

NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Summer

1984

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DORIS H. FORD - AUBURN	JOY & WALLY FREE - GARDNERVILLE
JACK & BARBARA GOLDMAN - HOMEWOOD	FLORENE D. HECK - SANTA ROSA/TAHOE CITY
MR. & MRS. AL HENRY - TAHOE CITY	MR. & MRS. HARRY C. POTTER - TENO
ALICE MADELEY MATTHEWS - SACRAMENTO	

MEMORIAL DONATION

DORIS H. FORD - IN MEMORY OF ERNEST HOXIE

OUR SUMMER LECTURE SCHEDULE CONTINUES AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM - 7 P.M. MONDAYS

- JULY 23: DAVID COMSTOCK, AUTHOR OF AND LECTURE ON 'GOLD DIGGERS & CAMP FOLLOWERS'
- AUGUST 6: MICHAEL JENEID - ORNITHOLOGIST, AUTHOR, ARTIST WITH READINGS FROM HIS BOOK 'MERGANSER' AND MOTION PICTURE ON THE BIRDS OF TAHOE BASIN
6-7 P.M.: WINE AND CHEESE
ALL OF MR. JENEID'S BIRD WATERCOLORS FROM HIS COLUMNS IN THE TAHOE WORLD WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE AT THE MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 AND MONDAY, AUGUST 6 FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
- AUGUST 13: JULIE CARVILLE - NATURALIST - LECTURE & SLIDES ON SIERRA WILDFLOWERS
- AUGUST 20: DICK HAYMAN - AUTHOR, INSTRUCTOR, LECTURER AND EXPERT ON JOHN STEINBECK
- AUGUST 27: DAVID STOLLERY - AUTHOR, ACTOR, AND STORY TELLER SUPREME WITH MORE 'TALES OF TAHOE'
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Special Events

- JULY 26:.....HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR BY BOAT - SPACE LIMITED
- AUGUST 18:.....MEMBERSHIP STEAK BBQ - ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS
- AUGUST 25:.....ART COUTURE SHOW AT THE CHATEAU IN INCLINE VILLAGE
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AN ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM PRESENTLY BEING ORGANIZED THROUGH A GRANT AWARDED BY THE SOCIETY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE BAR-B-QUE, AND MEMBERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE A FEW HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO THE COLLECTION OF TAPED HISTORIES, WITHER AS INTERVIEWERS OR INTERVIEWEES. WHAT YOU KNOW MAY NOT SEEM LIKE HISTORY TO YOU, BUT IF YOU'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, YOU MAY BE THE EXPERT ON SOME SUBJECT OF LOCAL INTEREST. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE IN FUTURE YEARS. PLEASE HELP.



CHAMBERS LANDING CONCERT SELL-OUT SUCCESS

THE LAKE TAHOE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL'S OPENING CONCERT AT CHAMBERS LANDING ON JULY 5TH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THE SELL-OUT CROWD OF 500 ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT WITH MAESTRO EDGAR BRAUN CONDUCTING. RANSOM WILSON, ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREMIER FLAUTISTS WAS GUEST SOLOIST AND THRILLED THE AUDIENCE WITH "CARMEN FANTASY". THE FINALE OF THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY AN EXCITING FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERFORMED BY THE TAHOE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF STEVE SWIGARD.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PERINI LAND & DEVELOPMENT'S RANDY VERRUE, LINDA MOORE WILLIAMS AND STAFF FOR THEIR PLANNING AND TIRELESS EFFORTS TO PRESENT A PERFECT SETTING AND EVENING. THE PERINI LAND & DEVELOPMENT'S CHAMBERS LANDING FULLY SPONSORED THE CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AS THEY DID LAST YEAR. THEIR GENEROSITY WILL ENABLE OUR SOCIETY TO OBTAIN NEW DISPLAYS FOR THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM.



OVER 3500 VISITORS HAVE VISITED THE MUSEUM IN THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF THIS SUMMER SEASON WITH MANY HUNDREDS MORE ENJOYING THE PARK FACILITIES. OUR SCHEDULE OF WEDDINGS AND RECEPTIONS AT THE PARK IS WELL BOOKED THROUGH SEPTEMBER. NEW DISPLAYS INCLUDE A THREE CABINET COLLECTION OF BEADED WASHOE BASKETS ON LOAN FROM LLOYD CHICHESTER. THIS UNIQUE AND COLORFUL DISPLAY IS WELL WORTH A VISIT. OTHER NEW EXHIBITS INCLUDE A COLLECTION OF OLD GLASS BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS, ALL OF WHICH WERE FOUND AT LAKE TAHOE BY JOHN FULTON. THERE ARE MANY NEW READING AND PHOTO PANELS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAKE TAHOE IN 1918 DONATED BY MILDRED WATSON COLLINS. ENLARGEMENTS OF THESE PICTURES WERE MADE AND DONATED BY JIM BELL. WE WERE PRESENTED WITH A LARGE AND BEAUTIFULLY PRINTED FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF TAHOE CITY IN 1873, DONATED BY BREEZY CROSS OF TRUCKEE-TAHOE LUMBER COMPANY AS A COMPANION TO THE PICTURE OF TRUCKEE IN 1903 WHICH MR. CROSS GAVE TO THE MUSEUM LAST YEAR. ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE SEVERAL LOVELY COSTUMES FROM THE TURN OF THE CENTURY ON LOAN FROM DON AND MARTHA SNYDER AS WELL AS A COLLECTION OF LADIES ACCESSORIES FROM THE SAME ERA. WE ARE PRESENTLY SETTING UP A DISPLAY OF ANTIQUE KITCHEN UTENSILS FROM THE TAHOE AREA.

OUR GIFT SHOP HAS MANY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDING THE NEW BARBARA RICHNAK BIOGRAPHY 'A RIVER FLOWS - THE LIFE OF ROBERT LARDIN FULTON'. P. A. FULTON WAS THE GRANDFATHER OF JOHN FULTON AND A MAN WHO CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO LAKE TAHOE AS WELL AS THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS. OTHER NEW BOOKS INCLUDE 'SIERRA TROUT GUIDE' BY RALPH CUTTER AND 'TALKIN' LOCAL (TAHOESE FOR TRAVELERS) BY STEPHEN EDWARD POE. WE ALSO HAVE THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY'S POSTERS OF WILDFLOWERS, THE STEAMER 'TAHOE' POSTER BY ALAN HEONEY AND A BEAUTIFUL NEW POSTER 'LADY OF THE LAKE' BY JIM BELL. INDIAN BASKET COLLECTORS WILL FIND A DISPLAY OF BEAUTIFUL AUTHENTIC BASKETS FOR SALE AT THE MUSEUM FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF MARION STEINBACH AND LLOYD CHICHESTER.

WITH ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR MUSEUM, WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR INFORMATION FROM 1900 TO 1934, PARTICULARLY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, LETTERS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS. THERE WERE NO LOCAL PAPERS DURING THIS PERIOD, BUT, PERHAPS THE SACRAMENTO BEE OR THE RENO GAZETTE MIGHT HAVE FEATURED INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAKE.



WE RECEIVED A MOST INTERESTING LETTER FROM LONG-TIME MEMBER, VELMA COMSTOCK EDEN, IN RESPONSE TO OUR "INDIAN LEGENDS OF TAHOE REGION" PRINTED IN THE SPRING ISSUE. WITH MRS. EDEN'S PERMISSION, FOLLOWING IS HER RESPONSE:

JUNE 5, 1984

ATTENTION: MR. EARL MARR, PRESIDENT

I HAVE IN FRONT OF ME A SMALL PAMPHLET LABELED "LEGENDS OF TAHOE" WHICH I BOUGHT AT FALLEN LEAF RESORT MANY YEARS AGO. IT WAS WRITTEN BY BERTHA DE L. PRICE, THE MOTHER OF HARRIET CRAVEN AND GRANDMOTHER OF BILL CRAVEN, WHO IS STILL AT FALLEN LEAF. MRS. PRICE WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE WASHOES AND THEY WOULD TELL HER THEIR STORIES, AND SHE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO WRITE THEM DOWN. YOUR ACCOUNT OF THE LEGEND ABOUT THE NAMING OF FALLEN LEAF LAKE HAS BEEN COPIED WORD FOR WORD FROM MRS. PRICE'S LEGEND EXCEPTING FOR THE VERY LAST PARAGRAPH WHICH READS, "AND SO AT LAST HE WENT OVER THE CREST OF THE CRYSTAL RANGE AND FOUND HIMSELF SAFE IN THE HAPPY VALLEY OF CALIFORNIA."

I WAS BORN AT THE OLD TALLAC IN SEPTEMBER, 1900, AND SINCE WE HAD A CAMPOODIE OF WASHOE INDIANS CAMPED NOT FAR FROM THE STABLE AREA WE WERE ON VERY GOOD TERMS WITH THEM, AND SOME OF THE MEN WORKED AS GUIDES WITH THE HORSES, OR WORKED WITH THE BOATS AND MY FATHER ALWAYS SAW TO IT THAT THE SQUAWS COULD COME AND GET FOOD LEFT OVER FROM THE TABLES THAT HAD NOT BEEN SERVED.

I, TOO, KNEW SOME OF THE LEGENDS AS BERTHA PRICE DID, BUT FOUND SOME OF THEM DIFFICULT AND RATHER MEANINGLESS. NOT SO THE STORY OF FALLEN LEAF, AND I COULD ALWAYS ANSWER THE QUESTION "WHAT DOES THAT NAME MEAN?" I FOUND SOME OF INDIAN BEN JAMES RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS CHILDHOOD AND YOUNG MANHOOD MORE INTERESTING AND SOMETIMES ON CAMPING TRIPS WITH MY FATHER, BEN WOULD TELL US MANY OF THESE STORIES. BEN HAD SOME WHITE BLOOD AND HAD LIVED FOR A TIME WITH A WHITE FAMILY AND SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH.

I REMEMBER GEORGE WHARTON JAMES VERY WELL. HE MADE A TRIP AROUND THE LAKE, I BELIEVE, THE SUMMER OF 1911 OR 1912, AND HE SAT ONE DAY IN OUR BIG PARLOR AT TALLAC AND TOLD US STORIES OF WHAT HE HAD FOUND OUT ON HIS TRIP. THIS IS HOW HE GOT HIS INFORMATION, AS HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO REALLY GET TO KNOW THE INDIANS, AND THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE TALKED TO HIM ANYWAY. I REALLY THINK THAT BERTHA DE L. PRICE SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. HE GAVE MY FAMILY AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF HIS BOOK WHEN IT CAME OUT, AND I READ IT AS A CHILD, BUT SOME GUEST BORROWED IT AND THEN LIBERATED IT, SO IT WENT OUT OF OUR FAMILY.

MY FATHER WAS HARRY O. COMSTOCK OF THE FIRM OF LAWRENCE AND COMSTOCK, WHO LEASED AND OPERATED THE TALLAC HOTEL FROM THE BALDWIN'S FOR ABOUT THIRTY YEARS. LAWRENCE WAS MELVILLE LAWRENCE, MY FATHER'S MATERNAL UNCLE AS WELL AS HIS BUSINESS PARTNER. HE GAVE UP THE LEASE WITH THE BALDWIN HEIRS IN 1913, AND MOVED TO BROCKWAY WHICH WE DEVELOPED ON OUR OWN.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

VELMA COMSTOCK EDEN

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BAR-B-QUE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH AT 5:00 P.M. COME AND CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE SOCIETY, MUSEUM AND PARK. DINNER WILL INCLUDE STEAKS COOKED TO YOUR DESIRE, SALADS, BAKED BEANS, ROLLS, DESSERT AND COFFEE. NO-HOST BAR. ALL FOR A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF \$7.50 PER PERSON. SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY. RESERVATION FORM ON THE BACK PAGE.



North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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President's Message

1985 HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE GATEKEEPER'S CABIN MUSEUM AND PARK GREW TREMENDOUSLY, AND ALL OF THE PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY WERE "STANDING ROOM ONLY". OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS GROWN WITH THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS WHO BRING ADDITIONAL ENERGY AND DEDICATION TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES. WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, WHICH COMES FROM THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN AND MANY OTHER AREAS, IT IS MY HOPE THAT 1986 WILL SEE CONTINUED GROWTH OF PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES, AND A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS REMINDED THAT THEY ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET AND BEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATING TO THE PUBLIC, BY "WORD OF MOUTH" RECOMMENDATION, THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DISPLAYS AND RESOURCES THAT THE SOCIETY HAS WORKED HARD TO PERMANENTLY PRESERVE FOR PUBLIC VIEW AND USE. I URGE EVERYONE TO VISIT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND PARK NEXT SUMMER AND BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

RANDALL M. FACCINTO

Welcome New Members

DAVID ANTONUCCI - TAHOE CITY
WILLIAM & GEORGEANN BECKETT - HOMEWOOD
MARY T. GILAN-FARR - INCLINE VILLAGE
TONI FAUVER - ORINDA
LEONORA (MRS. BEN) FERRARI - CRYSTAL BAY
LYNWOOD & JANET GASKIN - SAN CARLOS
RICHARD & MARGARET HARTSHORNE, JR. - SACRAMENTO/HOMEWOOD
SID & REVA HUFF - HOMEWOOD
GAIL HUNT - KINGS BEACH
KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH LAKE TAHOE
SHARON LARSON - INCLINE VILLAGE/WASHINGTON
ROSE MARIE MARSULLO - INCLINE VILLAGE
JACK & DOROTHY MILLER - HOMEWOOD/SUNNYVALE
GEORGE & NANCY MONTGOMERY - TAHOE PINES/GEORGIA
JOHN & MARY ANN MOYNIHAN - PORTOLA VALLEY
EUNICE PARKER - RENO
WILLIAM & BARBARA PICARD - MORAGA
MR. & MRS. S. W. MUDD, II - CARMEL
JAMES & NOREEN RANEY - HOMEWOOD/LAFAYETTE
MELBA C. SMITH - ORINDA
VERA V. WARNER - LAFAYETTE
J.H. & LILLIAN WYMAN - PIEDMONT

*Happy
Holidays*



In Memorium

LEONORA (MRS. BEN) FERRARI

ROBERT F. MC GIVERN



Memorial Donations

IN MEMORY OF LOIS FACHA
FROM

MYRTLE M. GALLINGER
ALICE JENSEN
BETTY LAYTON

1985-86 Board of Directors

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTED A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 1985-86 TERM AT OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND POT LUCK DINNER ON 9/7/85, AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD WERE ELECTED AT OUR OCTOBER 22ND MEETING, AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT: RANDALL M. FACCINTO
VICE PRESIDENT: CAROL VAN ETTEN
SECRETARY: CATHY GIBB
TREASURER: JERRY NEFT

BOARD MEMBERS: VIRGINIA BARNETT, BERNIE BECHDOLT, DOTTIE CAULKETT, LILLIAN FARR,
ARLENE KOENIG, MARTHA MAC LAUGHLIN, JUDY LAYTON, EARL MARR, BUD NOVACK,
HOWARD PERRY, BILL SUMNER, ED BARNETT (BOARD ATTORNEY)

THE NEW BOARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY JOIN TOGETHER IN THANKING THE FOLLOWING RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR PAST SERVICES:

ELLEN ATTARDI, DEAN CHAPMAN, NOEL HARGREAVES, BETTY LONG, AND NANCY WILLIAMSON.

Come to the Christmas Faire....

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE 'CHRISTMAS FAIRE', TO BE HELD AT THE KINGS BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. DAILY.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY AND VISIT THE FAIRE AND OUR BOOTH. WE WILL BE SELLING LAKE TAHOE BOOKS, INCLUDING E.B. SCOTT'S 'SAGA OF LAKE TAHOE', THE NEWLY PUBLISHED 'PRE WAR WOOD' BY CAROL VAN ETTEN, AND BOOKS ABOUT THE HISTORY, LEGENDS, PIONEERS AND NATURAL HISTORY OF LAKE TAHOE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE LAKE TAHOE POSTERS AVAILABLE. YOU WILL FIND GIFTS TO GIVE A LIFETIME OF PLEASURE AND YOU WILL BE HELPING YOUR SOCIETY.



MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

THE 1985 SUMMER SEASON SAW 14,000 MUSEUM VISITORS AND 25,000 PARK USERS. WE PRESENTED NINE MONDAY EVENING LECTURES. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MICHAEL JENEID (TWO LECTURES), JULIE CARVILLE, ROBERT S. WOOD, LEO POPPOFF, BARBARA RICHNAK, KAY & BILL FISHER, ELEANOR HUGGINS AND DAVID STOLLERY FOR BRINGING US SUCH ENJOYABLE AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS. MARION STEINBACH AND WINNIE AND CAROL MAYNARD GAVE OF THERE TIME AND TALENTS TO TEACH PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES. VOLUNTEER MARJORIE MARR MANNED THE MUSEUM EVERY WEDNESDAY, AND MARION STEINBACH AND LLOYD CHICHESTER LOANED BEAUTIFUL BASKETS FOR DISPLAY. JOHN FULTON LOANED HIS ARROW POINT COLLECTION FOR DISPLAY. SINCE THE MUSEUM OPENED IN 1981, JOHN FULTON HAS DONATED ALL OF OUR ROCKS AND FOSSILS FOR RESALE IN OUR GIFT SHOP AND THE SOCIETY HAS REALIZED OVER \$1,000.)) FROM THESE SALES. WE HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING TO MAKE THE PARK EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL. WE HAD TWELVE WEDDINGS AND THREE PRIVATE PARTIES IN THE PARK.

Oh, Rose Marie, I love you....

JAKE HAD SOME EXPOSURE TO CELEBRITY AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC BOOSTER OF HIS OWN FAVORED LOCALE. IN THE AUTUMN OF 1935, A CAST AND CREW OF THE M-G-M STUDIOS ARRIVED IN THE TAHOE BASIN TO BEGIN FILMING OF 'ROSE MARIE', ONE OF THE MANY CELLULOID VEHICLES USED DURING THE PERIOD TO SHOWCASE THE VOCAL TALENTS OF JEANETTE MAC DONALD AND NELSON EDDY. DURING THE PREVIOUS SUMMER, OBEXER HAD GIVEN A PARTY OF M-G-M SCOUTS A BOAT TOUR OF POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR THE FILMING, AND WHEN SHOOTING COMMENCED, HE BECAME MARINE CHAUFFEUR FOR WILLIAM VAN DYKE, DIRECTOR OF THE HIGH-ALTITUDE EXTRAVAGANZA.

HERB OBEXER RELATES THAT HIS FATHER'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PICTURE HAD A HAPPY ENDING. DURING THE FILMING, IT HAD BEEN JAKE'S ASSIGNMENT TO TAKE HIS GAR WOOD TO ZEPHYR COVE EACH MORNING (WHERE VAN DYKE WAS LODGED) AND DELIVER HIM TO THAT DAY'S LOCATION. A FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE TWO MEN, AND WHEN THE SHOOTING AT THE LAKE WAS CONCLUDED, MR. VAN DYKE THANKED JAKE FOR HIS EXCELLENT SERVICES, PRESENTING HIM WITH A COPY OF THE NOVEL 'TRADER HORN', AN ADAPTION OF WHICH WAS TO BE THE DIRECTOR'S NEXT FILM.

JAKE WAS A BIT DISAPPOINTED AT WHAT HE FELT TO BE A SOMEWHAT MEAGER GRATUITY. HOWEVER, IN THE COURSE OF READING THE NOVEL, HE HAD OCCASION TO ALTER HIS ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT, TURNING A PAGE TO DISCOVER A CHECK MADE OUT TO HIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.

(The above is from the newly published 'PREWAR WOOD' - SPEEDBOATS OF LAKE TAHOE 1910 - 1941 BY CAROL VAN ETEN. It is available in paperback and hardback editions and will be for sale at our Christmas Faire booth).

Art Show in the Park

AMONG THE 1986 SEASON FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, THE SOCIETY PLANS A JURIED ART SHOW FOR EARLY SUMMER. IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO APPLY PLEASE PHONE MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-4976.

A NEW COMMITTEE OF BOARD MEMBERS HAS BEEN FORMED TO PLAN NEXT SEASONS EVENTS. YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS WILL BE WELCOMED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE PLEASE PHONE OR WRITE MIRIAM BIRO.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS AND KEEP THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE ON YOUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR NEWSLETTERS. MANY OF YOU WHO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY DO NOT OFTEN GET UP TO THE LAKE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU. IF YOU WRITE US, WE WILL PUBLISH YOUR LETTER IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. YOUR MEMORIES OR STORIES OR SUGGESTIONS WILL BE WELCOME. PLEASE WRITE TO: NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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welcome new members

MRS. PAUL CHAMBERLAIN - AUBURN RANDY FACCINTO - TAHOE CITY
RAY & DAGMAR DOLBY - SAN FRANCISCO MR. & MRS. T. W. GRUESEN - INCLINE VILLAGE
MR. & MRS. PETER DWYER - COLUSA MR. & MRS. RICHARD L. NIELLO - SACRAMENTO
MR. & MRS. RAY STONE - SACRAMENTO

1984 Income & Expenses

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$ 6,660.00
MUSEUM INCOME.....\$ 9,910.37
INTEREST EARNED.....\$ 619.81
FUND RAISING EVENTS.....\$20,618.74
IN MEMORIUM DONATIONS...\$ 110.00
WEDDINGS.....\$ 875.00
JUDGE VERNON BOARDWALK
DEDICATION PLAQUE.....\$ 500.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....\$ 620.97

TOTAL INCOME.....\$39,914.89

EXPENSES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.....\$ 8,168.75
(Miriam Biro..\$7,100.00)
(Carol Van Etten..\$1,068.75)
UTILITIES.....\$ 1,185.11
RESALE ITEMS.....\$ 5,111.70
PRINTING/OFFICE SUPPLIES...\$ 1,239.55
BULK MAILING/POSTAGE.....\$ 433.79
TAXES.....\$ 490.93
PARK/MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS...\$ 3,568.22
DISPLAYS/FURNISHINGS.....\$ 2,962.54
INSURANCE.....\$ 1,513.00
MAINTAINANCE/PROTECTION...\$ 2,940.22
FUND RAISING EVENTS.....\$ 5,106.22
MUSEUM LECTURES.....\$ 211.74
WEDDINGS.....\$ 100.00
ORAL HISTORY GRANT.....\$ 1,000.00
BOARDWALK DEDICATION PLAQUES 1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....\$ 323.00

CASH ON HAND 12/31/84: \$14,919.74

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$28,254.77

Oral History Grant

A \$1,000.00 GRANT WAS AWARDED TO CAROL VAN ETTEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ASSIST HER IN CONTINUING HER ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM. TRANSCRIPTIONS OF THE HISTORIES WILL BE HOUSED AT THE MUSEUM. A RECORDER AND TRANSCRIBER HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY THE SOCIETY, SO THAT WE CAN OBTAIN ACCURATE ORAL HISTORIES AND ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAPE AND TRANSCRIBE OUR LECTURERS AS WELL AS MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY FILMS OF AND ABOUT THE LAKE. THESE FILMS HAVE NOW BEEN TRANSPOSED TO VIDEO TAPE FOR PRESERVATION AND VIEWING. WE NOW NEED TO PURCHASE A TV AND VIDEO RECORDER/PLAYER SO THAT WE CAN SHOW THE TAPES AT THE MUSEUM. IF ANYONE HAS ACCESS TO DISCOUNT PRICES ON NEW MACHINES PLEASE CALL OR WRITE MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-4976/P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730. WE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THE TV AND VIDEO CASSETTE BEFORE THE MUSEUM OPENS IN MID MAY.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A HOUSE TOUR ON THURSDAY, JULY 18TH; A MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH, AND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND POT LUCK DINNER ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.

OUR MONDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES WILL BEGIN ON JULY 8TH WITH A LECTURE AND SLIDES BY JULIE CARVILLE ON 'SUMMER WILDFLOWER HIKES IN THE TAHOE BASIN'.

WE WILL AGAIN OFFER PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES BY KAY SHONTS AND MARION STEINBACH.

A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, LECTURES AND CLASSES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER.

NEW DISPLAYS WILL BE FEATURED THIS SUMMER, INCLUDING A NEW HISTORICAL BOOK DISPLAY CABINET AND BOOK CASE, A DIORAMA OF THE WASHOE SUMMER AND WINTER HOMES AND ACTIVITIES, A NEW DISPLAY OF PRECIOUS WASHOE BASKETS.



'Tahoe Tattler' - 1881

TRAGEDY AT TAHOE

YESTERDAY TWO ATROCIOUS MURDERS WERE COMMITTED IN TAHOE. THE FIRST WAS WILLIAM POMIN'S PIG, BY MAGUIRE, A MOST COLD-BLOODED BLUNDERING MURDER. THE SECOND WAS COMMITTED BY FRANK HOLT, IN WHICH THE WOODCHUCK LOST HIS LIFE, BY A BOX IN WHICH HE WAS CAUGHT, CRUSHING HIM. IT IS NOW GENERALLY SUPPOSED, THE MAN MAGUIRE WHO TOOK A FEW LITTLE THINGS WITHOUT FIRST ACQUIRING PROPER TITLE, IS SOMEWHAT OUT OF HIS MIND. TAKING JIM BAYLEY'S BUTCHERING TOOLS AND USING THEM ON ONE OF BILL POMIN'S PIGS IS THE LATEST FREAK. THE CITIZENS HAD HIM IN CUSTODY LAST EVENING, AND WILL CARE FOR HIM UNTIL HIS FRIENDS ARRIVE WHO HAVE BEEN TELEGRAPHED.

GOVERNOR GOES FISHIN'

GOV. KINKEAD (OF NEVADA) IS AFTER THE TROUT AS WELL AS OTHERS, AND HAVING A HOME IN THE SAGEBRUSH, EVERYTHING THAT IS WET, OR PERTAINS THERETO IS OF GREAT INTEREST. HIS TROUT WAS TELEGRAPHED HOME AS FOLLOWS: "HAVE A TROUT, TIME THREE HOURS, WEIGHT THREE OUNCES"...THE GOV. GOES TO TALLAC TODAY.

TATTLE

WELL, IF IT ISN'T JUST WONDERFUL HOW FOLKS DO ACT UP HERE; THEY SHOW THEIR BREEDING, TO SAY THE LEAST, AND IN SUCH A MANNER THEY OUGHT TO BE TALKED ABOUT. QUITE A COMPANY FROM THE HOTEL (GRAND CENTRAL) WENT DOWN TO THE BOY'S CAMP FRIDAY EVENING, SANG SONGS UNTIL HOARSE, AND THEN TRIED HARD TO CURE THE AILMENT WITH MOLASSES.



THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM HOUSES THE ORIGINAL COLLECTION OF THE ONE YEAR PUBLICATION OF 'THE TAHOE TATTLER' FROM 1881. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPENDING A FASCINATING HOUR OR TWO ENJOYING THESE 'POSTAGE STAMP NEWSPAPERS' NEXT SUMMER, COME TO THE MUSEUM. WE ALSO HAVE A FINE COLLECTIONS OF LAKE TAHOE NEWSPAPERS FROM THE '30S, '40S, AND '50S. ALL ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO READ.

 **IN MEMORIAM** 

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE RECENT LOSS OF FOUR OF OUR MEMBERS.

CHARTER MEMBERS, BROOKS WALKER AND WENDELL ROBIE WERE BOTH PIONEERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAHOE BASIN SPORTS.

BROOKS WALKER WAS THE FOUNDER AND PAST COMMODORE OF THE TAHOE YACHT CLUB AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF SPEEDBOAT RACING ON THE LAKE. A BUSINESSMAN AND INVENTOR, MR. WALKER HELD 250 REGISTERED PATENTS. A MEMBER OF MANY BAY AREA ORGANIZATIONS, HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE IN 1966.

WENDELL ROBIE WAS THE FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AUBURN SKI CLUB, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING SKIING AND WINTER SPORTS TO OUR AREA. MR. ROBIE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HEART FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION. HE WAS AN AVID SPORTSMAN AND HORSEMAN.

JEAN DILL, LONG A RESIDENT OF RUBICON, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, JOHN, WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY. JEAN DID THE ART WORK FOR THE PLAQUES OF THE FOUR HISTORICAL SITES AT TAHOE FOR THE SOCIETY. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE TAHOE CITY FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE ART SHOW AT THE EHRMAN MANSION FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

MARTHA SNYDER, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIPECTORS OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER MANY FRIENDS AT THE LAKE. MARTHA WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MANY TAHOE ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS DEVOTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE. HER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WERE NUMEROUS AND SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MUCH TAHOE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS AND MEMOPABILIA, INCLUDING FAMILY TREASURES OF HER OWN. WE WILL ALL MISS HER WARMTH, SMILE, AND SENSE OF HUMOR.

TRULY, WE ARE ALL DIMINISHED BY THE LOSS OF THESE FOUR EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS.

A DONATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF JEAN DILL FROM BETTY LAYTON?
A DONATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF MARTHA SNYDER FROM LOU & MIRIAM BIRO.

We need a Sponsor 

OUR SUMMER LECTURE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS, WITH MOST LECTURES SO FULL THAT WE HAVE HAD TO TURN PEOPLE AWAY. WE HAVE HAD TWO FREE-STANDING CANOPYS BUILT AND WE HOPE TO USE THEM TO MOVE THE LECTURES OUT INTO THE PARK WHERE WE CAN HAVE UNLIMITED ATTENDANCE. WE WILL HAVE TO ACQUIRE HOPE OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND A MICROPHONE. SINCE OUR LECTURES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WE FEEL THAT WE ARE PRESENTING A MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED PUBLIC SERVICE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIPE SPONSORSHIP OF OUR LECTURE SERIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00. IF ANY OF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE 1985 LECTURE SERIES, PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT, EARL MARR AT (916) 525-7555.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR OUTDOOR WEDDING SITE IS EVER INCREASING IN POPULARITY AND PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST. IF ANY GROUPS ARE INTERESTED IN RESERVING THE PARK FOR PRIVATE PARTIES OR EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-4976. OUR FREE-STANDING CANOPYS CAN ALSO BE RENTED FOR EVENTS AT THE PARK OR ELSEWHERE.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MUSEUM OPEN MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15 - HOURS: 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY

MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 7:00 P.M.

MICHAEL JENEID LECTURE AND MOTION PICTURE
"BIRDS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA"

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - 10 A.M TO 3 P.M.

PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS TAUGHT
BY MARION STEINBACH. CLASS LIMIT 20
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. COST \$7.50

MONDAY, JULY 8 - 7:00 P.M.

JULIE CARVILLE LECTURE AND SLIDES ON
"WILDFLOWER HIKING TRAILS OF THE TAHOE BASIN"

MONDAY, JULY 15 - 7:00 P.M.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

THURSDAY, JULY 18 - 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

HOUSE TOUR OF THE WEST SHORE BY BUS. SPACE
LIMITED - PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED. INVITATIONS
WILL BE MAILED.

MONDAY, JULY 22 - 7:00 P.M.

LEO POPPOFF LECTURE ON THE TAHOE BASIN EN-
VIRONMENT.

MONDAY, JULY 29 - 7:00 P.M.

MICHAEL JENEID LECTURE AND MOTION PICTURE
ON "SIERRA NEVADA WATERFOWL"

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - 7:00 P.M.

BILL AND KAY FISHER ON THEIR REAL LIFE AD-
VENTURES LIVING IN A "BAGGAGE CAR WITH LACE
CURTAINS".

MONDAY, AUGUST 12 - 7:00 P.M.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH AT NETTIE SCHERMAN'S
BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HOME.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 - 7:00 P.M.

BARBARA RICHNAK LECTURE ON WRITING A BIOG-
RAPHY, AUTHOR OF "A RIVER FLOWS - THE LIFE
OF ROBERT LARDIN FULTON - A TRUCKEE RIVER
PIONEER".

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

ADVANCED PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS
TAUGHT BY WINNIE MAYNARD. CLASS LIMIT 12
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CAST \$7.50

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 - 7:00 P.M.

DAVID STOLLERY WILL PRESENT MORE OF HIS
DELIGHTFUL "TALES OF TAHOE"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS WITH
POT LUCK DINNER

GOODBYE TO DEAR FRIENDS

WE ALL FEEL THE LOSS OF MANY DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: MARTHA SNYDER, CHARTER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY AND AN ACTIVE AND DEVOTED BOARD MEMBER UNTIL HER DEATH; AL FENECH, WHO, WITH HIS WIFE LOUISE, DONATED TO THE SOCIETY THE PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF A BUILDING PERMIT AT THE LAKE, AND WHO OWNED THE TAMARACK LODGE; ELIZABETH HUIE BURGESS, LONG TIME MEMBER AND CRYSTAL BAY RESIDENT; ELSIE BECHDOLT, WEST SHORE RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE TAHOE CITY PIONEER BECHDOLT FAMILY, ELSIE WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUTH AND SPORTS EVENTS; YUKIO TAKAHASHI, SOCIETY MEMBER AND SUPPORTER OF FINE ARTS IN THE AREA; AND HAROLD FARR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 10TH. HAROLD WAS AN IMPORTANT AND LOVED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. HE MARRIED LILLIAN VERNON IN 1949 AND CAME TO LIVE IN TAHOE CITY IN 1953. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TAHOE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; FIELD SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE T.C.P.U.D. FOR 15 YEARS AND OWNER OF HIS OWN WATER SERVICE BUSINESS FOR 16 YEARS; BOARD MEMBER OF THE TAHOE STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TAHOE CITY ROTARY CLUB MEMBER AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAHOE CITY IS GIVING A HAROLD FARR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO A 1985 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR.

AT HAROLD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE, LONG TIME FRIEND, BOB DOYLE, READ HIS POEM THAT SO TRULY DESCRIBED HAROLD. WE REPRINT IT HERE.

▶ POEM FOR HAROLD BY BOB DOYLE - FEBRUARY 10, 1985

▶ WHEN YOU SAW HIM,
▶ YOU KNEW,
▶ HE WOULDN'T HEAR THE FLYCATCHER
▶ HERALDING THE RETURN OF SUMMER.

▶ HE'D TEMPTED DEATH TOO MANY TIMES,
▶ TO ONCE AGAIN EXPECT THE MIRACLE
▶ OF SCIENCE TO INTERVENE.

▶ YET,
▶ SUNKEN IN HIS CHAIR,
▶ HIS PUCK-LIKE HUMOR MADE YOU FEEL
▶ AS IF HE SHARED HIS SECRETS JUST WITH YOU.

▶ HIS CLAW-LIKE WAVE,
▶ THE ARTHRITIC FINGERS ALWAYS HELD
▶ THE CIGARETTE WHOSE EMBERS CAME SO CLOSE
▶ BUT NEVER SEARED HIS SKIN. (THINKING BACK,
▶ I NEVER SAW HIM TAKE A DRAG.)

▶ IN THE POST OFFICE,
▶ HERE HE'D COME,
▶ DUCKING HIS HEAD THE WAY HE DID,
▶ SLIGHTLY STOOPED SO NOT TO MISS A WORD
▶ YOU SHARED WITH HIM.

▶ NO DEPRESSION OF YOUR OWN,
▶ COULD OUTLIVE HIS ELFIN GRIN,
▶ AND WASN'T HIS PLEASURE IN YOUR TALE,
▶ SO GENUINE?

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA SNYDCR BY BILL & BERNIE BECHDOLT, LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO,
LILLIAN FARR, WES HOWELL, EARL & MARJORIE MARR

IN MEMORY OF WENDELL ROBIE BY DWIGHT STEELE

IN MEMORY OF ELSIE BECHDOLT BY BILL AND BERNIE BECHDOLT

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH HUIE BURGESS BY DE WITT AND CAROL KRUEGER

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT KNIGHT BY BOB AND MARILYN FUGAZI

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD FARR BY:

JAMES AND JOAN THOMPSON
HENRY AND BOB INN YOUNG
DONALD AND JACQUE MIELKE
JAY AND BECCY SHONTZ
DEAN PATTERSON CONSTRUCTION
HOWARD AND LINDA-LEWIS PERRY
STEVEN, SAM AND IRMA GLAZER
MICHAEL RUSSELL
RON AND ARITA MC INTYRE
DE WITT AND CAROL KRUEGER
NORMAN AND MARY DEWHURST
BERT AND MAY BROLUND
DOUG AND MARGARET SMITH
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KUNGES
FLORENCE VERNON
DICK AND MARIE NASS
EDWARD AND MARGARET STOLLERY, SR.
TAHOE LAKE SCHOOL
WES HOWELL
WILFRED AND HAZEL PARSONS
GEORGE, SOLVEIG AND BILL LARDNER

JUDGE AND MRS. ROBERT FUGAZI
TAHOE SIERRA STATE PARKS ASSOCIATION
ROBERT AND JEAN ALLARD
MARTIN AND BARBARA SPITSEN
THE JOSEPH MARILLAC FAMILY
BOB AND DOROTHY LEWIS
JIM BELL
LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO
DAVID STOLLERY
BILL AND BERNIE BECHDOLT
BILL AND RHOMA JANE SUMNER
DAN AND JOAN HAUSERMAN
ED AND JONDA FRIEL
DELBERT AND BETTY VERNON
RALPH AND GERI MEYER
ROBIN ORR BOONE
LARRY AND ROSEMARY LINDSEY
PAUL AND DIANE STEINHAUSER
ALLAN C. ORENSTEEN
EV AND LUCY BANFIELD
EARL AND MARJORIE MARR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JANE AND BOB WILLIAMS - MARYSVILLE

JOY C. HARWOOD - TAHOE VISTA

GEORGE AND SOLVEIG LARDNER - AUBURN

THE PARK HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR MANY PRIVATE GROUP EVENTS AND WEDDINGS. THERE ARE STILL DATES AVAILABLE FOR THE SUMMER SEASON. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND THE PARK MAY BE RESERVED BY A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION BASED ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE. WE NOW ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE TO RENT 150 WHITE CHAIRS AND TWO FREE-STANDING CANOPIYS (EACH 15 FT. X 15 FT.)

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS PRESENTING SEVERAL NEW DISPLAYS, INCLUDING A NEW READING DISPLAY AND BOOKCASE - A DISPLAY OF WASHOE AND PAIUTE WILLOW WORK BASKETS ON LOAN FROM MARION STEINBACH - A DAT SO LA LEE AND TWO MAGGIE JAMES BASKETS ON LOAN FROM LLOYD CHICHESTER (THESE MAGNIFICENT BASKETS WILL BE AT THE MUSEUM FROM MID-JUNE TO OCTOBER) - THE "TAHOE ALBUM" DISPLAY HAS RETURNED AND IS A MUST SEE FOR EVERY LOVER OF THE LAKE - TWO OUTSTANDING COLLECTIONS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE SOCIETY - MYRTLE GALLINGER HAS DONATED HER HISTORY OF TAHOE LAKE SCHOOL WITH DATED RECORDS, PICTURES, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND EXTENSIVE INFORMATION. BILL AND BERNIE BECHDOLT HAVE GIVEN THE SOCIETY A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF THEIR FAMILY AND TAHOE CITY PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WILL BE COPIED AND DISPLAYED AT THE MUSEUM LATER IN THE SUMMER.

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM BOARD DIRECTOR CAROL VAN ETTEN'S WEEKLY COLUMN 'OUR TAHOE HERITAGE' IN THE NORTH TAHOE WEEK ARE REPRINTED COURTESY OF PUBLISHER, DAVID MOGILEFSKY.

NAME GAME

THE GRANDEUR OF THE TAHOE BASIN DEFIES DESCRIPTION, TO BE SURE. YET THE NECESSITY OF PLACE NAMES IS INESCAPABLE, AND THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO NAME LOCAL PLACES IS LAISSEZ FAIRE, TO SAY THE LEAST, AS REFLECTED IN SUCH NAMES AS TAHOE CITY, TAHOE PARK, TAHOE PINES AND TAHOE VISTA (SLIGHTLY MORE INSPIRED WERE THE NAMERS OF HOMEWOOD, LAKE FOREST AND TAHOMA). MANY LOCAL SITES RETAIN THE NAMES OF THE AREA'S PIONEERS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE AREA'S DRAINAGES AND CREEKS, WHICH ARE (NORTH TO SOUTH) GRIFF (FOR GRIFFIN OF LOUSY POINT), WATSON (FOR TAHOE CITY CONSTABLE ROBERT MONTGOMERY WATSON), DOLLAR (FOR ROBERT STANLEY DOLLAR, SR.), BURTON (FOR HOMER D. BURTON) AND BLISS (FOR THE BLISS FAMILY). FROM THE TRUCKEE RIVER OUTLET SOUTH, THE CREEKS ARE WARD, BLACKWOOD, MADDEN, MC KINNEY (FOR JOHN MC KINNEY, OF HUNTER'S HOME), GENERAL (FOR GENERAL PHIPPS) AND MEEKS (FOR STEPHEN HALL MEEK).

THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE AREA HAVE INSPIRED NAMES SUCH AS FIR CRAGS AND BEAR CREEK. IN DESOLATION VALLEY, TO THE WEST OF TAHOE'S WEST SHORE, CAN BE FOUND LAKES NAMED BEAR, BUCK, DUCK, EAGLE, GROUSE AND LOON. CEDAR FLAT (THREE MILES NORTHEAST OF TAHOE CITY) AND CEDAR POINT (A DEVELOPMENT ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTH OF TAHOE CITY) TAKE THEIR NAMES FROM THE VENERABLE STANDS OF CEDAR FOUND AT THE TWO LOCATIONS.

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE LANDSCAPE FROM CARNELIAN BAY SOUTH ARE DIVIDED CHIEFLY BETWEEN THE SURNAMES WATSON AND DOLLAR. TO EACH BELONGS A PROMINENCE OF LAND (MOUNT WATSON AND DOLLAR HILL). IN ADDITION, WE HAVE WATSON CREEK AND DOLLAR CREEK, WATSON LAKE AND DOLLAR RESERVOIR.

OF COURSE, BY STANDARDS OF LOCAL PLACE-NAMES, DOLLAR IS A FAIRLY RECENT TAG, THE POINT OF LAND HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS GRIFF, OLD LOUSY, WYCHWOOD AND OBSERVATORY (THE BASIS FOR EACH APPELLATION BEING A STORY IN ITSELF).

GEOLOGICAL ATTRIBUTES HELPED TO NAME SEVERAL LOCATIONS ON THE NORTH SHORE. TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY VISITORS TO NORTH LAKE TAHOE FOUND PLEASANT DIVERSION ON THE BEACH AT CARNELIAN BAY, WHERE THE GEM STREWN SHORELINE PROVED AS GOOD AS ITS NAME, PRODUCING PLENTIFUL PEA-SIZED SAMPLES FOR THE DILIGENT SEEKER.

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THE MARLETTE-DAY BOUNDARY SURVEY OF 1852 DISCOVERED "AGATE AND CRYSTALS ON THE WATER'S EDGE" AND THE BAY HENCE CAME TO BE KNOWN AS AGATE. THOUGH THE BAY ON WHICH INCLINE VILLAGE LIES IS LOGICALLY ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR ITS CLARITY, IN FACT THE EXTENSIVE LOGGING OPERATIONS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY (NEVADA) LUMBERMAN GEORGE IWEIS CRYSTAL ON THE NORTHWEST SHORE OF THE BAY IN THE LATE 1860S IS ACTUALLY THE SOURCE OF THE NAME.

THINGS OF THE EARTH SUPPLY THE SOURCE OF MANY NAMES. ONLY TAHOMA BOASTS ANYTHING LIKE WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED "CITY" ADDRESSES WITH ITS NUMBERED STREETS. INSPITE OF PERIODIC MASSIVE INFLUXES OF METROPOLITAN INFLUENCES, TAHOE RETAINS A RURAL ATMOSPHERE REFLECTED FOREVER IN ITS PLACE NAMES.

NEW GATEKEEPER'S CABIN NOTECARDS AT MUSEUM — 8 for \$3.75



GATEKEEPER'S CABIN
Tahoe City

A NEW BOOKLET "THE LADIES OF THE CABIN" BY LILLIAN FARR TELLS THE TRUE STORIES OF THE GATEKEEPER'S WIVES AND WILL BE ON SALE THIS SUMMER AT THE MUSEUM. PRICE \$1.00



THE WASHOE "LEGEND OF TAHOE" HAS BEEN PRINTED BY TOMMIE MOLLER AND IS NOW AT THE MUSEUM. PRICE \$2.00



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SUMMER North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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HOUSE TOUR SELLOUT

OUR ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR WAS SOLD OUT TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT AND WILL NET OVER \$5,000.00 FOR THE SOCIETY. SPONSORSHIP BY CHEVRON, USA AND A DONATION FROM SAFEWAY STORES, INC. PROVIDED US WITH THE FUNDING TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S TOUR.

SPECIAL THANKS IS GIVEN TO THE GENEROUS FRIENDS WHO DONATED THEIR HOMES AND TO OUR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEER MEMBERS. CHARLES I. DANIELS, JR., HIS FAMILY AND STAFF PROVIDED THE FINE WINES FOR TASTING AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO MAKE THE WINE TASTING SO ENJOYABLE.

OUR MONDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES HAS BEEN WIDELY ATTENDED AND OUR GUEST LECTURERS HAVE PROVIDED US WITH SOME MEMORABLE MONDAY EVENINGS. THE SERIES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 26TH. THE 1986 SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS WILL BE SET UP AFTER THE MUSEUM CLOSES IN OCTOBER. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS AND SPEAKERS. PLEASE CALL MIRIAM THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY 11 AM TO 5 PM AT (916) 583-1762.

MEMBER JAMES BELL HAS THREE ALBUMS OF VINTAGE TAHOE PHOTOS AT THE MUSEUM ALONG WITH HAND PAINTED PHOTOS (FRAMED AND UNFRAMED) ON DISPLAY IN THE GIFT SHOP, AND FOR SALE.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JAMES BELL - TAHOE CITY	MR. & MRS. LAWRENCE A. SCHEI -SACRAMENTO/TAHOE PINES
PATRICIA BERNARD - LAFAYETTE/TAHOE CITY	JOYCE SMITH - TAHOE CITY
MARILYN R. BEWLEY - STOCKTON	MARIANITA SUDDEN - INCLINE VILLAGE
DAVID & JUDY BRENINGER - GRASS VALLEY	MR. & MRS. WM. B. THALHIMER, JR. - RICHMOND, VA.
MR. & MRS. EDWARD T. CLIFFORD - SACRAMENTO	EVE TOUSSAINT - INCLINE VILLAGE
ROBERT & GINGER GLOCKNER - ATHERTON	EDITH MADELEY TURNER - SACRAMENTO
JANE C. JONES - PEBBLE BEACH/TAHOE CITY	
EDWARD & ADELLA PAGE - CARNELIAN BAY	
JEAN K. WALKER - MODESTO	
ROBERT & MELINDA WULFF - SACRAMENTO	

A NEW PUBLICATION BY MEMBER CAROL VAN ETEN 'PRE WAR WOOD' IS A DOCUMENTARY ON THE WOODEN SPEED BOATS OF TAHOE PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, INCLUDING THIRTY COLOR PHOTOS. THIS NEW BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM BY LABOR DAY WEEKEND. PRICE: \$19.95



LOIS FACHA

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOST A DEVOTED MEMBER LAST MONTH. LOIS FACHA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF TAHOE CITY PIONEER, SADIE BICKFORD MOPROW. LOIS WAS A GENEROUS AND SUPPORTIVE MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY AND HAD DONATED ARTIFACTS, PAINTINGS AND FURNISHINGS TO THE MUSEUM. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO DISPLAY HER DAT SO LA LEE BASKET WHICH HER GRANDFATHER PURCHASED FROM ABE COHEN IN 1913 FOR \$15.00.

LILLIAN FARR OBTAINED A DELIGHTFUL ORAL HISTORY FROM LOIS'S MOTHER SADIE IN 1975. THIS HAS BEEN TRANSCRIBED AND IS AVAILABLE TO READ AT THE MUSEUM.

IN MEMORIAM

THE SOCIETY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

HAROLD FARR BY ELLEN ATTARDI, MR. & MRS. AL HENRY, BETTY LAYTON AND THE TAHOE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARTHA SNYDER BY MR. AND MRS. AL HENRY, BETTY LAYTON

YUKIO TAKAHASHI BY ELLEN ATTARDI

AL FENECH BY ELLEN ATTARDI AND BETTY LAYTON

LOIS FACHA BY MR. & MRS. J. H. BICKFORD, CLYDE M. BLACKMON, LORETTA DONOVAN, AND BETTY D. MAST

GHOST STORY

as told to Bertha de L. Price

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The Washoe Indians came each summer to work for Mrs. Price at the turn of the century. They told her their legends and she put them in writing. These stories have recently been reprinted by the Lake Tahoe Historical Society (South Lake Tahoe). With their permission, we present this story from the book.

An Indian woman died, leaving a little child and her husband. The latter spent the accustomed four days and nights watching at her grave without food or drink. On the fourth night the grave suddenly opened and the woman stepped out before him. 'Give me my child,' she said. The man said not a word, but went quickly and brought the little child. The woman did not speak, but took the child and suckled it. Then holding it close in her arms, she began to walk slowly away. The man followed her, but he did not speak. On, on they went, through forest and meadow, up hill and down dale.

By and by the man made a movement as though he would take hold of her and stop her. But the woman warded him off with a wave of her hand. 'Touch me not,' she said. 'If you touch me, you must die, too!' She stood and suckled the child once more, then laid him gently in her husband's arms. 'Go home,' she said, and faded from his sight.

Home he went with the child, full of awe and fear. A few days afterwards the child died, though there was nothing the matter with it. The man, however, lived to be very old.

The LEGENDS OF TAHOE is on sale at our gift shop. Price: \$3.00

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND POTLUCK DINNER WILL BE HILD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1985 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND PARK.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING. WE WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND WILL ELECT NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COME EARLY AND SEE THE MANY NEW DISPLAYS IN THE MUSEUM AND OUR GIFT SHOP ITEMS FOR SALE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR WOULD LIKE TO PUT A NAME IN NOMINATION, PLEASE PHONE SOCIETY PRESIDENT, EARL MARR AT 525-7555.

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please detach and return this portion

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1985 AT 6:00 P.M.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

I WILL BRING:

HORS D'OEUVRES _____ SALAD _____ VEGETABLE DISH _____

MAIN DISH _____ BREAD OR ROLLS _____

DESSERT _____ OTHER _____

NO HOST BAR - COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE

I WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TWO YEAR TERM) _____

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE: _____ TO SERVE ON THE BOARD.

RETURN TO: NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
POST OFFICE BOX 6141
TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (916) 583-1762 BETWEEN 11 A.M. & 5 P.M. DAILY.
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NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Gift From The Laytons

ON MAY 22, 1986, BETTY AND JUDY LAYTON PRESENTED A BRONZE PLAQUE AND STONE HOUSING TO THE SOCIETY. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK, THE PLAQUE READS:

WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK

THIS PARK WAS NAMED FOR AND DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM B. LAYTON BY THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE WILL MISS THE UNSELFISH WAY THAT BILL WORKED FOR THE COMMUNITY. PAST GENERAL MANAGER OF THE TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, GATEKEEPER'S CABIN RESTORATION DRIVE, ROTARY CLUB, BOY SCOUTS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, EASTER SEALS AND SCHOLARSHIP DRIVES AND MORE. WE WILL MISS BILL'S FRIENDLY SMILE, GENUINE CHARM AND HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC FLAIR.

WILLIAM B. LAYTON - BORN OCTOBER 24, 1921
KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH AT LAKE TAHOE MAY 22, 1982

... and a gift from Jack Emerson

JACK EMERSON BUILT THE STONE STRUCTURE AS A DONATION TO THE SOCIETY, AND HIS GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. JACK ALSO BUILT THE BEAUTIFUL FIREPLACE IN THE MUSEUM, THE FLAG STANDARD AND STONE DECKS IN FRONT OF THE CABIN. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLE BEAUTY AND CHARM TO THE PARK.

July House Tour Sellout

THE JULY 10TH WEST SHORE HOUSE TOUR WAS A SELLOUT SUCCESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE KIND PEOPLE WHO ALLOWED US TO SHOW THEIR HOMES: CHAMBERS LANDING, LORING SAGAN, DOUGLAS SHERMAN, CLARA E. EDEN AND BURT AND PATSY OLSEN, WHO NOT ONLY PROVIDED THEIR HOME AND BEAUTIFUL GARDENS FOR THE TOUR AND WINE TASTING, BUT ALSO HIRED A GUITARIST TO SERANADE OUR GUESTS. NOW, THAT'S HOSPITALITY TAHOE STYLE! PETER VOGT, OF THE TAHOE HOUSE, PROVIDED THE FINE CHEESES, PATES AND SWISS CHOCOLATES AT HIS COST. BUS TOUR VOLUNTEERS WERE ROSEMARY LINDSEY, BILL SUMNER, EARL MARR, JACK GOLDMAN, CAROL VAN ETTEN AND MIRIAM BIRO. HOME VOLUNTEERS WERE TAFFY MILLER, NORMA WILSON, ARLENE KOENIG, VIRGINIA BARNETT, GLORIA NOVACK, BETTY FINEMAN, NETTIE SCHERMAN, MARJORIE MARR, BARBARA GOLDMAN, RHOMA JANE SUMNER, LOIS LINN, HELEN RAUSCHER, LILLIAN FARR, MARY DAY MARYANNE CONNERS, DOTTIE CAULKETT, MARJEANNE SCOTT, JEAN BIER AND BERNIE BECHDOLT. KAY TURNER CREATED THE LOVELY WILDFLOWER CENTERPIECE FOR THE OLSEN HOME. CHUCK AND PETER DANIELS, OF THE HOUSE OF DANIELS, INC. - REDWOOD VINTNERS, AND THEIR LAKE TAHOE REPRESENTATIVE, MARK ROSS, PROVIDED THE WINES AND WERE THE HOSTS FOR THE TASTING.



MARION STEINBACH

THE BASKET CLASS GIVEN BY MARION STEINBACH WAS HELD ON JULY 15TH AT THE PARK. THE FULL CLASS BEGAN WORK ON 'YUPIK ALASKAN ESKIMO BASKETS'. OUR THANKS TO MARION FOR GIVING THESE POPULAR CLASSES EACH SUMMER, AS WELL AS LOANING US HER WONDERFUL INDIAN BASKETS FOR DISPLAY EACH SEASON. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE MUSEUM THIS YEAR, PLEASE STOP BY AND SEE THE SPECIAL COLLECTION OF INDIAN CRADLEBOARDS.

MINIATURE TRAIN EXHIBIT

FROM AUGUST 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, WE WILL HAVE A TRAIN DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM. THE THREE ENGINES ARE 1/48 SCALE, BUILT FROM PRECISION SCALE CUSTOM PARTS. TWO OF THE ENGINES WERE BUILT FOR THE CARSON AND TAHOE LUMBER AND FLUMING CO. AND USED AT THE LAKE. THE THIRD ENGINE IS A 'SHAY 15' AND WAS USED FIRST AT THE HOBART ESTATE. IT IS PRESENTLY IN TUOLUMNE, CA. ON THE WEST SIDE OF CHERRY VALLEY. IN THE DISPLAY WILL BE A 1/48 SCALE MODEL OF A TRUSTLE BUILT ON THE CARSON, TAHOE LUMBER AND FLUMING CO. RAILROAD OUT OF GLENBROOK, NEVADA TO SPOONER SUMMIT.

THE EXHIBIT WILL BE ON LOAN FROM EUGENE ROGERS.

SUMMER LECTURES

OUR FIRST THREE LECTURES OF THE SUMMER FEATURED MICHAEL JENEID, LESLIE McBRIDE AND PROFESSOR DOUGLAS STRONG. YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO ATTEND OUR FINAL TWO MONDAY EVENING TALKS. KEITH THURLKILL, PRESIDENT OF THE (SOUTH) LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE RANGER WORKING ON THE TAHOE CITY '64 ACRE TRACT' WILL SHOW A VINTAGE LAKE TAHOE MOTION PICTURE AND TALK ABOUT THE PLANS REGARDING THE 64 ACRES SURROUNDING THE 'Y' IN TAHOE CITY. THERE WILL BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

OUR FINAL SPEAKER WILL BE DAVID STOLLERY, WHO WILL BRING US MOPE OF HIS SPELLBINGING 'TALES OF TAHOE'.

NEW BOOKS

THE GIFT SHOP HAS A GREAT SUPPLY OF NEW BOOKS, INCLUDING 'A TREASURY OF THE SIERRA NEVADA', AN ANTHOLOGY OF WRITINGS ABOUT OUR AREA FROM SUCH AUTHORS AS JEDEDIAL SMITH, BRET HARTE, ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, JOHN CHARLES FREMONT, KIT CARSON, MARK TWAIN, ETC. PRICE: \$13.95. 'SILVER HILLSIDE' BY BARBARA RICHNAK - THE COMPLETE STORY OF VIRGINIA CITY WITH AN INCREDIBLE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION FROM JOHN FULTON. PRICE: \$29.95, THIS IS A GREAT GIFT IDEA. 'WILDFLOWERS III', THIS FINE BOOK ON THE WILDFLOWERS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA HAS ALL COLOR PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATIONS - \$9.95. 'AMERICAN LOG HOMES' BY ART THIEDE (THE BUILDER OF OUR LOG MUSEUM) IS A BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK FEATURING LOG HOMES FROM ALL AROUND THE UNITED STATES. - \$24.95. SAGA I AND II BY E.B. SCOTT ARE AVAILABLE AT \$39.50 (PRICE WILL BE \$45.00 IN SEPT.) A DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN'S BOOK, 'THE SINGING FISH' WILL BE AVAILABLE IN AUGUST.



SEPTEMBER HOUSE TOUR

A SECOND HOUSE TOUR FOR THIS SUMMER WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD FROM 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. AND WILL FEATURE BROCKWAY SPRINGS-CRYSTAL BAY-INCLINE VILLAGE HOMES (NONE OF THE HOMES ARE FOR SALE). THIS TOUR WILL HAVE LIMITED RESERVATIONS AND GUESTS WILL TAKE THEIR OWN CARS AND VIEW THE HOMES AT THEIR OWN PACE. THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE WILL BE THE SITE OF THE WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRES.

AS MEMBERS, YOU ARE INVITED TO PRE-REGISTER BY SENDING IN THE RESERVATION SLIP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF \$20.00 PER PERSON.

ANNUAL MEETING & STEAK BBQ

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BAR-B-QUE WILL BE HELD AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IN THE PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:00 P.M. THE SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE THE STEAK DINNER AND THERE WILL BE A NO-HOST BAR. DINNER COST: \$7.00 DONATION PER PERSON. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING AND GIVES ALL THE MEMBERS A CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR, TO SEE THE MUSEUM AND PARK, AND, MOST IMPORTANT, GIVE THE BOARD YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS. IF ANY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING A TWO YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD PLEASE CALL PRESIDENT, RANDY FACCINTO, AT (916) 583-8542. ELECTIONS ARE HELD AFTER THE DINNER.

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. GUESTS ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS.

HOUSE TOUR

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR HOUSE TOUR 9/3/86 - \$20.00 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION PER GUEST

NAME: _____ NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____ AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: () _____

RETURN TO: N.L.T. HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730

MEMBERSHIP BBQ

RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BBQ, SATURDAY, 9/13/86 - 5:00 P.M.

\$7.00 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

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North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

SUMMER

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A.A. & BETTY BAKEWELL - RENO
TERRY & KAREN BOSTROM - TURLOCK
LEONARD D. A. FRIERMAN - LOS ANGELES
STEVEN A. LAPKIN - SAN MATEO/TAHOE CITY
MARTHA B. MAC LAUGHLIN - SACRAMENTO

ANDREW P. OTTO - TAHOE CITY
GEORGE & JANET PELTON - FREMONT
JIM & CYNTHIA PULLIAM - TAHOE CITY
MR. & MRS. FRANK L. ROSMAN - TAHOE CITY
FRED & BARBARA TAYLOR - FAIR OAKS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN AND FEATURING TWO VERY SPECIAL AND BEAUTIFUL EXHIBITS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER SEASON.

A THREE CABINET DISPLAY OF INDIAN CRADLEBOARDS AND DOLLS FROM THE MARION STEINBACH COLLECTION. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A SEA URCHIN RATTLE OR AN INDIAN WOOD DOLL WITH CLAM SHELL EYES?

A TWO CABINET DISPLAY FROM THE CHICHESTER COLLECTION OF INDIAN BASKETS AND BEADED WASHOE BASKETS FEATURING WASHOE ARTISTS MAGGIE JAMES, JENNIE SHAW AND MINNIE DICK. (IF YOU ARE IN RENO, STOP BY THE NEVADA FINE ARTS MUSEUM AT 549 COURT STREET AND ENJOY A MAJOR SHOW OF WASHOE INDIAN BASKETS FROM THE CHICHESTER COLLECTION AND ALSO A DISPLAY OF MAYNARD DIXON WATERCOLORS).

SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 5TH AND 6TH WILL FEATURE AN ART SHOW IN WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK FEATURING NORTH LAKE TAHOE ARTISTS JIM BELL, LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO, MICHAEL AND CAROL JENEID. 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 7TH AT 7:00 P.M. WILL BEGIN OUR MONDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES WITH MICHAEL JENEID, ARTIST, AUTHOR, ORNITHOLOGIST WITH A NEW LECTURE AND FILM ON BIRDS OF OUR AREA.

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. - A HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR OF WEST SHORE LAKEFRONT ESTATES. INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO OUR MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF THE REGULAR MAILING SO THAT YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF A RESERVATION. SPACE IS LIMITED.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH AT 7:00 P.M. KEITH THIRKILL, PRESIDENT OF THE (SOUTH) LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND A U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE RANGER WILL BE OUR GUEST LECTURER AND WILL SHOW A 1915 FILM ON LAKE TAHOE. MR. THIRKILL WILL ALSO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE '64 ACRE TRACT' ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR PARK AND WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH WILL BRING BACK DAVID STOLLERY, AUTHOR OF 'TALES OF TAHOE' TO TELL US NEW STORIES, TRUE AND TALL, OF LAKE TAHOE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. A HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR OF LAKEFRONT ESTATES IN INCLINE VILLAGE AND CRYSTAL BAY. INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED. SPACE LIMITED.

PLEASE CALL THE MUSEUM FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR OTHER LECTURES, CLASSES AND CHAMBER MUSIC EVENINGS AT THE MUSEUM.

LAKE FOREST

by Carol Van Etten

THE PLACID COMMUNITY OF LAKE FOREST IS A REMINDER OF THE TAHOE OF EARLIER DAYS, THOUGH THE SITE'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTED A MORE BUSTLING FUTURE. ABOUT 1860, HOMER D. BURTON LAID CLAIM TO THE LAKESIDE MEADOWLANDS OF THE CREEK WHICH NOW BEARS HIS NAME. HE WAS FOLLOWED IN HIS AGRARIAN PURSUITS BY ANTOINE RUSSI, WHOSE NAME GRACES THE UPSTREAM MEADOWS OF THE SAME DRAINAGE.

IN THE ERA BEFORE ROADS RIMMED THE BASIN, LAKE FOREST WAS THE REFUELING STOP OF THE LAKE'S STEAMERS, AND A HUGE WHARF NEAR THE PRESENT COAST GUARD PIER WAS AN OVER-WATER CACHE FOR CORDWOOD CONSUMED IN THE VESSELS' VORACIOUS FIREBOXES. ANOTHER LAKE FOREST LANDMARK SINCE THE 1920S IS THE FISH HATCHERY, WHICH ONE SUMMER EMPLOYED FLEDGLING NOVELIST JOHN STEINBECK.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE 1930S THAT LAKE FOREST COULD BOAST ANY SERIOUS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. ETTA TYLER'S LAKE FOREST GROCERY WAS AMONG EARLY LOCAL ENTERPRISES. SEVERAL MOTELS AND A FILLING STATION ALSO SPRANG UP ABOUT THIS TIME, AND THE BUILDING OF A GROWING NUMBER OF SEASONAL RESIDENCES WAS AIDED BY THE FOUNDING OF SNYDER LUMBER COMPANY IN 1939.

ABOUT 1948, THE ALREADY WELL-ESTABLISHED BACCHI'S RESTAURANT WAS JOINED BY LAKE FOREST RESTAURANT, OWNED AND OPERATED BY GRACIAN AND MARGUERITE ITURRERIA. THOUGH LAKE FOREST HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRIMARILY A SUMMER HABITATION, A SENSE OF SOME PERMANENCE WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE OPENING OF A BRANCH OF THE POST OFFICE ON APRIL 16, 1947.

PERHAPS LAKE FOREST WOULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT TODAY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR A DECISION OF THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO SHORTEN AND STRAIGHTEN THE TAHOE CITY APPROACH TO THE DOLLAR GRADE. IN ABOUT 1954, THE SWEEPING, SHADED HORSESHOE NOW KNOWN AS LAKE FOREST ROAD CEASED TO BE PART OF HIGHWAY 28, AND WITH THE CLOSING OF THE POST OFFICE SOON THEREAFTER, THE COMMUNITY WAS VIRTUALLY ASSURED FUTURE EXEMPTION FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF NEIGHBORING TAHOE CITY.

BEQUESTS

WHEN DRAFTING YOUR WILL, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A BEQUEST TO THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, WRITE OR CALL MIRIAM BIRO, N.L.T.H.S., P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730 (916) 583-1762/(916) 583-4976

MEMORIAL DONATION

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH H. AND ROBERT N. BURGESS, JR. FROM EDMUND AND VIRGINIA BARNETT AND FAMILY.

IN MEMORIUM

BEULAH VANETTA CARNELL, AGE 85, WAS A 56-YEAR RESIDENT OF TAHOE CITY. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE TAHOE CITY WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB AND THE TAHOE CITY FEDERATED WOMENS CLUB.

The Saga of Lake Tahoe. Volumes I & II; by E. B. Scott are now in stock in the museum gift shop

Have you lived at Lake Tahoe for a long time?

THE 'TAHOE PIONEER' CERTIFICATE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE LIVED AT LAKE TAHOE FOR FIFTY OR MORE YEARS.

IF YOU WILL SEND US A SHORT SUMMARY OF YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY AT THE LAKE, WE WILL HAVE YOUR CERTIFICATE READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT THE MUSEUM. AVAILABLE IN 50 YEAR AND 75 YEAR CERTIFICATES.

PLEASE PRINT HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME TO APPEAR. NO CHARGE TO MEMBERS.

SOROPTOMISTS TO HONOR ELLEN ATTARDI

A SOROPTOMIST LUNCHEON TO HONOR ELLEN ATTARDI WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 11:30 A.M. AT THE CAL NEVA LODGE IN CRYSTAL BAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-1762 OR (916) 583-4976. SEATING IS LIMITED AND YOU MUST HAVE TICKETS IN ADVANCE.

What's new in the Gift Shop

THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY'S NEW POSTER 'WILDFLOWERS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA' LAMINATED. PRICE \$15.00

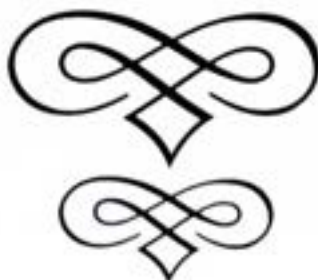
'ANNA'S HUMMING BIRD' LIMITED, NUMBERED AND SIGNED PRINTS BY MICHAEL JENEID. \$20.00

'PRE WAR WOOD' A HISTORY OF THE SPEED BOATS OF LAKE TAHOE 1910 - 1941 BY CAROL VAN ETEN IS NOW AVAILABLE IN SOFT BACK (\$17.50) AND HARD BACK (\$24.50)

'SILVER HILLSIDE' BY BARBARA RICHNAK (\$29.95) IS THE ILLUSTRATED AND WRITTEN HISTORY OF VIRGINIA CITY USING THE MANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN FULTON. A WONDERFUL, COMPREHENSIVE BOOK.

WE ASK YOU, OUR MEMBERS, TO SUPPORT OUR EVENTS AND FUND-RAISERS. PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND VISIT THE MUSEUM AND ENJOY A PICNIC OR BAR-B-CUE IN THE PARK.

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 15. FROM JUNE 15 THROUGH LABOR DAY THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. FROM LABOR DAY TO OCTOBER 15 THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.
HOURS: 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL

NEWSLETTER

1986



Ellen Attardi

ELLEN WAS SOMEONE SPECIAL AND WE ALL ARE BETTER PEOPLE FOR HAVING KNOWN HER. SOMEHOW WE ALL FELT THAT SHE WAS OUR BEST FRIEND. SHE WAS THE BUSIEST LADY AT THE LAKE, VITALLY INVOLVED IN THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, THE LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE, FOCUS, WRITING HER WEEKLY TAHOE WORLD COLUMN, 'SIERRA ECHOES', BEING THE TAHOE CITY LIBRARIAN, VISITING SICK AND LONELY FRIENDS, OPENING HER HOME TO ALL WHO NEEDED A BED. A DEVOTED AND PROUD PARENT TO KRISTAN AND JOHN, ELLEN ALWAYS FOUND TIME TO STOP AND LISTEN TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US WHEN WE NEEDED A FRIEND. SHE WAS THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER GUEST AT THE LAKE AND WHAT ENERGY SHE HAD - I DON'T THINK SHE EVER SLEPT. YOU KNEW WHEN SHE WAS AT A PARTY - A GROUP WOULD BE SURROUNDING ONE PERSON - ELLEN, OF COURSE.

WERE YOU EVER SICK? A KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND THERE WAS ELLEN WITH A COMPLETE DINNER COOKED BY A GOURMET CHEF - ELLEN, OF COURSE.

FUND RAISING EVENT, LOCAL PLAY, COMMUNITY MEETING, CRISES, EMERGENCIES - WHO WAS THERE TO HELP? ELLEN, OF COURSE.

WHAT WAS THIS LADY ALL ABOUT? LOVE, LAUGHTER, HONESTY, KINDNESS.

ELLEN ATTARDI PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986. WE WILL ALL MISS HER. WE WILL NEVER FORGET HER.

Annual Meeting - Elections

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, ELECTIONS AND BBQ WERE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH. DINNER WAS PREPARED BY LINDA PERRY AND MIRIAM BIRO, STEAKS WERE COOKED BY LOU BIRO AND HOWARD PERRY AND BILL SUMNER BARTENDED.

MARY GILAN-FARR RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD AND TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED AND ELECTED, CONSTANCE ROGERS AND JOHN RINNE. BOARD OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED. THE 1986-87 BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

RANDY FACCINTO - PRESIDENT
CAROL VAN ETEN - VICE PRESIDENT
VIRGINIA BARNETT
BERNIE BECHDOLT
DOTTIE CAULKETT
LILLIAN FARR
ARLENE KOENIG
JUDY LAYTON
MARTHA MAC LAUGHLIN

CATHY GIBB - SECRETARY
JERRY NEFT - TREASURER
EARL MARR
BUD NOVACK
HOWARD PERRY
JOHN RINNE
CONSTANCE ROGERS
BILL SUMNER
ED BARNETT - BOARD ATTORNEY

OUR FINAL 1986 BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - 5:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

A Tahoe Pioneer Remembers....

MEMBERS, BILL AND BARBARA BREUNER DONATED A LETTER WRITTEN BY WILLIAM T. REID, JR. IN 1950. MR. REID'S FATHER BOUGHT SIXTY ACRES OF TAHOE LAKE FRONT PROPERTY SIX MILES SOUTH OF TAHOE CITY IN THE 1880'S AND BUILT HIS SUMMER HOME THERE.

THESE EXCERPTS FROM MR. REID'S LETTER DESCRIBE SOME BOYHOOD MEMORIES OF LIFE AT THE LAKE.

"AT THE TIME THE HOUSE WAS BUILT, THERE WAS ONLY A SKETCHY DIRT ROAD FROM TAHOE CITY TO EMERALD BAY - NO AUTOMOBILES - NO WATER COMPANY OR ELECTRIC LIGHT OR POWER. WE USED KEROSENE LAMPS."

"FOR FOOD WE DEPENDED ON ATHERTON OF TAHOE CITY, WHO CAME BY TWICE A WEEK WITH VEGETABLES AND GROCERIES - ORDERED ON A PREVIOUS TRIP. FOR MILK, I WALKED THREE MILES TO WALKERS DAIRY IN BLACKWOOD CANYON AND FOR MEAT, I ROWED TO TAHOE CITY AND BACK - SIX MILES EACH WAY - TO PICK UP MEAT ORDERED FROM TRUCKEE."

LOGGING WAS IN PROCESS UP MADDEN CREEK AND ELSEWHERE AND I REMEMBER WELL SEEING THE LOGS CATAPULTING AT TERRIFIC SPEED DOWN THE LOG CHUTES UP MADDEN CREEK INTO THE LAKE WHENCE THEY WERE TOWED TO TAHOE CITY AND FROM THERE CARRIED DOWN THE TRUCKEE RIVER TO THE SAWMILL ON THE RIVER JUST THIS SIDE OF TRUCKEE."

WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL GROUP OF SUGAR PINES AROUND OUR HOUSE AND I RECALL THAT WHEN MY FATHER BUILT, THE CONTRACTOR OFFERED TO BUILD THE HOUSE FOR NOTHING IF ALLOWED TO CUT DOWN TWO OR THREE OF THE SUGAR PINES. AS MY FATHER SELECTED THE SITE FOR THE HOUSE - FOR THESE TREES - 180 FEET HIGH, HE OF COURSE DID NOT AGREE AND THEY ARE STILL THERE. NOT FAR FROM THE HOUSE IS, I BELIEVE, THE BIGGEST SUGAR PINE ON THE LAKE - 9 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 23 FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE AT SHOULDER HEIGHT.

I WANT TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO MR. BLISS AND HIS BROTHER DUANE AND MAYBE ONE OTHER. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO PAY ENOUGH FOR HAULING THE MAIL AND COMMERCIAL TROUT FISHING WAS PROHIBITED (AT TIMES SIX TONS OF TROUT A DAY WERE SHIPPED TO SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANTS), THE BLISS BOATS BECAME UNPROFITABLE AND FINALLY TO REDUCE TAXES AND THE COST OF UPKEEP, THE BLISS BROS. DECIDED TO SINK THE BOATS. ONE OF THE BIG NEVADA GAMBLING GROUPS OFFERED TO BUY THE LARGEST BOAT - THE TAHOE - TO USE IT AS A GAMBLING RESORT. THIS, THE BLISSES REFUSED TO ALLOW. THEN THEY HAD THE BOATS ALL PAINTED AND THE BRASS POLISHED, READY FOR THE FINAL CEREMONY. NONE OF THE BROTHERS WANTED THE SAD TASK OF SINKING THE THREE BOATS - SO THEY DREW LOTS - WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ONE UPON WHOM THE DUTY FELL - SHOULD ACT WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OTHERS.

THE METEOR WAS SUNK OFF RUBICAN POINT - THE DEEPEST PART OF THE LAKE - THE NEVADA WAS SUNK OFF GLENBROOK, NEVADA - AS WAS FITTING AND I AM TOLD ON OCCASION IT CAN BE SEEN ON THE BOTTOM IN THE CLEAR WATER. THE TAHOE, I BELIEVE, WAS SUNK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE. WITH SEA COCKS OPEN - SHE SETTLED IN THE WATER, BUT THEN AS THOUGH FIGHTING TO STAY UP ON THE WATER SHE HAD SO OFTEN TRAVELED - SHE REFUSED TO GO DOWN AND FINALLY A BOMB HAD TO BE USED TO ACCOMPLISH THE DESTRUCTION. I SAY - WITH A REAL THRILL - HATS OFF TO THE BLISS'ES - OLD TIMERS WHO LOVED THE LAKE - THEIR BOATS AND WHO SHOWED THAT PIONEERS HAD A FINE SENSE OF FITNESS AND PRIDE."

PIONEER TAHOE FAMILY CERTIFICATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE (50 AND 75 YEAR). WE ASK THAT YOU SEND US A LETTER DESCRIBING YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY AT THE LAKE AND HOW YOU WANT THE NAME TO APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE AND WE WILL MAIL YOUR CERTIFICATE.

AS WITH THE LETTER ABOVE FROM MR. REID, YOUR MEMORIES CAN ADD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE.

September House Tour

THE HISTORIC LAKEFRONT HOMES SHOWN ON OUR SEPTEMBER HOUSE TOUR, SEEN ON A DAY WHEN THE LAKE AND SKY SPARKLED, WERE ENJOYED BY ALL. THE OCHELTREE HOME FEATURED A HUGE INDOOR POOL AND MAGNIFICENT FURNISHING AND WORKS OF ART. THE TILLER HOME, SITUATED ON A COVE IN INCLINE, PROVIDED PANORAMIC LAKEVIEWS AND ANN TILLER'S WATERCOLORS WERE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TOUR. THE PANIH-IZADI HOME, BUILT IN 1932, AROUND THE HUGE GRANITE BOULDERS HIGH ON CRYSTAL BAY EVEN HAD BOULDERS COMING UP THROUGH THE FLOOR AND ONE BOULDER WAS ACTUALLY A SEAT BY THE FIREPLACE. TWO HUNDRED STAIRS WOUND DOWN TO THE LAKE AND DOCK. AT BROCKWAY SPRINGS, THE FRIERMAN HOME, BUILT IN 1916, FEATURED A WINDOW SEAT AND PICTURE WINDOW OVERLOOKING THE LAKE AND WARM AND CHARMING FURNISHINGS. THE IRMER HOME, BUILT IN 1920, OPENED ONTO A LARGE SUNDECK WITH A PATH TO A PRIVATE SWIMMING AREA. THE HOME WAS BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED AND FURNISHED. FINE WINES WERE DONATED BY THE EVER GENEROUS 'HOUSE OF DANIELS' AND THE HORS D'OEUVRES WERE PREPARED BY JEAN DU FAU OF LA PETITE PIER WITH THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE THE SETTING FOR REFRESHMENTS AND PIANO MUSIC. WHAT A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND A DAY!

Museum Report

SINCE THE GATEKEEPER'S CABIN MUSEUM OPENED ON MAY 1, 1986, WE HAVE HAD SEVEN LECTURES, A CHAMBER MUSIC EVENING, A PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS, SEVENTEEN WEDDINGS, NINE RECEPTIONS AND THE PARK HAS ALSO BEEN USED FOR A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY, A MEMORIAL SERVICE, A CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY PICNIC, A TWO DAY ART SHOW AND TWO PAINTING CLASSES. WE COMPLETED AND PRINTED OUR NEW BROCHURES, HAD A DISPLAY OF OUR ARTIFACTS AT THE INCLINE VILLAGE LIBRARY, ENJOYED THREE PRIVATE COLLECTIONS ON LOAN AND ON DISPLAY AT OUR MUSEUM. BETTY AND JUDY LAYTON DONATED THE NEW BRONZE PLAQUE, IN MEMORY OF BILL LAYTON, AT THE PARK ENTRANCE AND JACK EMERSON DONATED HIS TALENTS TO BUILDING THE STONE HOUSING. WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY NEW GIFTS OF ARTIFACTS, PHOTOS, AND LAKE TAHOE MEMORABILIA FOR THE MUSEUM. WE UPGRADED OUR MUSEUM SECURITY SYSTEM AND NOW HAVE THE BEST SYSTEM POSSIBLE FOR A LOG BUILDING.

FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20TH WE HAVE HAD OVER 14,000 VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND APPROXIMATELY 30,000 PARK USERS. GIFT SHOP SALES, DONATIONS, AND PARK EVENTS HAVE GROSSED OVER \$13,000 (UP OVER \$750 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1985). IN 1982, OUR FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION, WE GROSSED LESS THAN \$5,000.

WITH THE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PARK EVENTS, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE LANDSCAPING NEXT SPRING AND WILL ADD A DRINKING FOUNTAIN. THIS MONTH WE WILL PLANT OUR USUAL 1000 NEW BULBS. WE HAVE HAD TWO FAMILIES LIVING IN THE PARK FOR THE PAST YEAR - CANADA GEESE AND MERGANSERS. WITH FLOWERS BLOOMING AND GEESE AND DUCKS TO ENJOY THE PARK HAS TRULY BECOME A HAVEN FOR THE LUCKY PEOPLE WHO FIND US.

A SINCERE THANK YOU GOES TO TWO VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS - MARJORIE MARR, WHO HAS DONATED ONE DAY A WEEK TO THE MUSEUM FROM JUNE 12 THROUGH LABOR DAY, AND WHO IS ALWAYS A HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY GATEKEEPER, AND LOU BIRO WHO DONATES UNTOLD HOURS AND TALENTS TO THE MUSEUM AND PARK. WE ARE LUCKY TOO HAVING BETTY LONG HERE ONE DAY A WEEK TO MAN THE MUSEUM AND HELP WITH THE TASK OF CATALOGING.

I HOPE THAT ALL OF THE SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE HAPPY WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE MUSEUM AND PARK. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, PLEASE LET ME HEAR THEM. WE WANT TO BE BETTER EVERY YEAR AND YOUR IDEAS WILL HELP. THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING SUMMER FOR ME. SINCE I FIRST STARTED AT THE MUSEUM FIVE YEARS AGO I HAVE WATCHED OUR PROGRESS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND PRIDE IN BEING A PART OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Meriam Biro

Welcome New Members

ROBERT & JANET ANGELL - ORINDA/TAHOE CITY	JOHN & PARALEE HAYS - INCLINE VILLAGE
MRS. ALICE BATES - ALHAMBRA/TAHOE CITY	MR. & MRS. DAVID IRMER - BROCKWAY SPRINGS
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY/TAHOE	CYRUS & CHARLOTTE JOHNSON - SACRAMENTO
CONSTANCE COLE - TAHOE CITY	MR. & MRS. MANSEL OCHELTREE - INCLINE VILLAGE
GEORGE & THEDA DELL - SAN BRUNO/TAHOE CITY	BOB & CAROLE PATE - TAHOE CITY
MARGUERITE ENGLISH - TAHOE CITY	CONSTANCE ROGERS - TAHOE CITY
DR. & MRS. MARTY FINEMAN - INCLINE VILLAGE	ROSIE'S CAFE - TAHOE CITY
MARIALICE GALT - TAHOE CITY	THOMAS & LOIS SHELLHAMMER - SACRAMENTO
H.E. & KATHERINE E. WHITSITT - INCLINE VILLAGE	

Dat So La Lee Basket Gift to Museum

A DAT SO LA LEE BASKET, PURCHASED IN 1913 FROM ABE COHN BY LAKE TAHOE PIONEER, MRS. JOHN H. BICKFORD, HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR PERMANENT DISPLAY IN THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM.

THIS BASKET WAS PASSED ON TO MRS. JOHN H. BICKFORD'S DAUGHTER, SADIE BICKFORD MORROW AND FROM SADIE TO HER DAUGHTER, LOIS FACHA. LOIS PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, SAID IT WAS LOIS'S WISH THAT THE BASKET RETURN TO LAKE TAHOE, WHERE IT WAS WOVEN BY THE GREATEST WASHOE WEAVER.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THIS TREASURE NEXT SUMMER ALONG WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO READ A TRANSCRIBED ORAL HISTORY OF SADIE BICKFORD MORROW AS TAKEN BY LILLIAN FARR. SADIE'S MEMORIES OF TAHOE CITY PIONEERS, TRIPS ON THE STEAMER 'TAHOE', EARLY DAYS TRANSPORTATION BRING THE PAST VIVIDLY TO LIFE.

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Mrs. Lillian Farr
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TO REPORT ON THIS SUMMER SEASON AT THE MUSEUM, WE HAVE AGAIN HAD A RECORD YEAR WITH OVER 14,700 VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND AT LEAST 25,000 PARK VISITORS. GROSS INCOME FOR THE MUSEUM AND PARK WAS \$17,700.00. WEDDINGS, RECEPTIONS, GRADUATIONS AND PRIVATE PARTIES FILLED THE PARK AND MUSEUM TOURS BY OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN, PRIVATE GROUPS AND TOURS ALSO INCREASED OUR ATTENDANCE. THE GIFT SHOP WAS FILLED WITH BOOKS ON OUR AREA, LOCAL CRAFTS, POSTERS AND CARDS. THE MONDAY EVENING LECTURES AND CHAMBER MUSIC WERE WELL ATTENDED AND BROUGHT US MANY NEW MEMBERS. THE PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES, GIVEN BY MEMBER, MARION STEINBACH, WERE AGAIN FULL.

MANY ARTIFACTS DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED AT THE MUSEUM, INCLUDING VINTAGE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, COSTUMES, HATS, HOSES, HOSE CARTS FROM AL AND JEAN HENRY. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE USED FOR DISPLAY IN TAHOE CITY'S FIRST FIRE HOUSE, WHICH WAS MOVED TO THE PARK BY JIMMY WILLIAMSON AND IS BEING RESTORED BY LOU BIRO. ALSO DONATED WAS A TAHOE CITY COPPER STILL FROM DAVID BIENERT, A LARGE COLLECTION OF OLD BOTTLES AND GLASS FOUND AT THE LAKE FROM JOAN MALLY.

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOYCE AND RALPH GRUNAUER, MARION STEINBACH, ED AND JONDA FRIEL AND BOB AND DIETRA DAVIS FOR THE UNIQUE COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY LAST SUMMER. EACH YEAR, THE NEW DISPLAYS ARE ENJOYED BY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

WITH THE BEAUTIFUL FALL WEATHER, WE HOPED TO STAY OPEN LONGER THAN USUAL, BUT THE REPAIRS ON THE DAM CLOSED DOWN THE PARK TO THE PUBLIC. HOPEFULLY, ALL WORK ON THE DAM WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE MAY, 1988, WHEN WE PLAN TO START BUILDING THE 'ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY' ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM AND HAVE IT OPEN FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

NORMAN MAYFIELD

NORMAN MAYFIELD DIED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1987, AT THE AGE OF 99. LONGTIME TAHOE CITY RESIDENT, MR. MAYFIELD BUILT OVER 150 HOMES AT TAHOE, FOUNDED THE TAHOE BOAT COMPANY, WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE TAHOE SKI CLUB AND, WITH JUDGE C. W. VERNON, STARTED THE TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT AND THE FIRST CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM IN TAHOE CITY. MR. MAYFIELD BUILT A LAKESIDE WAREHOUSE, NOW THE LOCATION OF THE ROUNDHOUSE MALL AND THE ACCOMPANYING BREAKWATER WHICH STANDS TODAY AND HELPS PROVIDE A HARBOR FOR LOCAL BOATERS. HE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE TRUCKEE LIONS CLUB, MEMBER OF THE TAHOE CITY ROTARY AND THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HIS GENEROUS DONATION TO THE SOCIETY WAS CRITICAL TO THE COMPLETION OF THE REBUILDING OF THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM. THE 160 YEAR OLD ROCKING CHAIR ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM WAS DONATED BY MR. MAYFIELD.



Lucky Raffle Winners

Tahoe Queen Daytime Cruise for Two (2 winners): PATTY CROW, PEGGY LONG
M.S. Dixie Cruise for Four: G. GOTZMER
Dinner for Two at Rosie's: BOB MACOMBER
Dinner for Two at The Chart House: VIRGINIA CRINNION
Dinner for Two at Swiss Lakewood Lodge: DAVE ALLEN
Dinner Show for Two at Harrah's Lake Tahoe: RAY HENRY
Two Night Stay for Two at the Cal Neva Lodge: NANCY WILLIAMSON
Two Night Stay for Two at the Hyatt Incline Village: F. B. CLARK
Two Night Stay for Two at Caesars Tahoe: MRS. CLAUDIA JONES
Cruise on the Thunderbird (2 winners): JAMES BARRY, JANE MAXFIELD

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE GENEROUS BUSINESSES LISTED ABOVE WHO SO GENEROUSLY DONATED SUCH SPECIAL PRIZES TO MAKE THE RAFFLE A GREAT SUCCESS.

AN 'OLDE-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FAIRE' WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH AT THE KINGS BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 8125 STEELHEAD AVENUE IN KINGS BEACH. THE FAIRE WILL FEATURE FESTIVE FOOD AND HOMEMADE GIFTS AND OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOTH WILL FEATURE THE WONDERFUL BOOKS AND POSTERS OF TAHOE - GIFTS TO GIVE A LIFETIME OF ENJOYMENT. PLEASE COME TO THE FAIRE! HOURS SATURDAY: 10 AM TO 9 PM SUNDAY: 10 AM - 5 PM.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DAVID & SHIRLEY ALLEN	RAYMOND & BARBARA JONES
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF MRS. W. F. BECKETT, SR. FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT ANGELL
IN MEMORY OF ALICE MADELEY MATTHEWS FROM LOU & MIRIAM BIRO
IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES M. SEELY FROM MARILYN R. BEWLEY
IN MEMORY OF JAY SHONTZ FROM: A. J. WARTES, E. B. SCOTT, ARNOLD & DOROTHY INTORF, DAVID & SHIRLEY ALLEN, MARILYN R. BEWLEY, JAN CORDES AND KATHERINE McBRIDE

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Tahoe during the two-horse-rig days by Alice Madeley Matthews



Skimming over the broad ribbon of road connecting the Pink House in Sacramento with the Lake House at Tahoe, I often think of my first visit to the lake. It was in the summer of 1906, and our destination was the McConnell cottage at the mouth of Blackwood Creek, four miles south of Tahoe City.

During the summer, Thomas McConnell, a rancher from McConnell's Station near Sacramento, ran his sheep on part of his 800 Tahoe acres in a beautiful Alpine meadow which we came to know as the old sheep ranch.

Mother, with her brood of three, and mutual friends, Emilie Mae and Frances Connelly, were invited to be guests of Mary McConnell Bostwick for a month at her father's cabin. This house, sturdy and strong, built in 1870 with hand-hewn timbers and beams, is still in use, one of the oldest structures on the lake.

The excitement of the trip began in our household a month before our departure, as Mother began to fill an enormous trunk with staples of food for the vacation. The nearest store would be four miles away with little chance of transportation, so she gathered ham and bacon, prunes, raisins, dried fruits and vegetables, cereals, honey, sugar, flour, rice and canned milk. It was almost as major a project as was my forefathers' four-month crossing of the plains from Missouri to California a half century before. This trunk, together with the straw hampers of clothes and household linens, was finally ready for the express man on the afternoon of the day of our departure. I can still see the flower-bedecked Milan straw bonnet worn by the horse, with ears poking through holes, to ward off some of the hot July sun. After a somewhat hectic supper, we took the streetcar at 7th and G to the Southern Pacific depot at 3rd and 'I' for departure on the Overland Limited.

The porter was making up our beds when we got on the train, and the scratchy green-baize curtains on the berths had a feel and smell, heavy with coal smoke, unforgettable to this day. I can still remember the acrid smell of the clouds of black smoke as they billowed up to the dingy rafters of the old depot, the sound of the bell that announced our departure, the chuff, chuff of the engine as we gathered up steam to push off, and the final measured melodious call of the conductor, "All aboard," as we waved good-bye to Father, standing forlornly by the tracks. There were few automobiles in 1906, and no Thursday to Monday weekends, and it would be a month before we saw Father again.

It was a restless night as we passed through the nearby towns familiar to us from frequent visits to our ranch at Newcastle - Roseville, Rocklin, Loomis and Penryn, then on to the higher foothills. At every stop there was a great swinging of lanterns and much pounding on the wheels of the train, guarding against a hot box. At Colfax, we added another engine for the slow climb to the suffocating snow sheds, where the smoke seeped in through every crack in the train, and finally over the hump and down. We arrived at Truckee about six in the morning, happy to be out in the fresh, clean air of the high Sierra. There we boarded the tiny narrow-gauge Truckee-Lake Tahoe Railroad for a delightful trip up the Truckee River. Trees and branches brushed the sides of our car as we followed the curves of the sparkling stream. A short walk at the end of this line brought us to the tavern, where a bountiful breakfast was served to some very tired and hungry people.

I recall the beautiful white steamer "Tahoe," which operated on the Lake from 1896 until she was sent to the bottom in 1940, waiting at the pier, ready to take off for her daily trip around the lake. But we transferred

ourselves and luggage to a two-horse rig for the final stage of our momentous journey. The only thing my brother or sister or I can remember today of that four-mile drive in 1906 is dust, clouds of dust, on the narrow dirt road. Eventually, we came to Eagle Rock and the tremendous activity in progress building the big house and several guest houses at Idlewild, which the Kohls of San Francisco had recently acquired from the E. B. Crocker family.

Then across the bridge at Blackwood Creek, a turn to the left along the creek, and we were home for the summer. There were no neighbors except the workmen at Idlewild who came to our door after work for companionship. We met the "Tahoe" each morning at Idlewild to receive mail and send letters. A butcher drove in once a week with fresh meat. Mother must have made lots of soup, because I remember the hollow soup bones used as candleholders and bases for wild flowers. There were hours on the beach and an occasional hike with a picnic lunch. My brother proudly remembers catching his first trout in Blackwood. An exciting motorboat ride took us to Sunnyside to have lunch with Phoebe Briggs and her mother, and there was another motor boat picnic to Carnelian Bay to search for carnelians. One day we rode the beautiful "Tahoe" all the way round the lake. Another day we found a patch of ripe wild strawberries and picked so many Mother was able to make a strawberry shortcake for dinner.

Days have never passed more pleasantly or been more unforgettable. Little things seemed so important. One day a Washoe Indian squaw from the reservation at Gardnerville, Nev., came by with her baskets and pine nuts. It may have been Dat So La Lee walking from the encampment at Tallac to Tahoe City. If it was, we bought her pine nuts and foolishly passed by her beautiful baskets, not knowing that one day they would be treasured as priceless museum pieces. Sunset always found us on the lake in a rowboat, where we sang and sang - sentimental, melodious old favorites, a legacy from the previous generation, "Long Ago," "Juanita," "Last Night," and "I Was Seeing Nellie Home."

It was a summer replete with the same hot sunshine we enjoy today, billowy clouds, fiery sunsets, white moonlight, crashing thunderstorms, and the busy-ever-present rustle of running water - each day perfect and complete.

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Alice Madeley Matthews was born in Sacramento, March 19, 1894. In 1913, Alice graduated from Sacramento High School, as did her father in 1869 and her mother in 1882. In 1918, she graduated from Mills College and in 1921 was married to Herbert Matthews. They had one son, Alan.

Alice and Herbert together with nine families, founded the Sacramento Day School in 1964. She was a correspondent for the Sacramento Union and author of "The House Where I Was Born", from which the chapter in this newsletter was taken. This charming book with stories and photographs can be found at the museum.

Up until this past summer, Alice would bring groups of her many friends to visit the museum, much to my delight. She looked twenty years younger than her age, and her step was quick and her mind and memories sharp and clear. She was a devoted member of our Historical Society, and, in Sacramento, she worked long and hard to preserve the old Victorian houses. Alice died in August, 1987. She was never 'old', but forever young in her zest for life.



Watson Cabin Dedication and Annual Membership Meeting

EIGHTY MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND BBQ IN SEPTEMBER, HELD FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY AT THE 'POTTER'S WHEEL' DEDICATING THE WATSON CABIN ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC HOMES.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS HOSTED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDER, BETTY LAYTON, JUDY LAYTON AND MILDRED WATSON COLLINS. THE CEREMONY INCLUDED HONORED GUESTS AND SPEAKERS BILL BRINER, DAVID ANTONUCCI, RANDY FACCINTO, REVERAND CHIP LARSON.

THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PLANS TO MAKE THE HISTORIC LOG CABIN INTO A LIVING MUSEUM OF THE 1908 ERA WHEN THE CABIN WAS BUILT. IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS, COMMITTEES WILL BE WORKING ON THE MUSEUM, PLANNING THE COSTUMES, ACTIVITIES, AND FURNISHINGS. ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FROM THE EARLY 1900S THAT YOU WOULD DONATE OR LOAN TO THE SOCIETY, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS HOSTED BY LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO AND LINDA AND HOWARD PERRY. NEW BOARD MEMBERS, PAUL AND BETTY HENDERSON, FRANK ROSMAN, LARRY AND ROSEMARY LINDSEY, AND BOB DANERI WERE ELECTED. RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS ARE ARLENE KOENIG, JERRY NEFT AND CONSTANCE ROGERS.

AN AMENDMENT TO OUR BYLAWS WAS PASSED, ENABLING THE BOARD TO ADD UP TO FIFTEEN SEASONAL MEMBERS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON TO PROVIDE BETTER PLANNING AND PRESENTATION OF OUR FUND-RAISING EVENTS AS WELL AS FRESH IDEAS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE SEASONAL SUMMER BOARD AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE PLANNING OF THE WATSON CABIN LIVING MUSEUM, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING:

I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS: _____

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THE ATTARDI LIBRARY

THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN NOVEMBER, 1986, WITH THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING A LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUND TO BUILD AN ADDITION TO THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AS A MEMORIAL TO ELLEN ATTARDI. SINCE THE FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A MAILING WAS SENT TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY STATING OUR PURPOSE AND REQUESTING DONATIONS. TO THIS DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$8,000.00 FOR THE FUND. THE ANTICIPATED COST OF THE ADDITION IS \$35,000.00. OUR SUMMER HOUSE TOUR AND OTHER FUND RAISING EVENTS WILL BENEFIT THIS PROJECT.

MEMBERS OF THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY COMMITTEE ARE:

CHAIRMAN RANDY FACCINTO
ED & VIRGINIA BARNETT
LOU & MIRIAM BIRO
FRITZI BRINER
BOB DOYLE
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TRUCKEE-DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ADD TO OUR COMMITTEE AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING PLEASE PHONE RANDY FACCINTO (916) 583-8542 OR MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-4976.



THE 'ATTARDI PARTY'

AN 'ATTARDI PARTY' IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987, FROM 4 P.M. TO 6 P.M. AT GRANLIBAKKEN AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SEE OUR VINTAGE TAHOE FILMS ON VIDEO CASSETTE, LISTEN TO THE PIANO ARTISTRY OF TOM ALBRIGHT, SEE AN ARTIST'S TENDERING OF THE LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM AND ENJOY HORS D'OEUVRES. THERE WILL BE A NO-HOST BAR.

INVITATIONS ARE IN THE MAIL. PLEASE JOIN ELLEN'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT OUR SPRING PARTY.



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IN MEMORIAM

LUCILE E. JOHNSON, A FIFTY YEAR PIONEER, WAS A MEMBER AND STONG SUPPORTER OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE AND THE EPISCOPAL OUTDOOR CHAPEL IN TAHOE CITY.

AMONG MRS. JOHNSON'S FAVORITE MEMORIES OF LAKE TAHOE WERE GATHERING WILDFLOWERS FOR THE OUTDOOR CHAPEL ALTAR; FREQUENT VISITS FROM CAPTAIN PETE AND AGNES AS THEY MADE THEIR DAILY TREK TO TAHOE CITY FROM THEIR SUMMER CAMP AND HOW THE JOHNSON CHILDREN LOVED TO BUY AGNES'S PINENUTS; WONDERFUL DINNERS AT THE TAHOE TAVERN WHERE EVERYONE DRESSED IN ELEGANCE, AND THE TIMES IN THE EARLY 30'S WHEN WINTER HOLIDAYS WERE SPENT AT THE FAMILY'S WEST SHORE HOME, BEFORE THE ROAD ALONG THE WEST SHORE WAS OPENED DUE TO SNOW, SO THAT IT WAS NECESSARY AFTER ARRIVING AT THE TAHOE TAVERN BY TRAIN FOR THE PARTY TO BE TAKEN BY GARWOOD BOAT ACROSS THE LAKE TO THEIR HOME. HAPPY MEMORIES OF A LOVELY LADY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

ELAINE KAHN - DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, FRIEND, CONCERNED CITIZEN - AT ALL TIMES A REAL LADY, SHE FELT THAT EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT THAT-IT-SHOULD-BE-CHERISHED-AND-NURTURED.—ELAINE WAS— QUIETLY ACTIVE IN MANY COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. HER SMILE, HELPFUL WORDS AND ACTIONS WILL BE SORELY MISSED - ARE MISSED ALREADY.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LUCILE E. JOHNSON FROM THE JERRY JOHNSON FAMILY AND MR. AND MRS. EARL MARR

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Summer Lectures

OUR SUMMER LECTURE SERIES WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 22ND WITH A LECTURE AND SLIDES ON THE WILDFLOWERS OF THE TAHOE BASIN BY JULIE CARVILLE. ON JUNE 27TH JULIE WILL LEAD A CHAMPAGNE LUNCH EASY HIKE TO ENJOY THE WILDFLOWERS. THERE IS A MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT FOR THE HIKE OF TWENTY HIKERS WITH PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED - COST PER PERSON OF \$15.00. FURTHER MONDAY EVENING LECTURES WILL INCLUDE LEO POPPOFF ON THE TAHOE BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, CAROL VAN ETEN TO TALK ABOUT HER NEW BOOK "TAHOE CITY YESTERDAYS", JAN LOVERN (HISTORIC COSTUME SPECIALIST AT THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM) ON THE HISTORY OF COSTUMES, DAVID STOLLERY WITH MORE "TALES OF TAHOE", AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND MORE!

House Tour by Boat

OUR WEST SHORE LAKEFRONT HOUSE TOUR BY BOAT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH AND WILL FEATURE PRIVATE ESTATES (NOT FOR SALE) WITH A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CHANCE TO TOUR THE HISTORIC DRUM ESTATE.

Basket Weaving Classes

MARION STEINBACH WILL HOLD TWO PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES ON AUGUST 18TH AND 19TH FOR BOTH BEGINNERS AND MORE ADVANCED STUDENTS. THE CLASSES WILL HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND A DONATION OF \$7.50 PER DAY WILL COVER MATERIAL EXPENSES. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Harry Johanson and Viking

THIS PHOTO OF HARRY JOHANSON WAS DONATED TO THE SOCIETY BY NEW MEMBER, R. RANDOLPH WALKER. JOHANSON'S JURISDICTION COVERED OVER 200 MILES OF MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN WHERE HORSEBACK WAS OFTEN THE BEST MEANS OF TRAVEL. THIS HANDSOME PALOMINO, ONE OF HIS FAVORITE MOUNTS, WAS NAMED VIKING, AND CARRIED HIM OF MANY TRIPS INTO TAHOE'S BACK COUNTRY.



The Watson Cabin

Perhaps no structure in Tahoe City has more romantic appeal than the Watson family log cabin, perched on the edge of the bluff overlooking the town's waterfront. This quaint, moss-chinked structure, completed about 1907, was the handiwork of Robert Montgomery Watson, Tahoe City's first Constable.

In 1909, it became a honeymoon residence when Watson's son, R. H. "Rob" Watson married Stella Tong. The two-story cabin is now the oldest building actually constructed in Tahoe City. (A number of older Glenbrook buildings were barged across the lake to Tahoe City at the turn of the century when the mills in Glenbrook shut down).

Rob and Stella's daughter, Mildred Watson Collins, recalls living in her parent's rustic cabin in wintertime during her school years here. In the summer months, however, the family would be plagued by curiosity seekers knocking on the door to ply them with questions about their picturesque home. Since R. H. Watson's business kept him down at the Lumber Company at the other end of town (now Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Co.), the family sometimes rented the cabin out during the summer season, returning to live there in late Fall.

The Watsons continued to maintain the cabin as a winter residence until 1947, when Fern and "Husky" Hunt leased it for use as a gift shop. Here fine handcrafted items from all over Europe shared the shelves with a variety of Navajo wares - the inventory all selected by the Hunts during winter buying trips. Hunt's Gift Shop became an institution in Tahoe City, continuing in operation until the couple's retirement in 1976.

Following the closure of Hunt's, NLTHS President, Betty Layton, leased the cabin, opening The Potter's Wheel, an eclectic shop representing artisans in several media. Layton's daughter, Judy, has continued to operate the business in her mother's enforced absence from the Lake.

Efforts are now underway by the Historical Society to obtain the cabin on a longterm lease for use as a living history museum, restoring the building and furnishings as they were in the early 1900s.

by Carol Van Etten

Thanks to the Poppoffs

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Poppoff have donated a new printer to the Society for use with the computer that they donated last year. Eventually all of the museum inventory, membership records, bookkeeping and mailing lists will be stored in the computer and the Society will be served with efficiency.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Fall, 1987

We Remember Jay Shontz

BORN IN WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAY WENT TO COLLEGE AT CHICO STATE AND U.C. DAVIS. IN THE SUMMER OF 1941, JAY FIRST WORKED FOR LOYND'S DRUGS IN HOMEWOOD. RETURNING IN THE SUMMER OF 1942, HE WORKED FOR LOYND'S IN KINGS BEACH AND THERE HE MET BECCY BRODEHL, WHOSE FATHER HAD THE LAST MAIL CONTRACT BY BOAT ON LAKE TAHOE. JAY AND BECCY WERE MARRIED THAT FALL AND JAY WENT INTO THE ARMY. HE SERVED FOR NINE MONTHS IN WATSONVILLE FOR THE MEDICAL CORP AND THEN WAS TRANSFERRED TO STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT WHERE HE SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS A MASTER SGT.

JAY AND BECCY RETURNED TO LAKE TAHOE AND JAY AGAIN WENT TO WORK FOR LOYND'S DRUGS. IN THE FALL OF 1948, JAY AND BECCY PURCHASED THE DRUGSTORE IN TAHOE CITY AND RENAMED IT "JAY'S DRUGS", WHICH BECAME THE FIRST YEAR-ROUND DRUG STORE AT THE LAKE. JAY'S DRUGS WAS LOCATED IN THE KINGS BUILDING WHERE ALPENGLOW IS NOW.

BECCY AND JAY'S DAUGHTER, JAYNEE KING, WAS BORN IN 1947 AND THEIR SON, "BRO" SHONTZ WAS BORN IN 1950. JAY JOINED THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 1947. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN RAISING THE MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF OUR FIRST AMBULANCE FROM TOM DOLLY. ONE OF JAY'S MAIN FUNCTIONS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DRIVING THE AMBULANCE. HE ALSO SERVED AS TREASURER FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN 1947 AND 1948. HE WAS A BOY SCOUT LEADER AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB. HE LOVED HORSES AND WAS A DIRECTOR FOR THE TEVIS CUP 100 MILE RIDE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

JAY AND BECCY SOLD THEIR DRUG STORE IN 1964 AND HE DID RELIEF PHARMACY WORK. HE RETIRED IN DECEMBER, 1986, AND WAS ENJOYING HIS BELOVED TAHOE WHEN HE DIED ON JUNE 9, 1987.

JAY IS MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS AND THEY ALL KNEW THAT HE HAD THE BIGGEST HEART! IF YOU WERE IN NEED, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE WITH HIS FAMOUS SMILE.



Big Mack Donation

THE 'BIG MACK FEED', HELD ON AUGUST 7TH AT THE TAHOE CITY GOLF COURSE, WILL BENEFIT THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM.

EACH YEAR THE BIG MACK COMMITTEE DONATES THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT TO A LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. ON THIS, THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY, WE ARE THE RECIPIENTS AND ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO MICKEY DANIELS, BILL SUMNER, PARKY BECHDOLT, RALPH KLEVER, BILL MATTHEWS AND JIM SCRIBNER, AND TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HELPED PREPARE, SERVE AND CLEAN UP. THE DINNER WAS ENJOYED BY ONE AND ALL.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF JAY SHONTZ

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. BEARD
MR. AND MRS. HAROLD D. BOUMA
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM S. BRINER
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(Mike, Linda, John and Scott)
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DAVID AND JUANITA TORMEY
ROY WATERS
MR. AND MRS. NORMAN D. WATSON
TAT AND WAYNE WELCOME
MR. AND MRS. H.E. WHITSETT
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. WIENS
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. WRAY

IN MEMORY OF BETTY AND DENNIS TAYLOR FROM NED AND BETTY LONG

IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES SEELY FROM LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO

CURRENT DONATIONS TO THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY FUND

FERD AND JEAN BIER	DeWITT AND CAROL KRUEGER
MADELINE BOHANON	MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MARTY
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	MR. AND MRS. LEO WINTERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BENJAMIN AND ELEANOR ANDREWS	JOHN AND HELEN LEVET
JAMES AND LORRAINE BARRY	MR. AND MRS. ALAN H. MATTHEWS
MARY KAY CONRAD	PATRICIA MATTHEWS
DONALD AND JANE DeFOREST	LESLIE AND PATRICIA MIZE
RUTH EVERINGHAM	WALTER MOLZ
HAROLD AND KATHRYN HALLIN	BARBARA MOORE
MRS. JOAN ISHAM	JUDGE AND MRS. ALAN V. PINESCHI
SHIRLEY AND LOUIS KEARN	MRS. MARILYN TAYLOR
	TRUCKEE TAHOE LUMBER CO. (EMBREE CROSS)

MEMORIES

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAD A NEWSPAPER IN TAHOE CITY FROM 1881 TO 1882? AND DID YOU KNOW THAT THE NEXT NEWSPAPER WAS PUBLISHED IN 1934? FOR OVER 50 YEARS THE PEOPLE AT LAKE TAHOE HAD NO LOCAL NEWS. OUR ONLY WAY TO KNOW OUR HISTORY DURING THAT LONG PERIOD OF TIME IS THE MEMORIES AND CORRESPONDENCE OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

NLTHS VICE PRESIDENT, CAROL VAN ETEN, HAS BEEN DEVOTING MANY HUNDREDS OF HOURS TO TAKING ORAL HISTORIES RELATING TO LAKE TAHOE HISTORY. THESE TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS PROVIDE THE MOST FASCINATING AND ENJOYABLE READING. WHEN OUR 'ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY' ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM IS COMPLETED, THE HISTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH CASSETTE AND WRITTEN FORMS.

EXCERPT FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH C. DON HUFF, SR. AND BERNICE HUFF - AUGUST 14, 1984 - INTERVIEWER: CAROL VAN ETEN

DON: I CAME TO THE LAKE WITH MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS SIX YEARS OLD, IN 1904, AND WE WENT TO BROCKWAY AS SUMMER RESORT GUESTS. AND THEN THE NEXT TIME WE CAME TO THE LAKE, WHY, WE WERE SECOND NIGHT ON OUR HONEYMOON AND WE STAYED AT HOMEWOOD.

IN 1904, WE TOOK THE STEAM TRAIN FROM PASADENA THROUGH LOS ANGELES TO SANTA MONICA, AND IN THOSE DAYS IT WAS A LONG WHARF - THAT WAS BEFORE SAN PEDRO OR THE HARBOR. PASSENGER SHIPS WOULD TIE UP AT THIS LONG WHARF AT THE MOUTH OF SANTA MONICA CANYON. AND THEN WE CAME UP ON THE SANTA ROSA, A SHIP. IT STOPPED IN SANTA BARBARA, MONTEREY AND THEN SAN FRANCISCO. AND THAT WAS ITS ANNUAL RUN. AND THEN WE TOOK THE OVERNIGHT TRAIN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO TRUCKEE, AND WENT TO BROCKWAY BY STAGECOACH WITH SIX HEAD OF HORSES OVER BROCKWAY SUMMIT. IN THOSE DAYS IT WAS JUST A DIRT ROAD.

BER: TELL HER ABOUT WHEN - YOU KEEP TELLING THE GRANDCHILDREN - ABOUT WHEN YOU RODE ON THE STAGECOACH, AND THEY LOVED HEARING.

DON: WELL, THIS WAS A KIND OF A TALLY-HO STAGECOACH WITH THE SEATS ABOUT FIVE OR SIX ABREAST AND FOUR OR FIVE SEATS UP ON TOP OF IT. AND EVERYBODY SAT UP THERE IN THE SUN AND YOU COULD SEE GOOD. OF COURSE, THE OLD FOLKS TOOK THOSE SEATS, AND THE STAGECOACH DRIVER SAID, "HEY KID, YOU COME ON UP AND SIT WITH ME", AND THAT TICKLED ME TO DEATH AND HE SAID, "HERE, I'VE GOT A GUN TOO, 'CAUSE" HE SAID, "WE'RE GOING THROUGH INDIAN COUNTRY." AND HE SAID "YOU BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INDIANS." SO I LOOKED FOR INDIANS ALL THE WAY TO BROCKWAY.

BER: GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN LOVE TO HEAR HIM TELL THAT - LOOKING FOR INDIANS.

DON: I DIDN'T SEE ANY.

(ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BBQ - 5 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1987)
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WATSON CABIN DEDICATION OF THE PLAQUE)
(COMMEMORATING THE CABIN BEING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC)
(HOMES. JOIN BETTY LAYTON, MILDRED WATSON COLLINS AND YOUR FELLOW)
(SOCIETY MEMBERS AND MAKE THIS A SPECIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION.)

It was a Beautiful Day !

THE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR BY BOAT, HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST TO BENEFIT THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY FUND ENABLED OUR GUESTS TO ENJOY THE HOMES OF THE ALBO-TUCK FAMILIES, THE NATE TOPOL FAMILY, THE LAWTON SHURTLEFF'S 'HONEYMOON COTTAGE' AND THE JONSSON FAMILY'S 'DRUM ESTATE'.

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THE TOPOLS AND THE SHURTLEFFS FOR BEING AT THEIR HOMES TO GREET AND CHARM EVERYONE; TO HOSTESSES ROSEMARY LINDSEY, BERNIE BECHDOLT AND VIRGINIA BARNETT AND THEIR VOLUNTEERS AT THE HOMES; TO CAROL VAN ETEN AND HER PIER VOLUNTEERS; TO THE BOAT OWNERS AND DRIVERS: LOU BIRO, BOB YOUNG, DAVE ROBERTSON, RANDY FACCINTO, RALPH GRUNAUER, BOB DANERI, DON SWEET, LEO POPPOFF, LARRY LINDSEY, LARRY SEVISON, DICK CLARKE AND HIS SIERRA BOAT COMPANY, DAVE HANSEN AND ROBERT DEL SOL; TO BETTY LONG, TERENCE HUGHES, LLOYD HATHAWAY AND THE COOKING CREW; TO BUD AND GLORIA NOVACK AND ED BARNETT, WHO CHECKED IN AND BOARDED THE PASSENGERS IN TAHOE CITY; TO FRITZI BRINER AND YOVANA GUTOWSKY, WHO HELPED THE 'SUNRUNNER' PASSENGERS; TO THE 'HOUSE OF DANIELS, INC.', WHO DONATED THE WINE TASTING EVENT AND TO ALL THE WINERIES WHO DONATED THEIR WINES.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING, WHO WORKED LONG AND HARD TO MAKE THE TOUR A SUCCESS: LARRY AND ROSEMARY LINDSEY, GLORIA NOVACK, JOYCE GRUNAUER, AND TO LILLIAN FARR, WHO KEPT ALL OF THE GUESTS ENTHRALLED WITH HER MEMORIES AND STORIES OF WHEN SHE WAS A SMALL CHILD AND HER FATHER WAS THE FIRST CARETAKER OF THE DRUM ESTATE FROM 1923 TO 1928; TO MARK ROSS OF THE 'HOUSE OF DANIELS', WHO COORDINATED THE WINE TASTING; TO THE PARSON FAMILY AND GRANLIBAKKEN RESORT FOR DONATING THE WINE GLASSES AND LOANING TABLES, CHAIRS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND TO OUR GUESTS, THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. WE HOPE YOU HAD A MOST ENJOYABLE TOUR.

THE HOUSE OF DANIELS, INC., AND THE DANIELS FAMILY, CHUCK, CAROL AND PETER, HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO VERY MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR HOUSE TOURS FOR MANY YEARS, ALWAYS ARRANGING EACH WINE TASTING WITH SUCH CARE AND EXPERTISE AND GIVING THEIR TIME AND THE WINES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THEY ARE TRULY SUPPORTIVE AND GENEROUS MEMBERS. THEIR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, MARK ROSS, HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR GROUP TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE TASTINGS. THANK YOU CHUCK, CAROL, PETER AND MARK!

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY THIS YEAR AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM GIFT SHOP. WE HAVE A NEW BOOK FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST, INCLUDING CAROL VAN ETEN'S 'TAHOE CITY YESTERDAYS', AN ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE BOOK FULL OF WONDERFUL STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS; BETHEL HOLMES VAN TASSEL'S LIMITED EDITION OF 'FROM WOOD SHIPS TO GAMING CHIPS' AN ACCURATE AND FASCINATING COMBINATION OF GREAT VINTAGE PHOTOS AND STORIES OF THE NORTH SHORE GAMING PEOPLE; 'THE VACATION GAME - LAKE TAHOE EDITION', AN IDEAL GIFT FOR FAMILY FUN; JAMES BELL'S MATTED VINTAGE TAHOE PHOTOGRAPHS; AND BOOKS AND COLORING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, NATURAL HISTORY, AND THE CLASSIC TAHOE BOOKS: THE SAGA OF LAKE TAHOE, VOL. I & II, TALES OF TAHOE, SILVER HILLSIDE. WE HAVE SOME GREAT COOKBOOKS WHICH INCLUDE STORIES AND PHOTOS AS WELL AS GREAT RECIPES: THE TAHOE HERITAGE COOKBOOK AND EASY COOKING IN NEVADA. REMEMBER, YOUR PURCHASES HELP SUPPORT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



Annual Meeting 9\13\87

TO ALL MEMBERS - PLEASE JOIN OUR FINAL EVENT OF THE SUMMER AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND STEAK BAR-B-CUE AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:00 P.M. FOLLOWING THE 3:00 P.M. DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE POTTER'S WHEEL COMMEMORATING THE PLACEMENT OF THE WATSON CABIN ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC HOMES. HOSTESSES, BETTY AND JUDY LAYTON INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

Raffle to benefit Library

WE HOPE YOU WILL PURCHASE THE ENCLOSED RAFFLE TICKETS, PRICE SIX FOR \$5.00 TO BENEFIT THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE MEMBERSHIP BBQ (WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT). OUR PRIZES INCLUDE:

(2) GRAND PRIZE WINNERS OF A ONE HOUR CRUISE ON THE 'THUNDERBIRD'
(each winner may bring nine guests)

2 NITE/3 DAY STAY AT CAESAR'S TAHOE

2 NITE/3 DAY STAY AT CAL-NEVA LODGE

2 NITE/3 DAY STAY AT HYATT LAKE TAHOE

DINNER SHOW FOR 2 AT HARRAH'S TAHOE

DINNER FOR 2 AT THE CHART HOUSE

DINNER FOR 2 AT ROSIE'S

DINNER FOR 2 AT SWISS LAKEWOOD LODGE

CRUISE FOR 4 ON THE MS DIXIE

(2) WINNERS OF A CRUISE FOR TWO ON THE TAHOE QUEEN

PLEASE RETURN STUBS AND MONEY WITH MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BBQ RESERVATION FORM IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND STEAK BBQ RESERVATION FORM

DINNER AT 5:00 P.M. - DONATION \$7.50 PER PERSON - NO-HOST BAR

NAME: _____ # OF GUESTS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND: _____ NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N.L.T. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND RETURN IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Summer

1985

SUMMER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MUSEUM OPEN MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15 - HOURS: 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY

MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 7:00 P.M.

MICHAEL JENEID LECTURE AND MOTION PICTURE
"BIRDS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA"

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - 10 A.M TO 3 P.M.

PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS TAUGHT
BY MARION STEINBACH. CLASS LIMIT 20
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. COST \$7.50

MONDAY, JULY 8 - 7:00 P.M.

JULIE CARVILLE LECTURE AND SLIDES ON
"WILDFLOWER HIKING TRAILS OF THE TAHOE BASIN"

MONDAY, JULY 15 - 7:00 P.M.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

THURSDAY, JULY 18 - 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

HOUSE TOUR OF THE WEST SHORE BY BUS. SPACE
LIMITED - PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED. INVITATIONS
WILL BE MAILED.

MONDAY, JULY 22 - 7:00 P.M.

LEO POPPOFF LECTURE ON THE TAHOE BASIN EN-
VIRONMENT.

MONDAY, JULY 29 - 7:00 P.M.

MICHAEL JENEID LECTURE AND MOTION PICTURE
ON "SIERRA NEVADA WATERFOWL"

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - 7:00 P.M.

BILL AND KAY FISHER ON THEIR REAL LIFE AD-
VENTURES LIVING IN A "BAGGAGE CAR WITH LACE
CURTAINS".

MONDAY, AUGUST 12 - 7:00 P.M.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH AT NETTIE SCHERMAN'S
BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HOME.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 - 7:00 P.M.

BARBARA RICHNAK LECTURE ON WRITING A BIOG-
RAPHY, AUTHOR OF "A RIVER FLOWS - THE LIFE
OF ROBERT LARDIN FULTON - A TRUCKEE RIVER
PIONEER".

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

ADVANCED PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS
TAUGHT BY WINNIE MAYNARD. CLASS LIMIT 12
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CAST \$7.50

X MONDAY, AUGUST 26 - 7:00 P.M.

DAVID STOLLERY WILL PRESENT MORE OF HIS
DELIGHTFUL "TALES OF TAHOE"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS WITH
POT LUCK DINNER

GOODBYE TO DEAR FRIENDS

WE ALL FEEL THE LOSS OF MANY DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: MARTHA SNYDER, CHARTER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY AND AN ACTIVE AND DEVOTED BOARD MEMBER UNTIL HER DEATH; AL FENECH, WHO, WITH HIS WIFE LOUISE, DONATED TO THE SOCIETY THE PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF A BUILDING PERMIT AT THE LAKE, AND WHO OWNED THE TAMARACK LODGE; ELIZABETH HUIE BURGESS, LONG TIME MEMBER AND CRYSTAL BAY RESIDENT; ELSIE BECHDOLT, WEST SHORE RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE TAHOE CITY PIONEER BECHDOLT FAMILY, ELSIE WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUTH AND SPORTS EVENTS; YUKIO TAKAHASHI, SOCIETY MEMBER AND SUPPORTER OF FINE ARTS IN THE AREA; AND HAROLD FARR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 10TH. HAROLD WAS AN IMPORTANT AND LOVED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. HE MARRIED LILLIAN VERNON IN 1949 AND CAME TO LIVE IN TAHOE CITY IN 1953. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TAHOE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; FIELD SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE T.C.P.U.D. FOR 15 YEARS AND OWNER OF HIS OWN WATER SERVICE BUSINESS FOR 16 YEARS; BOARD MEMBER OF THE TAHOE STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TAHOE CITY ROTARY CLUB MEMBER AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAHOE CITY IS GIVING A HAROLD FARR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO A 1985 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR.

AT HAROLD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE, LONG TIME FRIEND, BOB DOYLE, READ HIS POEM THAT SO TRULY DESCRIBED HAROLD. WE REPRINT IT HERE.

▶ POEM FOR HAROLD BY BOB DOYLE - FEBRUARY 10, 1965

▶ WHEN YOU SAW HIM,
▶ YOU KNEW,
▶ HE WOULDN'T HEAR THE FLYCATCHER
▶ HERALDING THE RETURN OF SUMMER.

▶ HE'D TEMPTED DEATH TOO MANY TIMES,
▶ TO ONCE AGAIN EXPECT THE MIRACLE
▶ OF SCIENCE TO INTERVENE.

▶ YET,
▶ SUNKEN IN HIS CHAIR,
▶ HIS PUCK-LIKE HUMOR MADE YOU FEEL
▶ AS IF HE SHARED HIS SECRETS JUST WITH YOU.

▶ HIS CLAW-LIKE WAVE,
▶ THE ARTHRITIC FINGERS ALWAYS HELD
▶ THE CIGARETTE WHOSE EMBERS CAME SO CLOSE
▶ BUT NEVER SEARED HIS SKIN. (THINKING BACK,
▶ I NEVER SAW HIM TAKE A DRAG.)

▶ IN THE POST OFFICE,
▶ HERE HE'D COME,
▶ DUCKING HIS HEAD THE WAY HE DID,
▶ SLIGHTLY STOOPED SO NOT TO MISS A WORD
▶ YOU SHARED WITH HIM.

▶ NO DEPRESSION OF YOUR OWN,
▶ COULD OUTLIVE HIS ELFIN GRIN,
▶ AND WASN'T HIS PLEASURE IN YOUR TALE,
▶ SO GENUINE?

(continued)

THE MARLETTE-DAY BOUNDARY SURVEY OF 1852 DISCOVERED "AGATE AND CRYSTALS ON THE WATER'S EDGE" AND THE BAY HENCE CAME TO BE KNOWN AS AGATE. THOUGH THE BAY ON WHICH INCLINE VILLAGE LIES IS LOGICALLY ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR ITS CLARITY, IN FACT THE EXTENSIVE LOGGING OPERATIONS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY (NEVADA) LUMBERMAN GEORGE IWEIS CRYSTAL ON THE NORTHWEST SHORE OF THE BAY IN THE LATE 1860S IS ACTUALLY THE SOURCE OF THE NAME.

THINGS OF THE EARTH SUPPLY THE SOURCE OF MANY NAMES. ONLY TAHOMA BOASTS ANYTHING LIKE WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED "CITY" ADDRESSES WITH ITS NUMBERED STREETS. INSPITE OF PERIODIC MASSIVE INFLUXES OF METROPOLITAN INFLUENCES, TAHOE RETAINS A RURAL ATMOSPHERE REFLECTED FOREVER IN ITS PLACE NAMES.

NEW GATEKEEPER'S CABIN NOTECARDS AT MUSEUM — 8 for \$3.75



GATEKEEPER'S CABIN
Tahoe City

A NEW BOOKLET "THE LADIES OF THE CABIN" BY LILLIAN FARR TELLS THE TRUE STORIES OF THE GATEKEEPER'S WIVES AND WILL BE ON SALE THIS SUMMER AT THE MUSEUM. PRICE \$1.00



THE WASHOE "LEGEND OF TAHOE" HAS BEEN PRINTED BY TOMMIE MOLLER AND IS NOW AT THE MUSEUM. PRICE \$2.00



WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS PRESENTING SEVERAL NEW DISPLAYS, INCLUDING A NEW READING DISPLAY AND BOOKCASE - A DISPLAY OF WASHOE AND PAIUTE WILLOW WORK BASKETS ON LOAN FROM MARION STEINBACH - A DAT SO LA LEE AND TWO MAGGIE JAMES BASKETS ON LOAN FROM LLOYD CHICHESTER (THESE MAGNIFICENT BASKETS WILL BE AT THE MUSEUM FROM MID-JUNE TO OCTOBER) - THE "TAHOE ALBUM" DISPLAY HAS RETURNED AND IS A MUST SEE FOR EVERY LOVER OF THE LAKE - TWO OUTSTANDING COLLECTIONS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE SOCIETY - MYRTLE GALLINGER HAS DONATED HER HISTORY OF TAHOE LAKE SCHOOL WITH DATED RECORDS, PICTURES, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND EXTENSIVE INFORMATION. BILL AND BERNIE BECHDOLT HAVE GIVEN THE SOCIETY A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF THEIR FAMILY AND TAHOE CITY PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WILL BE COPIED AND DISPLAYED AT THE MUSEUM LATER IN THE SUMMER.

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM BOARD DIRECTOR CAROL VAN ETEN'S WEEKLY COLUMN 'OUR TAHOE HERITAGE' IN THE NORTH TAHOE WEEK ARE REPRINTED COURTESY OF PUBLISHER, DAVID MOGILEFSKY.

NAME GAME

THE GRANDEUR OF THE TAHOE BASIN DEFIES DESCRIPTION, TO BE SURE. YET THE NECESSITY OF PLACE NAMES IS INESCAPABLE, AND THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO NAME LOCAL PLACES IS LAISSEZ FAIRE, TO SAY THE LEAST, AS REFLECTED IN SUCH NAMES AS TAHOE CITY, TAHOE PARK, TAHOE PINES AND TAHOE VISTA (SLIGHTLY MORE INSPIRED WERE THE NAMERS OF HOMEWOOD, LAKE FOREST AND TAHOMA). MANY LOCAL SITES RETAIN THE NAMES OF THE AREA'S PIONEERS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE AREA'S DRAINAGES AND CREEKS, WHICH ARE (NORTH TO SOUTH) GRIFF (FOR GRIFFIN OF LOUSY POINT), WATSON (FOR TAHOE CITY CONSTABLE ROBERT MONTGOMERY WATSON), DOLLAR (FOR ROBERT STANLEY DOLLAR, SR.), BURTON (FOR HOMER D. BURTON) AND BLISS (FOR THE BLISS FAMILY). FROM THE TRUCKEE RIVER OUTLET SOUTH, THE CREEKS ARE WARD, BLACKWOOD, MADDEN, MC KINNEY (FOR JOHN MC KINNEY, OF HUNTER'S HOME), GENERAL (FOR GENERAL PHIPPS) AND MEEKS (FOR STEPHEN HALL MEEK).

THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE AREA HAVE INSPIRED NAMES SUCH AS FIR CRAGS AND BEAR CREEK. IN DESOLATION VALLEY, TO THE WEST OF TAHOE'S WEST SHORE, CAN BE FOUND LAKES NAMED BEAR, BUCK, DUCK, EAGLE, GROUSE AND LOON. CEDAR FLAT (THREE MILES NORTHEAST OF TAHOE CITY) AND CEDAR POINT (A DEVELOPMENT ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES SOUTH OF TAHOE CITY) TAKE THEIR NAMES FROM THE VENERABLE STANDS OF CEDAR FOUND AT THE TWO LOCATIONS.

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE LANDSCAPE FROM CARNELIAN BAY SOUTH ARE DIVIDED CHIEFLY BETWEEN THE SURNAME WATSON AND DOLLAR. TO EACH BELONGS A PROMINENCE OF LAND (MOUNT WATSON AND DOLLAR HILL). IN ADDITION, WE HAVE WATSON CREEK AND DOLLAR CREEK, WATSON LAKE AND DOLLAR RESERVOIR.

OF COURSE, BY STANDARDS OF LOCAL PLACE-NAMES, DOLLAR IS A FAIRLY RECENT TAG, THE POINT OF LAND HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS GRIFF, OLD LOUSY, WYCHWOOD AND OBSERVATORY (THE BASIS FOR EACH APPELLATION BEING A STORY IN ITSELF).

GEOLOGICAL ATTRIBUTES HELPED TO NAME SEVERAL LOCATIONS ON THE NORTH SHORE. TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY VISITORS TO NORTH LAKE TAHOE FOUND PLEASANT DIVERSION ON THE BEACH AT CARNELIAN BAY, WHERE THE GEM STREWN SHORELINE PROVED AS GOOD AS ITS NAME, PRODUCING PLENTIFUL PEA-SIZED SAMPLES FOR THE DILIGENT SEEKER.

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1987 SCHEDULE OF SUMMER EVENTS

MONDAY EVENING LECTURES AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM

- JUNE 22 - 7:00 P.M. JULIE CARVILLE WITH LECTURE AND SLIDES ON THE TAHOE BASIN WILDFLOWERS
- JUNE 29 - 7:00 P.M. MICHAEL JENEID WITH LECTURE AND MOVIES ON BIRDS
- JULY 6 - 7:00 P.M. CAROL VAN ETTEN WITH LECTURE ON TAHOE HISTORY AND PRESENTATION OF HER NEW BOOK 'TAHOE CITY YESTERDAYS'
- JULY 20 - 7:00 P.M. LEO POPPOFF WITH LECTURE ON "WHAT HAPPENED TO LAKE TAHOE'S CLARITY?" AN ENVIRONMENTAL 'WHO DONE IT'
- JULY 27 - 8:00 P.M. CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC EVENING - \$5.00 DONATION
- AUGUST 17 - 7:00 P.M. JAN LOVERIN WITH LECTURE AND SLIDES OF THE HISTORY AND CARE OF COSTUMES. YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR VINTAGE CLOTHING FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ADVICE AS TO CARE AND REPAIR
- AUGUST 24 - 7:00 P.M. DAVID STOLLERY WITH HIS WONDERFUL "TALES OF TAHOE"

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HIKES AND CLASSES

- SATURDAY, JUNE 27 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WILDFLOWER HIKE AND GOURMET LUNCH AND CHAMPAGNE WITH JULIE CARVILLE. YOU WILL MEET AT THE MUSEUM AND YOUR DESTINATION WILL BE A SURPRISE. THE HIKE WILL INCLUDE NAMING OF THE FLOWERS, DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTION OF FLOWERS AND THE WRITINGS OF JOHN MUIR. HIKE IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE. PRE-REGISTRATION AND DONATION OF \$15.00 PER PERSON
- SUNDAY, JUNE 28 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. BIRD WATCHING HIKE WITH MICHAEL JENEID. DESTINATION WILL BE A SURPRISE. BRING BINOCULARS, SUN SCREEN, VISORS, MOSQUITO SPRAY, BAG LUNCH AND DRINK. HIKE IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE. PRE-REGISTRATION AND DONATION OF \$7.50 PER PERSON.
- AUGUST 18 AND 19 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES GIVEN BY MARION STEINBACH. FIRST DAY IS FOR BEGINNERS, SECOND DAY IS INTERMEDIATE CLASS. LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS. DONATION PER CLASS IS \$7.50. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST WEST SHORE HOUSE TOUR BY BOAT FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M., LUNCHEON AND FINE WINE TASTING INCLUDED. SPACE LIMITED AND PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. DONATION OF \$30.00 PER PERSON.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 DEDICATION OF THE WATSON CABIN PLAQUE (CABIN IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC HOMES) - TIME 4 P.M. AT THE 'POTTER'S WHEEL' AND THEN ON TO WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK FOR OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND STEAK BBQ. DONATION PER PERSON \$7.50



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ROBERT & JEAN ALLARD - TAHOE CITY
DANIEL & YOVANA GUTOWSKY - TAHOMA
KATHERINE M. McBRIDE - DAVIS
BRUCE & KATHY TAVERNIER - HOMEWOOD

BOBBY G. BOOZER, D.D.S. - SACRAMENTO
MR. & MRS. JACK MACEY - HOMEWOOD
JIM SMITH - TRUCKEE
BETTY L. WARD - PIEDMONT

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF LUCILE E. JOHNSON FROM MR. & MRS. ROYAL MILLER, JR.

IN MEMORY OF ELAINE KAHN FROM BOB & EVA NAHAS

DONATIONS TO THE 'ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY'

ROBERT & JEAN ALLARD
WALTER & ALICE ANDERSON
SYD & MARJORIE BARTLETT
PEARL M. BLOOM
MR. & MRS. W. DAVID BROWN
JIM COURTEMANCHE & NANCY SIMPSON
MR. & MRS. CHARLES I. DANIELS, JR.
JOSEPH & FRANCES DRURY
VELMA COMSTOCK EDEN
FEDERATED WOMENS CLUB OF TAHOE CITY
GRANLIBAKKEN RESORT
DAVID & LISA HANSEN
FLORENE DAUENHAUER-HECK
THE BRYTE JOHNSON FAMILY
KEN & ELSIE JONES
TREVOR & LINDA JONES
MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER KOSS
DeWITT & CAROL KRUEGER

EDITH M. LASSWELL
ROBERT & NANCY MADDOX
TOM MARTENS & PATRICIA McCALL
MAURICE & MARJORIE McCOWN
FRANCES M. MILLER
ROBERT B. SCOVILLE
CAROL J. SHIELDS
MARIE E. SLUCHAK
JOHN & JEAN SPROEHNLE
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MR. & MRS. E. C. THYS
HAROLD & ANN TILLER
CLYDE TRAMMEL
BRUCE & KATHY TAVERNIER
TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE 'ATTARDI PARTY' WAS HELD AT GRANLIBAKKEN ON APRIL 13TH, AND OVER 150 GUESTS ENJOYED THE VINTAGE TAHOE FILMS, THE MAGNIFICENT 'PUTNAM-VALENTINE' PHOTO ALBUMS (DONATED BY THE OTTO/ATTARDI FAMILY), AND ENJOYED THE HORS D'OEUVRES AND COCTAILS AT THE NO-HOST BAR.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SUMNER AND KRISTAN ATTARDI HUSHING, WHO CAME FROM SAN DIEGO, MR. AND MRS. JOHN OTTO AND MR. AND MRS. EDWARD KITCHEN, ELLEN'S FAMILY FOR ATTENDING, TO GRANLIBAKKEN FOR DONATING THEIR FACILITIES AND FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING THE PARTY A SUCCESS AND TO THE TOM ALBRIGHT TRIO FOR THEIR TERRIFIC MUSIC.



JOHN MUIR

THE JOHN MUIR COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL WRITINGS, BOOKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL
ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM THROUGH LABOR DAY. AMONG THE MUIR WRITINGS
THIS LOVELY PARAGRAPH:

CLIMB THE MOUNTAINS AND GET THEIR GOOD TIDINGS
NATURE'S PEACE WILL FLOW INTO YOU
THE WINDS WILL BLOW THEIR FRESHNESS
AND THE STORMS THEIR ENERGY INTO YOU
WHILE CARES WILL DROP OFF LIKE AUTUMN LEAVES.

JOHN MUIR

DAT SO LA LEE


THE DAT SO LA LEE BASKET DONATED TO THE MUSEUM IS NOW ON DISPLAY. WOVEN
BY THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL WASHOE WEAVERS AS SHE SUMMERED AT LAKE TAHOE,
JUST ACROSS FROM THE MUSEUM, THE BASKET WAS PURCHASED IN 1913 BY SUMMER
RESIDENT, MRS. JOHN H. BICKFORD, AND LATER WAS GIVEN TO HER DAUGHTER,
SADIE BICKFORD MORROW, WHO LIVED IN THE LITTLE HOUSE ACROSS FROM THE
FIRE STATION(NOW ED FRIEL'S BARBER SHOP) UNTIL HER DEATH, AND THE BASKET
WAS THEN THE PROPERTY OF SADIE'S DAUGHTER, LOIS MORROW FACHA UNTIL HER
DEATH IN 1985.

FROM AN ORAL INTERVIEW OF SADIE BICKFORD MORROW BY LILLIAN FARR IN 1975

IN 1903 WE FIRST CAME TO THE LAKE, ME, MY LITTLE SISTER AND MY FATHER AND
MOTHER. IN A LONG-BEDDED BUGGY WITH SOME BARLEY AND ROLLER BEDDING, AND
WE CAMPED DOWN AT BIG CHIEF MEADOW THE FIRST NIGHT FROM THE LITTLE TRUCKEE.
THE NEXT DAY WE CAME ON UP TO THE LAKE. WE WENT UP ABOUT TO WHERE THE
FISH HATCHERY IS (LAKE FOREST ROAD), WHERE THAT LOVELY SPRING COMES DOWN
AND THE BIG MEADOW IS. WE MET FRIENDS WHO HAD COME FROM SARDINE VALLEY TO
STAY OVER FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS SO WE COULD GO ROUND THE LAKE ON THE SUN-
DAY EXCURSION ON THE BIG WHITE STEAMER, THE "TAHOE".

SUNDAY MORNING WE GOT UP FROM OUR CAMP AND WALKED IN ALONG THE LAKESHORE.
THERE WAS A SORT OF A ROAD FROM OUR CAMP AND THE HORSES WOULD HAVE A
GOOD MEADOW TO GRAZE WHILE WE WERE AWAY. WE GOT TO TAHOE CITY AT 8:00
A.M. WHEN THE TRAIN CAME UP AND THE BIG BOAT LEFT THE PIER WITH THE MAIL
AND THE FOOD FOR THE LAKE AND AROUND WE WENT. WE SAT ON THE DECK AND
WATCHED THE SHORE GO BY. THEN, THE LAKE WAS JUST THE SAME AS IT IS NOW,
BUT IT DIDN'AT HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE. THERE WERE A FEW BEAUTIFUL HOMES
IN 1903. WE WENT INTO EMERALD BAY AND OUT AND AROUND THE LITTLE ISLAND
IN THE MIDDLE. WE SAW TALLAC AND BIJOU AND ALL THE REST, OF COURSE,
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WAS GLENBROOK.

FATHER HAD BEEN HERE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1876, CLEAR UNTIL 1903, WITH
SHEEP UP AROUND CASTLE PEAK AND THEN CATTLE ON SAGEHEN AND LITTLE
TRUCKEE AND HE HAD NEVER COME TO THE LAKE IN ALL THOSE YEARS. HERE HE
WAS, 50 YEARS OLD AND HE WAS SEEING THE LAKE FOR THE FIRST TIME."



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THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY NEARS COMPLETION

A DEDICATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING INVITATIONS, BUT PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND AFTER THE DEDICATION WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD INVITES ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: EARL MARR (525-6923), JUDY LAYTON (583-5457) OR MIRIAM BIRO (583-1762).

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THE NEW LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM WILL FEATURE CUSTOM CABINETS AND BOOKCASES AND THESE WILL BE DEDICATED TO LILLIAN FARR AND JAY SHONTZ. THE FURNISHINGS ARE BEING BUILT WITH FUNDS DONATED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN MEMORY OF THESE TWO SPECIAL MEMBERS.

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TWO NIGHTS OF CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE (916) 583-1762.

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OUR FINAL LECTURE OF THE SEASON WILL FIND DAVID STOLLERY AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM ON MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 29TH AT 7:00 P.M. ONCE AGAIN DAVID WILL TRAVEL TO LAKE TAHOE TO ENTERTAIN US WITH HIS WONDERFUL STORIES, THIS TIME HE WILL TELL US "MORE TALES OF TAHOE" FROM HIS NEW BOOK.

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ENJOYED OUR ANNUAL HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR ON JULY 13TH. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BURNS, MRS. MOLLOY, THE EDMONDSONS, THE POPPOFFS, THE GRUNAUERS AND THE WANGERS FOR ALLOWING US TO TOUR THEIR BEAUTIFUL HOMES. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK FRANK ROSMAN AND THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS RESORT FOR THE USE OF THEIR CLUBHOUSE FOR OUR WINE AND CHEESE TASTING, AND TO THE CHUCK DANIELS FAMILY AND REDWOOD VINTNERS FOR DONATING THE FINE WINES AND PRESENTING THE WINE TASTING. WE ALL APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF VIRGINIA AND ED BARNETT AND BETTY AND PAUL HENDERSON (WHO PREPARED THE GOURMET FRUIT PLATTERS AND TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED ON THE SPECIAL EVENT.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH BITTNER
EDWARD AND NANCY BUNTING
GEORGE AND DONA CLARK
JOHN AND VERA DAEGLING
MR. AND MRS. DONOVAN C. DAVIS
CHUCK AND MARY LEE FULKERSON
BUZZ AND JOAN GIBB
JAMES AND EILEEN HACKER
GARY AND BETTY HUNZIKER

JACK AND CATHERINE JACKSON
NORMA J. KELLY
DICK AND LAURA LINKEY
JULIE MOLLOY
ROSEMARY OSWALD
RONALD AND BARBARA ROSENBERG
GARY AND DONNA SHERRARD
MATTHEW AND LAURA TABER
ELIZABETH C. VER BRYCK

VAL WHITMYRE

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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR FROM: BILL AND FRITZI BRINER
JOHN ATTARDI AND KRISTAN ATTARDI HUSHING
GEORGE AND SOLVEIG LARDNER
EARL AND MARJORIE MARR
DWIGHT AND ALBERTA STEELE
HAROLD AND ANN TILLER

IN MEMORY OF HERB OBEXER FROM: CAROLYN JOHNSON
MARGARET AND RICHARD HARTSHORNE

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN ATTARDI FROM: JOAN ATTARDI SINAGRA

IN MEMORY OF JAY SHONTZ FROM: SYD AND MARJORIE BARTLETT

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MORRIS FROM: CAROLYN JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR, JAY SHONTZ, HERB OBEXER AND NORMAN MAYFIELD FROM:
MRS. EDWARD WALLIS

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IN MEMORIAM

LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MYRTLE M. GALLINGER, DIED AT THE AGE OF 92. FOR MANY YEARS SHE TAUGHT SCHOOL AT TAHOE LAKE SCHOOL. AMONG HER STUDENTS WERE LILLIAN FARR AND BILL BECHDOLT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO MISS GALLINGER DONATED ALBUMS OF HER CLASSES AND TRIPS, BEAUTIFULLY CATALOGED. THE ALBUMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN OUR ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

OUR **50 year** CERTIFICATES ARE GIVEN TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE HAD HOMES AT THE LAKE FOR FIFTY OR MORE YEARS. ALL WE ASK IN RETURN IS A SHORT HISTORY OF YOUR FAMILY AND MEMORIES. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE WRITTEN MEMORIES OF JANET (MRS. LAWRENCE A.) SCHEI.

There are so many wonderful memories that I have of those early years at Tahoe:

.....Going down to the Tahoe Pines Pier each morning to meet the Mail Boat. Most of the teenagers would gather to greet the boat as it came in and it was there that we made our plans for the day. Then we would walk back to the tiny Tahoe Pines Post Office to wait for the Postmistress, Mrs. Brown, to sort out the mail.

.....Meeting the train at Tahoe Tavern. Often that was the way our guests traveled to Tahoe and it was always an exciting hustle and bustle of people gathering to greet the new arrivals.

.....Dancing at Tahoe Tavern Pavillion - in formals for the girls and white jackets for the fellows. (Imagine dressing in formals at our place with only kerosene lamps and candle light). We kept a supply of several extra white jackets for young men who would come for a visit but didn't bring appropriate attire.

.....Canoeing by moonlight - and sometimes even swimming at night in icy Lake Tahoe with a big bonfire on the beach to dry off afterwards.

.....And perhaps, best of all, driving over to Bijou to dance to Dick Jurgens Orchestra. This was the big band era and Bal Bijou drew crowds from all around the Lake to dance and enjoy his unforgettable music.

.....Weenie roasts on the beach; dancing at the 'Hut' at Homewood (a popular gathering place) or at the Meeks Bay Pavillion.

.....Clean-up parties at the Tahoe Pines Beach with most of the residents participating and picnics and bonfires afterwards - music and roasted marshmallows.

.....Going to lunch or dinner at the Forest Inn or the Tavern - or perhaps to Tea and a Fashion Show on the Tavern's beautiful outdoor terrace. This was a dressy era at Tahoe and one shed one's camp clothes and put on city dress and 'heels' to go out to lunch or dinner, with men always wearing a coat and tie (-a far cry from today's casual dress even in the finest establishments).

.....All day hikes. Hiking was a favorite pastime for young people at that time and frequently groups of us would start off early in the morning carrying our lunches and explore the back country: Blackwood Canyon, Barker Pass, Ellis Peak, etc. Healthy and fun! Then perhaps cool off afterwards with a dip in icy Blackwood Creek or a swim in Tahoe.

.....Horseback riding at Squaw Valley. We were allowed to ride the horses most anywhere in the valley without a guide, as long as one got back at the prescribed time. There were not many people in the valley then and trails were numerous - really great riding.

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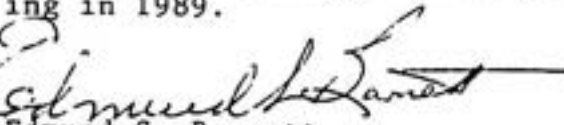
President's Corner

The past three years, under the leadership of Randy Faccinto, have been marvelously productive ones for the Society. The completion of the Ellen Attardi Library and the successful negotiations in the acquisition of the Watson Cabin for our second museum, are just two of the myriad accomplishments. More members, more visitors to the museum and the park grounds. Miriam Biro, our curator and director, is ebullient - and no wonder.

The new Board of Directors is now undertaking the preparation of the Watson Cabin building and contents, so that by January 1, 1990, the living museum will be open to the public. It is a challenging task in which we are all enthusiastically sharing. In addition, we look forward in the coming year to increasing our membership and public awareness of our existence.

Any and all suggestions you may have are welcome and wanted. Your interest and participation, if you wish, will assure our continued success.

Please let us hear from you. I look forward to seeing you at the museum and the many events upcoming in 1989.


Edmund S. Barnett
Board President

Bukar Bequest

Mrs. Zorka Bukar has left a bequest of \$25,000 to the Historical Society.

Mrs. Bukar was born in Macedonia (now northern Yugoslavia). She came as a girl to the east coast, married in 1928, got on a Greyhound bus with her husband and came out to Pasadena. In time they moved to San Francisco where her husband owned and operated the Coney Island Restaurant. He died in 1968. They had no children.

The Bukars owned a summer home overlooking the Brockway Springs Resort and Lake Tahoe was a very special part of their lives.

Mrs. Bukar's bequest to the Society was given to help us to preserve and to present our local history. She had a special interest in our natural history and our children.

and a Bequest from Lillian Farr

Lillian Vernon Farr, one of our original members, left a bequest of \$5,000 to the Historical Society for the Ellen Attardi Library. This gift will enable us to add greatly to our research library.

The members of the Society will dedicate a grove of native trees in the park in memory of Lillian, whose efforts to preserve our trees and plants was a lifelong passion.

Invitations to this special day will be sent in the Spring. We hope all of you who loved Lillian will join us in the dedication.



Support your
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Happy Holidays



Velma Comstock Eden Remembers —

ROBERT MONTGOMERY WATSON

He had taken a riding party into what we then called "Lost Lake", from the Tavern, and I had taken a party in from Brockway, as I was a horseback enthusiast and liked to help out.

Bob and I stood looking at each other across the little lake. I called "Who are you?" and when he told me, I said I had often heard of him. He asked my name and when I said "Velma Comstock", he said he had often heard of me. What a delightful chance meeting.

You know, years ago, due to poor roads and not always having a boat, we did not get around the lake much. Also there was the work situation. The season was short and I did everything to help. Taught kids to ride when I was 12, took out parties when older, but finally ended up mostly working in the office as a clerk, or my father's secretary.



Ellen Attardi Library Dedicated —

On Sunday, September 25, 1988, Dedication ceremonies were presided over by Jim Porter. The Invocation was given by Pastor Chip Larson. Speakers included Bob Macomber of the State of California Parks and Recreation Department, Ellen's brother, John F. Otto, and her daughter, Kristan Attardi Hushing, and President Randy Faccinto.

Becky Shontz thanked the friends and members who donated the custom bookcases in Jay's memory. Among the hundred attending were founding member and past president, Betty Layton, past presidents Ann Tiller and Earl Marr, Harold Tiller, who has donated all of our accounting and tax work since the formation of the Society, and Ellen's sister-in-law Joan Sinagra and her husband Salvatore, who came from New York for the occasion.

John Marchini loaned us part of his priceless collection of Washoe Indian Baskets for display in the new library. Refreshments were provided by many members. The wines were donated by the ever generous Chuck Daniels of Redwood vintners. Flower arrangements were donated by Snow Flower Florists.

Following the ceremonies our annual membership meeting was held. The 1988-89 Board of Directors were elected and reports were given by President Faccinto and Miriam Biro.

Your Board of Directors: President-Ed Barnett, Vice President-Frank Rosman, Secretary-Kathy Tavernier, Treasurer-Miriam Biro, Board: Virginia Barnett, Bernie Bechdolt, Harry and Martha Bernard, Cathy Gibb, Paul and Betty Henderson, Carolyn Johnson, Judy Layton, Larry and Rosemary Lindsey, Earl Marr, Bud and Gloria Novack, Howard Perry, Beccy Shontz, Bill Sumner, Carol Van Etten and Past President Randy Faccinto.

Summer Board Members: Dorothy Caulkett, Charles I. Daniels, Robert and Natalie Daneri, Ralph and Joyce Grunauer, Yovana Gutowsky, Dorothy Intorf, Russ and Barbara Mulvany, John F. Otto and Don and Sara Sweet.

Christmas Gift Suggestions - also next page



Tahoe's Gilded Age

1890-1917



A Photographic Portfolio
by Jim Bell

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON UPON US, YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY URGES YOU TO THINK OF SOME OF OUR GIFT SHOP ITEMS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST. WE SUGGEST:

- "TAHOE'S GILDED AGE" FEATURES 96 VINTAGE PHOTOS OF LAKE TAHOE FROM THE 1890S THROUGH THE TURN OF THE CENTURY BY MEMBER, JAMES BELL WITH FORWARD BY MEMBER, LEO POPPOFF \$12.95
- "LAKE TAHOE VIDEO" VHS SOUND TOUR OF THE LAKE, COLOR \$15.95
- "TAHOE CITY YESTERDAYS" HISTORY OF TAHOE CITY, MANY PHOTOGRAPHS BY MEMBER, CAROL VAN ETTEN \$14.95
- "TAHOE HERITAGE COOKBOOK" FAVORITE RECIPES OF TAHOE RESIDENTS WITH HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORIES, COMPILED BY MEMBER, MOLLIE STEVENSON \$14.00
- "TALES OF TAHOE" HISTORY AND TALES TALES TOO, BY MEMBER, DAVID STOLLERY \$ 9.95
- "MORE TALES OF TAHOE" THE SECOND COLLECTION OF DAVID STOLLERY'S LAKE TAHOE TALES, TALL AND TRUE \$ 9.95
- "SAGA OF LAKE TAHOE" VOLUMES 1 AND 11 BY MEMBER, EDWARD B. SCOTT THE MOST COMPLETE HISTORY OF LAKE TAHOE WRITTEN EACH \$45.00
- "LAKE TAHOE PHOTO BOOK" FEATURES MAGNIFICENT COLOR PHOTOS \$19.95

ALL OF THE ABOVE SUGGESTED BOOKS WILL BE MAILED UPON RECEIPT OF ORDER FORM AND CHECK. PLEASE ADD 6% SALES TAX AND \$1.00 SHIPPING CHARGE PER BOOK EXCEPT THE "SAGAS OF LAKE TAHOE" WHICH REQUIRES A \$2.50 PER BOOK SHIPPING CHARGE.

FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, WE ALSO HAVE THE FOLLOWING POSTERS:

- WATER FOWL OF THE SIERRA NEVADA...\$14.95
- WILDFLOWERS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA(LAMINATED)...\$15.00
- BIRDS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA(LAMINATED)...\$15.95
- VIKINGSHOLM...\$8.00

RETURN THIS ORDER FORM TO: NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 6141, TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730
OR PHONE: MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-1762

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I AM ORDERING THE FOLLOWING: _____ PRICE: \$ _____

SHIP MY ORDER TO: _____ PRICE: \$ _____

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NORMAN MAYFIELD FROM EUNICE PARKER

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A SPECIAL DONATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TRUCKEE-TAHOE AIR SHOW COMMITTEE
THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY OUR MEMBER EMBREE CROSS
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THE WASHO REFERRED TO LAKE TAHOE AS "DA OW A GA", WHICH MEANS "EDGE OF
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AS TAHOE AND GAVE THE LAKE ITS ENGLISH NAME. SINCE "DA OW" IS TANSLATED
AS "LAKE", WE ARE ACTUALLY SAYING "LAKE LAKE".



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IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR, JAY SHONTZ, HERB OBEXER AND NORMAN MAYFIELD FROM:
MRS. EDWARD WALLIS

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IN MEMORIAM

LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MYRTLE M. GALLINGER, DIED AT THE AGE OF 92. FOR MANY YEARS SHE TAUGHT SCHOOL AT TAHOE LAKE SCHOOL. AMONG HER STUDENTS WERE LILLIAN FARR AND BILL BECHDOLT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO MISS GALLINGER DONATED ALBUMS OF HER CLASSES AND TRIPS, BEAUTIFULLY CATALOGED. THE ALBUMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN OUR ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY FOR ALL TO ENJOY.



OUR **50 year** CERTIFICATES ARE GIVEN TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE HAD HOMES AT THE LAKE FOR FIFTY OR MORE YEARS. ALL WE ASK IN RETURN IS A SHORT HISTORY OF YOUR FAMILY AND MEMORIES. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE WRITTEN MEMORIES OF JANET (MRS. LAWRENCE A.) SCHEI.

There are so many wonderful memories that I have of those early years at Tahoe:

.....Going down to the Tahoe Pines Pier each morning to meet the Mail Boat. Most of the teenagers would gather to greet the boat as it came in and it was there that we made our plans for the day. Then we would walk back to the tiny Tahoe Pines Post Office to wait for the Postmistress, Mrs. Brown, to sort out the mail.

.....Meeting the train at Tahoe Tavern. Often that was the way our guests traveled to Tahoe and it was always an exciting hustle and bustle of people gathering to greet the new arrivals.

.....Dancing at Tahoe Tavern Pavillion - in formals for the girls and white jackets for the fellows. (Imagine dressing in formals at our place with only kerosene lamps and candle light). We kept a supply of several extra white jackets for young men who would come for a visit but didn't bring appropriate attire.

.....Canoeing by moonlight - and sometimes even swimming at night in icy Lake Tahoe with a big bonfire on the beach to dry off afterwards.

.....And perhaps, best of all, driving over to Bijou to dance to Dick Jurgens Orchestra. This was the big band era and Bal Bijou drew crowds from all around the Lake to dance and enjoy his unforgettable music.

.....Weenie roasts on the beach; dancing at the 'Hut' at Homewood (a popular gathering place) or at the Meeks Bay Pavillion.

.....Clean-up parties at the Tahoe Pines Beach with most of the residents participating and picnics and bonfires afterwards - music and roasted marshmallows.

.....Going to lunch or dinner at the Forest Inn or the Tavern - or perhaps to Tea and a Fashion Show on the Tavern's beautiful outdoor terrace. This was a dressy era at Tahoe and one shed one's camp clothes and put on city dress and 'heels' to go out to lunch or dinner, with men always wearing a coat and tie (-a far cry from today's casual dress even in the finest establishments).

.....All day hikes. Hiking was a favorite pastime for young people at that time and frequently groups of us would start off early in the morning carrying our lunches and explore the back country: Blackwood Canyon, Barker Pass, Ellis Peak, etc. Healthy and fun! Then perhaps cool off afterwards with a dip in icy Blackwood Creek or a swim in Tahoe.

.....Horseback riding at Squaw Valley. We were allowed to ride the horses most anywhere in the valley without a guide, as long as one got back at the prescribed time. There were not many people in the valley then and trails were numerous - really great riding.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SPRING 1988

LILLIAN FARR

OUR TAHOE CITY TREASURE, LILLIAN FARR, DIED ON MARCH 13, 1988. HER DEDICATION AND COURAGE IN HER FIGHT TO PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HISTORY WAS A LIFELONG EFFORT.

LILLIAN'S TALENTS WERE NUMEROUS. SHE WAS AN ARTIST, HISTORIAN, WRITER AND STORYTELLER. HER LOVE OF THE INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR LEGENDS LED TO SEVERAL BOOKS, INCLUDING 'LAKE TAHOE LEGENDS' AND 'THE SINGING FISH'. SHE ALSO WROTE 'LADIES OF THE CABIN', A HISTORY OF THE GATEKEEPERS' WIVES.

AS A SCHOOL TEACHER IN TAHOE CITY FOR ALMOST THIRTY YEARS, LILLIAN TAUGHT HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN TO LOVE AND APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE, THE TREES AND PLANTS AND ANIMALS. SHE TAUGHT THEM THE HISTORY OF THE WASHOE INDIANS AND GAVE THEM A SENSE OF HISTORY AND THE FRAGILITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. SHE TAUGHT THEM WELL AND PERHAPS HER GREATEST LEGACY TO US ALL IS IN THE MEMORIES OF THOSE STUDENTS WHO WILL, IN TURN, TEACH THEIR CHILDREN TO PRESERVE THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

LILLIAN AND HAROLD FARR ENJOYED PARTICIPATING IN MANY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, GIVING THEIR EFFORTS AND TALENTS WITH GENEROSITY. THEY LOVED TO DRIVE THEIR IMMACULATE MODEL A TO OUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND SHOWS. LILLIAN HAD THE GREATEST FUN WHEN SHE WOULD DRESS UP IN HER INDIAN COSTUME AND HER WICKED WITCH ENSEMBLE EVERY HALLOWEEN. THE FARR'S FRONT HALL BECAME A WITCHES DEN AND ALL THE CHILDREN WERE TREATED TO SCARES AND CANDIES.

I WILL NEVER FORGET HER LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF THE TAHOE WORLD, WITTY AND SOMETIMES SCATHING, SHE WOULD FIGHT ANY AND ALL WHO WOULD DESTROY OUR TREES AND MEADOWS. MY HUSBAND, LOU, WAS THE CARTOONIST FOR THE TAHOE WORLD FOR SOME TIME. WHEN THE "FANTASY INN" CAME TO TAHOE CITY, LILLIAN WROTE A LETTER OF PROTEST. WHEN LOU READ THE LETTER, HE THOUGHT OF A CARTOON, DREW IT AND TOOK IT TO LILLIAN FOR HER APPROVAL. SHE LOVED THE IDEA, BUT SAID "LOU, SURE YOU CAN USE IT, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRAW ME. I'LL DRAW ME", AND SHE DID. HERE IS THE CARTOON WITH LILLIAN'S DRAWING OF HERSELF.

IN HER WILL, LILLIAN LEFT A LEGACY TO 'THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY FUND'. MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE USED TO PRESERVE HER MEMORY AND CONCERNS. YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A FITTING MEMORIAL WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM BETTY LAYTON - I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF LILLIAN FARR, I KNEW SHE WASN'T WELL, BUT IT'S ALWAYS A SHOCK TO LOSE AN OLD FRIEND. SHE AND HAROLD WERE SOME OF THE FIRST PEOPLE WE MET WHEN WE FREQUENTED TAHOE BEFORE WE EVER BOUGHT ANY PROPERTY AND THAT REALLY DATES BACK. IT'S LIKE THE ENDING OF AN ERA WITHOUT LILLIAN, HAROLD AND OLD JUDGE VERNON - ALL DEAR PEOPLE. THEY ARE SORELY MISSED.

FROM DAVID AND MITZI STOLLERY - LAKE TAHOE HAS LOST ONE OF ITS BEST FRIENDS IN THE PASSING OF LILLIAN FARR. OVER A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS OR SO IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH LILLIAN ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF TAHOE CITY AND THE LAKE. AS A RETIRED TEACHER, I ENJOYED TALKING WITH LILLIAN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT TEACHERS FACE. AS A LAKE TAHOE HISTORIAN, LILLIAN WAS VERY HELPFUL WITH HER KNOWLEDGE OF TAHOE CITY AND LAKE TAHOE HISTORY FOR MY NEWSPAPER COLUMN AND BOOK 'TALES OF TAHOE'. LILLIAN'S MOTHER, ETHEL JOSLIN VERNON, DEDICATED HER BOOK 'A VOICE FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP' TO HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTERS. ONE OF THE POEMS IN THAT BOOK TITLED 'TRAIL'S END' IS VERY A PRO POS.

TRAIL'S END

The first spring flowers shall bloom again
Across the field of melting snow,
Anemones in April rain ...
But now you will not know.

Home-coming birds again shall sing.
And mountain rivers laugh as clear
As in so many another spring,
But now you will now hear.

Your loved hills once again shall don
Their summer charm and mystery;
The high trails beckon out and on,
But you will never see.

Your weary feet have found at last
The dim trail's end. On some far hill
The heavy pack tonight is cast
And life's long striving stilled.

Sleep, gentle heart, the journey's done
Until the Great White Dawn to be
Shall light your steps on happier ways
Through all eternity.

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Lake Tahoe loses two pioneers in Norman Mayfield and Herb Obexer. Norman Mayfield, who died at age 99 was a dedicated member of the Historical Society and his substantial donation helped make it possible to complete the rebuilding of the Gatekeeper's Cabin. He came to the Lake in 1925 and until he retired in 1952 he built 150 homes in our area, founded the Tahoe Boat Company and was the first president of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club in 1932. He and Judge Vernon started the Tahoe City Public Utility District and the first central water system in Tahoe City. He also built the lakeside warehouse where the Roundhouse Mall now stands and the accompanying breakwater which today provides the harbor for local boaters. He was a charter member of the Truckee Lions Club and the Tahoe City Rotary. Herb Obexer, longtime owner and operator of Obexer's Boat Company, Marina and Market was a lifetime resident of Homewood and could tell many a story about our history and his father, Jake, who came to the Lake at the turn of the century.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY, JUNE 18 - WILDFLOWER HIKE AND LUNCHEON WITH JULIE CARVILLE. THIS HIKE WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.
- MONDAY, JUNE 27 - COMPLETELY NEW SLIDES AND TALK ON WILDFLOWERS BY JULIE CARVILLE. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR.
7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM
- MONDAY, JULY 11 - THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE WASHOE INDIANS LECTURE AND ARTIFACTS WITH ED MONTANUCCI
7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 - HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR FROM BROCKWAY TO INCLINE BY PRIVATE CAR. FINE WINES DONATED BY REDWOOD VINTNERS, REFRESHMENTS AT THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE.
- MONDAY, JULY 25 - DAVID ALAN COMSTOCK LECTURE ABOUT THE SECOND BOOK IN HIS PLANNED TRILOGY, JUST PUBLISHED "BRIDES OF THE GOLD RUSH", SEQUEL TO "GOLD DIGGERS AND CAMP FOLLOWERS".
7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 - DINNER AND DIXIELAND UNDER THE STARS AT THE LAKEFRONT HOME OF NETTIE SCHERMAN. BRING A NEW MEMBER WHO WILL BE OUR GUEST
- MONDAY, AUGUST 8 & 15 TWO NIGHTS OF VINTAGE LAKE TAHOE FILMS FROM THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVES, ALONG WITH FEATURE FILMS MADE AT THE LAKE.
7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 PINENEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS
INSTRUCTOR: MARION STEINBACH. SPACE LIMITED
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 - INDIAN WILLOW BASKET MAKING TWO DAY CLASS FOR
AND TEN STUDENTS ONLY. INSTRUCTOR: MARION STEINBACH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 IF FULL, CLASS MAY BE AUDITED. PRE-REGISTRATION
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - CHAMBER MUSIC EVENINGS. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF
AND PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT GET IN LAST YEAR, WE WILL
MONDAY, AUGUST 23 PRESENT TWO EVENINGS OF MUSIC. RESERVATIONS.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 29 - DAVID STOLLERY WILL PRESENT "MORE TALES OF TAHOE"
FROM HIS NEW BOOK. DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL
STORYTELLER.
7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM

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UPON COMPLETION OF THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM INVITATIONS FOR A SPECIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY WILL BE SENT TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND DONORS TO THE PROJECT. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS CELEBRATION AS WELL AS THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE. YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES THE SOCIETY TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HENRY & JOAN BROWNWELL
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JOE & JOANNE RODGERS
MARTHA ROSMAN
GRETCHEN SCOTT
CARSON & VI WHITE

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IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF HERBERT OBEXER FROM: MR. AND MRS. ANDREW J. COLLINS, MR. & MRS. GERALD JOHNSON, JACK AND DONNA MACEY, MR. AND MRS. ROYAL MILLER, JR., AND MR. AND MRS. R. RANDOLPH WALKER.

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES ELIZABETH ELLIOT FROM MR. AND MRS. GERALD JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF NORMAN MAYFIELD FROM RICHARD AND GWEN CLARKE

IN MEMORY OF JAY SHONTZ FROM BETTY AND JUDY LAYTON

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IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR FROM:

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NORMAN AND ALISA HUCKLE
LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO

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LARRY AND ROSEMARY LINDSEY
REITH AND MARY HARRINGTON
TRUCKEE-DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BILL AND BERNIE BECHDOLT
MR. AND MRS. JAMES THOMPSON

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY ADDITION TO THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS SCHEDULED TO START ON MAY 1ST. STEVE JORGENSEN OF RAYMOND VAIL AND ASSOCIATES HAS DONATED THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND DRAWINGS; HOFFMAN, LIEN, FACCINTO AND SPITZER HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO GET US TRPA APPROVAL; LARRY SEVISON IS DONATING HIS SERVICES AS CONTRACTOR; BOB KELGARD IS DONATING HIS SERVICES AS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, AND PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE PLACER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

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THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOW HAS AN EIGHTY YEAR LEASE ON THE WATSON CABIN (NOW THE POTTER'S WHEEL) IN TAHOE CITY. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO PLAN FOR THE 'LIVING MUSEUM' WHICH WILL BE HOUSED IN THIS HISTORIC STRUCTURE, BUILT IN 1908 AS A HONEYMOON COTTAGE FOR BOB AND STELLA WATSON. WE NEED FURNITURE, RUGS, KITCHEN TOOLS, LAMPS AND OTHER FURNISHINGS FROM THE 1900 TO 1920 ERA. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT PLEASE CALL MIRIAM (583-1762)



The History

The Watson Cabin, on the bluff overlooking the Tahoe City Commons, is the handiwork of local pioneer Robert Montgomery Watson, who first came west from Bradford County, Pennsylvania to settle in Forresthill in 1875. Within a few years of his arrival, Watson had met and married a diminutive but doughty young lady named Sarah Augusta Cunningham, and they had established a home in Tahoe City. Here they began to raise their family of five children: Alice May, Edna Nevada, Herbert Sydney, Frank Gilbert and Robert Howard.

The Yukon Gold Rush of 1897 lured Watson and his oldest son, Frank, north to join in the search for gold, and there they established a successful mining claim which Frank stayed on to work while his father returned to Tahoe City in 1904. That year R.M. Watson became the town's first Constable.

In 1907, the Watson's son Robert Howard "Rob" Watson married Stella Tong, and as a wedding gift, R.M. Watson built the couple a two-story log cabin on the edge of the bluff overlooking the Tahoe City waterfront. Rob Watson and his new wife moved into the cabin the following year, and were soon joined by their new daughter, Mildred.



CONSTABLE R.M. WATSON — 1921



WASHO VISITORS & GRINDING STONE



THE HONEYMOON COTTAGE

The Watson family knew and were friendly with many of the Washo Indians who summered at Lake Tahoe, and members of the tribe often came to visit Stella in her log home on the bluff. She welcomed their annual visits and gave them food and other provisions.

Other visitors were not so welcome. Rob and Stella shared a preference for the wide open spaces, and the sparse population that went along with it. But the very picturesque nature of their log cabin home - originally chinked with moss - brought it to the attention of others outside the community. For several summers prior to 1920, a film crew from Hollywood set up camp at the edge of the meadow behind what is now Tahoe City Pharmacy, using the Watson Cabin as a set for a number of two reel films.

Curiosity-seekers who happened on the cabin showed little consideration for the occupants' privacy. "It was just too much traffic" remembers daughter Mildred. "Too much banging on the door - 'I heard you lived here a long time' - and she (Stella) didn't want to do it anymore." In 1926, Watson bought some acreage west of what is now Dollar Point, and began construction of a sawmill. Thereafter, the family lived on the mill property during the summer, renting their cabin in town to a succession of tenants.

Beginning in 1947, the log cabin became the storefront for Hunt's Gift Shop, a treasurehouse of Indian rugs, jewelry and other artifacts from the far corners of the globe. When the Hunts retired, the quaint structure became the 'Potter's Wheel', a business owned and operated by Betty Layton and her daughter, Judy.

by Carol Van Etten



STELLA WATSON



GROVE STREET
PLAYHOUSE



WATSON & FREMONT'S CANNON

Betty Layton

It proves ironic that the person whose effort 'saved' the historic Watson Log Cabin for the Historical Society is being given the eviction notice to vacate by January 1990.

It was Betty Layton's love and appreciation of Tahoe's past that moved her to seek to preserve the cabin and have it included on the National Register's list of historic structures. She leased it from Mildred Watson Collins in 1976 not knowing what she was going to do with it, in order to keep the building for the Historical Society until such time as they could purchase it. Because of her interest in pottery, she decided to open a handcrafted pottery shop, The Potter's Wheel.

It took six years with many negotiations beginning in 1973 to purchase the cabin. It was done with the combined efforts of the first president of the society, Gardner Mein; Ed Barnett(our current president who was the society's attorney); Bill Layton and Bill Briner, managers of the T.C.P.U.D.; John Dill and Ann Tiller, former society presidents to finally consummate the sale.

Because part of the cabin was built on the Commons Beach, the Society could not obtain clear title to the property. The T.C.P.U.D., however, being the guardian of the beach, acted to purchase the property. Guidelines were set between the N.L.T.H.S. and the T.C.P.U.D. It was agreed that the cabin would eventually revert back to its original condition for non-commercial use. It was to show, as a typical example, a turn of the century log cabin home at Lake Tahoe.

It should be noted that Betty Layton would not have been successful in negotiations with Stella Watson and her daughter Mildred without their keen interest and desire to preserve the cabin, to keep it in its present site, and open for the public to see.

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The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society intends to protect, preserve and make the Watson Cabin accessible to the public. The cabin shall be maintained in a manner as authentic as possible to its original condition as a building of historical significance. In 1990, the cabin will be open to the public reflecting the way it looked when the Watsons lived in it. It will become a unique 'living museum' showing how life was in the early 20th century. People will play the part of actual historic Tahoe characters. They will wear costumes of the era and be knowledgeable about the events and people of the time. Active interrelation with schools, groups, and organizations is part of our goal.

The Board of Directos of the Society have formed a committee to coordinate this project. Volunteers, docents, money, artifacts and furnishings are all needed. Please contact us with questions, suggestions, comments, donations, ideas or help.

Frank L. Rosman
Watson Cabin Committee Chairman

To refurnish the cabin we need ~

I. DINING ROOM:

- A. EVERYDAY DISHES
- B. CIRCULATING OIL HEATER
- C. LARGE TABLE WITH 8 RAWHIDE SEAT CHAIRS - PINE

II. KITCHEN:

- A. TWO 1930'S NAVAJO RUGS (storm: black, red, white - 4' to 5' wide / 4' to 7' long)
- B. HAVELON FINE CHINA
- C. BRASS FAUCETS (7" long / 3½" wide)
- D. GUNS: RIFLES AND PISTOLS
- E. NEXT TO THE STOVE WAS A CIRCULAR TALL WATER HEATER
- F. WOOD BOX WITH LID
- G. COAT RACK
- H. BIG KITCHEN TABLE, SIMPLE DROP LEAF PINE
- I. 8 CHAIRS: 7 STRAIGHT CHAIRS AND A CAPTAIN'S CHAIR - WALNUT
- J. DAMASK LINEN TABLE CLOTH
- K. CURTAIN: NON-FUNCTIONAL INDIAN DESIGN MONK CLOTH

III. LIVING ROOM:

- A. DEER HEAD AND ARROW POINT COLLECTION
- B. WICKER LOVE SEAT WITH 2 PILLOWS
- C. UPRIGHT PIANO
- D. PIANO SEAT: ROUND, WOOD, CRAW FOOT ON 3 BALLS
- E. WICKER ROCKING CHAIR WITH ARMS
- F. WICKER ARM CHAIR
- G. DROP LEAF TABLE: NATURAL PINE, 3 DRAWERS
- H. LIBRARY TABLE: OAK TOP, WICKER BOTTOM, NATURAL COLOR FOR ALL WICKER USED.
- I. 2 STRAIGHT CHAIRS OF WALNUT.

IV. ROBERT AND STELLA'S BEDROOM:

- A. CROCHET STRING RUG IN BOTH BEDROOMS
- B. DOUBLE BED
- C. 1 CHEST OF DRAWERS AND MIRROR
- D. OIL LAMP

V. MILDRED'S BEDROOM:

- A. DOUBLE BED
- B. 3 MIRROR DRESSER
- C. SMALL CHEST OF DRAWERS
- D. SMALL LAMP
- E. NIGHT TABLE
- F. BEDSPREADS: COTTON COUNTERPAIN WITH FRINGE, ONE WHITE, ONE PINK

VI. BATHROOM AND KITCHEN:

- A. NEED GENERAL ITEMS USED FROM 1900-1920 FOR CUPBOARDS

A unique opportunity to experience living at Tahoe at the turn of the century awaits the DOCENTS of the Watson Cabin.

DO BE A DOCENT! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live at Tahoe at the turn of the century? How did people dress? What did they eat? What did they do for amusement? Who were the neighbors? What was school like? How were the holidays celebrated? Did Santa Claus really come to Tahoe in 1909? Did the Easter Bunny find his way through the snow? Who scared who on Halloween?

BE IN THE KNOW - BE A DOCENT. In a living museum setting, docents know about the Watsons, their family, friends and neighbors. Docents are trained in all the contents of the cabin, in the current events of the day and the gossip at the lake during this era. Children portraying Mildred and her friends would also learn what it was like to be a child then, the chores and the games. Costumes would be required for all docents: Stella, Robert and Mildred as well as their friends and neighbors.

Not all docents are going to be play acting - there is wood to chop, clothes to make and mend, a garden to tend, food to be prepared (even though none will be served at the museum), etc. Who will be doing these things - THE DOCENTS!

GIFT SHOP AND WAITING AREA - In addition to the books, posters and cards of Lake Tahoe, objects for sale might include replicas of some items in the cabin, hats and bonnets for children and adults, ladies' aprons, men's shirts, recipes, stationery, note paper, etc. If society members make some items it would certainly increase our income. DOCENTS will be in the Gift Shop.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AT THE WATSON CABIN - A series of events either seasonal or focused around standard holidays could be presented. Historians, museum personal and interested persons could gather for study and pleasure. DOCENTS would be part of these programs.

OTHER USES FOR THE WATSON CABIN: Classes in the North Lake Tahoe Area Schools will be able to schedule times for specially trained docents to give them tours. Service Clubs in the area may also arrange tours and/or have docents as speakers at their meetings. Sponsors of the Watson Cabin Living Museum will be welcome when we know more about our programs. DOCENTS would give the lectures, do the speaking engagements and welcome the sponsors.

As you can tell from reading about our ideas DOCENTS are the essential ingredient to making a 'LIVING MUSEUM'. Without LIVE PEOPLE you cannot have a LIVING MUSEUM!

Please get excited about the dreams we have shared with you. Please share some of your dreams with us. But most of all, please fill in the form enclosed with this newsletter and let Kathy and Betty know that you want to be a DOCENT at the Watson Cabin.

Betty Henderson, Chairperson
Kathy Tavernier
VOLUNTEERS & DOCENT TRAINING

NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The End of The Museum & Park?

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF THE R/UDAT (REGIONAL URBAN DESIGN ASSISTANCE TEAM) STUDY, AND WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK AND GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS A 64 ACRE SITE DIRECTLY ACROSS HWY. 89 FROM OUR FACILITIES WHERE AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER SHOULD BE PLACED, THE R/UDAT STUDY RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE DEVELOP THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER BETWEEN THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND THE LAKE. THEY FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT A LARGE PORTION OF THE WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK BECOME A PARKING AREA OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE PARKING IN THE SUMMER AND WINTER.

IN ESSENCE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF R/UDAT, IF ADOPTED, WILL BE THE END OF THE PARK AND THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND LIBRARY AS WE KNOW IT. AS ONE WHO LOVES LAKE TAHOE AND WANTS TO PRESERVE SOME PART OF OUR HISTORY AND BEAUTY, THE THOUGHT OF DESTROYING THE ONE 'OLD TAHOE' PARK LEFT SHOULD MAKE YOU NOT ONLY SAD, BUT ANGRY. OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS HAVE FOUND RESPIRE FROM THE NOISE, TRAFFIC AND FRANTIC PACE OF OUR SUMMERS IN WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK. THE TRANQUIL SETTING, THE TREES AND FLOWERS AND THE LAKE ARE UNTOUCHED HERE. THE MUSEUM PROVIDES A LOOK AT OUR HERITAGE FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY TO THE INDIANS AND OTHER PIONEERS. TO DESTROY THIS SETTING AND, MORE IMPORTANT, FEELING WOULD UNDO ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS: THE TEN YEAR BATTLE TO GET THE 3½ ACRE SITE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE STRUGGLE TO REBUILD THE ARSON-BURNED LOG CABIN AND THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE AND BEAUTIFY THIS UNCHANGED SITE. WE ASK YOU TO FIGHT TO PRESERVE WHAT SO MANY HAVE FOUGHT TO KEEP!

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER WE ASK YOU TO WRITE A LETTER PROTESTING THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND PARKING LOT DEVELOPMENT AS OUTLINED IN THE R/UDAT REPORT ON PAGE 48, SECTION '0' AND SEND COPIES TO:

1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE
LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT
P.O. BOX 8465
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA. 95731
2. ROBERT MACOMBER, SUPERVISOR
SIERRA STATE PARK
DRAWER D
TAHOMA, CA. 95733
3. NO. LAKE TAHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. BOX 884
TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730
4. INCLINE VILLAGE-CRYSTAL BAY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOX CS, INCLINE VILL., NV. 89450
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P.O. BOX 10110
SO. LAKE TAHOE, CA. 95731
6. TCPUD-PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
P.O. BOX 33
TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730
7. TAHOE CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 884
TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730
8. MIKE FLUTY-BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVE.
AUBURN, CA. 95603
9. N.L.T. VISITORS & CONVENTION BUR.
P.O. BOX 5578
TAHOE CITY, CA. 95730
10. TRUCKEE-DONNER HISTORICAL SOC.
P.O. BOX 893
TRUCKEE, CA. 95734

Thank you

THE JULY 20TH HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR WAS AGAIN A SELL-OUT SUCCESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO THE GENEROUS HOMEOWNERS WHO ALLOWED THE SOCIETY TO SHOW THEIR EXCEPTIONAL HOMES: KIRK AND BETTY WARD; EDWARD AND NANCY BUNTING; RAY AND DAGMAR DOLBY; RUSS AND BARBARA MULVANY; THE RUSSELL JOHNSON FAMILY AND KRISTIE AND ROBERT SPENCE.

CHUCK, CAROL AND PETER DANIELS OF 'REDWOOD VINTNERS' DONATED THE FINE WINE TASTING WHICH WAS COORDINATED BY GRAHAM LUCE. THE CHEESE TASTING WAS SPONSORED BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WITH THE GENEROUS COOPERATION OF THE 'GOURMET CHALET' AND BETTY AND PAUL HENDERSON PREPARED AND DONATED THE FRUIT PLATTERS. THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE WAS DONATED FOR THE DAY BY THE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION. A FINAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DO SUCH A SPLENDID JOB AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE HOUSE TOURS.



ONE OF THE MOST GENEROUS GIFTS THAT YOU COULD GIVE TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS THE DONATION OF YOUR LAKEFRONT HOME FOR OUR TOUR. THIS MAJOR FUND-RAISING EVENT CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO OUR ABILITY TO PRESERVE AND PRESENT LAKE TAHOE HISTORY. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU WILL CONSIDER THIS REQUEST. CALL MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-1762/ (916) 583-4976.

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Welcome New Members

JAMES AND JANET BALDRIDGE
GAY BENTLEY

~~JERRY AND JUNE BISHOP~~

THOMAS AND VIOLET BISHOP
KENNETH AND MARGARET BROWN
MR. & MRS. ROBT. CHEESEWRIGHT
WARREN AND GAEL CRAFT
EL DORADO SAVINGS & LOAN
ARTHUR AND MARJORIE EVANS
FINE LINE PRODUCTIONS
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VERNON AND MARGUERITE GROSS

MR. AND MRS. JERRY GUTTERMAN
RAYMOND AND MANDY HAAS

~~ZACK & BEEGE HARRINGTON~~

ALBERT AND EVELYN HYATT
ALAN AND MARJORIE HYMAN
JOHN AND JOAN LONG
GENE AND RUTH MAYER
NORM AND TERRI NIELSON
LES AND LIZ SIMMONDS
EARL AND JILL SPENCER
GREG AND NANCY VITAICH
BETTY H. WANGER

BABETTE WURTZ

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Memorial Donations

IN MEMORY OF BEN ORKOW FROM JOHN ATTARDI AND KRISTAN ATTARDI. HUSHING

IN MEMORY OF HERB OBEXER FROM RICHARD AND GWEN CLARKE

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THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JAMES BELL HAS PRODUCED A FULL COLOR LIMITED EDITION LITHOGRAPH OF A VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH OF A FISHERMAN ON THE TRUCKEE RIVER WITH THE TRAIN, CIRCA 1911. THIS SIGNED AND NUMBERED LITHOGRAPH IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$37.50/FRAMED: \$77.50(REGULAR PRICE: \$45/FRAMED: \$90.00).

ALL NEW MEMBERS(GIVING A \$25 OR MORE DONATION) WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL VINTAGE PRINT 11" X 14" DONATED BY JAMES BELL. SO NOW IS THE TIME TO BECOME A MEMBER.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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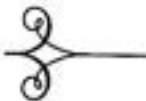
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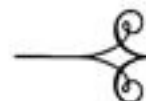
R/UDAT UPDATE

THANK YOU MEMBERS OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO WRITE TO ALL OF THE AGENCIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE R/UDAT RECOMMENDATIONS PROTESTING THE BUILDING OF AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND PARKING LOT ON THE GROUNDS OF WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE ARE NOW BEING TOLD THAT "IT WAS A MISTAKE" AND NO ONE EVER MEANT TO INVADE THE PRISTINE BEAUTY OF THIS SITE. THE MAP AND PARAGRAPHS SHOWN ON THE NEXT PAGE IS A PHOTOSTAT COPY FROM PAGE 48, SECTION 'O' OF THE R/UDAT REPORT AND CLEARLY SHOWS THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND PARKING LOT ON THE PARK GROUNDS. IT APPEARS NOW THAT THE PARK AND MUSEUM WILL NOT BE TOUCHED, BUT WE SHALL CERTAINLY REMAIN ALERT!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



MARION L. ADAMS
ED & LOUISE BARNETT, JR.
ROBERT & ELEANOR BRADY
H.D. & LA VERLE BRIDGES
JAMES & JAMIE CASEY
LOLA CRAWFORD
ROBERT & SHIRLEY DANA
ROBERT & LEAH DOBYNE
JOHN & NANCY DREW
KEN & JANET DROZD
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CHARLES & MARGARET KILMER
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LEW & VICKIE VAN BLOIS
WAYNE & CATHERINE WELCOME
CHRIS & DEBORAH WILLIAMS
JIM & MARCIA WOODS
JOSEPH & JUNE ZEMAN

IN MEMORIUM

IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME WEST SHORE RESIDENT, GORDON STAFFORD FROM CAROLYN JOHNSON.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES TO THANK RETIRING MEMBERS HARRY AND MARTHA BERNARD AND FRANK ROSMAN FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY AND WELCOMES NEW FULL-YEAR BOARD MEMBERS RUSS AND BARBARA MULVANY (PREVIOUSLY ON THE SUMMER BOARD) AND SHIRLEY DALE.

DINNER & DIXIELAND

DINNER & DIXIELAND WAS AN EVENING TO REMEMBER WITH OVER 250 GUESTS WHO ENJOYED THE MUSIC OF THE AL SHAY COMBO, A VINTAGE FASHION SHOW DESCRIBED BY VICKI KAHN AND FEATURING MODELS: SHARON FACCINTO, BERNIE BECHDOLT, ROSEMARY LINDSEY, DIANE ROSMAN, KATHY TAVERNIER, SARA SWEET, BETTY FINEMAN, AND BARBARA MULVANY, WHO WORE CLOTHING FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE TRUCKEE-DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE EHRMAN MANSION AND DOROTHY INTORF.

GLORIA NOVACK WAS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE EVENT AND WE THANK HER FOR CREATING SUCH A WONDERFUL PARTY ALONG WITH HER COMMITTEE: BUD NOVACK, BETTY LONG, HOWARD AND LINDA PERRY, BERNIE BECHDOLT, BARBARA AND RUSS MULVANY, MARJORIE AND EARL MARR, DON AND SARA SWEET AND LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO. HOW CAN WE ADEQUATELY THANK OUR DELIGHTFUL HOSTESS, NETTIE SCHERMAN, FOR ONCE AGAIN INVITING THE N.L.T.H.S. TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF HER HOME AND GARDENS WHICH SEEM TO BECOME LOVLIER EACH YEAR.

AT THE END OF THE EVENING DON SWEET AND GLORIA NOVACK HELD THE RAFFLE DRAWING AND OUR WINNERS WERE:

DINNER SHOW FOR TWO AT HARRAH'S TAHOE: BOB BELL
CASCADE SHOWROOM SHOW FOR TWO AT CAESAR'S TAHOE: BARBARA MULVANY
SUNSET COCKTAIL CRUISE FOR TWO ON THE SUNRUNNER: FABIA SCHREIBER
TWO ALL-DAY SKI PASSES AT NORTHSTAR AT TAHOE: BEEGE HARRINGTON
TWO SETS OF ALL DAY SKI PASSES AT ALPINE MEADOWS: RON ROSENBERG
TWO ALL-DAY SKI PASSES AT SQUAW VALLEY: HOWARD TROST
FLIGHT ON A WORLD WAR II P-51 BY TOM COURTNEY: CAROLYN JOHNSON
CUSTOM CARVED HOUSE SIGN BY LOU & MIRIAM BIRO: RALPH GRUNAUER
CUSTOM KNIT SWEATER BY BETTY HENDERSON: ANN TILLER
WASH & BLOW DRY FOR TWO WINNERS AT THE WHITE RHINO BEAUTY SALON: MARY HARRINGTON AND NANCY TAFT
SKI SWEATER FROM PORTERS: SARA SWEET
KNITTING NEEDLE SET DONATED BY THE KNITTING BASKET: SHIRLEY PRIESS
\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE AT 'SPORTS TAHOE': PAUL AND BETTY HENDERSON
BREAKFAST CRUISE TO GLENBROOK FOR TWO ON THE M.S. DIXIE: ANDY TOWNSEND
ONE NIGHT STAY FOR TWO AT THE HYATT LAKE TAHOE: MARY TAYLOR
DINNER FOR TWO AT JAKES ON THE LAKE: JOYCE GRUNAUER
DINNER FOR TWO AT THE TAHOE HOUSE: JANET SCHEI
DINNER FOR TWO AT GAR WOODS: ART & ANNE PENNIMAN
CRUISE FOR TWO TO EMERALD BAY ON THE TAHOE QUEEN: LINDA LEWIS PERRY
ROUND OF GOLF FOR TWO AT THE TAHOE CITY GOLF COURSE: MARY DAVENPORT
TWO SETS OF ART LESSONS BY FRIEDA KLEIN: WALTER MOLZ AND M. J. BOWDISH
½ HOUR RIDE ON THE WAVE RUNNER FROM TAHOE BOAT COMPANY: M. CHRIS SMITH
GRAND PRIZE OF A CRUISE ON BUZZ & JOAN GIBB'S THUNDERBIRD: CHRIS WILLIAMS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS AND THANK YOU TO THE DONORS LISTED ABOVE.

BIG YEAR FOR MUSEUM

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS COMPLETING OUR BEST SEASON EVER AND WE AVERAGED 1000 VISITORS A WEEK TO THE MUSEUM WITH MANY MORE ENJOYING THE PARK FACILITIES. THE PARK WAS RENTED MOST WEEKENDS FOR WEDDINGS, RECEPTIONS AND OTHER PRIVATE PARTIES. THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY IS A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM AND HAS BEEN USED FOR RESEARCH BY STATE AND PRIVATE ANTHROPOLOGISTS, ARCHEOLOGISTS, STUDENTS AND CASUAL VISITORS. A VISIT TO THE LIBRARY WILL ALLOW YOU TO STUDY ORAL HISTORIES, PHOTO COLLECTIONS, VINTAGE NEWSPAPERS, ALBUMS, LEDGERS, BOOKS ABOUT LAKE TAHOE FROM OUR GEOLOGY AND NATURAL HISTORY, THE WASHO INDIANS, STORIES, LEGENDS, MAPS AND BROCHURES FROM OUR PAST. IF YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT LAKE TAHOE AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENLARGE OUR COLLECTION.

5 STAR'S ADOPT-A-CLUB

Locally owned and operated 5 Star Enterprises Limousine Service has created a new philanthropic revenue program to assist local community service organizations in furthering their goals. To that end, our Board of Directors has chosen October, 1989, as the adopted month for the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

5 Star provides the Truckee-Tahoe area with luxurious, comfortable and reasonably priced transportation featuring Cadillac and Lincoln stretch limousines.

5 Star will provide chauffeured limousine transportation for any occasion to all Society members and will donate 10 per cent of revenue generated during our adopted month to the NLTHS.

5 Star also offers numerous package services including airport transfers, new arrivals, Truckee & Tahoe tours, cuisine by limousine, wedding and surprise specials, including complimentary bar and soft drinks on all engagements.

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What' new at the Museum

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM, ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY AND WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE FOR THE WINTER ON OCTOBER 15TH. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ON LOAN THIS SEASON. FROM THE LLOYD CHICHESTER COLLECTION WE ARE DISPLAYING 28 BEADED BASKETS BY THE FINEST WASHO ARTISTS, INCLUDING CELIA ARNOT, MINNIE FRED AND NEOLA PETE.

FROM THE RALPH AND JOYCE GRUNAUER COLLECTION, WE ARE DISPLAYING ORIGINAL LETTERS, BOOKS AND AUTOGRAPHS OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, HELEN KELLER, JOHN MUIR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, DAVID BEN GUION, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER, BRIGHAM YOUNG AND MANY MORE.

THE ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN FOR RESEARCH AND YOU CAN ENJOY THE ORIGINAL 1881 TAHOE TATTLERS, PHOTO ALBUMS OF PEONEER FAMILIES, NEWSPAPERS FROM THE 1930S ON, BOOKS ON THE WASHO, TAHOE HISTORY, TAHOE COURT LEDGERS AND MANY MORE TREASURES.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOULD TAKE TIME TO TOUR THE MUSEUM AND SEE HOW MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

● *and the Gift Shop*

OUR MUSEUM GIFT SHOP HAS ONE OF THE FINEST 'LAKE TAHOE' SELECTION OF BOOKS, POSTERS, PINE NEEDLE BASKETS AND HANDCRAFTED WOOD GIFT ITEMS AVAILABLE. NEW THIS SEASON ARE JAMES BELL'S "TAHOE'S GILDED AGE", A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM 1890 TO 1917: A LIMITED, SIGNED AND NUMBERED FULL COLOR LITHOGRAPH OF THE TRAIN, FISHERMAN AND TRUCKEE RIVER (A SPECIAL PRICE FOR MEMBERS ONLY), AND JULIE CARVILLE'S LONG-AWAITED BOOK "LINGERING IN TAHOE'S WILD GARDENS" WHERE SHE TAKES THE READER AS AN ACTIVE PARTNER INTO HUNDREDS OF TAHOE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER GARDENS WITHIN A FORMAT OF 30 SCENIC HIKES. JULIE WILL BE AT THE MUSEUM ON MONDAY NIGHT, JULY 17TH FOR A BOOK SIGNING CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION AND SLIDE LECTURE (SEE OUR SCHEDULE OF SUMMER EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER).

Thank you Bill Bechdolt

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBER BILL BECHDOLT AND HIS CREW OF YOUNG MEN FROM THE WASHINGTON RIDGE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP, WHO SPENT TWO DAYS DOING EXTENSIVE CLEANUP IN THE PARK. THIS GROUP DID A WONDERFUL JOB AND WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK HAS NEVER LOOKED MORE BEAUTIFUL.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ARGONAUT CHERITABLE FOUNDATION, JANET FISLER DUTTON, STEVEN GLAZER, BARBARA HEARD, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. LOWE, WILMA McPHERSON AND RON PATTERSON

1989 Summer Events Schedule

- JUNE 10-11 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES GIVEN BY MARION STEINBACH. PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.
- JUNE 24 SATURDAY - CHAMPAGNE GOURMET LUNCHEON HIKE IN ONE OF TAHOE'S LOVLIEST WILDFLOWER GARDENS WITH JULIE CARVILLE. DONATION \$40 PER PERSON. BY RESERVATION ONLY.
- JUNE 25 SUNDAY - WILDFLOWER HIKE WITH JULIE CARVILLE TAKING YOU ON A SIX MILE ROUNDTRIP - LUNCH NOT INCLUDED. DONATION \$25 PER PERSON. BY RESERVATION ONLY.
- JUNE 26 MONDAY EVENING LECTURE BY THE LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE VOLUNTEERS - SLIDES - 'WILD' VISITORS. 7 P.M.
- JULY 10 MONDAY EVENING LECTURE WITH THE 'VOICE OF NEVADA' NORM NEILSEN AND HIS TRUE TALES OF THE WILD WEST
- JULY 17 MONDAY EVENING CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING WITH JULIE CARVILLE AND INTRODUCING HER LONG AWAITED BOOK "LINGERING IN TAHOE'S WILD GARDENS". AFTER THE RECEPTION JULIE WILL GIVE A WILDFLOWER SLIDE SHOW AND TALK. A SPECIAL EVENING HONORING A SPECIAL LADY.
- JULY 20 LAKEFRONT HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. DONATION: \$25 PER PERSON. BY RESERVATION ONLY.
- JULY 24 MONDAY EVENING LECTURE BY LEO POPPOFF, AUTHOR OF THE 'BASIN WATCH' COLUMN IN THE TAHOE WORLD. LEO WILL DISCUSS THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS FACING THE TAHOE BASIN.
- JULY 31 & August 21 MONDAY EVENING VINTAGE LAKE TAHOE MOVIES - TWO DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.
- AUGUST 27 SUNDAY MEMBERSHIP BBQ, DIXIELAND, VINTAGE FASHION SHOW, RAFFLE DRAWING. DONATION: \$10 PER PERSON. NEW MEMBERS FREE. FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. AT NETTIE SCHERMAN'S LAKE FOREST LAKE FRONT HOME. BY RESERVATION ONLY.
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Velma Comstock Eden remembers

PRIOR TO 1913 AT TALLAC WE HAD A CAMPOODIE OF WASHOES NEAR US. SEVERAL OF THE MEN, ESPECIALLY INDIAN BEN JAMES WE GOT TO KNOW. WHY HE WAS ALWAYS CALLED 'INDIAN BEN' I DON'T KNOW. THEY TOOK OUT HORSEBACK RIDING PARTIES AND THEY WORKED SOME ON THE BOATS. THE SQUAWS HAD MY FATHER'S PERMISSION TO COME OVER TO THE KITCHEN. ANY FOOD THAT WAS RETURNED AT THE HOTEL, USEABLE FOOD, WAS GIVEN TO THE SQUAWS AND THEY WOULD COME WITH THEIR BASKETS AND CARRY IT BACK TO THEIR CAMP. THEY VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HAVING THAT. YOU SEE THEY WERE JUST EMERGING FROM LIVING THEIR OWN WILD LIFE INTO CIVILIZATION AND IT WAS QUITE HARD FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE OLDER WOMEN. THEY MADE BASKETS AND I STILL HAVE A FEW. I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT BUYING A BASKET, THEY WERE ALWAYS THERE. WE DIDN'T ACCUMULATE MUCH BEING HOTEL PEOPLE, WE LIVED VERY SPARSELY.

BEN JAMES'S WIFE WAS MAGGIE AND MAGGIE HAD HER LAST CHILD AND WAS VERY ILL. SHE WAS SO SICK THAT THE MEDICINE MEN WERE DOING THE DEATH CHANT OUTSIDE OF HER TENT. SHE WOULD NOT SEE A WHITE DOCTOR, SO MY MOTHER WHO WAS A TINY WOMAN NOT MUCH OVER FIVE FEET TALL, SHE GATHERED HER COURAGE TOGETHER, SHE THOUGHT INDIANS WERE DIRTY, BUT SHE SAID SHE HAD TO DO SOMETHING FOR MAGGIE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT REMEDY SHE USED, PROBABLY JUST THINGS FOR CLEANLINESS. SO MY MOTHER WENT DOWN TO GO INTO THE TENT, I GUESS SHE WAS KIND OF NEAR-SIGHTED, SHE BANGED HER HEAD, I REMEMBER SHE CAME HOME WITH A BLACK EYE. BUT ANYHOW, SHE WENT IN AND HELPED MAGGIE AND EVERYDAY SHE WENT BACK AND HELPED MAGGIE. THE FIRST NIGHT WHEN SHE CAME HOME AND WE SAW THE BLACK EYE, WE WONDERED WHAT THE INDIANS HAD DONE TO HER. WELL, THE INDIANS HADN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HER, THEY WERE VERY GRATEFUL. MAGGIE LIVED. I CAN REMEMBER MAGGIE COMING EVERY YEAR AND PRESENTING MY MOTHER WITH A BEAUTIFUL BASKET. THEN SHE WOULD TURN AND IN HER SOFT INDIAN VOICE AND SAY TO ME, "YOUR MOTHER SAVED MY LIFE". MY MOTHER WOULD SAY, "OH MAGGIE I JUST DID WHAT I COULD". THEN MAGGIE WOULD TURN TO ME AGAIN AND SAY SHE SAVED MY LIFE.

(Ed. Maggie James was one of the most famous of the Washoe weavers and her baskets are found in many of the local and national museums).

from a taped Interview August 1, 1984 taken by Carol Van Etten.

Raffle to benefit Attardi Library & Watson Cabin Museum

WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL PARTICIPATE IN OUR 1989 RAFFLE. ALL INCOME WILL BE USED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS, ALBUMS, NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS IN THE ATTARDI LIBRARY AND FOR THE RESTORATION AND REFURNISHING OF THE WATSON CABIN. YOU WILL FIND SIX RAFFLE TICKETS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND THE DONATION IS \$5 FOR SIX TICKETS. PLEASE RETURN THE STUBS ALONG WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES, WILDFLOWER HIKES, HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR AND MEMBERSHIP BBQ IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE ENCLOSED. THE RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE MEMBERSHIP BBQ BUT YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN FARR FROM RICHARD AND GWEN CLARKE

IN MEMORY OF B. H. ORKOW FROM CAROLYN JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER, B.H. ORKOW FROM MIRIAM BIRO

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