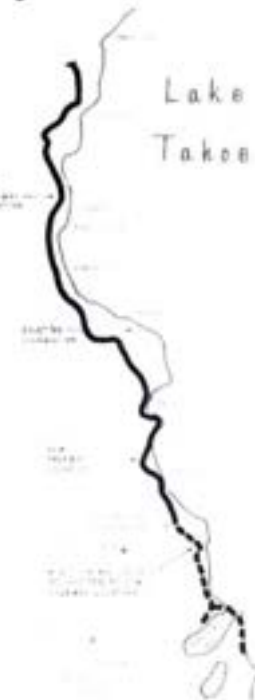
A bit of history: What could have begun...

(excerpts from a brochure entitled "Outrage at Lake Tahoe published in 1964)

Outrage at Lake Tahoe

"On January 23, 1964 the California Highway commission officially adopted the location for a freeway along the west side of Lake Tahoe from Tahoma to Bliss Park. The right-of-way selected would, for the most part, following existing Highway 89. Thus, this beautiful road as we now know it would be destroyed and in its place a four lane speedway—requiring a right-of-way up to 200 feet in width—would rise up to dominate the entire west shore of the lake."

The brochure goes on to describe how citizens can take action and possible solutions:
"A TWO LANE HIGHWAY WOULD AVOID THIS OUTRAGE ...To accommodate growing traffic requirements of the future and to permit greater enjoyment of the natural beauties by visitors, a separate two-lane parkway could meet the growth requirements of Lake Tahoe for the indefinite future."



Explanation of map: In March, 1963 the Highway Commission adopted the location for a freeway between Tahoe City and Tahoma west of existing Highway 89. In January, 1964 they adopted the location of a freeway between Tahoma and the northern boundary of Bliss Park generally along existing Highway 89. How long will it be before they adopt a freeway route through Bliss Park?

3. Dolby House

The Dolby House was designed by famous bay area architect, Archie Hess and completed in 1929 for the first owner, Dolph Westfall. Among its subsequent owners were M.O. Johnston and Carol "Pop" Bechdolt. When the Dolbys purchased the home very little had been changed. Huge



"see through" holes had been cut into the logs (by the Bechdolts), which the Dolbys restored with great pain! As you enter the living room you will see four photographs showing the original furnishings. The coffee table, desk and several side tables are original. Note the



interior balcony and the hand hewn open beam ceiling construction. The picture window and all of the other windows are original as is the stonework. The oak floors have been restored and the kitchen was remodeled in 1993 and made to look as if it was part of the original design language. Also on the ground floor is a den with desks and a television set. The kitchen was originally the formal dining room and was converted by the Bechdolts. The present dining room was the breakfast room and the den was the kitchen. The

outside deck has been expanded to make room for an outside breakfast area. The stone dining and serving tables and the BBQ on the lawn are original. The entire slate roof had to be replaced (copying the original Vermont slate) in 1981 soon after the Dolbys purchased the home.



As you walk along the dock you will notice the dressing rooms (now used for storage) and a finger pier.

4. MacLean House

In 1916 Charles E. Townsend Sr. built the original house on one of the 12 parcels of land he purchased that were part of the subdivision of the McConnell Ranch in Homewood.

Charles decided to build away from the lake so that he and his family could have the pleasure of watching the three or four automobiles that would drive down West Lake Boulevard each day. Obviously, he could not have foreseen the thrill of trying to cross the road at the height of today's summer madness.

The log cabin on the property was built in 1920. Take note of the oxen yoke that support the roof over the front porch. Notice that the roof trusses are held together with bailing wire. This cabin was built to serve as a guest house with six additional sleeping cabins on the property. One of these green sleeping cabins remains on the south property line. The log cabin was renovated in 2001.



The original Townsend house collapsed under heavy snows of 1968. All that was left standing was the fireplace and chimney which are included in the current construction. Take a look at the photographs in the living room depicting this event.



The current house was built in 1988 by Charles Townsend's grandson, Steve Townsend. Brenda and Don MacLean purchased the home in 1990 and remodeled it in 2001.

**Water and
juice available
at this home**

5. Stafford House

Gordon and Gertrude Stafford bought the property from Ahima Christensen in 1952 for \$10,000. Construction began in the early 1900s with various additions through the years and a major remodel completed in 2000. Mrs. Christensen left the Staffords all of the original furnishings, everything but her personal belongings, including: the linens, towels, furniture, kitchen utensils, snowshoes and cross country skis. Many of the original furnishings are still in use or are displayed today.

The Two Roomer

Around 1906, a one room cabin with a sink, wood burning stove and ice box was constructed at the corner of Fern and San Souci Terrace. A bedroom was added when the first owner married, hence the "two roomer" as the owners have always known it. The original cabin was more recently converted into a space for a bed, bath and water heater. A separate



shower and toilet structure used to be located near where the outdoor fire box still stands. This became the "kid's" shower and every afternoon after a day of swimming in the lake, they had to get a fire going to heat the water and stand around shivering for a half hour or so until they could enjoy the benefits of their labor. Their father delighted in this daily ritual and it wasn't until years later that he showed them a valve that would allow hot water from the electric heater in the main cabin to flow to the kid's shower. A separate small guest cabin containing two beds, a dresser and closet was added sometime later as were two level areas on the upper part of the lot that were constructed to serve as tent platforms for summer guests.

The Main Cabin

Around 1913 or so, the main cabin was built. It began as a living room with an open porch, a kitchen a wood burning stove and small breakfast nook, bath and bedroom. A shed back porch was added later and the open porch was enclosed and became a sunroom. The 2000 remodel replaced and enlarged all but the living room and sunroom which remain largely as originally constructed except that the stone fireplace and hearth had to be rebuilt.



Stafford House...continued

The original wood mantle was saved and reused and the painting over the mantle was left to the Staffords by Mrs. Christensen because the blue went with the blue ceiling in the living room. Pewter half pitchers hanging above the door into a small closet were originally a martini pitcher that was cut in two prevent its use by an alcoholic previous owner. The fireplace screen, poker, andirons, chandelier, and the tile-top table were all made by a blacksmith in Reno and are original to the cabin.

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There was a well just beyond the parking lot that provided water to the cabin and on occasion to others nearby for some years until the water company brought in service. A 6 foot deep by about 10 foot square rock line pit is located at the rear of the property and at one time was filled with water from the well in the fall, froze solid over the winter, and then was sawed into blocks to use in the ice boxes the following summer. The Staffords extra visitors could use this pit as a sleeping area/fort.

6. High House

This house is a blend of old and new. The original owners were the Azlund family of Reno. The first section you enter was built in 1960 and 1961. A German mason completed the brickwork seen throughout the house, including the unique chimneys. There are leaded glass doors throughout the house and tongue and groove hand milled red-wood ceilings and wainscoting. In the great room you will see a large hand carved mirror which belongs with a dresser upstairs. The cranberry glass sconces and chandelier were converted from gas to electric power. The family room beams came out of a San Francisco Victorian home. The kitchen features imported tile and an oil lamp in the dining room.

The bathroom has hand painted Italian tile and there are three stained glass windows that were made by a woman (artist unknown) from Tahoe City.

As you walk through the "office" space, take note that this was the original master bedroom. The new master bedroom has a turret over the bed. Also of note are the stained glass in the master bath made



with beads from a chandelier. This room also has a sample of the original wallpaper which was found throughout the home.

Upstairs: On your left side is the Funky Room. The closet was once the old balcony, you can see the fish scale siding. The right bedroom has beams recycled from San Francisco Victorians and the dresser from Pete High's parents.

Free Book with Ticket!

Local author Jill Beards has generously donated copies of her book "The Magical West Shore" for each family/group attending the 2002 Home Tour! Pick up your copy at the Gatekeeper's Museum!

Visit our Museums~Free admission with your Home Tour Ticket

The Gatekeeper's Museum and Marion Steinhilber Indian Basket Museum~

130 West Lake Blvd~11am~5pm

Pardon our dust! The old Bridgetender, our restroom building and the fence have disappeared. Come and see our summer exhibit of basketry by Joey Lavador, recent acquisitions and new museum store items!

The Watson Cabin Living Museum~

560 North Lake Blvd~Noon~4pm

Thanks to the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, the gardens are in full bloom! The Lake of the Sky Garden Club has been hard at work planting & maintaining the grounds. Inside, see the special exhibits for August. Each month during the summer artists from the Sierra Artists' Network have been featured.

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**THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
2001 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**

Thursday, August 9th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

1. The Fauver Home - 70 Speedboat, Brockway

The original portion of this home was constructed in the late 1920's. It was part of the Chase estate and was used as the "mother-in-law" cabin for the wrought iron artisan who designed many fireplaces at that time including George Whittell's 'Thunderbird Lodge'. The downstairs bedrooms do not have indoor access since Tahoe was not popular in the winter at that time. In the 1950's the home was sold and the living-dining area, kitchen and pantry were added. Notice the "boomerang" Formica in the kitchen and the pink and black Formica in the bathroom (which was probably originally the kitchen). The grandson of the '50's owners said that Frank Sinatra and Milton Berle had been dinner guests here.

There is a view, through trees, across Lake Tahoe toward Alpine Meadows, Barker Pass and the northern part of the Rubicon from the living-dining area and the master bedroom. The china in the dining room is from Spain in the 1920's. Most of the furniture in the house has a story (in other words hand-me downs or inherited).

Toni Fauver loves wildflowers and is the author of 'Wildflower Hiking in Lakes Basin'. Her dear friend, Marion Steinbach, donor of the extraordinary American Indian Basket Collection in the NLTHS's Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum, illustrated this book. Toni leads a wildflower hike each summer as a fund-raiser for the NLTHS.

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2. Laurie & Steve Clayton's 'Cedar Bark' House - 9859 Speedboat, Brockway

The 'Cedar Bark' House was built in 1927 as an extension of the Brockway Hot Springs Hotel. Apparently, there were a few cabins built by the hotel, mostly situated along the edge of the lake, and covered in the same bark cladding as the Clayton's.

Most of the 'Bark House' has remained as it was since the 1930's, and most of the furniture is from that era, including the lighting and bathroom fixtures. The stone fireplace in the living room is original, including the chimney crane, which supported a cast-iron cooking kettle. Originally, this cabin did not have a kitchen, so this was probably the only means of cooking available in the house. On the right of the fireplace is an old pipe that was explained as the means for heating piped-in water.

The floors throughout the home were originally blue marbled linoleum tiles. In 2000, the Claytons placed reclaimed pine from the East Coast on top of the linoleum. The paint on the walls in the entry hall, living room and dining room is original. The previous owners repainted the walls in the bedrooms and bathrooms and added insulation. The cabin was probably sold to the Chase family in the 1950's, and around that time they added the kitchen, a downstairs bedroom and bathroom, the cottage and carport. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were told that they built the adjacent house (the Fauver house on this tour) as a mother-in-law home. We were also told that Mr. Chase shipped his ancestor's home from the East Coast via the Panama Canal and rebuilt it on the land north of this home. That house was originally built in the 1700's and is allegedly the oldest home on the West Coast.

In the late 1980's, Mrs. Land, the granddaughter of Mr. Chase, sold the three properties. The "Bark House" was bought by the Sutros and they used it as their vacation home until 1995 when they sold it to the Claytons. (All of this information has been just hearsay from friends and acquaintances, so some of what you have been told may not be factual). Statistics: Main house: Entry hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, and three bedrooms each with an en-suite bathroom. (total=1500 square feet). Cottage: Living area, kitchenette, and bathroom. (total=350 square feet).

3. The Dewhurst Home **911 Lake Shore Drive**

"Bill" and "Dewey" Dewhurst purchased their property in 1956 and they built their home from 1958 to 1960. The Dewhursts often came to the east shore by boat to enjoy the views and sandy beaches. They noticed that several homes were being built and found out that ten lots had been sold by George Whittell from his 18 miles of lakefront property (at one time stretching from Kings Beach to Zephyr Cove, excepting Glenbrook). They purchased their lot from Mr. Whittell about twelve years before Incline Village was subdivided.

This small home enjoys one of the great Lake Tahoe vistas along with a sandy beach. One of the two towering trees on the property was used as part of the 'incline' where logs were lifted to the top of the eastern mountains and sent down to the valley below to be used to shore up the mines in Virginia City after the Comstock Lode was discovered in 1859.

"Bill" Mary Jane Dewhurst is the daughter of Annie Soll, who for many years was the caretaker of the Ehrman Mansion at Sugar Pine Point. "Bill" went to school at Lake Tahoe and her family has lived here for over 85 years.

4. The Pahl-Kochmond Home **1064 Lake Shore Drive**

Three inquisitive bronze children grace a cascading recirculating stream as you enter the spacious landscaped grounds. Through etched glass double doors you step into the grand foyer boasting natural American cherry floors, and surrounded by statues and paintings, including a Moreau bronze of "The Wheat Lady".

To your right is a sunken office and library while a formal parlor and master suite containing a fireplace, steam shower and whirlpool bath are to the left. Just ahead in the great room, one sees a stunning natural stone fireplace that is one of the largest in Tahoe, rising majestically to the 30 foot ceiling above.

As you proceed down the spacious hallway of natural wood you note the built-in bar, the oversize dining area and a 2000 bottle wine cellar. The spacious, gourmet kitchen features state of the art appliances by Viking and Sub-zero and contains a huge, circular built-in butchers block and granite on all countertops.

Maid's quarters and an exercise room complete the downstairs area along with a spacious five car L-shaped garage. A special shower for Mr. Oliver (a talented Airedale who is the major domo of this domain) is tucked into the large laundry area for his private use.

The 7200 sq. ft. home was designed by Steve Sederquist, built by Mark Neilsen Corp. and decorated by the owner, Janet Pahl. Two of the many extras found in this home include the 'Lutron Homeworks' lighting system and special 'ribbon speakers' from BG Corp. that provide reference quality sound throughout the living spaces.

The five full baths and two half baths have tumbled marble floors, marble counters, Kohler faucets throughout and creative wallpapering schemes. Each of the five bedrooms have inspired decorating ideas that provide a special welcome to family and guests.

The House of Daniels

Long term members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Charles and Carol Daniels have been the providers of wine for many of the Society's functions, in particular for the Wine Tasting at each year's House & Garden Tour.

The House of Daniels, Inc. is the parent corporation for Redwood Vintners, a wine and distilled spirits distributor of many fine brands throughout the State of California. This company was founded in 1933 and is celebrating its 68th anniversary this year. The House of Daniels also owns a winery, Trellis Vineyards, which is a 100% Sonoma County Appellation Winery making Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

Our members attending the House Tour this year will again be able to taste these wonderful Sonoma County wines. Also attending will be the Daniels' son, Peter, who is Executive Vice President and CEO of the company. Charles "Chuck" Daniels is the proud possessor of a 50-year plaque commemorating his long-time association with the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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5. Tramway Lodge - the Cathy & Alex Mendez home 1138 Lake Shore Drive.

Curtis McLachlan is the designer-builder who turned a small, ranch style house into this attractive mountain lodge. His talent and creativity were recently acknowledged with an award from the Architectural Committee of Washoe County.

Some of the special and unique features of this home include the unusual handmade copper kitchen countertops, the use of various types of stone in each of the five bathrooms, the hand crafted cabinetry of knotty alder and the use of indirect lighting. The dining room opens to a deck overlooking the landscaped grounds. The downstairs bedroom wing can be closed off by sliding doors. The kitchen and dining room flooring are made of authentic pine. There is also a large deck with hot tub and a barbecue cooking area. Mr. McLachlan's wife, Nancy, working as the interior designer, helped make this a home that truly feels like Lake Tahoe.

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6. The McLachlan Home 1142 Lakeshore Drive

The home next door to the Tramway Lodge was also designed and completely rebuilt by Curtis McLachlan in 1996. Be sure to see the 'before' photos. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan lived in a small trailer for three months during the preliminary remodeling phase. After they had moved into the home, Curtis was able to build the second floor without removing the ceilings of the first floor by leaving a 10" area above the first level using laminated beams and joists fitted so that living in the home during construction was less disturbing.

A porch surrounds the home and the large pine and fir trees, some over 250 years old, keep the summer heat away. The master suite upstairs has a private deck with a hot tub.

In addition to the attractive home and gardens, this property has some interesting historical features. Square nails and concrete have been found in a number of the trees. This property was home to the switching station for the narrow gauge train used during the years of active lumbering. It was also the location of the living quarter for the mill workers.

7. The Lafrance House 500 Fairview Boulevard

Sara and Len Lafrance purchased this spectacular lake view home, built from 1982 to 1987, three years ago. Since then they have done considerable remodeling and redecorating. The home was originally built for a 'swinging' bachelor and contained hot tubs, Jacuzzis, glass ceilings, etc. which have been removed. Federal and state lands surround the property and no construction of any kind will be allowed.

The four-story house has a beautiful two-story circular oak stairway, four fireplaces, library, elevator, and rooftop deck. The first story contains offices and will not be open for touring. Bedrooms, exercise room, master bedroom suite and sauna are on the second level.

The third story is the living-library-dining-kitchen area. The fourth story has a large game and family room. Many of the items purchased on Mr. and Mrs. Lafrance's travels are on display on these two levels. Most of all this home takes advantage of the view of Lake Tahoe from every level.

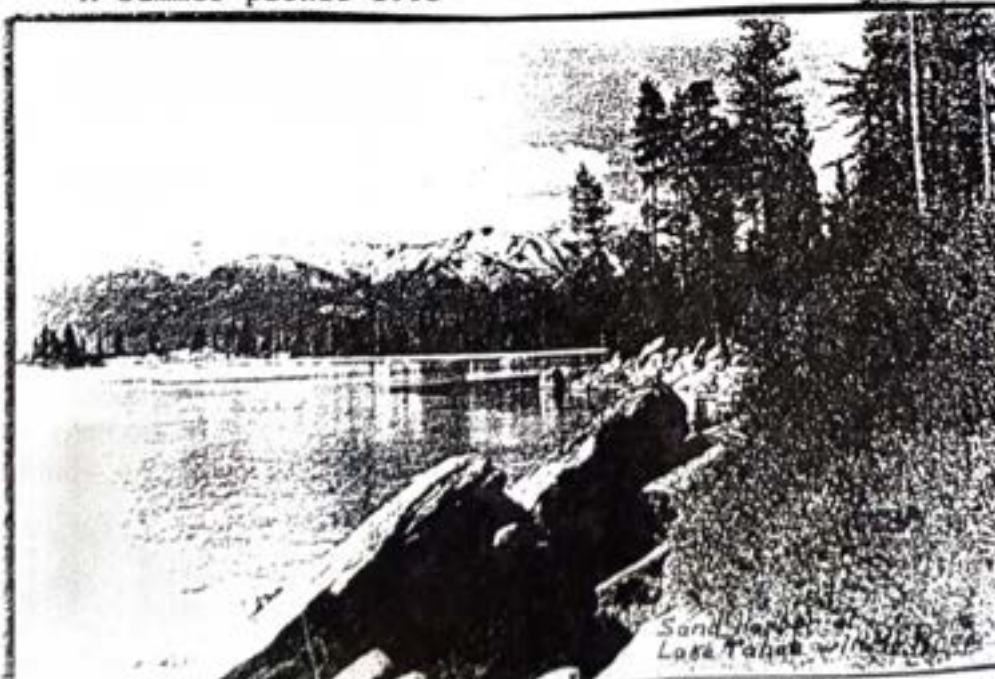


A summer picnic 1903



(above)

Engine #2 on the Sierra Nevada Wood & Lumber Company's narrow gauge line - photographed in the summer of 1894



(left) Mt. Rose as seen from Sand Harbor, circa 1935

Sand Harbor
Lake Tahoe

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 2000 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

1. The Kraus Home

The Kraus home, located at the end of Belleview Avenue on Blackwood Creek, was originally built by Thomas McConnell in 1868. McConnell owned a great deal of land from Blackwood Creek through Homewood and built his home at this location while selling other lots in what is known today as 'Tahoe Pines'.

McConnell sold his home to Ernie Pomin in about 1900. After adding a guest house, Pomin leased the property to Randolph C. Walker for a number of years before selling it to Mrs. Walker in 1946. The Walkers made a number of additions to both the main and the guest house during this period of time.

Mrs. Walker sold the property to Frank and Georgeanne Kraus in 1951, and it has remained in the Kraus family for the past 49 years. Today, Marshall and Nancy Kraus work with great passion to restore the integrity and renovate this beautiful and historically important lakefront property.

As the main house is rented for August, our tour is limited to the grounds and the guest house. A collection of oil paintings by Georgeanne Kraus will be displayed on the guest house deck. We hope you will enjoy your visit.



The McConnell Home, built in 1868

2. *The Forrar Home*

Mrs. Elwood Smith wanted her two children (Barbara Smith McConnell and Walter Smith) to experience a rustic, East Coast summer like she had as a girl since the rest of their year was spent in the privileged backdrop of Diablo Country Club. She constructed a one room cabin with a sleeping porch on the property in the 1920's (see photograph in the house). She also wanted the children to have a typical Tahoe log cabin, so it was built without the use of any modern electrical equipment about the same time. After the children were older, in 1946, the two-story main house was built on to the cabin and was fashioned after the one Mrs. Smith lived in as a young girl in Foxen, Connecticut. They brought some of their horses up from Diablo for the summers, thus the stable which has been converted to a boat house/garage.

Bob and Margo Forrar purchased the five-acre property from the Smiths in 1985. They have done structural work, modernized the upstairs bath and kitchen, but have tried to keep the look and its location on the stream that runs through the property.

3. *The Grebitus Home*

Clarence H. Breuner purchased the property (two lots) in 1932. He hired architect-builder, Frank Williams of Sacramento, who built the home in 1934 for the five Breuner brothers: Louis, Clarence, Richard, Wallace and Robert. The cost was \$2,500. The crack on the chimney was due to an earthquake the year the home was completed.

Over the years, the four other Breuner brothers built their own homes at the Lake and Clarence kept the two lots for his family. This property is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Grebitus of Sacramento. Mr. and Mrs. William Breuner (Beth's brother) built their own home on the adjacent lot to the north. During the 1930s and early 1940s, the Breuner house was a great gathering place for all the family friends where they congregated, especially enjoying the water sports. A highlight was when the father, Clarence Breuner, went aquaplaning with his oldest daughter, Sally, riding on his shoulders.

'Beaver Lodge' which was the old wash house and garage was remodeled for the thirteen grandchildren during the 1960 Olympics. After years in the main house, Beth (Breuner) and her husband, Ed Grebitus have now made 'Beaver Lodge' their home and the big house belongs to their children.

About Charles I. Daniels, Jr. and Redwood Vintners

Chuck Daniels, a long-time member of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and a proud summer Director, has been the provider for many years for the fine wines we have served at our annual membership meetings and also at our annual House & Garden tour. He is the President, CEO and owner of Redwood Vintners, which is a 67-year-old distribution and marketing company in the State of California. He is also owner of a Sonoma County winery, Trellis Vineyards, whose wines we have enjoyed on many of our NLTHS occasions.

The Daniels Family are long time visitors and devotees of the Lake Tahoe Basin going back to the days of Tahoe Tavern, Pomin's Lodge, May-ah-mee Lodge and Meeks Bay Resort. Please say "hello" and get to know Chuck and his family when you meet them at our various functions. His long-lived and most generous support of the NLTHS has enhanced our fund-raising events and our Society.

Redwood Vintners are hosting the following wineries at this tasting:

Chatham Winery, Schug Winery, Sierra Vista Winery, Trellis Winery, Whitehall Lane Winery, and non-alcoholic Torani Syrups.

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4. The Pleau Home

This beautiful piece of property was purchased from the Lundquist family, owners of several Homewood lakefront lots, in 1995. After much research and debate, the new owners made the decision to tear down the original house and rebuild. The new home, completed in 1998, was designed by Nick Kromydas and Dale Cox, Architects in Truckee. Their timeless mountain design is a perfect blend of the original spirit and architectural elegance.

The extensive use of pine, stone and wood detailing were beautifully completed by crafts people who worked so closely with Bruce Olson of Olson Construction. His incredible attention to detail and keen eye for quality should not be overlooked. The entire house exhibits how lovely woods can warm a home's interior. While the architecture, detailing, and materials are based on tradition, the house incorporates the most modern conveniences. Both the interiors and exteriors were wonderfully brought together by Roberta Brown, ASID, of El Dorado Hills. Her expertise in color and space are evident throughout the house. The selection of fabrics and designs for the window coverings and bedroom linens were made by Kimberly Smiegiel of Kimberly Company, Piedmont. Her choices have added to the warmth and charm of this family home. The landscape and garden were designed by Tim McGowan of Perennial Nursery. The curing stone pathway to the dock adds a touch of whimsy beneath the majestic pines. This home is a very successful blend of modern conveniences and 'old Tahoe' charm.

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5. The Himsl Home

Reynold and Mabel Johnson, the parents of the present owner Charlotte Himsl built this 6,200 square foot home in 1960. The home was designed and built by Mr. Harry Jensen from the San Francisco Bay area. There are eight bedrooms and four and 1/2 bathrooms. The Scandinavian design is a reflection of Mr. Johnson's Swedish heritage. Most of the furnishings were imported from Scandinavia. The fireplace was constructed using local Tahoe area stone.

Mr. Johnson was a Distributor for Volkswagen automobiles for Northern California, Nevada and Utah. Mr. Johnson also developed and built the Waters Edge Condominiums on the lakeshore in Tahoma. In 1968 Mr. Johnson also acquired the Ponderosa Golf Course in Truckee which is still owned and operated by his family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson enjoyed many happy years vacationing at this home that is still enjoyed by their family to the present day.

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 1999 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

#1 - The Olson Home

The Olson Home "The Logs" - 4090 North Lake Blvd.

The first lot in the newly opened Lake Forest tract was purchased by Margaret Liggett Pierce in 1927; and subsequently, she had constructed in 1930 and 1931 the three existing log cabins. It was her desire to re-create authentic replicas of the early pioneer cabins.

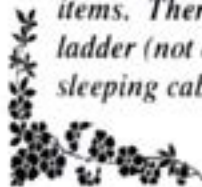
Strange as it seems, this desire presented many problems. Logs of proper size and age had to be found and transported to the site. But of even greater concern was the difficulty of locating artisans with the knowledge and skill required to cut, scribe and fit the logs together. The contractor, Norman Mayfield, in time found two Scandinavian craftsmen and they built all three houses.

After Margaret Liggett's marriage to Eugene M. Pierce, an architect, additional lake frontage was acquired on which a two bedroom bath, service-sun porch and attic addition was joined to the main house. You will be touring the main house, guest house and "little" house.

A little history (from the written reminiscences of Peggy Liggett Pierce):

We first came to Tahoe in 1917 because my mother, Margaret Liggett, loved to travel and she had decided that we would visit Glacier National Park so we drove from our home in Santa Barbara to San Francisco, then over to Yosemite and on up to Tahoe - that was as far as we ever got! I have never seen Glacier National Park yet! I was nine years old and my brother Larry was 12. We got as far as Tahoe and it was so much fun and we enjoyed it so thoroughly that we stayed there the rest of the summer. Our chauffeur, bless his heart, had driven us up in our open touring car to Yosemite where I got stung in my ear by a bee which didn't help matters very much. It was over 100 degrees there and I'm sure I was not a very welcome passenger for quite awhile in the car. The roads were all dirt roads or the wooden "Corduoy" roads through the desert that are now a state landmark. We got stuck in the mud outside of Kings City and we had to be pulled out by a farmer and his team of horses. We had to stay all night in Kings City which at that time was a fate worse than anything but what an adventure. It was fun because we weren't used to those things. Looking back on it my mother was very brave to undertake such a trip. There was she, my brother, I and a young man, who was our driver, who accompanied us. I don't remember how long it took from our home in Santa Barbara but I do remember stopping in Kyburz. When we got to the Tahoe Tavern it was so much fun that we changed all our plans and stayed there all summer. We got back to Santa Barbara around the 1st of September of 1917 but those few months were full of surprises, adventure, and years of memories.

Lynn and Dave Olson purchased the property in 1995 after having been next door neighbors for ten years. Tour the small two bedroom cabin and walk down to the lakefront home. There, most of the furnishings are as they were in the 1930s. The large table lamp, snow shoes, bowling pins and dinner chimes are from the Tahoe Tavern. The wood carvings are by Dave's father. Notice that the kitchen is also furnished with 1930s pots, pans, and many other items. There is also a "Crow's Nest" sleeping quarters second story, reached by a ship's ladder (not on display). Leaving the main house, stop and look into the "littlest Logs" sleeping cabin.



#2 - The Ottomeyer Home

The Ottomeyer Home - "Peaceful Pines" 5784 North Lake Blvd.

This lovely home was built around the stone fireplace that was all that remained from the previous house on the property. The builders were Larry Sevison with Dave Gleske, Contractors and the "crew". Carrie and Tim Sweet (Visions in Glass) created the etched glass windows and panels. Ken Foster did the Engineering and Doug Read made the built-in furniture. All others involved, too numerable to mention!! A big thank you from Alan and Shari Ottomeyer (who was her own decorator).

The first level has an open living-dining area with a kitchen with granite counters, oversize stove with warming ovens, microwave over the appliance garage, a coffee maker on the counter which even pours its own water. A pantry, walk-in pantry, refrigerator and freezer are all close at hand. There is a home office and bath. The main laundry, drying closet and winter storage closet are down the hall. A guest bedroom (the Pine Cone Room) and bath are on the lakeside with the bunk room (the Bear room) and bath completing the east wing. The living room has the stone fireplace and vintage screen and a bar. Indirect lighting is in all the ceilings of the home.

The living room opens onto a large deck, hot tub and bar-b-cue. The deer on the grass was from Mrs. Ottomeyer's grandmother's house from the 1930s (in Southern California.) A bear, squirrel, owl and raccoon are on top of the rail posts. A stairway with etched glass panels leads up to the master bedroom and bath overlooking the lake with a private deck, open mini-kitchen, fireplace and hidden TV cabinet, his & hers walk-in closets, laundry room and linen closet. A separate stairway leads to a self contained apartment for guests with fireplace, bedroom, living room-kitchen.

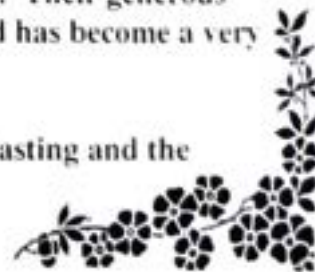
The home is 3,500 square feet and the tiles, floors, counters hardware and cabinets are very special. The dining table with etched glass top fits perfectly with the room and the wooden benches created by Doug Read include carved animals.

Indoors and out, the furnishings are beautiful, casual and made so that the grandchildren can be as comfortable as the adults (nothing breakable!)

Wine & Cheese Tasting

The Charles I Daniels Family and their Redwood Vintners are presenting our wine tasting with the participation of the Silverado Hill Cellars; Alderbrook Winery; Trellis Vineyards; Chatham Vineyards; Vigil Vineyards and Torani non-alcoholic syrups. Their generous support of the Historical Society has been ongoing for fifteen years and has become a very special part of the tour.

The NLTHS is presenting the hors d'oeuvres to compliment the wine tasting and the Brockway Springs Resort has generously donated their clubhouse.



A little more history (from the written reminiscences of Peggy Liggett Pierce):

The next time I went to the Lake was the summer of 1925 - my mother, younger brother and I came back from the East and we'd been going through Canada too. We came back some way down to Truckee. I'm not sure how we made connections but we arrived in Truckee about 5 in the morning and the air was so absolutely wonderful and invigorating I thought I would never survive the rest of the summer. We took the narrow gauge Lake Tahoe Railway again to the Tavern and of course, the train was smelly and noisy and cindery and smokey but just marvelous. From the Tavern we eventually took the steamer "Tahoe" to Chamber's Lodge where we had one of their cabins on the beach and were there for only a short while. We then took the steamer again to Brockway Hotel and stayed there the rest of the summer and absolutely loved it.

Brockway had a reputation as a health spa and the hot and cold springs there were wonderful. We continued to go back many times to the Brockway Hotel after this wonderful summer.

The next memory I have of Tahoe was in 1927 when my mother and younger brother, Denny, were staying at Brockway Hotel again along with my brother's dog Lupe. We had a wonderful summer with many, many activities of picnics and swimming and horse back riding. It was a completely different kind of existence than in the Tahoe Tavern because you had your own cabin.

The dining room was on the second floor of the main building that overlooked the Lake and there was a beautiful view. They had a swimming pool that was supplied with naturally heated water from the hot springs. It was quite different but lots of fun. The only difficult part was when my older brother, Larry, came up and had a very hard time. Even as a good swimmer, he overdid it in the lake and almost drowned.

I believe also that this was the summer I was allowed to have my hair cut like a boy and I thought that was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened to me. Also, that year was my first venture into real estate and I was 19. I had always had the desire to own a piece of property and so with savings from many birthdays and Christmas and so on I bought a very small lot in Brockway Vista which was toward the present Cal-Neva from Brockway. There were a very small number of homes built but a beautiful view - one could see the whole length of the lake and I was sure that was where I wanted to spend my summers for the rest of my life so that was property number one. I sold this property in 1935 when there were indications that gambling would be going into this area.



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#3 - THE LEVISON-HALPERIN HOME

The Brockway home of Robert and Anne Levison and Ruth Levison Halperin & Bob Halperin (Ruth and Robert are twins) was finished last June. It is the culmination of a dream that provides a vacation home for their seven children and spouses and thirteen grandchildren. The property was "discovered" in January, 1997 and two lots were acquired for the one house. Working with Loring Sagan and Paul Beamer of the Sagan Design Group the details and layout were intended to take care of the extended family and their guests.

From previous experiences Ruth and Robert (who were the project leaders) avoided some of the past mistakes and responded to the needs of the children and grandchildren. As an example, each child has a separate closet to accommodate their own effects.

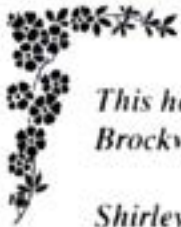
Ruth and Robert had a great time deciding on space, materials, details, equipment and furniture. They claim there were no arguments - just a lot of laughs. Robert was at the site almost every week and had great leadership from Curt Rich, Rob Wiltz and the entire crew. The same crew worked on the house from its beginning to end. All of the cabinet work was done by Truckee Sash & Door, the stone by Leif Johansen and the electric work by Paul Mc Murchie of Alpine Electric.

The Halperin and Levison seniors each have assigned bedrooms but the rest of the house is "flexible". On the ground floor there are four bedrooms, a bunk room, each with its own bath and sitting room-playroom. The main floor has an open floor plan combining the kitchen, dining room and living room. There is also a TV alcove, pantry, mud room and guest bath. The top floor contains the two master bedrooms and an office for work away from home. Each floor has decks with views of the lake and the property to the west of the house belongs to the Halperins for more space to enjoy. The living room-dining room cabinets are cherry, the kitchen is maple with birds-eye panels and the floor is beech. The Mark Adams tapestry in the entrance hall was originally in Ruth's home and the collection of 'Old Tahoe' photos has been collected over many years. The maps in the front hall were recently acquired to add some historical perspective.

A little history - The Levison family history at Tahoe goes back to the 1890's when their great grandparents spent time at Tallac Resort and on the Truckee River. Their great grandmother spent many happy hours fishing at the Lake. Ruth and Robert's father enjoyed a trip to Tahoe in a "Haynes" car with two of the Hellman "boys". They rode and camped around the Lake.

Anne Levison remembers staying at Chamber's Lodge after a trip by train from Truckee to Tahoe and being literally covered by soot from head to toe. Robert spent time during two summers at a boys camp on part of what is now the South Lake Tahoe airport.





#4 - THE FRIERMAN HOME

This home was actually built in 1916 for Harry O. Comstock, the owner and manager of Brockway Springs Resort. It is the oldest home on this tour.

Shirley and Leonard Frierman purchased the house in 1982 and completely restored it. Then, in 1994 they moved the house across the road to its present location and again remodeled and enlarged it. It now has four bedrooms, four baths, living room, family room and kitchen. Shirley was her own interior decorator. Most of the paintings in the home were done by daughter, Leslie Grunditz and her husband, Ake Grunditz.

Be sure to look at the photo, on display, of the original cabin. The Friermans say since they purchased the cabin they have "brought it up to code!"

Spectacular views of the lake abound from this site

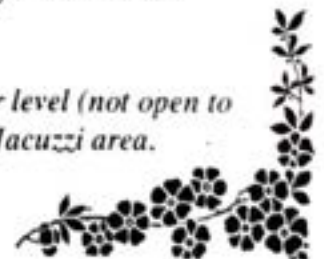
#5 - THE ARVAY HOME

Turrets, huge boulders and waterfalls greet our guests at this just completed "Old Tahoe" home designed by Architect Michael Helm, reflecting owner Drew Arvay's vision. The exterior and interior slate floors are all heated. Builder was Arvay Construction of Grass Valley. The detailed stonework on the "Medieval" turrets and fireplaces were crafted by masons Chris Bakich and Calvin Dillon from the Comstock region of Nevada. The waterfalls and other stone structures were made by rock sculptor Randy Austin, renowned for his work at Marine World and zoos around the world.

About 4,900 square feet of interior living space, 800 square feet of decking and 1000 ft. of garage were all designed with the "Vikingsholm" feeling - as you enter the home you see the 34 foot ceiling "Great Room" with it's stone fireplace and spectacular lake views. On the main level is the entertainment center, open dining and kitchen areas. The bedroom wing is accessed through a spacious octagonal hallway that serves as an art gallery complete with a whimsical custom sculpture of the Arvay Chateau. The bedrooms are each decorated with a theme, the "Fishing" room ; the "Critter" room is like a walk in the woods; and the "Ski" room is decorated with an alpine theme. The furnishings, light fixtures and hardware throughout this home have been chosen with great care to reflect the 'Old Tahoe' style.

Upstairs is the "turret" bedroom with the "Pheasant and Copper" bath, an open loft room with bunk beds, the "Library" master bedroom, bath and study, cozy and comfortable, featuring a collection of antiques and books and even the skis once belonging to President Calvin Coolidge. Be sure to note the octagonal wood ceilings in the library and "turret" bedroom.

The four car garage, workshop, mud-laundry-bath rooms are on the lower level (not open to viewing). The huge rock waterfall behind the home will hide an outdoor Jacuzzi area.



THANK YOU TO THE CAL NEVA RESORT

A special thanks to Charles Bluth's Cal Neva Resort and in particular to General Manager, Abel Damergi and Sue Jackson for their great assistance with the House & Garden Tour travel arrangements. They are allowing us to use their minibus and arranged for the two other buses to transport our members to the Brockway Springs Resort homes. We hope that you might visit the Cal Neva after the tour to see how beautifully Mr. Bluth restored the resort. It is a lovely spot to enjoy magnificent views of the lake while dining or enjoying a cocktail.

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As you know this annual event is open to members only and then on a first come-first serve reservation because we are sold out every year. If you are a guest today and would like to become a member please complete and return the application below.

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THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 1998 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society welcomes you to our annual House & Garden Tour where the owners of six unique and beautiful homes have opened their doors. We thank them for their gracious hospitality which makes this 1998 tour possible.

THE SLOAT HOME

This airy, open contemporary home was designed by noted architect David Tucker in the mid 1980s. The "Old Tahoe" decor with Indian rugs, antique Indian art, rustic furniture hand crafted by the owner, and early photos of Tahoe and its era of wooden boats lends a touch of nostalgia to the golden days and times past at Lake Tahoe.

The Sloats are from the Sacramento area, love Tahoe's beauty, its skiing and boating, and use their home winter and summer in pursuit of these activities.

BOATHOUSE LORE THE BOATHOUSE - THE HEDRICK HOME

The Boathouse gets its name because it used to house a large boat in the present living room. The Bissell (Bissell Carpet Sweep Co.) family built the "Main House" (above us on the hill) in 1911 on what was a 15 acre compound. Five years later, William Wallace Mein bought the compound, sight unseen, from New York. They constructed a maintenance shed in the location of our present dining room. It grew slowly to include the upstairs which was a separate unit from the downstairs. In the 1920s, Harry Johanson, the colorful second constable of the North Lake Tahoe area lived upstairs with his huskie dogs. He was in many movies made at the lake, including "The Far Country" (doing stunt work for Gary Cooper), and "Call of the Wild" (doing stunt work for Clark Gable with his dogs and sled).

William Wallace Mein turned the compound over to his four children in 1936 and his son, Tom, took over the growing "boathouse" onto which he added a boathouse for the 50 ft. U.S. Mail Boat, "Viva". However, in the early 1950s, the boathouse section was converted into the present living room and master bedroom behind it. The house has the same gambrel roof and diamond pane windows as in the "main house". The old 30 foot wooden flower-laden canoe in the front of the house came from Samoa in the 1940s. The Hedricks bought the house in 1994, furnished, and have since added the garage and remodeled parts of the house.

There had been a large structure out on the "L" shaped rock crib pier until the 1950s, when it started falling down. The property was divided into 5 parcels in 1989 and three new houses were built.

HOME #3

This home was constructed in 1989-90 on one of the five lots which resulted from the split of the former Mein Estate. The owners set out to design a home in the "Cape Cod" shingle style with a traditional feel but also with contemporary or even "post modern" elements. Examples of the latter are the large bays, the circular entry window and the double vaulted ceiling in the master bedroom. The owners took an active part in the design of the residence with ideas that came after reviewing a number of architecture books, prominent among which was "Robert A.M. Stern, Buildings and Project 1981-1985".

Sandy Walker of Walker and Moody, San Francisco, was the architect. Sandy was brilliantly creative and incorporated many of the design elements favored by the owners into a cohesive whole.

Engineering for the structure was coordinated by the firm of Toft and de Nevers in order to have a building capable of withstanding enormous snow loads and earthquakes. Pat Setter (Lakeshore Builders) was the general contractor. His efforts and organizational skills were, in the words of the architect, extraordinary.

Linda Allen, Tiburon, Ca. coordinated the interior layouts, furniture plan, finish details and interior design. A highlight is the handwoven carpet in the living room executed and signed by the Carletons of Elk, Ca.

The landscaping is dominated by a large lawn and the planting of numerous large (14 to 22 feet in height) Colorado spruce, firs and willows. Six redwoods were planted to symbolically represent each of the children in the family.

Overall it was the owners' intent to have a large home that could be shared by all of their children and their own families as the years go by. It is their hope that the home will remain in the family for many generations. They consider it to be a special place, welcoming to all who live there and come to visit.

WINE & CHEESE TASTING

at home #4

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Carol, Chuck and Peter Daniels with Warren Helman and Scott Stagnone will be your Redwood Vintners hosts. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to them and let them know your opinion on the wines presented today.

The wineries present today are: Alderbrook Winery, Blake Hickock Winery, Granite Springs Winery, Louis Martini Winery, Trellis Winery, Vigil Winery and Torani Non-Alcoholic Syrups.

HOME #4

This four bedroom West Shore house was constructed in 1991 for year round use. The owners wanted the home to have an "Old Tahoe" feeling and at the same time include everyday modern conveniences. The home was built to take advantage of the beautiful lake views and accommodate a family of four and their friends and relatives in a comfortable open space plan. The interior's high-quality craftsmanship includes extensive use of log poles, massive beams, and wooden floors. It is decorated around a North American Indian theme with numerous Indian rugs and artifacts throughout the main living areas.

The beach house located near the pier was completely renovated, and is used during summer months to accommodate extra guests or as a cozy retreat where the owners can read and contemplate the beauty of the lake. The garden, which was recently renovated by Chris Carnavale of Tahoe C Company, includes mostly native perennials, shrubs and trees found in the Tahoe basin area. The totem pole near the entrance of the house was designed by the owners and carved by local wood sculptor, Rand Oertle. Each animal represents a different family member and is based on Indian folklore. The home was designed by architect Tim Ward of Ward-Young Associates of Truckee and built by Pat Setter of Lakeshore Builders in Tahoe City. Interior Designer Linda Bradshaw Allen of Tiburon is responsible for the furnishings.

"SONNENHOF" - THE MENGES HOME

The Menges home, completed in 1987, is the newest home on our tour. Working with Tom Wilson, the contractor, Mrs. Menges was very involved in the architecture and interior decorating and made this a true Tahoe home in all respects. "Sonnenhof", meaning Suncourt, is the name given this lovely home and once you see the beautiful windows, you realize the owners have taken full advantage of the sun and lake view.

When entering the home you are welcomed by a six foot bear carved into the front door by local artist, Matt, the owner of Timeless Sculptures in Kings Beach. As you tour the home, notice the rough hewed sugar pine logs, granite stone from Donner Summit, and the fine rugs and furnishings from Tahoe merchants.

While growing up in Koenigstein, Germany, (near Frankfurt), Luise Menges studied Western American art and her interest has grown since coming to America in 1965.

In the entrance and living room in particular you will see some of Roger Menges paintings along with other fine paintings, sculptures, and artifacts. The

Menges' joy is to share their home with family and friends. Many memorable times are spent in the large family room upstairs.

ADJIDAUMO LODGE - THE LONERGAN HOME

Adjidaumo Lodge, named for the red squirrel in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's *Song of Hiawatha*, was originally part of the property owned by Richard Kirman. Kirman, who at the age of 22 in 1899 was the youngest state legislator in the history of Nevada, also served as governor of that state from 1935 to 1938.

He owned all the lakefront property between here and the Hellman-Ehrman property, which is now Sugar Pine Point State Park.

The house was built in 1925 and remodeled in the early 1990s, preserving its old Tahoe character. The current owners enjoy using the spacious lawn and beach area of the property for large family gatherings.

A LITTLE HISTORY

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by E. B. Scott

TAHOE PARK

By 1910, 50 to 100 foot lots were selling along the lake shore for \$50 each. The Bliss family now owned most of the land from Tahoe Tavern to Ward Creek. They had sold some of the choicer parcels to the Bissells. The property was later purchased by the William Wallace Meins, Spencer Blacks, James F. Moffitts, and other prominent San Francisco and East Bay families, who built "mansion houses" above the lake. The Blissesses also offered some plots to their employees for \$10.00 down and \$1.00 a month. Few took advantage of the offer. "What good is a lakefront lot now that the big timber is gone?" they asked.

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THE MALOOF HOME 215 St. Michael's Court

The Maloof home captures the spirit of Tahoe's rustic past without compromising the conveniences of contemporary living. The home was built by Wilson Construction Company of Tahoe City. Known for homes that reflect a connection with the natural environment, Mr. Wilson incorporated a balanced use of rustic materials that characterize the Sierra: board-and-batten siding; cedar; lodge pole pine and rock from Donner Summit. As much as possible, local building materials were used to create a rustic style.

The interior is a collaboration between Debbie Maloof and Pam Wilson. Old and new furnishings are mixed with extensive use of color to create a comfortable sense of informal living. French fabrics and oriental rugs are at home with leather and Old Hickory furnishings alongside the works of John Johannsen, Richard Coons and Robert Clunie.

The first floor plan includes the living room, formal dining room, kitchen-dining area, office and master bedroom suite, guest bath and laundry room. A large deck can be entered from the kitchen, living area and master bedroom. Upstairs are the Maloof children's bedroom-bath suites and a TV game room.

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THE KAUFMANN HOME 255 St. Michael's Court

Carol and Bill Kaufmann's sophisticated, contemporary mountain home was built in 1994 by Hjelte Construction. The Kaufmanns purchased the house in 1996.

A quartzite entry opens onto the living room with a panoramic view of Blackwood Canyon in the background. The Sonoma Fieldstone fireplace dominates the living room, and the new cabinets flanking the fireplace were built by Peter Koenig of Lakeshore Builders. The ceiling and cabinets are clear Douglas Fir. The open floor plan and beautiful views follow into the dining room and kitchen which are accented by wood floors and granite counter tops. Off the kitchen is the powder room, laundry room/pantry and the den which also features a Sonoma granite fireplace. Patios and decks lead from the breakfast area and kitchen.

At the top of the stairs is a guest room and bath used by the Kaufmann's son. Following to the left is Mr. Kaufmann's home office and their high school age daughter's bedroom and bath. Returning to the north end of the house is Mrs. Kaufmann's home office and master bedroom suite. The canyon view also dominates this space. The suite features a pine ceiling, a bath with marble tiled floor and countertops, a large closet and small balcony overlooking the canyon.

Throughout the home you will notice extra-height doors, custom moldings, and many skylights which let in large amounts of light in any season. A fully landscaped yard encircles the home. The neighbors in this close knit, secluded neighborhood share the pool and tennis court across from the Kaufmann's breakfast area.

THE JOHNSON-SWARTZ-BOORD HOMES

4795 West Lake Boulevard

The big house, 'Tehya' (meaning precious) was built by Lucile and Albert Johnson in 1929. In the early 1980s, a major restoration project was completed, including raising the home and pouring 64 cement piers for the foundation, installing double pane windows and completely rebuilding the stone chimney after every stone was numbered and removed so that it could be rebuilt exactly as before.

In the living room, the drapes you see were made by Carolyn Johnson's grandmother in 1929 and have hung there since that time. The bow and arrow on the wall were made by the most famous Washo Elder, Captain Pete.

The lovely quilts throughout the bedrooms were made by Leslie Swartz. The front bedroom rug was a family project with everyone participating. In the bathrooms note the cabinet compartments, made so everyone had his or her own 'space'. The knotty pine kitchen was rebuilt from the old kitchen and porch (John Butulia was the contractor). On the stairs leading to the second story take a look at the early 1930s view of the house in winter and the 1989 photo of a frozen Emerald Bay. Upstairs is the storage/laundry room, two bedrooms and a bath.

As you leave 'Tehya', walk up to the patio and garden and enjoy a glass of iced tea on the outdoor Bar-B-Que and counter on your way to Carolyn's home, built by her in 1957. The architect was the late Robert Crippen and the builder was Stein Neilson. The large deck is shaded by pines and cedars and overlooks the garden. The living room is open-beamed with many high windows for light and views of the trees. The kitchen and second story were added in 1991. Jack Patterson of Truckee made the cabinets and lights for the stairway. The toboggan on the stairwell wall was used by the family for many years. Carolyn's bedroom features a very special Leslie Swartz quilt. The bath and laundry room completes the addition.

Carolyn wanted a small house for her guests and it is the 'Tamarack' with bedroom and bath and was built in 1958.

THE HARRIS HOME

5050 West Lake Boulevard

This home was designed by Architect Richard L. Whitaker and completed in 1986. The rock fireplaces and exterior wainscoting are the work of Jack Emerson. Hans Standteiner designed the iron brackets for the lanterns over the entrance walkway.

Muriel and Hugh Harris acquired the property in 1988 and live there from May through October. Their adult daughter and son, as well as other family and friends gather there during the holidays and skiing season.

The sunroom with wet bar and balcony was added to the mountain side of the upper floor of the main house during the winter of 1996-97 and was also designed by Richard Whitaker to carefully preserve the architectural details of the original structure. McIntyre Tile of Healdsburg, CA reproduced the original tiles to match throughout the house. Due to the amount of glass in the new addition, steel framing was required to meet earthquake requirements and it was fabricated by Ken Kott and was hoisted by crane in several sections from the street over the garage roof. Sierra Power had to be called to temporarily lower their

lines and one lane of West Lake Boulevard was closed to accommodate the crane. Craig Hjelte was the general contractor. Interior design, including fabrics, is by Mrs. Harris.

Two antique cars in the garage are part of the owner's collection. The station wagon is a 1929 Ford Model 'A'. 1929 was the first year Ford offered a production line station wagon. Previous to 1929 this model was known as a 'depot hack' and it was necessary to purchase a chassis from Ford and a wood body from one of a number of what had been buggy makers to be fitted to the Ford Chassis. This station wagon came from Massachusetts several years ago in quite good condition, however, some mechanical restoration together with revarnishing of the maple and birch body was completed by Jim Stewart of Truckee. The cabriolet is a 1960 Mercedes Benz model 220 SEB. It is powered with a 134 hp 6 cylinder fuel injected motor. The car has never been restored and the mileage, under 70,000 miles, is original as the car has been driven only in summers for most of its 37 years. The original cost of the vehicle in 1960 was about \$10,000. It was purchased new by a member of the present owner's family.

Also notice the antique outboard motors in the garage, a 1935 Johnson Model A-75 4 1/2 hp., a 1914 Lockwood Ash rowboat motor, about 2 hp. with knob start and the tiller steering. The Elto is a 1928/29 Service Speedster about 10 hp. Each motor is in good operating condition. "Elto" means Evinrude Light Twin Outboard. 'Ole' Evinrude sold the original Evinrude company but spent the proceeds lavishly from the sale of the business and had to go back into business in order to survive. Having sold the original Evinrude name he had to think of a new one which is how "Elto" came into being.

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at the lakefront garden of Muriel and Hugh Harris

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Torani Syrups (non-alcoholic)

THE DAMNER HOME

36 Moana Circle

This Jim Morton home was built in 1966 and was purchased last Fall by Sisi and Bert Damner as a second home. This is the Damner's second Morton home: they had previously owned and enjoyed a Morton home in Squaw Valley for ten years.

Moana Circle homes have spectacular panoramic views of the Lake in a quiet and secluded area. Note the magnificent Incense Cedar that guards the entrance from the road going down the pathway to the home.

Entering through the double doorway, the slate entryway opens onto a sunken living room with redwood paneling. The tall cathedral ceiling of the Damner's home provides a gorgeous

view of the Lake. The Damners lightened the beams of the ceiling in the central part of the house, making the home lighter inside. The fabrics in the living room and dining room were coordinated by Alice Wiley Interiors. In the dining room is an antique hutch which belonged to Sisi's great-grandmother. Other pieces are antiques the Damners have collected for their mountain home over the years.

There is a large patio to the south in front of the dining room. The family opened up the kitchen so they could delight in the lake view and updated many features in the kitchen. There are three bedrooms on the south side with bathrooms and on the north side there is the master bedroom area.

Bert Damner is in business in the Bay Area and Sisi has an antique business. They have three children, and the family enjoy winter and summer sports at the Lake. They are members of the Tahoe Yacht Club and the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

A LITTLE HISTORY

"GOOD NATURED GEORGE"

Interview from the 'Tahoe Tattler', Friday, July 26, 1935

Coming down the home-stretch into his 80th year, but you'd never know it, is George T. Murphy, one of Tahoe's favorite old-timers.

We met up with this gentle-mannered giant last Sunday week, and could have listened at his knee the full moon around, for his memory's sharper than Eagle Point and twice as long. And it's all wrapped up in Tahoe, McKinney's Bay, Meeks Bay and the old gold-diggings and farm lands around Coloma, his birthplace.

Anyway, he told us of seeing and knowing John Marshall, he who stumbled on the first gold nuggets of El Dorado, and brought the world to California's shores. Marshall....stubble-bearded, red-shirted and sturdy tippler of his time, whose pal was an Indian Chief, famed for his bare-handed victory over a Sierra bear with only his knife for a weapon. That was Coloma for you...and on the outlook for adventure, young Murphy landed on the shores of Tahoe in 1872, when just 16 summers were his to claim.

Along in the late 'Eighties', "Good-Natured George" became annexed to McKinney's (now Chambers Lodge) or vice versa, and he remained there for 27 years, as major-domo, manager and Boniface of the summer hosts who came to Tahoe of that era.

We'll let Mister Murphy trod the board for a spell with his own words of the genus Tahoeitas of that period. "The Lake was naturally a bit wilder in those days...of course I mean the timberlined shores, the animals, fish and setting, not the people. Their's was a simpler life than ours today. Taking a barge-load of merrymakers in tow from McKinney's we'd head for Glenbrook, then take them over the narrow gauge to Saint's Rest and back down to Campbell's Hot Springs (now Brockway Hotel) before heading home in the moonlight."

"Old John W. McKinney was as great-hearted a man as you'd ever want to meet, and just as grand to work with. His place was first called Hunter's Home at Sugar Pine Point...you'll see it in your first year's (1881) Tattlers...but when they wanted a post office they called it McKinney because there were two of the former in California."

"And did you ever hear how they used to call Meeks Bay by the name of Buttermilk Bay? But wait...about Buttermilk Bay...in those days, the school teachers from Reno and the girls from

the Mint at Carson City used to head for Tahoe every holiday to hold their corn-bakes, play games and occasionally pair off as young folk will."

"Well, the boys, even if they were dashing young blades, in their peg-top pants and round-knobbed button shoes, wouldn't dare bibble too much, for they'd sure lose out with the ladies if they did. As for the ladies...their favorite drink, and usually from the Murphy dairy, mind you...was buttermilk."

George Murphy still finds his summer joys in creating a garden for his home across the road from Meeks Bay. Here, with his flowers, tamed from Tahoe's slopes, and with his grand-children, Maureen and John J. III, Healy, little Sheila Patricia Reynolds, and Mrs. George T. herself, our borrowed-timer looks forward to his 80th milestone...and his summer at Tahoe. And just as eagerly as he did his first-Bless him! say we all.

THE CHERRY HOME 498 Log Cabin Road & Hwy. 89

Sue and Steve Cherry's home is referenced in Edward B. Scott's 'Saga of Lake Tahoe', Chapter 15, entitled "Meeks Bay". Their cabin is one of two built in the 1918-1920 time frame by James and George Murphy and Luke Morgan (Murphy Bros. & Morgan).

Both cabins are still standing in their original locations, at the trail head to the Desolation Wilderness area. The smaller of the two cabins was used by George Morgan (Luke Morgan's son) and his wife, Evelyn. George was the manager of the Murphy Bros. & Morgan cattle operations. This cabin is now on federal property as the result of a land sale in the early 1960's and has been boarded up and no longer in use.

The Cherry cabin was used as a summer home by the Murphy and Morgan families until the mid 1930's, at which time Marge Lawson (daughter of James Murphy) and her husband, Harry Lawson, built a third cabin on the property. This third cabin is the summer home of Murphy's grandson, Jim Lawson and his wife, Marie.

In the late 1930's and until 1964, the log cabin was used by Isabel Liddicoat (Luke Morgan's daughter) and her family as a summer home. In 1961 the Liddicoat family completed the construction of a new cabin located on the hill behind the old log cabin. Isabel is the family matriarch and continues to spend her summers at the lake.

From 1961 through most of 1984, the log cabin was used as a rental and the structure began to show wear and tear and the deterioration of sixty plus years of weathering. The rear addition had almost completely separated from the main structure, the water pipes had to be continually repaired, and every animal of the forest seemed to have his own entry into the interior.

The Cherrys rented the cabin every summer during these years and finally had the opportunity to purchase it in 1984. They wanted to preserve it as a link to their family heritage which reflects more than a 100 year history at Lake Tahoe and Meeks Bay. Their goal has been to extend the life of the building another 70 years for the enjoyment of their children and the children of the Murphy/Morgan families.

The building represents construction of another time. There are no nails in the main structure of the first floor. The logs which make the structure are 'Lodgepole Pine'. They were harvested on the property by the Murphys and Morgans and their hired ranch hands. The logs were pulled to the site by horses and hand cut to fit by axe or saw. The original "chinking" is still visible between the logs. There is a kitchen, living room and two bedrooms on the second floor. In the late 1920's a bathroom was added to the rear of the structure. The Murphys and Morgans had large families and Isabel Liddicoat remembers that the children often slept outside in platform style tents.

Once purchased and having a single photograph, dated 1923, restoration began. A foundation, new plumbing and a new roof were installed. The entire first floor interior was sandblasted due to a previous fire inside the living room area. The original roof can be seen from the interior of the cabin. The exterior roof was installed in 1985 and there is now two inches of insulation between the old and new roofs. The windows at the second floor had to be replaced.

Every effort was made to restore the cabin to its original state, including the cedar bark skirting around the base of the front porch.

THE LAWSON HOME 7960 West Lake Boulevard

Jim Lawson's grandfather, James Murphy, his brother, George, and their partner, Luke Morgan, purchased the land (section 29, Mecks Bay) in 1872. James Murphy's son-in-law, Harry Lawson built the house in 1936 (the land was subdivided in 1920) and spent every summer there until his death in 1968, and his wife, Margaret Murphy Lawson died in 1984 at age 83. James Murphy died in 1949 at the age of 92.

Jim and Marie Lawson and their family enjoy their summers at the Lake and invite you to see their 'Old Tahoe' cabin. Note that the original kitchen stove is still used by the family.