



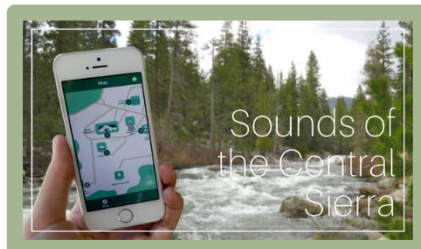
Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

CURRENT MUSEUM HOURS

CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 2021
DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS
AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
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**A Forest 
Without Trees**

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The Mission of the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum, Inc. (CSHS) is to provide cultural and educational experiences to deepen the understanding of the human and natural history of the central Sierra region. The CSHS is a museum without walls, inspiring future generations to nurture a healthy and resilient forest and community.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Historical Society is pleased to inform its members that they have hired an Independent Contractor for three months. **Frank Johnson** joined the Historical Society on January 4, 2021. Among his duties, and due to his overall qualifications relative to our immediate needs, Frank will oversee our website's restructuring, assist with event planning, including virtual events, review our education programs, and develop a community outreach program. With the museum being closed for most of 2020, we are grateful for Frank's experience and love for the Sierra history to keep our mission moving forward.

2020 GRANTS RECEIVED

The Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum is incredibly pleased to announce four grants received in 2019.

THE BERTHA AND JOHN GARABEDIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION awarded a \$2,500 grant to CSHS for education purposes related to the 2020 Sierra Voices Program and the 2020/2021 PEP Program. Including this grant, the CSHS has received \$78,500 from the Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation.

ROTARY CLUB OF AUBERRY INTERMOUNTAIN awarded an \$800 grant to CSHS for General Operations.

SHAVER LAKE LIONS CLUB awarded a \$3,000 grant to CSHS for General Operations.

The CSHS Board of Directors, museum members, and the volunteers who have been working on these projects are grateful for the generosity of The Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation, Rotary Club of Auberry Intermountain, and Shaver Lake Lions Club. We **THANK YOU** all for your continued support.

2020 IN-KIND DONATIONS

Thanks to many generous donors, our 2020 in-kind donations of goods rendered totaled \$7,330. These are dollars saved, which we can apply directly to support the museum moving forward.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Your contributions help us further our reach and share our history through innovative programming, thought-provoking lectures, and hands-on learning that lead to a better understanding of our forests and our place in history. As we prepare for the 2021 season, we are working on new exhibits and more educational programming for children and adults. As you know, yearly membership dues only cover a small portion of the cost to operate the museum. We look to the generosity of people like you, who share in our belief that the Central Sierra Historical Society is, and must continue to be, an essential part of our community

and surrounding forest into the future. Thank you for all that we have accomplished with your past support. You can still contribute to the Annual Appeal, and you can specify your gift to many of our exciting programs and projects – Amphitheater Enhancement Fund, Hayden Sawmill Restoration Fund, Partnership In Education Fund, Powerhouse Exhibit Fund, Executive Director Fund, and more. Or you can choose no designation, and your contribution will go into the General Fund. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

You can help us by receiving your donation receipts and your newsletters via email.

You are saving the Historical Society **many** dollars in printing and mailing costs. **THANK YOU FOR THAT!**

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES COMING SOON

The Historical Society's fiscal year is April 1 through March 31. Watch your mail for your 2020 membership renewal notice. The renewal notices will be sent in early March.

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Amazon donates.



Did you know that 0.5% of your Amazon purchases can be donated to CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY when you shop on smile.Amazon.com? When you visit <https://smile.amazon.com> for the first time, you must select a charity to support. In the "pick your own charitable organization" field, enter "CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM" and "Search". Select us from the results and start shopping!

If you have already selected us for your donations, and to ensure all donations go to Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum, you can follow this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0280796>

You may want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

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WHAT ARE OUR ACQUISITION GUIDELINES?

CSHS strives to align with professional museum standards when it comes to accepting donations into our collection. This begins with open communication with the potential donor about what they want to give us; moves along to a decision by the Acquisitions Committee based on whether the object fills a need and can be adequately cared for with the resources we have and concludes with the legal transfer of the artifact into the museum's keeping.

At the museum, we appreciate the trust shown by all who have contributed pieces of history to our displays and exhibits. To maintain this trust professionally, we ask you to give us a call or come by if you think you have something that would fit in our collection. Yes, we might tell you about our procedures and policies. But in the end, we all want the same thing: "to enrich the cultural and educational experience of visitors to the Sierra Nevada Mountains".

SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPONSORSHIP

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

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

1. Ceiling fans for the main museum
2. Shade awnings for the museum patios
3. Solar lights for Amphitheater pathway
4. Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit
5. Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey
6. Restoration of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Firetruck

Please call CSHS at 841-4478 for more information on how you can sponsor one or more of these projects.

**OUR MAY NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE OUR 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CHECK OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT/IMPORTANT DATES**

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

-Bill Benelli- -Herman Schuler- -Chuck Olsen- -Sally Westmann-

OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS CIRCLE MEMBERS

THANK YOU to our newest Business Circle member, **PATTY JONES/AUBERRY FEED STATION**. The following businesses joined the Historical Society's Business Circle, and we appreciate you so much. Your membership helps preserve the museum collection, maintain, improve the museum and its exhibits, and provide our community with educational programs, exhibitions, and engaging social activities. An updated portable banner listing all business memberships will be commissioned in April and displayed at the museum and other outreach events. If you have a business, please consider supporting us by joining the Historical Society as a Business Circle Member with a **tax-deductible \$250/year** membership donation.

In addition to the quarterly newsletters, your business name is on signage at the museum & outside events. You will receive free entry for up to four people into the Friday In The Pines concerts with early seating, as well as free admission for up to four people into our Sierra Voices presentations. Plus, your business can have free use of our media room for your meetings!

Academic Gameplan, Jill McBride Baxter	Rolling Hills Estate
Auberry Feed Station, Patty Jones	Auberry
Augusto Altamura & Co, Augusto Altamura	Riverdale
Boy Scouts of America, Sequoia Chapter #027, John Richers	Fresno
Cal West Rain, Larry Isheim	Kerman
California State University, Fresno Foundation, Dr. Joseph I.	Fresno
Doug Koerper Construction, Doug Koerper	Shaver Lake
Emerson Church Law, Rayma Church	Fresno
F&F West, Ferguson Farming, Ryan Ferguson	Lemoore
FACSCO, Steve McBride	Fresno
Financial Depot, Dennis Hoffman	Auberry
Fleming & Sons, LLC, Grant & Jennifer Fleming	Auberry
Gold Arrow Camp, Steven & Audrey Monke	Huntington Lake
Golden Empire Electric, Doug & Sharon Tudor	Bakersfield
J Noble Binns Plumbing Co, Don & Carolyn Schimnowski	Bakersfield
J&J Custom Picking, Jim & Judy Errecart	Shaver Lake
James G Palmer Appraisals, Inc., Jim Palmer	Fresno
Jeff Covey, CPA, Jeff Covey	Auberry
Jill McBride Baxter/Sports Law Attorney	Palos Verdes Peninsula
Lite-On-The Land, Steve & Starla Lawshe and Ryan & Kristen	Auberry
McPheeters & Associates, Land Surveying, Katrina Olsen	Clovis
Mid-Term, Inc, Craig & Ellen Middleton	Fresno
Muir Trail Ranch, Karla Hurley	Ahwahnee
OHM-Mega Electric, Mark & Kerri Elizondo	Auberry
O'Neill Agri-Management, Inc., Tim & Anna O'Neill	Madera
Peter Van Vleet, Realtor	Shaver Lake
Pine Ridge Elementary School District	Pine Ridge
Pinnacle Real Estate of Shaver Lake, Beth Brown	Shaver Lake
Pius Construction, Diana Pius	Shaver Lake
Ponderosa Solid Waste, Fred Dow	Friant
Ponderosa Telephone, Dusty Gauthier	O'Neals
Quality Home Painting, Inc., Jim Hoak	Prather
RPM Planing Mill, Inc., Mike & Jean Bushell	Fresno
Reedley Veterinary Hospital, John & Gail Gray	Parlier
Reinhardt Insurance Agency, Inc., Walt Reinhardt	Fresno

Roger E Petersen Investments, Roger E Petersen	Clovis
Shaver Lake Fishing Club, The McDonald Family	Shaver Lake
Shaver Lake Marina, Tyler Powell	Shaver Lake
Shaver Lake Pizza, Rehg & Darla Ronemus	Shaver Lake
Shaver Lake Sports, Dave Powell	Shaver Lake
Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Project, Bob Bernier	Shaver Lake
Sierra Forest Products, Darren Mahr	Terra Bella
Sierra Marina Inc., Sheldon Sandstrom	Shaver Lake
TB Pump Systems, Thom Boganwright	Madera
Two Brothers Landscaping, Mario Contreras	Sanger
Waters Properties, Danny & Joan Waters	Fresno
Wer-Stan Associates, John Stanfield	Shaver Lake

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WE ARE SUPPORTED SOLELY BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

CSHS MUSEUM STAFF

Kerri Elizondo - Office Manager, Bookkeeper
 Rebecca Davis - Membership Coordinator,
 Newsletter, Recording Secretary
 Deb Bell - Museum Assistant
 Joy West – Museum Assistant

PRESERVE THE CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORY – BECOME A MEMBER!

Please become a MEMBER of the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum and explore our unique cultural history.

Your membership helps preserve the museum collection, maintain, and improve the museum and its exhibits, and provide our community with educational programs, exhibitions, and engaging social activities.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- \$ 30 – Individual \$ 250 - Bronze
- \$ 50 – Family \$ 500 - Silver
- \$ 150 – Donor \$1000 - Gold

CIRCLE LEVELS

- \$250 – Business Level
- \$2000 – Patrons (5-Yr Commitment)

Please call the museum to join -or- visit our website at www.sierrahistorical.org & click on **Membership** to join.

WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM IN SPRING 2021!

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

You can support the Historical Society by giving your friends and loved ones a yearly membership to the Museum of the Central Sierra. It makes an excellent gift. A gift membership is only \$30. Please call Rebecca Davis, Membership Coordinator, with the details.



Do you know that volunteering may improve brain health? 8.6 million Americans are expected to suffer from Alzheimer's disease – a fourfold increase – in the next 50 years. Research shows a positive link between volunteering and improved brain health. The Historical Society is always looking for willing helpers. Just in the past year, members and friends alike have lent their talents in many ways. Volunteers generously donated over 5,000 hours of their time in 2020. 2021 looks to be another busy year, and help is needed. Or, to put it more appropriately, the Society needs your help! There are lots of opportunities, and there is always a place for your particular talent. We need YOU! You will have fun while working to enhance our museum.

Ways to get involved:

- * JOIN V.E.S.T. and/or become a Docent.
- * Help with an event: Ice Cream Social, Annual Fundraiser Dinner, Children's Holiday, and Summer Crafts
- * Volunteer for the Partnership in Education Program: outreach to schools with local education opportunities

Docents meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:00 A.M. to share ideas and information. Whether your interest is specific to an area like railroads, the steam donkey engine, or the powerhouse, or you prefer to greet visitors inside the museum, being a docent has much to offer.

V.E.S.T. (Volunteer Education Service Team) meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:15 A.M. The V.E.S.T. mission is to create awareness of the Museum of the Central Sierra Historical Society and to facilitate events and educational programs.

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU!



• STORYTELLERS •

CALLING ALL STORYTELLERS ~THE CREEK FIRE STORYTELLING PROJECT~

Submitted by Kristin Telles

A recovery component is acknowledging the grief brought on by a disaster and remembering that which came before. The Resiliency Fund is committed to honoring the Central Sierra region's historical legacy by collecting community stories of the Creek Fire--and the unique histories that precede the Creek Fire--and preserving those stories as potential exhibits through the Central Sierra Historical Society.

We are thrilled to announce that we launched the Creek Fire Storytelling Project on January 27 by requesting community stories via our website and community partnerships. The stories are already coming in! In time, we hope to find physical ways to display these as a comprehensive Creek Fire exhibit that could include museum displays, oral history exhibits, interpretive kiosks placed throughout the community, a formal oral history project, and/or a book. We are also collaborating with the 4H Ambassador leadership team and a local junior author program to collaborate on projects to help the youth tell their Creek Fire stories.

We ask for both stories of the Creek Fire experience and stories of places pre-and post-fire. For more details or to submit your story, please go to <https://sierrahistorical.org/resiliencyfund/storytelling-program/>

To read stories from the community, please go to <https://sierrahistorical.org/resiliencyfund/community-stories/>

For questions, or if you would like to help with the story-collection effort, please email kristin@sierrahistorical.org

"We cannot truthfully say "We have lost everything" so long as we are still around to say those words. In that lies the hope that we still have time to learn and to change." --Howard V. Hendrix, Pine Ridge, Creek Fire Storytelling Project submission

#resiliencystorytelling



Submitted by Sahara Saude-Bigelow

The Resiliency Fund has been hard at work, raising funds and taking action to help the community and our mountains recover.

TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE RESILIENCY LAUNCH ON OCTOBER 2, 2020

1. Formed the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund, appointed a Resiliency Council and Fund Ambassador group, and established the Resiliency Fund program areas: Restoration, Community, and Stewardship.
2. Collaborated with other non-profits, governmental agencies, and community leaders to unify recovery efforts and progress towards revitalizing the forest and community.
3. Conducted four educational workshops on soil stabilization and FEMA site cleanup to connect the available programs and resources with those affected by the Creek Fire.
4. Initiated soil stabilization demonstration areas on the slopes behind the historic Cressman's store's footprint to protect that site and provide a community example of soil stabilization practices.
5. Assisted the Pine Ridge Property Owners Association and Pine Ridge and Alder Springs communities with erosion control donating weed-free straw and volunteers over five demonstration days.
6. Awarded the 168 Fire Safe Council a \$10,000 grant to partner with them in helping homeowners remove fire damaged/dying trees and brush from their properties.
7. Engaged with community efforts to provide support to those who lost homes in our community. The Resiliency Fund provided a two-year-old Redwood seedling to each Creek Fire family to go with the Adopt-A-Family holiday gift basket drive and assisted Central Valley Community Bank in the Giving Tree gift process and distribution.
8. Established the "Seedlings of Hope" campaign to raise funds to allow for local plantings of native species beginning in Spring 2021. Received a grant from Southern California Edison to help launch Seedlings of Hope in 2021.
9. Created the Storytelling project to collect community stories of the Creek Fire--and the unique histories that precede the Creek Fire--and preserve those stories as potential exhibits through the Central Sierra Historical Society.
10. Actively working on private-public collaborative efforts to help manage the forests in the buffer areas surrounding central Sierra communities and popular recreational areas.

-CENTRAL SIERRA RESILIENCY FUND SPONSORS-

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VISIONARY SPONSORS \$10,000+

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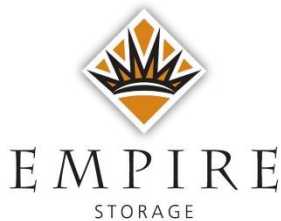
RESILIENCE SPONSORS \$5,000+



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SUSTAINING SPONSORS \$2,500+



Generous Support Of Business Leaders Helps Fund The Critical Work Of The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund

Will you join us as a sponsor of the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund, helping to make a difference in the mountains that we love for generations to come? We are happy to help find the right fit for you and your company. Your donation is extremely important to our work.

The fund is being hosted through the Central Sierra Historical Society, a California 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization. It is managed in a restricted account at the Central Valley Community Bank. The Fund allocation is overseen by the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund Council, comprised of vetted community volunteers

and leaders, with mission-aligned oversight from the Central Sierra Historical Society Board of Directors.

By giving a tax-deductible sponsorship to the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund, you are directly supporting efforts to create a future where healthy forests, prospering communities, and economic health are shared by generations to come.

For additional information or to discuss unique Sponsorship opportunities for you or your company, please contact us at resiliencyfund@sierrahistorical.org

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

REFRESHMENTS: 2:00 P.M.

MEETING: 2:30 P.M.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

COME AND HEAR ABOUT THE EXCITING PLANS FOR 2021

SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH A FRIEND!