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President's Message

I write this during the summer 2018 season opener, Memorial Day weekend. The weekend started a little rough, as the 2 plus weeks of rainy weather would not give up. However Sunday and Monday were sunny and nice; maybe a little breezy but nice relative to what we're accustomed to for Memorial Day weekend. Speaking of weather, did any of you read my message that was written at the end of January? I was bemoaning the fact that we were going to struggle to have a normal winter. Then a miracle March happened.

Tahoe is now full, 6,229' as of the writing of this message!

As most of you may know by now the board decided to have the Home Tour every other year. 2018 is our "off" year. Though this is a very popular event, there is a lot of work that is required to make this event successful. With a relatively small inventory of compatible homes and a small volunteer base, this event becomes a challenge to maintain its well-regarded quality. We ask you, our members, to consider helping the organization and volunteer for next year's event committee. A lot of work can be done this summer to get the basics ready for a quality event next year.

The Gathering is on July 8th this year, so please plan to attend and reserve your table now. As always, there will be both Silent and regular Auction items to help with our fundraising efforts.



Be aware that when you visit Tahoe this summer there's a relatively aggressive highway project being constructed in and around Tahoe City that will impact traffic more than the usual back up. Plan your travels accordingly. Here's a brief summary of the project

- Highway 89 diversion via a roundabout located at the entrance to the bus station. Detour then proceeds over a new bridge that crosses the Truckee River in the vicinity of the Cal Trans yard. Then, off the bridge into a new roundabout, that finishes an 89 bypass avoiding the 'Y' in town.

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Gathering

AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM

Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 4 - 8pm

(short membership meeting at 4pm)

Silent & Live Auction // Hosted Bar // Dinner with Wine

\$75 | Members \$85 | Non-members

Join the Committee

We can use all the help we can get!
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& friends make reservations
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Photo taken
last spring
by Natalie Parrish



Executive Director's Message

Summer is upon us and we have hit the ground running. Our wedding & event calendar has a record number of 48 events scheduled from May through October.

The Annual Gathering at the Gatekeeper's is scheduled for Sunday, July 8, 2018. This year the event is being chaired by long-time members and volunteers Gordon & Jeanie MacAulay and Tim & Judi Hachman. The evening will include fine wine, delicious food by Mountain Magic Catering, and an array of wonderful auction items.

NLTHS Board member and history enthusiast Paul Ackerman will be hosting two hikes this summer. They are free, open to the public and for all ability levels so I strongly encourage you to join him as he guides you through the history of Donner Pass and Skunk Harbor.

The Native American Weaver's Market is scheduled for Sunday, August 26 from 10am - 4pm. Several leading Native American basket weavers will be present to offer their fine contemporary baskets for sale. Admission will be free for the market and for entrance to the museum, including our outstanding antique basket collection at the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum.

None of these events would be possible without the help of volunteers. On behalf of the board and our members I cannot thank you all enough for your unwavering support and generosity. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us at our Volunteer Welcome Brunch on Wednesday 20 at 11am. You can RSVP to this and all the events by completing the registration form on page 9. Let's have a great summer!



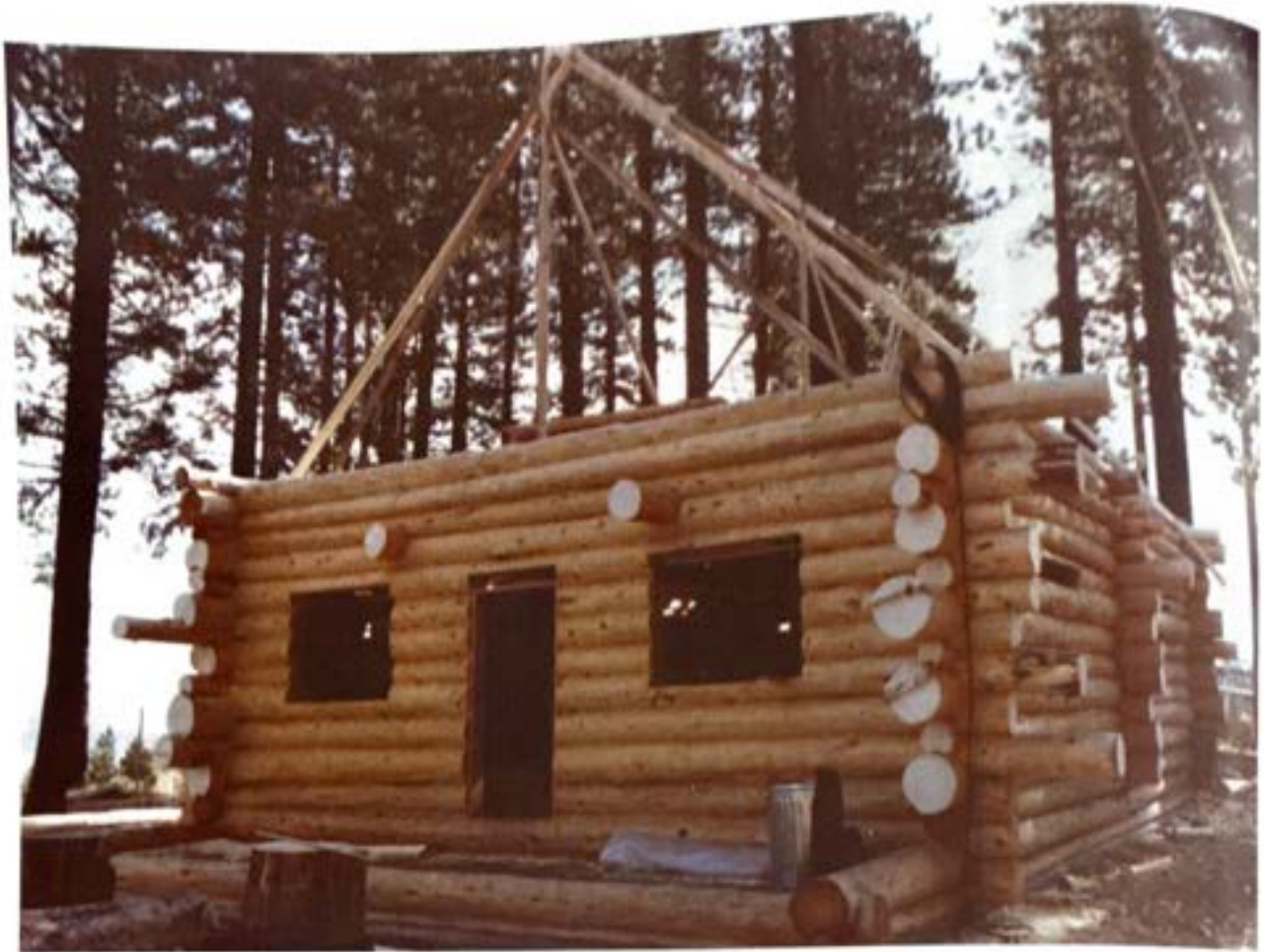
WEAVER'S MARKET

AUGUST 26, 2018
GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM
& WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK
10AM - 4PM

WEAVERS FROM ALL OVER CALIFORNIA & NEVADA
MEET THE WEAVERS
BASKETS FOR SALE | WEAVING DEMOS

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History of the Gatekeeper's Museum

By David Antonucci

Dedicated in 1981, the Gatekeeper's Cabin Museum stands as a tribute of the era of "Old Tahoe" and a guardian of the cultural history of North Lake Tahoe. Its place within the community cannot be understated. The museum housed in the reconstructed log cabin is more than a simple repository for artifacts, images and writings that document our collective life experiences at Lake Tahoe. It connects us intimately to our past, honors those who came before us, and explains how we became who we are today. By helping us understand our past; the Gatekeeper's Cabin Museum unifies us socially and makes us more proficient in anticipating our future.

The original Gatekeeper's Cabin began as government built on-site housing for the employee who operated and maintained the outlet gates for the Tahoe Dam. In 1913, the US Bureau of Reclamation finished the dam that impounds water for agricultural use in its Newlands Project in the Lahontan Valley of Western Nevada. The dam is the second at his site, preceded by an 1870 timber buttress dam owned by the Donner Lumber and Boom Co.

Building of the log cabin appears to have been concurrent with the dam construction in 1913. The new cabin may have replaced an earlier structure occupied by the gate tender for DL&B

Co. Photos dated July 1913 show the cabin construction underway.

The original Gatekeeper's Cabin floor plans documented by Lillian Farr show a plumbed two-story structure. The ground-level first floor enclosed a living room, kitchen, dining area, two full bathrooms, two laundry rooms, office and a massive stone fireplace. A stairway in the entry porch led to a tiny basement. The second-floor sleeping area featured four little bedrooms with individual washbasins, but no full bathroom.

Lillian Farr's *The Ladies of the Gatekeeper's Cabin* chronicles the su... of gatekeepers and the...

succession that marked the final three gatekeepers. Art and Emma Smith were the first to occupy the cabin. Art may have been the gatekeeper for the DL&B Co. dam and stayed on for the new dam. Emma died in 1918, perhaps a victim to the flu epidemic. Engineer Leroy Paul and his spouse Elvie moved into the cabin in about 1923-24. When the Pauls moved to Texas where Leroy pursued a ministry career, W.A and Ida Simmonds replaced them in 1926.

With W. A. Simmonds ailing, the couple passed the gatekeeper duties to Ida's son, Art Frodenberg in 1948 but continued to reside in Tahoe City. Art married Sara Lavina Roop, and the two remodeled the cabin and operated it as a boardinghouse while Art carried out his official duties. As Sara lay dying from cancer, they sent the couple's daughter Linda to live with family in Ohio. Sara died in 1952, and Linda returned to Tahoe City shortly thereafter.

In 1955, Linda resumed the relationship with her Ohio boyfriend, Darryl de Walt; the two were married, and moved into a trailer on the gatekeeper property. In 1960, Art Frodenberg died and son-in-law Darryl assumed his duties. The de Walts occupied the cabin until 1968, raising four sons there. In that year, the Federal watermaster assumed gatekeeping operations from Reno and used a part-time employee stationed at the lake to control the outlet gates.

Following the departure of the de Walts, the Gatekeeper's Cabin lay vacant but



Original Gatekeeper's Cabin

surrounded by a trailer park and a small commercial building, both owned by concessionaires of the Truckee Carson Irrigation District. TCID was granted control over the land by the Bureau of Reclamation many years earlier.

The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society had sought the use of the cabin as a museum during its vacant period, but was unable to raise the funds needed to accomplish the project.

In 1978, the dilapidated cabin was severely damaged by fire.

The loss of one of the surviving historic structures stimulated action to acquire the property. At the behest of the community, Bill Briner guided California State Parks into acquiring the

parcel and the gutted building.

State Parks entered into a cooperative management agreement with the historical society to operate the Gatekeeper's Cabin parcel. The historical society raised the funds to rebuild the cabin, and it was completed in 1981. A few years later, a library room was added as a memorial to long-time Tahoe City librarian and Tahoe World society columnist Ellen Attardi. The acquisition of the Marion Steinbach Native American Basket Collection created the need to add a new wing, entrance and patio, circa 1995.

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Summer 2018 Calendar of Events



June 20 | Volunteer Kick-Off Brunch

Join us and all of our wonderful volunteers for the volunteer welcome and orientation day. Meet and greet other volunteers and learn about all of our volunteer opportunities. 11am. Gatekeeper's Museum. FREE and open to the public. Please RSVP by June 13.

June 23 | Watson Cabin Opens for the Summer

(Wednesday - Sunday, 12pm - 4pm depending on volunteer availability)

June 30 | Heritage Trail Museums Tour

Join us on the 2018 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This is the 11th year for the event in which 21 museums from Roseville to Tahoe open their doors free of charge for certain days throughout the summer. 10am - 4pm. FREE & Open to the public.

July 8 | Gathering at the Gatekeeper's S

Join us for the Annual Gathering at Gatekeeper's Dinner and Auction. 4-8pm. Reservations required by July 8. \$75 member. \$80 non-member. \$30 table reservation.

July 25, 26 | Lake Tahoe Dance Festival S

The sixth annual Lake Tahoe Dance festival at the Gatekeeper's Museum. Bring a picnic blanket or low back chair to enjoy the setting world-class professional dance against the majestic backdrop of the Sierra Landscape. 6pm.

Tickets available at www.laketahoeandancefestival.org

August 1 | Donner Pass/Summit Canyon History Hike

Paul Ackerman will host this easy downhill hike reviewing the history of various means of transportation over the Donner Pass area. Participants will be able to view the remains of old railroad beds, wagon roads, early paved surfaces, bridges, and painted rock advertising signs. The hike will be approximately 3 miles long with about a 1000 foot elevation drop. Please bring a bag lunch. We will be eating lunch at remote picnic tables offering a fantastic view of Donner Lake. Meet at Gatekeeper's Museum parking lot at 8:30am.

Recommended: lunch, water, camera, sunscreen, hiking pole, good hiking shoes.

August 27 | Native American Weaver's Market

Meet weavers from all over California and Nevada. There will be baskets for sale and weaving demos. 10am - 4pm. Free and open to the public.

August 29 History Hike Fallen Leaf Lake

Paul Ackerman will host this pleasant hike that covers unique history of the little known Pray Meadows and Skunk Harbor, arguably the most beautiful little bay on the lake. Along the way we will witness the remains of a lumber railroad built by D.L. Bliss in 1876. Once at Skunk Harbor we can view the 1920s vacation home of a prominent Southern California businessman, and see the old pier pilings where he docked his "Woody". Meet at Gatekeeper's Museum parking lot at 8:30am.

Recommended: lunch, water, camera, sunscreen, hiking pole, good hiking shoes.

September 10 | Watson Cabin Closes for the season

President's Message

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- A new Fanny Bridge will be widened to allow for better pedestrian and bicycle circulation. The new bridge will have a similar rail design in keeping with the style of the original bridge.
- The entire 'Y' area has been redesigned for a roundabout in front of Save Mart.
- A later project is proposed for a pedestrian signal at Grove Street to help keep traffic moving in a more consistent manner.

For details and pictures go to www.tahoetransportation.org/fanny-new-1.



Some of you that went to elementary school in Tahoe City, or know someone who did, will notice when you drive up Grove Street there's a major project at Tahoe Lake Elementary going on. The plan is to modernize and expand. However do not worry, the original school house building which currently houses the auditorium and library will remain and I believe will be upgraded with fire protection.

Okay, drive safe, be patient and hopefully we will see you at the Gathering.

—Jim Phelan



Volunteer Spotlight— Meet Your Gathering Committee Chairs

Gordon & Jeanie MacAulay

They thought those days were behind them, but Jeanie and Gordon are at it again! This will be year four to chair the NLTHS's Gathering! Many years ago, they teamed up with Marie and Jim Lawson, putting together all that is necessary to host a 150 plus event. Then the Lawsons and MacAulays thought the Gathering would best held at the Museum. No hauling tables and chairs all over town. This little thought was the idea that has led to the 50 plus weddings and special events hosted yearly on the museum's park-like grounds

These twenty plus year residents of Homewood are always ready for a party and Gordon's company, Shasta Linen Supply, is always ready to help the necessities to make a beautiful benefit event. Several years ago, this generosity landed Gordon a seat on the museum board, and more ideas and innovations came forward from the two of them.

This year with the leadership of Hachmans and MacAulays the July 8 Gathering promises a hosted bar, great dinner with wine abounding, lovely decor inspired and executed by Martha Hughes, Betsy Jaques and Kay Turner. Live and silent auctions collected and coerced by Betsy and Eber Jaques, Martha and Tom Hughes, Kay Turner, Barbara and Stan Chaconas, Mary Jo and Bill Hutchens, Tootie and Mike Beeman, and Roz and Gil Young and many more. A fun and memorable evening for all. And to top off a great evening Niletta and Dick Morton will be helping, and Dick has volunteered to chronicle the whole evening.

If you would like to help or donate to the live or silent auctions, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact
916.996.6803 Jeanie's Cell
209.481.2551 Judi's Cell



Tim & Judi Hachman

Around 2000 Judi & Tim Hachman, Stockton residents and long time Tahoe summer renters, were TOLD to buy a house on the West Shore. So we did. We were then TOLD to play in a domino tournament. So we did. When we found out the tournament benefited the NLTHS we asked if the museum had more fun events at which we could meet people in the area. To our surprise,

it did! We quickly joined the Museum, crawled around its exhibits, fell in love with the basket collection, attended a few summer lectures, took several birding walks with Nancy Bittner and gathered at the Gathering. We're hooked and have now found that we're co-chairmen of this year's Gathering. We're going to redefine the word PARTY on Sunday, July 8th.



Watch for your Gathering invitation in the mail soon! Be sure to reserve your spot by returning your RSVP card right away!

Our partnership with Jeanie and Gordon MacAulay is going to produce a grand event. Hosted cocktails, delicious dinner, silent and live auctions and friends abounding will make for a great evening. So please join us.

Volunteer Interest

Yes! I'm interested in helping make history happen!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop Merchandiser | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop Attendant |
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Special Thanks

Hugh & Muriel Harris for hosting their 20th Annual Domino tournament with all proceeds benefiting the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

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Olympic History—
Gatekeeper's Welcomed Martin Hollay

Last month we were lucky enough to welcome Martin Hollay to the Gatekeeper's Museum. Originally from Hungary, Martin moved to America after the revolution and started working for the 1960 Olympic Organizing Committee. He was one of the main builders and operators of the cross country course located down the west shore.

Quite a few of his items are on display in the 1960 Winter Olympic Exhibit, including his cross country skis that he wore during the games. (pictured left) After the Olympics Martin was the head of Ski Patrol at Heavenly Ski Resort for many years, earning him a lifetime pass to the mountain. At the age of 98, Martin still skis frequently and managed to ski 100 days at Heavenly just this past 2017/2018 season.



NLTHS Members Paul and Judy Ackerman and her family; two daughters, their husbands, and four grandchildren.

Preserve It Forward

Give a gift that will go down in history and Preserve It Forward!

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future" – Robert Penn Warren

History is so important and one of the things that happens as we age, is that we forget some of those finer details about our history, incidents that happened or stories that we were told when our parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents were young. A great way to keep that history alive and to engage our children, grandchildren and future generations is to Preserve It Forward.



Do you have Lake Tahoe Memories you'd like to share?

Please write them down and mail or email them to us. We'd love to hear from you!

Please include a photo of yourself along with photos to illustrate your story. Your story could be in the next Gatekeeper's Gazette!

P.O. Box 6164, Tahoe City, CA 96145
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BECOME A MEMBER AND/OR GIFT A MEMBERSHIP

By purchasing a membership for your children or your grandchildren, not only will you be supporting the longevity of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society but you will be assisting us in our mission to protect, preserve, and present our unique Lake Tahoe history now and for future generations.

Please complete the membership form on page 12 and give your loved ones a gift they will cherish forever, the gift of history!

How Can You Help?

HELP US BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Forever stamps
- Plain white copy paper
- Library cart with flat shelves and wheels
- White #9 return envelopes

THINK ABOUT A RECURRING AUTOMATIC DONATION

By filling out the Recurring Payment Authorization Form on page 9, NLTHS can automatically renew your membership each year or you can make a recurring, automatic donation in any amount and duration—hassle free!

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Among the Bogart collection and on display in our basket exhibit are baskets by famous Washoe artists Maggie James, Tootsie Dick, Sara Mayo, Jennie Shaw, and Lilly Frank James. This is a gift of importance beyond measure to our collection.

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One of our spring projects is to develop an exhibit that explains the history of the Gatekeeper's Cabin.

Harry Edward Johanson Tahoe City's 2nd Constable 14
In the spring of 1932, Harry Edward Johanson arrived in Tahoe City the same day Constable Robert Montgomery Watson was laid to rest.

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We have added a new and uniquely beautiful line of jewelry and ornaments!

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President's Message

Happy 2019!! We have certainly experienced one of the more productive winters here in Tahoe, and it looks like California is officially out of the drought. About February 20th the release rate from Tahoe began to be stepped up from about 80 cubic feet per second (cfs) to about 1200 cfs as of February 27th. However, the lake continued to rise until it reached its current seasonal level of 6228.15 feet as of March 6th, where it has stabilized or come down a little.

This year the Home Tour is scheduled for August 1st and is planned for the Rubicon area of the West Shore, one of my favorite spots on the lake. More about that as the event is put together. Also, the Gathering will be held this year on Saturday, July 6th. Last year's event was a resounding success, so we are hoping for much the same this year. Remember, these events are NLTHS's major annual fundraising events and directly determine the success of our organization along with the Domino tournament in June.

We are now in discussions with California State Parks to renew our agreement with them. The current contract is up for renewal

in 2020. We are attempting to reach an agreement that will help us remain viable far into the future by allowing us to continue to have wedding events on the property that generate revenue. We are asking for your support in this effort to stabilize our future with State Parks.

We also are attempting to clarify some property and ownership issues associated with Watson Cabin in order to help us in the future with fundraising efforts to maintain the cabin. We are

considering what it would take to bring the cabin to a state that would allow us to open it to the public on a more consistent basis.

I hope all is well with you and that the winter will soon be over so we can move on to an exciting summer, and I wish to thank all of you that participated unselfishly in our Membership, Donation, and Year End Appeal efforts.

—Jim Phelan

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Opening of the road
from Meeks Bay to
Tahoe City by hand
shovel on May 8,
1927. Photographer:
Marie Henry. More
information and names
of the shovelers on
page 10.



Executive Director's Message

Thank you for making 2018 another remarkable year for the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society!

Once again our dedicated staff and volunteers have done an incredible job expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. Thanks to our wonderful event chairs, Judi & Tim Hachman and Jeanie & Gordon MacAulay, we raised over \$38,000 at the 2018 Gathering at the Gatekeeper's dinner and auction.

North Lake Tahoe Historical Society is stronger than ever due to our continually expanding community which comes together to donate time, resources, and talent in support of our important mission.

This year we are working to strengthen the organization by increasing our membership, volunteer participation, and event attendance. In August, we welcome back the 46th Annual Home Tour which will feature unique and historic houses in Rubicon Bay. If you are interested in volunteering at this year's event, please email me at marnie@gatekeepersmuseum.org.

Be sure to stop by the Gatekeeper's and check out our new exhibits. We have two new glass cases with miniature baskets on display in the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum. And in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, Paul Ackerman has put together a small exhibit displaying items from his personal collection. We also have a new exhibit of the works that we are planning on announcing this summer, stay tuned!

As you read this annual report, we hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you for the future as you envision the mission of NLTHS. For those of you who have tirelessly committed time and energy to the success of this organization, I thank you. For the many of you who are new, I welcome you. I look forward to working with all of you in 2019.

—Marnie Carr



Photo Identified

Thank you, Dana Scanlon, for identifying the Dance House (with the backwards "N") photo published in the July 2017 Gazette. The photograph was taken in the reproduction of a '49er Camp at the 1894 Midwinter Fair in San Francisco by noted photographer I. W. Taber. Unfortunately, the copyright date and identification at the bottom of our photo was cropped, so those of us wishing it was an authentic depiction of the greater Tahoe area are out of luck.

In "California Midwinter Fair of 1894: '49 Mining Camp glorifies Gold Rush Fantasies. An Historical Essay," Barbara Berglund states that the concession created a replica of a mining camp that featured a gambling saloon, hotel,

restaurant, and cabins literally hauled down from the Gold Country. The venue featured periodic gunfights, a frontier press named the "Midwinter Appeal and Journal of '49," and stagecoach rides purportedly in the same stage coach Horace

Greeley used on his visit to the West. The '49 Mining Camp sat at the far western end of the exposition grounds at the base of Strawberry Hill and occupied 150,000 square feet, the largest single concession at the fair.

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HOME TOUR**

featuring unique
and historic homes
from the Rubicon
area of Lake Tahoe

**August 1, 2019
12 noon - 4pm
Catered Reception**



Inset: Thelma Saunders, middle, about 1920 at Meeks Bay. Above: Outing on the THELMA "Marguerite, Thelma Saunders, Addie and Mark" about 1915

New Acquisition: The Saunders & Taylor Tract By Nick Fabian

When Phyllis Harrelson of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, first called the Gatekeeper's Museum last fall, we had no idea that we were on the verge of a wonderful winter project. Ms. Harrelson had several family photo albums with old pictures of Lake Tahoe that she was sending to us to make copies for our archives.

"We spent our summers there as kids," Harrelson said. "My grandmother would tell stories about coming up from Sacramento on the train." The photos, which date back to the first decades of the twentieth century, include Harrelson's grandparents and great grandparents. "We did not want them to just fade away," she said.

Harrelson's albums arrived days later, along with a 1909 map of the Saunders and Taylor tract in Homewood. From the moment she first opened the package and began to peruse the albums, museum volunteer and archive manager Nancy Stromswold was intrigued.

"I got so into this whole thing," Stromswold explained. "I was determined to find out who Claude E.V. Saunders - Harrelson's great grandfather - was." After several evenings at home scouring online archives and databases, Stromswold had recreated a family history spanning four generations and nearly 150 years. It is, she enthusiastically admitted, "what I love to do."

Saunders was born in England mid-nineteenth century and arrived in the United States around 1880. By the early 1890s he was married and living in Sacramento with his wife Hattie and their daughter Thelma, Harrelson's grandmother. The Saunders family would soon



Saunders and Taylor plot



The good ship THELMA

begin spending their summers at Lake Tahoe.

In *Lakers and Launches*, Carol Van Etten recounts that Saunders, "who had earned the nickname 'Pegleg' as the result of a cricket match injury which left him with one stiff limb, was already a familiar face on Tahoe's west shore" in the first decade of the new century. In 1907, Saunders purchased property at the top of Trout Street in Homewood and built a summer home on Madden Creek in 1910. By 1911, Saunders had a

boat, purchased in Sacramento, delivered to Tahoe and rechristened "THELMA" in honor of his daughter.

The Saunders family history is much too long to recount in full here. But Stromswold's

research and the family photos from Harrelson's albums that the museum staff have digitized over the past few months are a great addition to our archives and likely to be the basis of a future museum exhibit.



Saunders home in Homewood, bridge over Madden Creek, about 1914.



Harriet and Claude E. V. Saunders, about 1915.



Thelma Saunders on the right; "Bill" on the left, about 1915.



Boy on raft in lake Tahoe, 1914.



May 18 | Volunteer Clean-up Day

Join us for the annual Cottonwood Trail Clean-up Day. Help us prepare the trail for summer. 9am - 12pm. Enjoy a spring cleaning day with refreshments and tube steak lunch. For more details please call Dave or Sue DeVoe at 530.213.6019. Weather permitting.

May 25 | Gatekeeper's Cabin Opens for the Summer

Daily 10am - 5pm through October 20, 2019

June 1 | Watson Cabin Opens for the Summer

Wed. - Sun., 12pm - 4pm through Sept. 1, 2019

June 29 | Heritage Trail

Join us on the 2019 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This is the 12th year for the event in which 21 museums from Roseville to Tahoe open their doors free of charge for certain days throughout the summer. 10am - 4pm. FREE & open to the public.

July 6 | Gathering at The Gatekeeper's

Join us for the annual Gathering at The Gatekeeper's dinner with silent and live auction. Catered by Big Blue Q. 4-8pm. Reservations required by June 29. \$85 per person.

July 17 | Donner Summit Train Tunnel Hike

Will review the early exploration of the Central Pacific Railroad route and the subsequent construction of the line over the Sierras. Bring lunch, water, camera, hiking poles, and sunscreen. About 2.5 miles. Meet in Gatekeeper's Museum parking lot at 8:30am.

August 1 | 46th Annual Home Tour

Join us for our annual tour of unique and historic Tahoe homes. This year features houses in the Rubicon area of Lake Tahoe. Catered reception. 12-4pm.

August 21 | Truckee River Canyon Railroad Hike

Will follow the new hiking/bike trail route from Floriston to Farad along the Truckee River below Hirschdale. We will follow the old Floriston/Reno water flume and rail line discussing both the rail and flume history. Bring lunch, water, camera, hiking stick, and sunscreen. About 2.8 miles. Will carpool from end of trail back to the trailhead. Meet at Gatekeeper's Museum parking lot at 8:30am.

September 1 | Watson Cabin Closed for the Season

September 9 | Labor Day Cruise

We are pleased to once again offer the Farewell Summer Labor Day Cruise aboard the Tahoe Gal. A great way to enjoy friends, new and old, while relaxing as the sun sets after a busy summer. The cruise includes beautiful views, dinner, coffee and dessert. Please note: Cruise begins boarding at 5:30pm and departs at 6pm sharp from the Tahoe Gal pier by the Post Office in Tahoe City. (Tickets are very limited and will be allocated in order that requests are received.)

October 20 | Gatekeeper's Cabin Winter Hours Begin

Wed. - Sun., 11am - 4pm through May 2020.

First Wednesdays

Enjoy free admission to the Gatekeeper's Museum on the first Wednesday of each month!



Gatekeeper's Museum

Summer Hours
Open Daily
10am - 5pm
May 25 through
October 20, 2019

Watson Cabin

Summer Hours
Wed. - Sun.
12 - 4pm
June 1 through
September 1, 2019





More About the Cover

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May 8th 1927 Opening road by hand shovel from Meeks Bay to Tahoe City - front row left to right:

Jake Obexer; Bill Warnick, Meeks Bay; Chas. Swanso, Tahoma; Chas. Winslow, Homewood, owner of truck; George Colwell, Fred Voight, Moana; Lee Allen, Tahoma; Albert Corbell, Moana; Frank Pomin, Pomin's; Arthur White, Moana; unidentified; Phil Geier, Rubicon Beach; Adolp Muller, Tahoma; Mr. Cameron, S. F Chronicle, always our first spring visitor.

Top row left to right:

#1 and #2 unidentified; Jack Hale, Meeks Bay; Joe Henry, Moana; next two unidentified;

Way in back are Bill Hughes, the fisherman. Picture taken by Marie Henry.

Basket Museum News

By Jerome Evans

Several years ago, the museum received on loan 20 fine Washoe baskets from the collection of Johnson "Jack" Bogart, a former NLTHS member. This past August, his surviving daughter Margi Power converted the loan to a gift, and a very generous gift indeed. Among the Bogart collection and on display in our basket exhibit are baskets by famous Washoe artists Maggie James, Tootsie Dick, Sara Mayo, Jennie Shaw, and Lilly Frank James. This is a gift of importance beyond measure to our collection.

In addition, Margi Power donated 13 other Native American objects from the Bogart collection with the understanding that they would be sold at auction to provide additional funds for basket purchases. To date, auction sales of two of these pieces, an Iroquois hat and a Sioux doll, have netted \$3,000.



Beaded & Miniature Baskets

This past summer, we received from NLTHS member Sharon Brauman a very handsome beaded Paiute basket. This basket is included in our display of beaded and miniature baskets in two glass display cases added to our exhibit this winter.



The display of miniature baskets includes several Pomo "micro-miniature" baskets from the Steinbach collection, the smallest of which measures just 1/8" high and 1/4" in diameter. These tiny baskets were made by Pomo women competing to see who could make the smallest basket using the traditional materials, willow and bracken fern root. The famous Pomo basket artist Mable McKay was among those who made such baskets.



Washoe Basket Purchase

Last December, we purchased a very fine old Washoe degiku from the collection of the late Nevada congressman James D. Santini. It is a three-rod basket made of willow and bracken fern root with a striking design of alternating butterflies and insects. Santini was an avid collector of early Washoe baskets. His basket collection was sold at auction last



New Exhibit: The Gatekeepers And The Gatekeeper's Cabin

By Nick Fabian

Perhaps the most consistent question that guests to the Gatekeeper's Museum ask is "Why is it called the Gatekeeper's Museum?" The question often sparks wonderful discussions with our guests, but we want to make the information more accessible to the public. So, one of our spring projects is to develop an exhibit that explains the history of the Gatekeeper's Cabin.

Robert Montgomery Watson built the original cabin next to the dam on the southeast bank of the river, soon after the current dam was completed in 1915. The cabin, which included one of the first flush toilets and the only telephone in Tahoe City at the time, served as the home

for the gatekeeper, the person charged with managing the flow of water out of Lake Tahoe. Over the next five decades, five different gatekeepers and their families lived in the cabin, before the Federal Watermaster in Reno assumed responsibility for many of the gatekeeper's duties in 1968.

The gatekeeper had three regular duties. First and most importantly, the gatekeeper adjusted the gates of the dam to control the release of water. Each gate is 4 feet high by 5 feet wide and made of cast iron. Together with its attached steel stem, each weighs approximately 1,600 pounds. The gates are operated by a single motor on a carriage that can be moved along rails from

gate to gate. The gatekeeper also recorded the level of the lake every 24 hours. And lastly, he maintained a weather station just east of the cabin and recorded daily readings.

The last gatekeeper to occupy the cabin moved out in 1968. In 1972, the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society applied to have the building placed on the National Register of Historic Sites. But before the cabin could be rehabilitated, a group of kids playing in the abandoned structure set fire to the building and it burned to the ground in a matter of minutes. In 1980, the NLTHS began construction of a new building, erected on the foundation of the original cabin and designed to be an exact replica of the original structure.





The Gatekeeper's Museum opened in the new building in 1981.

Look for our new exhibit this spring. We are designing it

to be visible from outside the building to share the history of the gatekeepers and the Gatekeeper's Cabin with as many visitors as possible.



Volunteer Interest

Yes! I'm interested in helping make history happen!

- Home Tour
- Watson Cabin
- Collections & Exhibits
- Gathering
- Elementary School Docent
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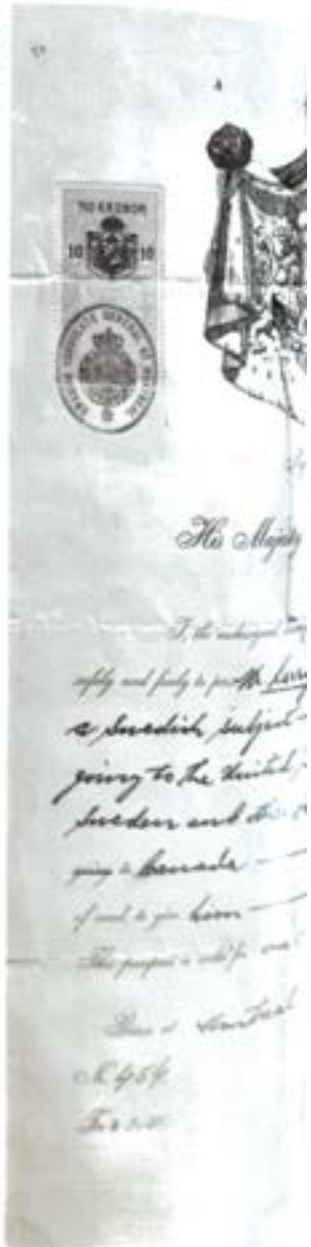
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*Harry Johanson
Constable, Lake Tahoe.*



Harry Edward Johanson's immigration papers when he left Sweden.



Harry Edward Johanson— Tahoe City's 2nd Constable

By Nancy Stromswold

In the spring of 1932, Harry Edward Johanson arrived in Tahoe City the same day Constable Robert Montgomery Watson was laid to rest in the tight-knit community on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. Harry, a Swedish immigrant, initially came to Lake Tahoe to caretake the Mein Estate on the West Shore. In December of 1934, he received his US

citizenship, and two months later, following the temporary tenures of two substitute constables, he took the oath to serve as Tahoe City's second constable replacing Robert Watson.

Johanson was born in Sweden in 1889 and won many awards as a youth in skiing, swimming, and long-distance running. He

Old Cemetery Restored



WITH ONLY ROUGH SKETCHES left by Bert Watson, Harry Johanson has patiently and lovingly restored much of the beauty of the old Tahoe Cemetery. The original deed has been located, boundaries have been established, and now plans are complete to build an archway and pillars at the entrance. Funds have been freely donated by local merchants to carry on the restoration work.

Article in the Thursday, June 5, 1958 TAHOE TATTLER after the restoration of the Trail End Cemetery.

studied architectural drafting at the University of Upsala and then joined the Swedish Army Air Corp for two years.

He immigrated to North America in 1927 via Canada where he had become an officer in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. While serving three years with the "Mounties," he

learned horsemanship and dog sledding, skills that would serve him well in his future at Lake Tahoe.

After taking over as constable in 1935, "Harry Jo" also became Tahoe's first deputy sheriff, deputy tax collector, and deputy coroner. The area of his jurisdiction included over



200 square miles of rugged terrain which he covered in the summer by horseback and in the winter by dogsled. Given his incredible endurance and expertise in cross-country skiing, in the winter of 1937 he circled Lake Tahoe in one day.

Harry was very dedicated to his job as Constable of Tahoe City, but he was also well known in front of the camera. The famous picture of Harry with a sledge hammer taken in 1937 was staged for the camera. Harry owned the machines appearing in the picture and would not confiscate machines from Tahoe City businesses. Johanson kept

up to 15 dogs at a time, most of them malamutes, to pull his hand-made sleds. He and his dogs became famous on the big screen when they were called upon to appear in several Hollywood movies including "Call of the Wild," "White Fang," "The Country Beyond," and "Rose Marie."

On April 6, 1941, Harry married Dorothy Zacharias, a Sacramento school teacher, in Gardnerville, NV, and the newlyweds honeymooned in Los Angeles and Mexico. Dorothy was active in the Tahoe City community as the President of the Tahoe Women's Club and

secretary for the Water Board. Their son was born in 1949, but Dorothy and the child left Tahoe City soon after his birth. Despite his well-deserved reputation as a "ladies' man," Harry Johanson is quoted as saying, "A man's best friend is his dog, better even than his wife." He was a bachelor most of his life with a flamboyant personality that defined him as a confident, self-made man.

In 1943 Harry bought and remodeled Andrew Sumpter's old house which had been floated across the Lake in 1901 from Glenbrook and placed on the lake front in the middle of Tahoe City. In 1970 Harry



sold the house to the owners of Tomfoolery's restaurant; the same building is now Wolfdale's Restaurant.

As a trained architect, Johanson designed the "new" jail in 1942 that is still located on Tahoe City's Commons Beach. He was an active member in the community, serving several terms as president of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club, and in 1949 he became the Chief of the National Ski Patrol for the Tahoe District. In the early 1950's he led the renovation of Tahoe City's Trail's End Cemetery by recording burial information, locating graves, and replacing the head markers of its earliest inhabitants.

In 1967 Johanson retired after 32 years of service to his community. More than 200 people attended his retirement dinner at Sunnyside Lodge. Harry Jo eventually moved to Reno and died on December 31, 1980. He is buried in Tahoe City's Trails End Cemetery.





Come Visit The Gatekeeper's Museum Gift Shop

By Deborah Hanna

We have added a new and uniquely beautiful line of jewelry and ornaments made from real leaves dipped in gold, silver, or copper, which will make wonderful keepsakes or gifts for both locals and visitors. Of course, we always have a good selection of books for both adults and children, and lots of great toys. And soon we will be bringing in a new line of gifts for men!

We make every effort to buy merchandise from Native Americans, local and California-based artists and other American-made sources whenever possible, and are always on the alert for unique and high quality items.

So stop by and say hello the next time you're in town, and remember: every purchase you make helps to support our museums!



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Please write them down and mail or email them to us.

We'd love to hear from you!

Please include a photo of yourself along with photos to illustrate your story.

Your story could be in the next Gatekeeper's Gazette!

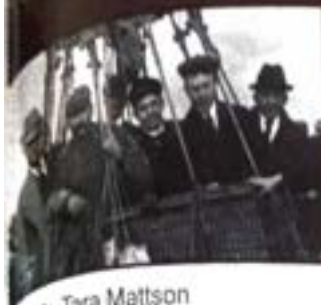
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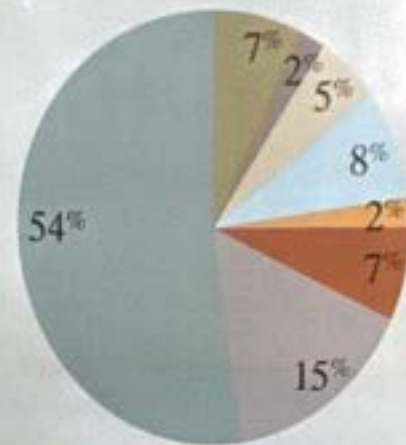


North Lake Tahoe Historical Society Balance Sheet— As of December 31, 2018

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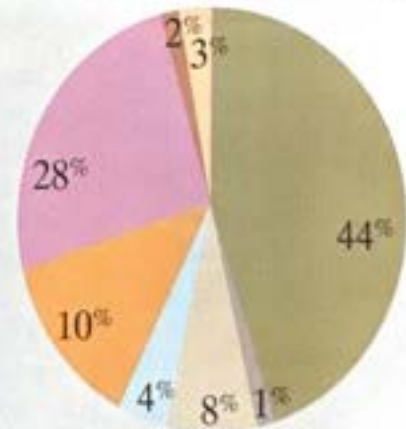
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Checking/Savings	
1000 - El Dorado Checking	74,206.74
1010 - Operating Checking El D	7,992.58
1011 - Restricted Bldgs & Grounds El D	4,007.50
1012 - Restricted Artifacts El D	6,459.47
1014 - Restricted Watson Cabin	1,000.00
Total 1000 - El Dorado Checking	93,666.29
1020 - Bank of the West Cash Reserve	5,496.48
1050 - Gatekeeper's Cash in Drawer	200.00
1080 - Petty Cash Office	100.00
1090 - RBC - Business Account	556.00
1095 - RBC 90 Day Treasury Bill	74,647.50
Total Checking/Savings	174,666.27
Other Current Assets	
1410 - Inventory	
1411 - Interpretive	9,995.57
1412 - Publications	9,649.08
Total 1410 - Inventory	19,644.65
1500 - Undeposited Funds	4,612.05
Total Other Current Assets	24,256.70
Total Current Assets	198,922.97
Fixed Assets	
1710 - Property	522,403.00
1730 - Equipment	2,014.49
1791 - Accumulated Depreciation	-345,297.00
Total Fixed Assets	179,120.49
Other Assets	
1800 - Deposits on Account	1,635.90
1820 - Quasi Endowment	
1821 - RBC MM Fund - Checking	11,652.22
1822 - Investment - Securities	941,576.62
Total 1820 - Quasi Endowment	953,228.84
Total Other Assets	954,864.74
TOTAL ASSETS	1,332,908.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2405 - Artifacts Proceeds - Reinvest	3,775.00
2410 - Deposits Received	51,125.00
2460 - Payroll Liabilities	3,865.16
2462 - Payroll & Taxes Payable	4,219.52
2480 - Sales Tax Payable	579.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	63,563.68
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Equity	
3100 - Unrestricted Net Assets	440,480.08
3200 - Restricted Net Assets	12,904.00
3310 - Board Designated	560,125.00
3320 - Endowment Permanently Restricted	304,000.00
Net Income	-48,164.56
Total Equity	1,269,344.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,332,908.20

Income & Expenses



Income

Donations	\$20,927.19
Grants	6,600.00
Membership	16,360.00
Admission	23,263.00
Registration	5,785.00
GS Sales	20,587.78
Fundraising	44,769.00
Facility Rental	161,250.00



Expenses

Salaries	\$99,003.08
Supplies	2,472.31
Insurance	18,190.00
Bank Charges	8,794.88
Independent Contractor	23,256.00
Facilities & Equipment	61,912.99
Advertising & Publicity	3,656.00
Other	5,906.38



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