

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2004 is a year of milestones for the Society. We met our financial goals for 2003 and are pleased to be able to expand our staffing to include two full time positions at the Gatekeeper's and one part time position for the Watson Cabin. This year we are also able to include some help with health benefits for our full-time staff.

Thanks to our generous members we were able to raise funds to purchase the Sarah Jim Mayo basket for our Washoe basket collection. This display along with many new exhibits will be available for viewing at the Gatekeeper's Museum this summer season.

Our Board Committees have been hard at work planning events for the summer season. We hope that you will join us for some fun events and activities while helping to raise funds for our Museums.

Please check this newsletter for hours of operation of our Museums. We hope to see you this summer!

– Phyllis Bassett, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Open House May 20 (5:00-7:00 pm)
 Mark McLaughlin Lecture Series . . . June 17th-July 29th
 Basket Class June 26th & July 21st
 Domino Tournament July 9th
 Divorce Seekers July 13th
 Nature Walk July 15th
 Annual Dinner and Auction July 18th
 Home Tour August 5th
 Concours' Booth August 6th-7th
 Labor Day Dinner Cruise September 6th

Other Events to be announced as dates are set

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are proud to bring you our second edition of the NLTHS Tahoe Tattler. Please look for the article in this issue which includes excerpts from Tahoe's first paper. We hope that you will enjoy the Tattler Tidbits we include in our newsletter.

With the addition of our full-time Assistant Director, Stefanie, we have made great strides with new exhibits this winter season. New and expanded exhibits will be ready to greet visitors May 1st. I'm excited to bring some of our treasures from the attic into the Museum for viewing. We will be creating an exhibit schedule for the Gatekeeper's Museum and look forward to some great new displays.

Our Watson Cabin Museum also features some new displays for the season. We look forward to increased visitation due to the completion of construction projects in the immediate vicinity.

In another venture with SDBX Studio, we are creating a new website for the Society. You will soon be able to visit the new site at www.northtahoemuseums.org. Special thanks to Society member Jill Beede who has done such a great job getting us on the web in the first place. She has very graciously donated hosting and design of our site since its inception. Congratulations to Jill who is busy with her new venture, an expanded store named Tahoe Country in the new Stateline area on the South Shore.

– Sara Larson, Director of Museums

MUSEUM SCHEDULE

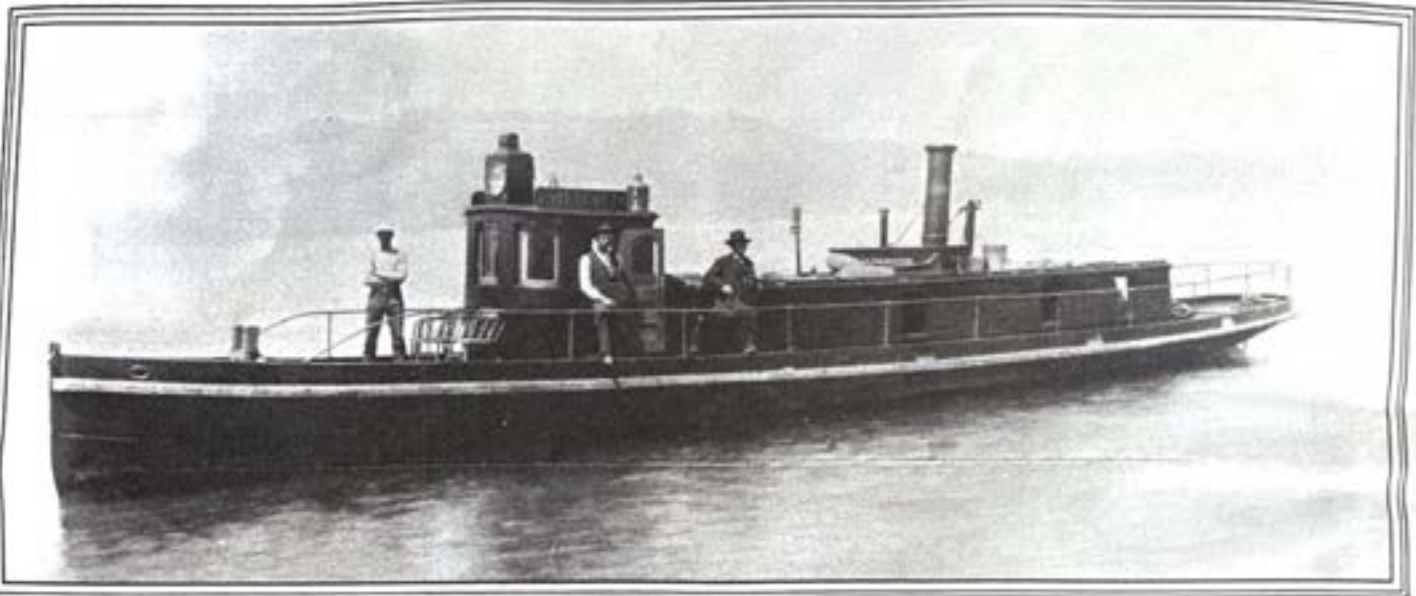
Gatekeeper's Museum & Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum are open for the season beginning May 1st. The Watson Cabin opens Memorial day weekend.

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The old steamer tug "Emerald" Carson & Tahoe Lumber & Fluming Co., circa 1890. NLTHS Collection

PROPOSED BOARD CANDIDATES

Candidates for 2004-2005:

**Marge Bartlett · Charlotte Davidson · Ritch Davidson ·
Jeanne Davis · Sue DeVoe · Bruce McNulty · Warren Wagner**

A group of ten or more members may nominate additional candidates by submitting a signed petition to the Board of Directors. The petitions must be received by deadline of **June 1st**. If no additional nominations are received by **June 1st**, all candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee are automatically elected.

KUDOS

Jill Beede of www.tahoecountry.com for so generously donating our first website

Al Roskos for moving our Yosemite Basket Case to the interior of the Basket Museum

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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce the new full-time position of Assistant Director of Museums. In January we hired Stefanie Aarons of Truckee. Stefanie grew up in San Mateo and received a BS in Geology from CSU Chico. She has completed coursework towards a Masters Degree in Education, and looks forward to developing educational programs for our Museums. She has over 4 years experience working with nonprofit groups where she developed school programs and interpretive classes about the natural and cultural history of Northern California. Stefanie had volunteered with NLTHS since the Spring of 2003. Among her many talents, she enjoys grant writing...we're lucky to have her aboard!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Cummings
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Eckstrom
Jack Esterly
Lou & Mary Ann Peoples
Cress Williamson

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation for archival flat file storage, Vera Long, Placer County Revenue Sharing Program, Kelsey & Richard Ferris

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of ...**Pat Vanni** from Betty Jorgensen & Marge Fellows; **Howard Hinck** from Henry Steinbach; **Wes Popp** from Hugh & Muriel Harris and Marie Winton; **John VanEtten** from John & Roz Mitchell; **Bruce Woolpert** from Al & Jo Sperry, **Elizabeth Stout**, **Gary Sherrard & Marjorie Loy** from Steven Lapkin; **Sarah Comstock** from Georgeann Beckett, **Hope Boyd Sheehy** from Betty & Skip Brust; **Russel F. Fiddymont, Jr.** from Nancy & Marshall Kraus; **Douglas Kennedy** from Carolyn Johnson for the Endowment Fund; **Ruby Shilkett, Genie Carter & Gail Hunt** from Bruce & Phyllis Bassett

In honor of **Marilyn & Don Morrison** and their 50th anniversary from Jim & Marie Lawson and Bryte & Brenda Johnson for the Endowment Fund.

BASKET ACQUISITION FUND DONORS

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Henry Steinbach

DOMINO TOURNEY

A mixed doubles tournament will be held on **Friday, July 9th** from **9:30 am to 3:00 pm** at the Swiss Lakewood. Your \$50 per player ticket includes the tournament and lunch, including wine. A no-host bar will also be available.

For information please call Hugh Harris at **415-435-4743** prior to **June 15th**, and **530-525-7636** after **June 15th**. This event is sponsored by Muriel & Hugh Harris.

TAHOE AREA HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS (T.A.H.O.)

Leaders from each of the historical organizations met in January to discuss possibilities for joint projects. Representatives of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Tahoe Maritime Museum, Sierra State Parks Foundation, California State Parks, Tahoe Heritage Foundation, USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Historical Society and the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society agreed to create a joint brochure to be distributed lake-wide. The Magical History Tour brochure will include information about each Historical Site/Museum and a passport program allowing visitors to receive a stamp at each location and a reward for visiting all locations. Our goal is to have the brochure ready for the 2004 summer season.

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McKinney's Hotel, circa 1900, Babayco Collection



Herbert Fleishacker, Sr.'s boat "Idlewild" Circa: 1915, NLTHS Collection

NATURE HIKE WITH JERRY AND NICOLE MISFELDT, THURSDAY JULY 15

Wildflower and bird enthusiasts Jerry & Nicole Misfeldt will guide a group of 25 on this day of fresh air and beautiful scenery. Bring a bag lunch, water, binoculars/hand lens (optional) and wear comfortable walking shoes/boots. The **Nature Hike** will take place **Thursday, July 15th**. Meet at the Gatekeeper's Museum at **9:00 am** and return about **2:00 pm**. Hike will be about 3 miles depending on how many birds and flowers are seen. Reservation form enclosed.

MARK McLAUGHLIN SPEAKER SERIES

We are fortunate to have Mark McLaughlin as a regular guest at the Gatekeeper's Museum on Thursdays throughout June and July. He is an award-winning writer and nationally published author with four books and more than 300 articles in magazines and newspapers. A professional and enthusiastic lecturer for California and Nevada colleges and universities, Mark has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including The History Channel, where he was a weather history consultant. Please join us!

All presentations are \$3 each for members/\$4 each for non members.

Call ahead to reserve your spot or simply come to the Museum at the scheduled date and time!

June 17th – 9:30 am Cultural Geography of Lake Tahoe

June 24th – 9:30 am Blazing the California Trail

July 1st – No Presentation

July 8th – 5:00 pm Reign of the Storm King

July 15th – 5:00 pm Women Pathfinders

July 22nd – 9:30 am Western Train Adventures: Romance, Robberies & Wrecks

July 29th – 5:00 pm Reign of the Storm King



Summer sunbathers on the beach at Meeks Bay, NLTHS Collection



Ralph Colwell with Rubicon Springs caretaker and guests, Fall, 1919, NLTHS Collection

THE DIVORCE SEEKERS: A PHOTO MEMOIR OF A NEVADA DUDE WRANGLER

It was 1947...the heyday of the Nevada six-week divorce. Montana cowboy, Bill McGee, chronicles his years wrangling dudes at the "Flying M E" (em-ee), and exclusive dude ranch, south of Reno. McGee's stories are laced with humor, romance and intrigue, and peppered with names like Astor, du Pont, Roosevelt, and Gable. Catering to wealthy Easterners and the occasional titled European or Hollywood celebrities, the "Flying M E" was considered to be the most exclusive of all the divorce ranches.

Join us for a slide presentation and book signing with authors William L. and Sandra McGee, Tuesday July 13th at 10am at the Gatekeeper's Museum.

DOCENT COUNCIL REPORT

The NLTHS has wonderful volunteer opportunities which we think you would enjoy. Helping the museums is a very rewarding learning and sharing experience which benefits the community and its visitors. The Gatekeeper's Museum is open from **May 1st to September 30th** and the Watson Cabin is open from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Your help during this period is greatly appreciated. Help is needed in the following areas: Garden, the Museum Store, Host, Library, Office, Social, Tours, Tours of the Past and Traveling School Exhibits (Spring/Fall). Training is provided in your areas of interest. There are four to six docent meetings a year with educational programs. Volunteer hours are kept which helps in receiving grants to better the Museums. Call Sue DeVoe 530-546-5120 or the Gatekeeper's Museum if you can volunteer and join the fun!

– Sue DeVoe, Docent Council President

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the Society's youngest Volunteers for a job well done! Local Girl Scouts **Sarah Hauserman & Morgan Paulson** are the youngest additions to our docent/volunteer crew. Thanks to the patience and persistence of Sarah's mom, Sandy, the girls were finally able to start volunteering during the summer of 2003.

They have been a great help in the Museum Store, scanning historic photos, creating an index for our archives and helping with just about anything that comes up at the Gatekeeper's.

BIT OF HISTORY: TAHOE TATTLER FROM THE FIRST EDITION, JULY 9, 1881

This is the second issue of our newly revived "North Lake Tahoe Tattler." The original Tattler was published sporadically and included information such as comings and goings of summer visitors, events, new construction and a few advertisements.

The Tahoe Tattler was published "every evening, Sunday excepted in the Grand Central Hotel"...this excerpt comes from the first edition:

INTRODUCTORY

It is with pleasure that we present the first copy of the Tahoe Tattler to our friends on the lake. Although small in dimensions (*Editors note: size of original is about 4.5 x 6.5 inches, folded*), we propose during the course of its career to keep its columns well filled with spicy reading matter, chronicle all events of importance that transpire on the lake and vicinity, and keep tourists and the inhabitants of our beautiful little town well posted generally.

We heartily thank our inhabitants for the liberal support our well-filled advertising columns show, and will endeavor to work in the interests of each of them.

In politics we expect to take no very active part, but will express our views from time to time, as occasion requires.

Notwithstanding the fact that in statue we are anything but large, we wish to impress upon the minds of the people that we are in possession of any quantity of bone and sinew, and any attempt to impose upon us will be powerfully resented, and the party of parties attempting such imposition be harshly sat down upon.

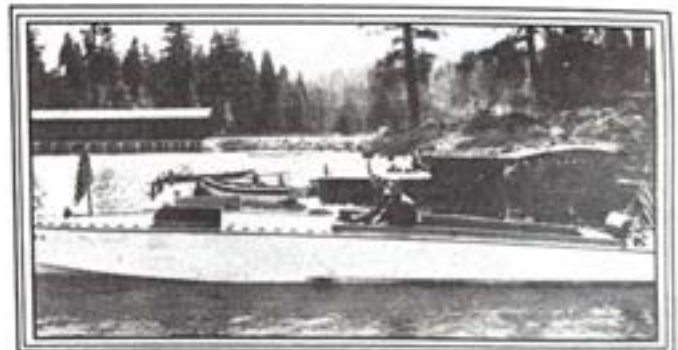
Of course we may not become widely known through the Union, in fact there will probably be some who never hear of us, but bearing in mind the beautiful lines,

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
and waste its sweetness on the desert air"
We struggle onward.

Editor's Note: So too, the NLTHS will strive to keep spicy historical reading matter in print!



Indian weaving baskets at Bay View Resort, Lake Tahoe, Mildred Watson Collins Collection



Jake Oberer's boat at the Truckee River Outlet Dam, Circa 1927, NLTHS Collection

If you would like more information about volunteering, please fill out the information below and return to the Gatekeeper's Museum.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in helping with: _____

I would like more information about: _____

Mail to: Docent Council, NLTHS, PO Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145 p: 530-583-1762 f: 530-583-8992 e: info@northtahoemuseum.org

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Gatekeeper's Museum is hosting a Community Open House May 20th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend the Gatekeeper's Museum and Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum season opening. Visit the newly re-organized Basket Museum and see some great new exhibits in the Gatekeeper's Museum. This year we have a photo exhibit based on the 1916 Lake Tahoe Photographic Shoreline Survey.



Tallac Hotel, Jerry Johnson Collection

PINE NEEDLE BASKET CLASS

This class will teach Pine Needle/Raffia Basketry in its simplest form. The needles used are from the Ponderosa or Jeffrey Pine, both found in the Tahoe Basin; raffia purchased at hobby shops and other small supplies from home are used. Examples of materials, techniques and finished baskets will be displayed at the class. Several books of instruction are available for sale in the Museum Store. This class will be held outdoors at the Gatekeeper's Museum/Layton Park. Instructors: Audrey and Brenda Frank. Materials and snack will be provided. Thanks to our generous teachers this class will be offered twice this season! Reservation Form Enclosed, confirmation information will be mailed after reservation is received.

Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced

Saturday, June 26th, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm, \$25

Wednesday, July 21, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm, \$25

GATHERING AT THE GATEKEEPER'S

All members are invited to attend our General Meeting, Sunday July 18, 2004 beginning at 4:00 pm. This short meeting is followed by our Gathering at the Gatekeeper's Annual Dinner and Auction.

This year's event will be catered by Melanie and will include a BBQ, tasty side dishes, and dessert. Our entertainment will be provided by the Sierra Singers and 24Karat Sound. Come enjoy the festivities and bid on a great selection of live and silent auction items! *Please note: Tickets are not mailed out for this event. Our greeter will have a guest list at the door.*

DONATIONS WANTED

We are on the lookout for artifacts relating to the Steamer Tahoe, resorts around the Lake, historic Tahoe photographs and family histories from our area. Please contact the Gatekeeper's Museum for more information. Not sure if you want to give up your family treasure, but have something interesting to share? Talk to us about a temporary loan for a special summer exhibit!

SPECIAL DONATION FORM

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I would like to help further the mission of the Society and its Museums included is my donation of
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Bill (left) & Carl (right) Bechdolt, CW Vernon Collection "The Bechdolt Boys show off the deer they shot in 1932. In front of the old log cabin in back of the Tahoe Inn."

HOME TOUR & BENEFIT DRAWING

This year's Tour will take place on the North Shore on Thursday, August 5th. Charles Daniels of House of Daniels, Inc. is donating wine for our Wine and Cheese reception which will be held on the grounds of the Gatekeeper's Museum/Layton Park. The food will be catered by Marlies. Our Benefit Drawing features fabulous grand prizes: a cruise on the restored *Tahoe* donated by Sail Woodwind and a mid-week season ski pass for Squaw Valley donated by Squaw Valley Ski Corp. Plus there are lots of other great prizes. Raffle tickets and reservation forms are enclosed. *Please note: Home Tour tickets are non-refundable and you must be a current NLTHS member to purchase tickets. Tickets are mailed to address on Reservation Form 2 weeks prior to Tour or if noted may be held at the Gatekeeper's Museum.*

LABOR DAY DINNER CRUISE

Graciously sponsored by an anonymous donor the dinner cruise will take place on Monday, September 6th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Cruise includes beautiful views, dinner, coffee and dessert. We hope you can join us. Reservation Form enclosed. *Please note: Cruise begins boarding at 5:30 pm and departs promptly at 6:00 pm from the Tahoe Gal pier by the Post Office in Tahoe City. Tickets are not mailed for this event. Our greeter will have a guest list at the dock.*

BIRD WALK REPORT FROM SUMMER 2003

The bird walk last August was postponed one day due to rain. Twenty-four species were seen. Participants saw a Northern Shoveler Duck, Common Mergansers, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpipers, Song Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Townsend Warbler, Yellow Rumped Warbler, Nashville Warbler, California Gull, Band-tailed pigeon, Rufous Hummingbird, White-headed Woodpecker, Barn Swallows, Stellar's Jay, Common Raven, Mt. Chickadee, Brown Creeper, American Robin, Western Tanager, Dark-eyed Juncos, Brewers Blackbirds and Pine Sisken. Just before ending the trip the groups stopped at a NLTHS member's home and were treated to views of Evening Grosbeaks at the feeder.

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Four people on the boat "Rosalie" at Tahoe Vista in 1912, Jerry Johnson Collection

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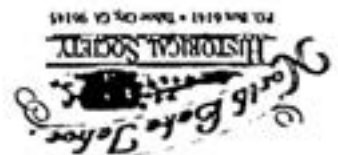
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