

Director's Message

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your support, 2026 was another wonderful year at the Gatekeeper's Museum and Watson Cabin. Admissions increased, more than 900 schoolchildren visited free of charge, and nearly \$20,000 in grants helped us continue digitizing our archives, including more than 500 oral histories now available online.

As the cost of caring for our historic buildings and collections continues to rise, your support is more important than ever. Every membership, donation, visit, and volunteer hour helps us preserve and share Tahoe's history.

Thank you for being part of our mission.

Susan Winter
Museum Director

Be sure to check out our 2027 lineup of exhibits & events at gatekeepersmuseum.org

Financial Snapshot

2026 Year-to-Date Through September

Operating Revenue & Support

Approximately \$151,414

Operating Expenses

Approximately \$189,202

Figures reflect January–September 2026 financial activity and do not represent final year-end financial statements.

2026 By The Numbers

56+ YEARS

Preserving and sharing North Lake Tahoe history

900+ SCHOOLCHILDREN

Welcomed to the museum free of charge

500+ ORAL HISTORIES

Now available to the public online

NEARLY \$20,000 IN GRANTS

Secured to support the continued digitization of our archives

INCREASED ADMISSIONS

More visitors came through our doors in 2026

ONE HISTORIC CABIN RESTORED

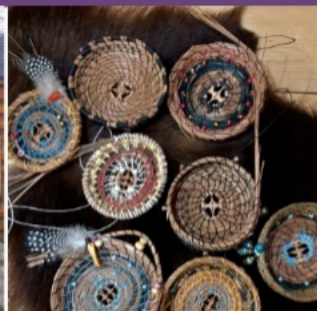
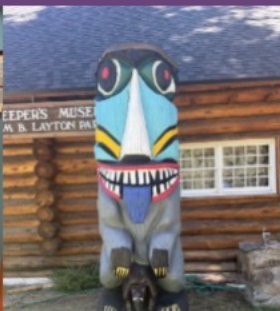
Watson Cabin welcomes the community back to Tahoe City

COMMUNITY

HISTORY

EDUCATION

CONSERVATION



Our Year at a Glance

2026 was another exciting year at the Gatekeeper's Museum and Watson Cabin. More than 900 schoolchildren visited the museum free of charge, while our classes, lectures, cultural programs, Heritage Trails, and community events continued to bring Tahoe's history to life. Washoe-led programming, basket weaving and beading classes, and our rotating basket exhibitions remained an important part of our work.

Preservation took a major step forward this year. With nearly \$20,000 in grant funding from the Tahoe Maritime Foundation and Tahoe Community Foundation, we continued digitizing our historic archives. More than 500 oral histories are now available online, along with newsletters, publications, and other materials. This work will continue into 2027 as we make even more of our collection accessible to the public.

We also celebrated the grand reopening of Watson Cabin following its two-year restoration. Tahoe City's oldest standing log cabin once again welcomes the community, and our Watson Cabin Preservation Fund will help ensure this treasured landmark is cared for well into the future.

While we are proud of all we accomplished, rising operating costs—particularly the dramatic increase in fire insurance—continue to challenge our small nonprofit. Your support allows us to provide free education, care for our collections and historic buildings, digitize our archives, and offer meaningful programs to our community.

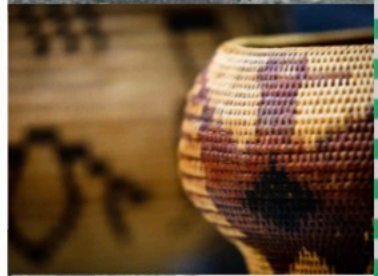
Every gift helps preserve Tahoe's history.

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North Lake Tahoe Historical Society & Gatekeeper's Museum

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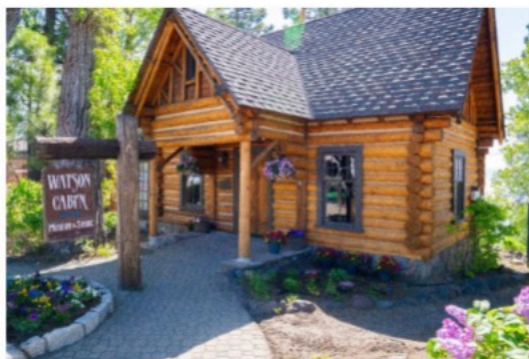
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Be a Part of Tahoe History — Help Preserve the Watson Cabin

The restoration of the historic Watson Cabin, Tahoe City's oldest log structure, has been an incredible accomplishment made possible by generous grants, community partners, and donors. But preserving a 116-year-old building is an ongoing commitment. The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society continues to raise funds for the restoration, preservation, and long-term maintenance of the Watson Cabin, ensuring this treasured piece of Tahoe history remains standing for generations to come.

Leave Your Mark on Tahoe History

With a donation of \$1,000 or more to the Watson Cabin Fund, you will have the opportunity to have your name, family name, or the name of someone you wish to honor engraved on a permanent plaque displayed inside the Watson Cabin. Your contribution directly supports the continued care and preservation of this historic landmark. **Be part of the Watson Cabin's next chapter. Donate today and help us preserve Tahoe history for generations to come.**

Thank you for recognizing the importance of preserving our local history and for supporting the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.



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