



CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE COMPLETION OF OUR REDINGER POWERHOUSE NO. 1



**Begun in 2009, we can finally say
the museum's demonstration
Powerhouse is completed!
It was dedicated on June 22, 2013**

*"The educational value in seeing a demonstration
is incredible. It is the only exhibit on Earth
with these capabilities"*

Shaver Lake is within the San Joaquin River drainage where every drop of water flowing to and along the river descends through one or more electric power generating stations. The system is referred to as *"The Hardest Working Water in the World"*. Scope of the system compares with construction of the Panama Canal. It is the ideal location for people to learn of the significance of hydroelectric power generation, how it works and its contribution to society.

Redinger Powerhouse No. 1 is named for David H Redinger, Superintendent of Southern California Edison Company's Big Creek Hydroelectric System from 1912, when he began as resident engineer, to his retirement in 1947. The powerhouse is modeled after one in the community of Big Creek.

It all began when Dr. Carver Mead learned of Southern California Edison's intention to decommission some of their small hydroelectric generating stations dating from the 1890s in the San

Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains. Dr Mead successfully acquired Unit No. 1 from Mill Creek Powerhouse No. 2 (MC2). It is comprised of a Pelton water wheel, generator, control board and associated parts in its original 1904 configuration, a rarity as almost no unit of that age has survived in its original condition. The powerhouse exhibit allows demonstrations of engineering, construction, and operational as well as environmental soundness, cost effectiveness and efficiency of power production from water along with its historic value in the growth of development in California.

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2012 IN-KIND DONATIONS

Thanks to many generous donors, our 2012 in-kind donations of goods rendered totaled \$36,153. These are dollars saved which we are able to apply directly to support the museum moving forward.

SHED DONATED FOR USE AT THE AMPHITHEATER

A special thank you goes out to Shaver Lake resident and business owner, Bev Cloud. Bev donated a wonderful storage shed to the museum that will be used to store items for the amphitheater, such as tables, chairs, supplies, etc. Once again, these are dollars saved for the historical society.

We thank you very much, Bev!

NEW e-SCRIP COMMUNITY CARD

In the last newsletter we told you about the new eScrip Community Card that can be used at Mar-Val Food Stores. Up to 5% of all your purchases made at MarVal will be given back to CSHS if you designate us as the beneficiary of your donation. Now you can enroll your VON'S card into the program and the same benefit will be applied to the CSHS educational programs. There is no cost to participate. Simply call the museum Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:00 and Becky will enroll for you. You can also enroll at the stores. Be sure to get a card for each family member and tell your friends to support the museum by checking us when enrolling. The Historical Society has received \$301.09 since beginning the e-Scrip Program in October,

2013 SIERRA VOICES PRESENTATIONS

The Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum invites you to our fourth season of Sierra Voices at the Shaver Lake Museum located off Highway 168 at the entrance to the Edison Campground. Sierra Voices is a program featuring guest presenters speaking on topics supporting the museum's mission: *to enrich the cultural and educational experiences of the visitors to the central Sierra by deepening their understanding of the human and natural history of the area.*

The fourth season began on May 11th and continues on the second Saturday of each successive month concluding on October 12th. Each presentation begins at 1:00 p.m. in the museum's resource room.

May 11 - Jeff Young - "Shaver Lake in 1905".

June 8 - Andy McMillan - "The Edison Big Creek Hydro Project".

July 13 - Darinda Otto - "The History of the SJ&E Railroad".

August 10 - Alan Gallegos, U.S.F.S. Geologist - "Rocks and Caves of the Central Sierra".

September 1 - (Sunday of Labor Day Weekend) – The Davis Family – "Native American Life in the Central Sierra".

September 14 - Dr. Brian Clague – "The Healing Power of Plants and Herbs Found in the Central Sierra".

October – TBA

MUSEUM RECEIVES SPECIAL DONATION FROM AUTHOR, ELSIE BUSH



This past winter the museum received an extra special gift by local historian and author, Elsie Bush. Elsie has authored six books relative to our local history. They are:

- ♦ "Big Creek 2000, A Town & It's People"
- ♦ "Guts, Grit & Granite, 100 Years of History"
- ♦ "Jungletown Lane"
- ♦ "Old Flossie, Florence Lake Population Three, 1935-1938"
- ♦ "Reshaping Central Sierra, Ninety Years of History"
- ♦ "Rhonda Raccoon"

Elsie has donated her complete inventory to the museum for sale in our gift shop. Elsie's in-kind donation has saved the historical society approximately \$30,000. These are dollars saved which we are able to apply directly to support the museum as we move forward.

We thank you, Elsie, for your very generous donation.

ARE YOU A CSHS MEMBER?

Membership sustains the Historical Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2013

DATE	EVENT	TIME, LOCATION
March 30	Annual Meeting	2:00 pm – Museum Media Room
May 11	Sierra Voices Presentation, Jeff Young	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
May 26	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
June 8	Sierra Voices Presentation, TBA	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
June 15	Pine Logging Camp Open House	10:00-2:00 – Pine Logging Camp
June 22	Power House Dedication	4:00 pm – Museum Power House
June 22	Fundraiser Dinner (Tickets In Advance)	5:30 pm – Museum Media Room
June 28	Friday in the Pines-Jimmy Collier	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
July 6	Pancake Breakfast	7:00-11:00 am – SL Comm. Ctr
July 6	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
July 13	Sierra Voices Presentation, Darinda Otto	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
July 21	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
July 21	Ice Cream Social	2:00-4:00 - Museum
July 26	Friday in the Pines – Anson Brown	6:00 – Museum Amphitheater
August 3	Black Pot Cook-off (Tickets In Advance)	TBA – Shaver Lake Fishing Club
August 10	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
August 10	Sierra Voices Presentation, Alan Gallegos	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
August 17	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
August 17	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
August 17	Big Creek Old Timer's Picnic	TBA – Edison Campground
August 17	Big Creek Old Timer's Dinner	TBA – Museum Media Room
August 23	Friday in the Pines – Irish Music	6:00 pm - Museum Amphitheater
September 1	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
September 1	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
September 1	Sierra Voices Presentation, Davis Family	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
September 14	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
September 14	Sierra Voices Presentation, Dr Brian Clague	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
September 27	Friday in the Pines - TBA	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
October 12	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
October 12	Sierra Voices Presentation, TBA	1:00-3:00 – Museum Media Room
October 20	Power House Demonstration	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
October 20	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00-3:00 – Museum Parking Lot
November 29&30	Children's Holiday Crafts	11:00 – 2:00 - Museum



ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2013

"THANK YOU"

to...

- ◆ 200+ Visitors
- ◆ Norm's Shaver Lake Coffee & Deli
- ◆ v.e.s.t. Members

...for making our Annual
Ice Cream Social
A GREAT success!!



OPEN HOUSE AT PINE LOGGING CAMP

Pine Logging Camp, located on Dinkey Creek Road, held an Open House on Saturday June 15,.

Attendees got the chance to view new interpretive signs installed in the buildings, the new USFS Fire Station, barracks, and heliport pads. Wildflowers were in bloom throughout the area and meadows.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*We hope you will remember the Society
when you are planning your estate, or as
a means of honoring a departed friend
or loved one.*

- *Nancy Ansolabere *Bill & Willie Boganwright
- *Grace Shaver Craycroft
- *Dr. Harry Judge Craycroft
- *Francis & Evelyn Emmert *Aubrey Haire
- *Dorothy Haire *Paul Haire
- *Cathy Leue *Mr & Mrs William O Miles, Sr.
- *Lawrence O'Donnell *Patti Ogden
- *JoAnn Reckas *Charlotte Sthol
- *Aileen Stout *Corby Yates

MEMBERSHIPS

*You can support the Historical Society by
giving your friends and loved ones a yearly
Museum membership. It makes an excellent
gift. Call the Museum office for details.*

Roy & Nancy Omachi
by Thom Boganwright & Lynn Patty

NEWS FROM THE CHAIR

***Just when you think that things
can't get any better . . . they do!***

Our powerhouse is up and running! This is a phenomenal accomplishment for a small community such as Shaver Lake and the central Sierra region. The powerhouse is one of the very few actual restored generating stations in a museum setting in the world. Being able to start the generator with water power for demonstration is unique. The ability to describe how water is used to power an electric generation station and then show how the system works will be a very significant addition to an already distinguished museum.

The mission and vision statements for our museum declared that the relationship between our natural environment of the central Sierra and humans was to be passed on to current and future generations. Education, using our local history as a backdrop, was our goal.

This year, our program will take another important step towards that goal. Our Partnership in Education Program (PEP) will start this fall. A fully funded program designed by our volunteers and the educators of the local schools will be in place for this coming school year. The program is designed for fourth grade students and incorporates our museum programs with the new direction that public education is going. Students will be shown all of the programs at the museum and then be tested in all of the curricula that apply to that grade level. This is a very forward thinking program and very exceptional for historical societies.

We have also started a new entertainment program called 'Friday Night in the Pines' held at the amphitheater.. Katie Blanchard has booked six musical programs to be held throughout the summer. These are free and are designed to attract visitors to our museum. This will be in addition to our other programs such as 'steam-up' days, powerhouse demonstrations, the Ice Cream Social, Sierra Voices, and of course the Black Pot Cookoff. Check our calendar for times and dates for these and other programs.

Finally all this would not be possible without the very hard work of our many volunteers. They spend many hours planning and executing all of the necessary arrangements for our activities.

Thanks to everyone,
John R Mount, President, Board of Directors

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAMP EDISON!

The Central Sierra Historical Society wishes to congratulate Camp Edison on their 50th anniversary!

There will be a Community Picnic at Camp Edison August 17th from 10:00 to 3:00. Bring your picnic lunch and join them for an old-fashioned picnic day at the campground. There will be contests, music by Grassfire, Birds of Prey show, and a crafts fair. Free day use for all. Call 559-841-3192 for booth space or additional information.

MUSEUM WISH LIST

Cheryl Frank at Ponderosa Telephone once again heard our wish for certain donations to the Historical Society. Arriving on our doorstep were two more cases of copy paper, especially needed for all the handouts provided at the museum.

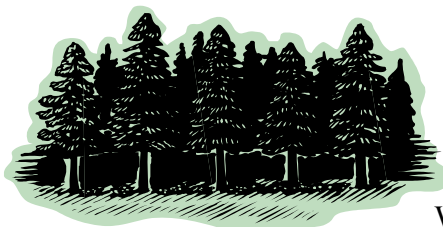
Thank you so much, Cheryl. These are dollars saved and we appreciate your generosity.

The Museum needs many items. Among them are:

- ♦ Solar Path Lights
- ♦ Solar Shades
- ♦ Walkie-Talkies
- ♦ Heavy Duty Stapler

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

MEMBERSHIP IS PERSONAL
AND MAKES YOU A PART
OF HISTORY & LEARNING



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES "FRIDAY IN THE PINES"

We are pleased to announce a new activity at the museum. Beginning Friday, June 28th we started a summer concert series at the amphitheater. Entertainment begins at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring blankets or chairs, snacks and drinks.

The schedule is for 2013 is as follows:

June 28 – Jim Collier, a blues, country, soul and folk singer

July 26 – Anson Brown, a classical guitarist

August 23 – Tipperary Stew, Irish folk music

September 27 - TBA

POWERHOUSE (continued from page 1)

Ratings and capabilities:

Ratings of the unit at the museum are 250 kilowatts, 480 volts, and 60 cycles per second. Water from an on-site reservoir is provided by a 250 horsepower, 480 volt submersible pump delivering 800 PSI, simulating a head of 630 feet. The pump was donated by Grundfos Pump Company.

Demonstration capabilities of the unit include:

- ♦ Start up, bring up to speed, synchronize it to the line, and pick up load, all by hand the way it was done before automation became available.
- ♦ Simulation of a lightning strike kicking the unit off the line. Over-speed, governor catching it and shutting it down.
- ♦ Doing a dark-start-something few plants can do today. Running stand-alone and regulating our own frequency.

There will be one demonstration beginning at noon on each of the following dates: August 10 & 17, September 1 & 14, October 12 & 20.

MUSEUM HOSTS SCIENCE DAYS

For the second time, the Museum hosted this year's Science Days event. Over 600 students from all grade levels plus 75 adults attended from Big Creek, Pine Ridge and Foothill Elementary Schools. CSHS is partnering with Edison Forestry to continue this wonderful student experience. In addition to professionals from Southern Cal Edison and US Forest Service, there were Museum docents demonstrating various aspects of our forest environment at 12 stations. The theme this year was "Wildlife".





2013 STEAM DONKEY "STEAM-UP" SCHEDULE

*For great family
fun, bring the children and let
them **blow the whistle!***

The Sierra Steamers can be seen in action in the parking lot at the Museum of the Central Sierra.

The Steam-Ups are always from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM. Remaining dates are August 17, September 1, & October 20.

ATTENTION, SCE EMPLOYEES CURRENT / RETIRED

Did you know you can financially support the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum by volunteering your services? Through the SCE Employee Volunteer Incentive Grant Program and their parent company, Edison International, you can request a cash grant up to \$600 per year representing your hours of volunteer service. Be sure to log your hours by the end of the year and submit your Edison International grant request. We are in Edison's system as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization already, so all you have to do is go to their website or call them and designate us as the receiver of your grant.

**Remember, giving back also
includes
volunteering!**

RECENT GRANTS BENEFIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITS

*The Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum is very
pleased to announce the award of four grants.*

EDISON INTERNATIONAL awarded a \$5,000 Grant to CSHS for educational purposes related to the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey Project. The funding helped finance the installation of underground utilities (water and electricity) to serve the Caboose exhibit, future sawmill and mining exhibits, the existing Steam Donkey exhibit area, and the location where the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey will be positioned. On-site signage will recognize the donor for the educational donation.

THE JOHN & BERTHA GARABEDIAN FOUNDATION awarded



two Grants, one for \$4,000 and another for \$1,000 to CSHS for educational purposes related to the SJ&E Caboose Exhibit. **Funding financed the construction and installation of a snow shed cover to protect the Caboose.** On-site signage shall recognize the donor. The John & Bertha Garabedian Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Caboose restoration project, with several grant awards given over past years.

THE JOHN & BERTHA GARABEDIAN FOUNDATION awarded a \$2,500 Grant to CSHS for education purposes related to the 2013 Sierra Voices Program. Including this grant, the CSHS has received grants over the years totaling \$56,000 from the John & Bertha Garabedian Foundation. We are extremely grateful for their support.

THE FRESNO COUNTY RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) OF THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST awarded two (2) grants to CSHS:

1. Musick Mountain Steam Donkey Project with funding of \$10,256
2. Pine Logging Camp Interpretive Sign Project with funding of \$4,000

Funding for both of these projects was completed by September 30, 2012.

The CSHS Board of Directors, Museum members, and the volunteers who have been working on these projects are very grateful for the generosity of Edison International, The John & Bertha Garabedian Foundation, and the Fresno County RAC of the Sierra National Forest.

SINKER LOG?

What's that?

Sinker logs, retrieved by Jeff Young, a logger in the Sierra and a member of the Central Sierra Historical Society Board of Directors, have been milled to size and now adorn the ceiling of the Museum of the Central Sierra.

"Sinker logs" are logs that sink to the bottom of timber ponds. These logs have sat at the bottom of Shaver Lake since the late 1890s. The logs are not only in excellent condition but extra valued because of their age, grain and color.

Jeff's uncle, his father, and now Jeff have pulled logs out of the lake for decades - logs that sank there when the spot was a timber pond and lumber mill. Most logs float, but about 4% of the logs will sink. Hence the name "Sinker Logs". Jeff's uncle and father began retrieving some of the logs in 1959. At that time the logs did not have the historical value they carry today.

In March, 2012, with the lake drained, some of the sunken logs floated to the surface when Edison began to refill the lake, having dried enough so they could float. Jeff was able to handle the smaller volume of logs at his own small lumber mill, but it was apparent he needed a larger mill. Kent Duysen, the General Manager of Sierra Forest Products in Terra Bella generously offered to donate the milling to the Central Sierra Historical Society.

The logs are true old-growth timber, with wider rings. The years in the water have given the wood a distinctive color and the grain is impressive. Jeff estimates the logs were approximately 150 years old when they were cut down. They sat on the bottom of Shaver Lake where water temperatures did not top 40 degrees and there was no oxygen. There is still an estimated two million board feet of timber still in the lake, below 135 feet of water.

FUNDRAISER

"PINE 'N FIR COMPLETION DINNER"

A GREAT SUCCESS

Proceeds of the fundraiser paid for the installation of beautiful "sinker wood" ceiling in the museum building

The CSHS fundraiser dinner was held June 22, 2013. It was a great success as the tickets sold out early. We were able to add three more tables and still didn't have enough seats to accommodate everybody. Guests were treated to delicious appetizers and a full bar for Social Hour. A beautiful dinner followed, catered by Classic Catering Company and included Fresno State wines.



A lively oral auction ensued, led by auctioneer Jeff Young; and a Pirates Booty drawing resulted in member Dee Cornelison winning \$810. Proceeds for the evening yielded \$14,642 and a very generous donation of \$8,000 from RPM Planing, Inc. brought a total of \$22,642 towards the fundraising event.

A special THANK YOU goes out to co-chairs for the event, Judy Statler and Alice Knapp. It was apparent that their hard work was very much appreciated by all who attended. Another thank you goes out to members of the Board of Directors and members of **v.e.s.t.** who volunteered their time and efforts to make the event the great success that it was.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Special thank you's are extended to Auberry Intermountain Rotary, Shaver Lake Lion's Club, and RPM Planing Mill, Inc. for exceptional donations in the past few months. We are a nonprofit 501-C3 organization, and with their generous support we will be able to help our community fulfill their dream to keep our museum moving forward. **THANK YOU!**

MUSEUM OFFERS ANOTHER SUMMER LONG RAFFLE

Come into the museum before Labor Day Weekend for your chance to win one or both of our summer long raffle prizes.

We have been gifted with two items significant to the draining of Shaver Lake. One is a 12x36 Black Framed Photo of the 1893 Shaver Dam and Old Mill Site. The photographer is Ted Reckas and the value is \$300. The other is a 7x10.5 slate with a photo of the 1893 Shaver Dam. The photographer is Julie Skaff and the value is \$100.



Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn Monday, September 2 at noon. You can buy as many tickets as you like and you need not be present to win. Both items are on display at the Museum.

THANK YOU, EDISON COMPANY BIG CREEK EMPLOYEES

CSHS has benefited tremendously from the Big Creek Employees of Edison Company for their donation of a DVD on the Shaver Lake Dam Geomembrane Project.

The DVD contains over 800 photos of the empty Shaver Lake historical mill site, sinker logs, the Steamboat Michigan, boilers, smoke stacks and the historic dam and gate house. Photos were taken on the ground and from the air. From April 2012 to March 2013 CSHS received \$5,260 from selling the DVD.

A big **Thank You** goes out to Big Creek Employees of Edison Company, especially Don Dukleth and Kristie Crimm. The DVD is available at the museum and the cost is \$20 plus tax.

SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPONSORSHIP

Have you wished you could have a lasting impact on the Museum of the Central Sierra?

Here's your chance.....Donations are appreciated to fund the following projects:

- ♦ Restoration of a sawmill donated by the Hayden Family.
- ♦ Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit.
- ♦ Emmert Stamp Mill Project.
- ♦ SCE Mack Truck shelter.
- ♦ Shaver Lake Fire Truck No. 1.
- ♦ Flume exhibit and tender's cabin.
- ♦ Interpretive sign kiosks for: Steam Donkey, Sawmill, Amphitheater, Hydro Exhibit, Mack Truck, Caboose, Antique Graders, Nature Trail .
- ♦ A three-dimensional topographic model of the San Joaquin River & Kings River Watersheds.
- ♦ Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.
- ♦ Walk In The Woods Exhibit.

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Be a member!

Ask about all our activities.

CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of: \$ _____

\$1000.00 - Gold Donor

\$ 250.00 - Bronze Donor

\$ 500.00 - Silver Donor

\$ 100.00 - Benefactor

Membership Renewal _____ New Member _____

\$ 75.00 - Patron

\$ 20.00 - Individual Member

\$ 35.00 - Family

IN ADDITION I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Museum Building Fund.

I would like to donate \$ _____ in memory of: _____

and I would like a notice of my donation be sent to: _____

I would like to donate a gift membership in the amount of \$ _____ to _____

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Name on Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 559-841-4478

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CSHS

All members will receive the CSHS newsletter.

Each paid membership constitutes one vote at the CSHS Annual Meeting.

The Central Sierra Historical Society is a California nonprofit corporation formed to preserve the history of the Central Sierra Mountain area. We operate exclusively for public benefit and educational purposes within the margins of section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code.

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SUMMER CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Because our summer children's craft project was such a huge hit last summer we decided to offer it again this summer. Shirley Kepler and Judy Statler are the coordinators for the program and they have been busy preparing the projects. There are two activities. One will be to construct a Stellar Blue Jay out of paper and then attach it to a stick to imitate flight. The other will be the construction of a Native American necklace.

So many children participated last summer that we are asking for volunteers to supervise the activities, especially during special events.

CSHS ANNOUNCES A NEW EXHIBIT "WALK IN THE WOODS"

CSHS is pleased to announce the donation from The Forest Foundation of a "Walk In The Woods" exhibit. The exhibit is housed in a long trailer and contains imitation trees grouped into groves with specific educational information pertaining to



natural resources, as well as active management by professionals.

It has toured throughout California cities appearing in public buildings, malls, museums, and conventions. This exhibit was commissioned to

be constructed by the California Forest Products Commission in 1998 at an estimated cost of \$200,000. The California Forest Products Commission ceased to be funded in 2006 and management of the Walk In The Woods Exhibit was assumed by The Forest Foundation, a non-profit educational entity.

In 2012 this exhibit was donated to CSHS for display and pursuit of education. It will be on display at the museum next year.



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PRESERVE CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORY BY BECOMING A MEMBER!

Become a MEMBER of the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum and explore our unique cultural history. Your membership helps to preserve the museum collection, to maintain and improve the museum and its exhibits, and to provide our community with educational programs, exhibitions and engaging social activities. Membership begins at \$20! Your membership is tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

2013 MUSEUM HOURS - Seasonal Schedule

April 1—May 15, Thursday-Monday 11:00-3:00

May 16—Fall, Seven days a week 11:00-3:00

Fall—December 16, Thursday-Monday 11:00-3:00

We are able to open the museum for special occasions, tour requests, etc.

Please call the museum at (559) 841-4478 for more information.

How to Reach Us

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Mission Statement of the Central Sierra Historical Society

The mission of CSHS is to enrich the cultural and educational experiences of visitors to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, by deepening their understanding of the human and natural history of this area. CSHS hopes to inspire future generations by bringing to life the challenges and achievements of the people who lived here.

It is the goal of CSHS to construct and operate a first-class museum and learning center near Shaver Lake that will preserve the heritage of the Central Sierra. CSHS will provide educational programs and activities to the public, it will preserve and protect historical artifacts, and it will work in partnership with other organizations to further the study of the history of this area.