



Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum

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MAY 2021



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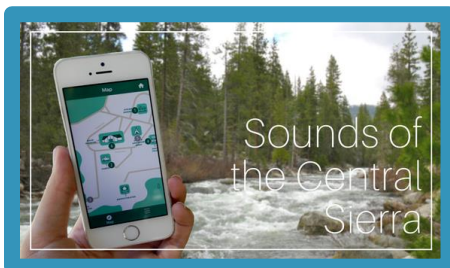
April 2 – May 27 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11-3

May 28 – September 8 – Open Daily 11-3

September 9- December 5 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11-3

All Dates And Times Are Subject To Change

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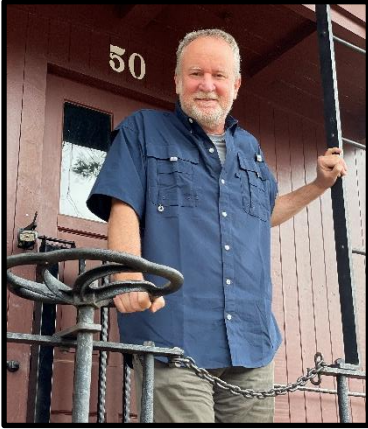


• STORYTELLERS •

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.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Frank Johnson



Hello friends, supporters, and donors to the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum. It has been a time of epic tragedy and personal sorrow for many of you. The global pandemic has torn families apart and stressed many small businesses beyond the breaking point. With our precious forests undermanaged, brimming with fuel, and crippled by the Bark Beetle infestation, the Creek Fire has wrought utter devastation on a scale that defies even the direst predictions by experts. The healing process is ongoing, and the recovery of the Mountain will take generations. Our mental and physical health, homes, and livelihood have been assailed in this trying time.

Stories of unconscionable tragedy pervade, but a safe harbor is concealed from plague and fire, a bastion against any form of disaster. That constant is our collective history and love of the Sierra. No catastrophe can take away our memories nor erase the labor of our ancestors. Our spirit is as strong as the glaciers, volcanoes, and tectonics that formed the Sierra we love.

The Museum of the Sierra is a cultural repository of our identity. A place where visitors and residents become inspired by human and natural forces. Our Museum is a magical place where science, technology, engineering, creativity, art, and culture motivate smiles and inspire imaginations.

Moving forward, we need help to pull out of the doldrums of the past two years. Some of the projects on our wish list: interactive displays, enhanced and accurate Native American exhibits, historical interpreters, better geology displays, and more attention to flora and fauna. Along with the exhibits that get everyone excited, we also need operating funds for tinted windows to protect the artifacts, expanded exhibit areas, ceiling fans, and staff operating expenses.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THREE KEY AREAS.

- **MONTHLY GIVING:** Go to "Support Us" on our website or scan this QR code and choose "Monthly Giving". Even \$5 a month will help us plan for the future. That is less than the cost of a Starbucks coffee!
- **PATRONS CIRCLE:** Participants pledge \$2000 a year for five years. This is a tremendous help to us!
- **ENDOWMENTS:** When planning your estate, an endowment will help ensure a healthy future for the Museum. Your personal passions will live on in perpetuity.



SCAN ME

WE NEED YOUR ENERGY IN FOUR KEY AREAS.

- **BREAK THE MOLD:** Many people have a preconceived notion of what a "museum" means. My vision is that we will be perceived as a resource and place of interest for anyone who professes to "love the mountains." We need to reach photographers, campers, fishermen, 4WDers, and other recreationalists that may otherwise not be interested in a "museum". Many people love museums but do not realize they do!
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow us on Facebook and other social media outlets. Share, comment, and engage!
- **VOLUNTEERS:** We always need volunteers for docents, blog writers, event helpers, etc. Even one day a month will make a difference.

- **OUTREACH:** Help us find influencers. Please speak to your homeowner's association about including the Museum in an email or a mention on their website. Perhaps they will include our trifold in a mailer or space on a bulletin board. Also, we have a beautiful space for events, and they are a significant revenue stream for us. Help promote the Museum for weddings, parties, and corporate events. We would like to have a better presence at community gatherings. If you hear about an event we should attend, please let me know, and I will try to find volunteers or staff to represent the Museum.

MUSEUM OF THE SIERRA



The official name of our nonprofit is the "Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum". We felt it is time to name the actual Museum the "Museum of the Sierra" for many reasons. The most beautiful American mountain range, the Sierra Nevada, now has a museum.

ABOUT ME

I recently was a manager at a significant Civil War museum/laboratory in Charleston, SC. The Museum attracted over 30,000 people a year, and I worked primarily with the Education Program, Group Tours, Fundraising, Event Planning, Volunteer Management, and Outreach. Previous experience includes sales to nonprofit organizations, destination management/tourism, project management, Internet marketing, and traditional marketing.

A proud Air Force veteran, I was born in Long Beach but owned a home in Clovis for over ten years and graduated from Fresno State. I have logged many months backpacking, fishing, and hunting in the beautiful Sierra backcountry. I am grateful to find an affordable place to rent in Shaver Lake, close to the Museum.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Museum staff, who are very professional, knowledgeable, and committed to the Museum, and they are a fantastic asset to our organization. We are lucky to have many dedicated and caring Board Members who share their professional talents and business acumen to ensure a successful organization.

The Members, Board and Staff have done an incredible job with the Museum. We have a solid foundation to build on, and I thank you for your continuing support.

We are here for you! Please do not hesitate to reach out, email or phone. My contact information is listed below.

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CSHS MUSEUM STAFF

Kerri Elizondo - Office Manager, Bookkeeper

Rebecca Davis - Membership Coordinator,
Newsletter, Recording Secretary

Deb Bell - Museum Assistant

Joy West - Museum Assistant

Laura Garcia - 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.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

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

MUSEUM OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021**ALL EVENTS or DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND LOCATION
May 1	Annual Membership Meeting	2:00 pm – Museum Media Room
May 8	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members) History of the High Sierra Pack Stations The Cunningham Family, Speakers	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
May 22	Taste Of Shaver Lake (See Page 14 For Details)	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
May 30	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
May 30	Powerhouse Demo	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
June 12	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members)	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
June 12	Sugar Pine Lumber Co., The Minarets and The Western Railroad – David Rodrigues, Presenter	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
June 12	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
June 12	Powerhouse Demo	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
June 25	Friday in the Pines Concert Rock Therapy, Entertainers	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
June 26	Hikes for History Huntington Lake Dams & Historic Winch House	10:00 am – Museum Parking Lot
July 4	Pancake Breakfast	7:00 am-11:00 am – SL Community Center
July 4	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00 am-3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
July 4	Powerhouse Demo	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
July 10	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members) Surveying The Sierra – Katrina Olsen, Presenter	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
July 17	Annual Fundraiser Dinner (Purchase Tickets In Advance) Proceeds Will Benefit A Buffalo Soldier Exhibit At Museum (See Page 13 For Details)	5:00 pm – Museum Grounds
July 23	Friday in the Pines Concert Deja Too!, Entertainers	6:00 pm – Museum Amphitheater
July 24	Hikes for History Balsam Forebay	9:00 am – Museum Parking Lot
August 7	Black Pot Cook-Off Fundraiser (Tentative) (Purchase Tickets in Advance)	2:00 pm – Shaver Lake Fishing Club
August 8	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up	10:00 am-3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
August 8	The San Joaquin Valley Flywheelers Demo	10:00 am-3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot
August 8	Powerhouse Demo	12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
August 8	Cream Social	1:00 pm-3:00 pm – Museum Grounds

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DATE	EVENT	TIME AND LOCATION
August 13	Friday in the Pines Concert The GillyGirls, Entertainers	6:00 pm - Museum Amphitheater
August 14	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members) Creek Fire Revisited, John Mount, Presenter	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
August 21	Hikes for History Potter Pass	9:00 am – Museum Parking Lot
August 27	Friday in the Pines Concert Lance Canales and the Flood, Entertainers	6:00 pm - Museum Amphitheater
September 5 September 5	Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up Powerhouse Demo	10:00 am-3:00 pm – Museum Parking Lot 12:00 pm – Museum Powerhouse
September 18	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members) High Odyssey, Phil Bartholomew, Presenter	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
October 9	Sierra Voices Presentation (\$5 for non-members) The History Of The Chaffee Zoo – Jean Chaffee, Presenter	1:00 pm – Museum Media Room
November 27	Children's Holiday Crafts (Weather Permitting) Sponsored by v.e.s.t.	11:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Museum
December 6	Museum Closed for Winter	

NEW DISPLAYS AT THE MUSEUM**The next time you visit the Museum, you will see a few new displays.**

CREEK FIRE DISPLAY – We have installed a TV monitor that currently loops photos and videos and are in the process of obtaining additional media for viewing. In addition, we have created extra space to display images, videos, and artifacts as we receive them.



NEW RESOURCE CENTER – We have been gifted a 17" MAC computer from Advocate Council member John Boogaert that visitors can use to research local hiking trails, campgrounds, etc. There will be a \$2/each page charge for printing.



TROUT TANK DISPLAY – As previously noted, the fantastic team from the Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Project, with the help of Whitie's Pet Shop in Fresno, has donated a large fish aquarium and cabinet, including all the equipment and supplies for a trout display exhibit inside the Museum. We genuinely appreciate the Shaver Lake Trophy Trout members and Whitie's Pet Shop for this exhibit. THANK YOU!

2021 STEAM DONKEY "STEAM-UP" SCHEDULE

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.

May 30

June 12

July 4

August 8 (Special Guest: The San Joaquin Valley Flywheelers)

September 5

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



2021 POWERHOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS

There will be scheduled demonstrations of our Redinger Powerhouse #1, located at the museum, at noon on the following days.

May 30

June 12

July 4

August 8

September 5

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to learn how water generates electricity.



DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO HOLD YOUR EVENTS?

OUR MEETING ROOM CAN BE RENTED



CALL THE MUSEUM FOR SPECIFICS



ATTENTION BUSINESS MEMBERS: Your current CSHS business membership allows you to rent our media room at no cost, provided your meeting is held during regular museum hours. If your meeting is to be held before 11:00 am or after 3:00 pm, there is a \$50 charge for each additional hour. A current certificate of liability insurance from your insurance provider will be required.



SIERRA VOICES 2021

Facilitator: Debbie Koerper

All specifics are subject to change.

Please watch our website or call the Museum to confirm.

Sierra Voices is an educational program that invites guest presenters to share information that pertains to the history and culture of our beautiful area. This season will be our 12th. The program is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from May through October at 1:00 pm in the Museum's media room. You will not want to miss this year's line-up!

FREE TO MEMBERS - \$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS

May 08 – History Of The High Sierra Pack Stations – The Cunningham Family, Presenters. The Cunningham's will reveal us stories about the three generations of packing in the local area. The family packing business was started in 1922-1923 by Vaud Cunningham and was continued after the war in 1948 by John's dad and uncle. They have packed people from Huntington Lake to Mono Hot Springs, Edison Lake, and Florence Lake. Listen to an afternoon of exciting stories, photos, and memorabilia on life in the high country.

June 12 - The Sugar Pine Lumber Company, The Minarets, And The Western Railroad – David Rodrigues, Presenter. David was born and raised in Pinedale, CA, the grandson of immigrants from Mexico, at the beginning of the Sugar Pine Lumber Mill in Pinedale. David joined the United States Marine Corps and retired after 20 years of service. When he returned to Pinedale, he discovered the rich history of the area and took it upon himself to start the Pinedale History Project. Since then, David has dedicated himself to collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories of his community.

July 10 – Surveying The Sierra – Katrina Olsen, Presenter. Surveyors were some of the first individuals to explore, document, and map the Sierra expansively. They were instrumental in developing our area, from railroads to dams to recreation and private ownership. Their measurements and monuments from the 1800s and early 1900 still control our modern surveys today. Join us as we peek back in time to see how they surveyed (equipment displays on loan from the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society) and how the area has developed and evolved. This presentation will touch on some basic surveying techniques and specific surveys relevant to the local area. We will walk in the footsteps of the previous surveyors as we decipher their notes and plats and compare them with our current surveys. Ms. Olsen has over 25 years of experience surveying in the San Joaquin Valley and the surrounding foothills and mountains. She is passionate about her profession and local history.

August 14 – The Creek Fire Revisited, John R. Mount, Presenter. John will give a detailed overview of the Creek Fire. The subjects will include fire progression, factors affecting the Fire's behavior, and why the aftermath looks as it does today. He will also discuss what comes next and what we can do to protect our community in the future.

September 18 – High Odyssey, Phil Bartholomew, Presenter. Phil was born in Fresno in April 1935. A one-month-old, his parents took him to Huntington Lake, where his father worked for the Forest Service. In 1941 Phil began school at Big Creek (his mother began school there in 1921), and he graduated from Pine Ridge Elementary School in 1949. Following his graduation from Sierra High School, Phil joined the Air Force, and his last duty station was in Alaska. After the Air Force, he attended Fresno State College and graduated from there in 1962 with a degree in biology. In 1963 he was hired as an aquatic biologist with the California

Department of Fish & Game and retired as District Fishery Biologist in 1997. Shaver and Huntington Lakes were part of his district. During retirement, Phil gives talks on Sierra natural and cultural history and participates in public service projects. He says it has been a great life!

October 10 – The History Of The Chaffee Zoo – Jean Chaffee, Presenter. There are three key names in the park/zoo, Roeding, Nosey, and Chaffee history. Frederick Roeding and his son George pioneered the Fresno area with the building of the Central Railroad. George was a landscaper, which led to the creation of Roeding Park and, by accident, the zoo. The following 20 years saw the haphazard growth of the zoo. George died in 1927, one year before the zoo received accreditation. The arrival of Nosey the elephant in 1941 propelled a Zoo Society's forming and brought in 10 major animals in 10 years. This fast growth in many significant animals required the full-time service of a veterinarian. Dr. Paul Chaffee entered the exotic animal world when there was truly little information on these animals. Four years later, in 1965, he was appointed Director/Veterinarian. With that combination, he made significant changes in the care of zoo animals accepted throughout the country. The zoo's name was changed in 1990 with his passing. Measure Z passed in 2004, and the zoo has been on a growth trajectory ever since.

FRIDAY IN THE PINES CONCERT SERIES 2021



General seating begins at 5:00 pm Shows begin at 6:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE NEW RESTRICTIONS BELOW

Over the past seven years of concerts, it has become clear that we need to organize better how this concert series runs. Chairs will not be allowed to be set up before 5:00 pm UNLESS you are one of the following:

- 1) the winner of our live auction item at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner for premier seating and wine.
- 2) a Bronze, Business, Silver, or Gold Level Member.
- 3) a volunteer that has logged over 30 hours.

If you fall into one of the 2nd or 3rd groups listed above, and you wish to place your chair(s) at the amphitheater, you will need to check into the Museum on the day of the show between 11:00 am–4:00 pm, and you will be given a sticker for your chair(s). This procedure will allow us to know you have checked in.

If you do not fall into one of the above categories, you can put a chair out by checking in at the Museum between 11:00 am–4:00 pm on the day of the show and pay \$5 per chair.

Anyone that does not want to pay a fee is welcome at 5:00 pm. All shows begin at 6:00 pm.

We hope this will encourage more members and volunteer hours and mitigate the issue of chairs being set out without the Museum's knowledge.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we fine-tune this plan and hope that it will be an additional way to cover the museum expenses for these shows while also providing a suitable option for seating.

We are pleased to announce this year's line-up:***All specifics are subject to change. Please watch our website or call the Museum to confirm.***

June 25 – Rock Therapy – We are excited to welcome back a favorite performance with Oakhurst's own "Rock Therapy". Rock Therapy is a six-member classic rock cover band featuring hits from Journey, Boston, The Eagles, Led Zeppelin, Heart, and more. This group always brings the audience to their feet, and we are more than thrilled to host them again.

July 23 – Deja Too! – Returning for their third visit, Deja Too consists of Jim "Gumbo" Furnas on acoustic guitar and national resonator, Jeff Hallock on harmonica, and Don "Hef" Heflin on acoustic guitar and acoustic bass. They have been playing together for over 20 years. They play acoustic blues, and down-home delta blues to Chicago shuffles, including original material with unique harmonica & guitar fingerpicking. The wide variety of grooves and soulful vocals will take you on a blues journey like no other.

August 13 – The GillyGirls – We are excited to welcome back The GillyGirls Band. The GillyGirls is a local family made up of two sets of twins, Savannah & Morgan and Hailey & Jillian. They enjoy playing bluegrass, southern gospel, and old-time string band music. Their music includes mandolin, fiddle, bass, guitar, banjo, singing, and even an occasional song with yodeling. These young ladies offer something unique! Mark your calendars as this group will be a huge crowd pleaser!

August 27 – Lance Canales And The Flood – We are excited to announce, new to this year's Friday In The Pines Concert Series, Lance Canales & The Flood, a roots-blues influenced Americana trio from California. The Flood is made up of stand-up bassist Stan "Cadillac" Lum and drummer Eric "The Kid" Encinas. Encinas keeps the rhythm along with the crowd as Canales plays hollow-bodied, anger-fueled blues guitar. For more information, please visit their website Lance Canales & The Flood.

The amphitheater is a perfect venue for picnicking and relaxing while listening to great music. Chairs, blankets, food, and drinks will continue to be welcomed. Our concerts have brought to our Shaver community some great talent and are always fun. Your generous donations support this program. Artist donations are appreciated.

HIKES FOR HISTORY 2021

All specifics are subject to change. Please watch our website or call the Museum to confirm.

We are resuming our successful FREE Hikes For History program. This will be our 5th year. Hikers should meet at the museum parking lot on the morning of the hikes. Please bring shoes, sunblock, and plenty of water. Hike organizers/hosts of CSHS are not certified hike leaders, may not have CPR/first aid training or experience, and are not emergency trained persons. They are not responsible for your safety but will do what they can to help in an emergency. We hope you can join us! These are "no-charge" events! No dogs, unless a certified service dog, are allowed.



June 26 – Huntington Lake Dams and Historic Winch House – Debbie & Doug Koerper, Leaders – After completing the SJ&E Railroad to Big Creek, the next step of the project was to haul the materials up to Huntington Lake to form the dams and penstocks to hold the water for the hydro plant below at Big Creek. We will be viewing the dams and discussing their construction. We will walk to the Winch House to observe the 2000' climb the railroad cars, loaded with materials, were winched up the steep hill to the bed of Huntington Lake. Join us with your sack lunch for an enjoyable and informative hike. We will meet at the museum parking lot at 10:00 am and carpool up to Huntington Lake. We will return by 3:00 pm. Doug Koerper will narrate the hike, a noted figure in the Shaver Lake community, with over 40 years working in construction in the area.



July 24 – Balsam Forebay – Bill Donaghy, Leader - This is a beautiful, easy, and mostly level 1.5-mile hiking/walking trail that provides public access to and around Balsam Forebay, which is a small reservoir that operates in conjunction with Shaver Lake's Eastwood powerhouse, the biggest powerhouse in the Central Sierra. It differs from other SCE powerhouses. It is a pumped-storage facility, meaning during times of low demand, the Eastwood station draws water from Shaver Lake up to a small reservoir, the Balsam Forebay. During times of high demand, water is drawn from Balsam Forebay into the Eastwood plant for power generation. Part of our hike will include a discussion of many little-known facts regarding John Samuel Eastwood, a legendary figure in the development of the Central Sierra hydroelectric power system. We will meet at the Museum of the Central Sierra at 9 am and carpool to a parking lot approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Shaver Lake. The hike will include a discussion of flora and fauna of the region, a view of the Kaiser Wilderness area, a walk across the rockfill dam completed in 1986, and sometimes you can even see an Osprey nest at the top of a large tree. The forebay offers picnic tables and restrooms. This hike is an easy walk, mostly level, to a small lake, offering birding, wildflowers, and Kaiser Wilderness views. Hikers should meet at the museum parking lot by 9:00 am. Bring a sack lunch.



August 21 – Potter Pass – Meg Tallberg, Leader – This is a moderate hike of approx. 4.25 miles roundtrip. We will begin the hike at the 8,200 ft. elevation and climb up to approx. 9,000 ft. in elevation. It is a beautiful hike through red fir forests, lovely meadows, creeks, and stunning vistas. At the top, we will have a gorgeous view of Mt. Ritter and Mt. Banner. Don't forget to bring your binoculars if you have them. Hikers should meet at the museum parking lot by 9:00 am. Bring a sack lunch.

COMMUNITY KIOSK AT THE SHAVER LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER



Don't Forget...there now is a community kiosk near the ballpark at the community center. The Shaver Lake Volunteer Group built this kiosk. You can see our local summer happenings there!



CHILDREN'S CRAFT TABLE 2021

Unfortunately, our Children's Craft Table is a victim of the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will not be making crafts this year, but we hope to bring back this popular program in 2022.

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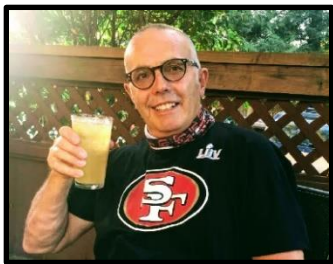
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If you feel that you can contribute to the good works of the Historical Society as a member of the Board of Directors or as a member of the Board of Trustees, please feel free to contact Frank Johnson at frank@sierrahistorical.org

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBER!



It is a great pleasure to announce the addition of Vince Wiggins as a new member to the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum, Inc. Board of Directors.

Vince was born in Carlsbad, NM. His family moved to Chowchilla, Ca, in 1968. He was nine years old. Starting in the summer of 1969, his family began camping in the Sierra. His first family camping trip was to Nelder Grove, and this was the beginning of his love of mountains. Specifically, the Sierra Nevada!

Vince graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1977. He attended Merced College and Fresno State on and off (mainly to avoid working on the family farm) through 1989. Vince worked part-time at PayLess Drug Stores as a pharmacy technician throughout his college days. In the fall of 1989, he began teaching at Roosevelt High in Fresno. But he soon decided that teaching high school was not for him. So, Vince returned to Pay Less Drug Stores (now known as Rite-Aid). In 1996 there was a shortage of elementary school teachers, so he returned to school to obtain a multiple subject credential to teach elementary school. He was hired as an elementary teacher at Martin Luther King Elementary, where he taught students from kindergarten to fourth grade. He later was designated as a teacher on special assignments to be math coach and later an intervention program director. He retired in 2018.

In 1996 not only did Vince begin his career as an elementary school teacher, but he also made the lifelong commitment of love to his best friend, Keith Davis. Keith and Vince soon after that bought 10 acres on Sharin Woods Road in the Pine Ridge area. They cleared the property of brush, drilled a well, and built their dream log home with the help of family and good friends.

In 2009 they bought Cressman's General Store and took on the labor of love to restore this community landmark to the level of its former glory days. In 2018 Vince retired from teaching and continued to help run Cressman's until September of 2019, when they sold the store.

Vince and Keith have enjoyed their retirement life even though there have been setbacks, including losing their home to the Creek Fire. They have made the most of things by traveling and volunteering in the community that they love.

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Approximately 55 CSHS members and friends met at the Museum of the Sierra on Saturday, May 1, 2021, for the Central Sierra & Historical Society's 30th Annual Membership Meeting. We were moved to see so many people in attendance because we could not safely gather in 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. All sensed new energy and passion.

Chairperson Keith Swinger and Executive Director Frank Johnson co-conducted the business meeting and recapped the Historical Society's past year with an encouraging outlook on our upcoming summer season.

Frank revealed an artist rendering (right) of the proposed building expansion to hold an educational center. Local artist Darlene Meissner created this beautiful rendering.

Board Treasurer Robert Knapp provided the members with a healthy financial report and encouraged increased effort to expand membership.

Board Secretary and Advocate Council Chair John Mount provided a review of the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund and their efforts to promote the sustainability of the central Sierra following the Creek Fire tragedy.



The election of the 2021 Directors took place, and then the Board met separately following the meeting to elect their Slate of Officers.

The Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting is always held on the first Saturday of May.

MEMORIALS

Since February, the Historical Society received memorial donations for:

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| -Mary Diane Haze- | -Rosemary Milleman- |
| -Mary Hudak- | -Paul Mitchell- |
| -Carolyn McFall- | -Chuck Olsen- |

We hope you will remember the Society as a suitable means of honoring a departed friend or loved one.

In addition, a Planned Giving Program is an easy way to give.

Please feel free to contact Frank Johnson at (559) 841-4478 or email: frank@sierrahistorical.org

WE POLITELY ASK YOUR PATIENCE AS WE NAVIGATE THROUGH OUR NEW NORMAL

Visitor enjoyment has always been a priority for our museum. Processes are made so that when you visit us, it is both safe and comfortable. We are paying close attention to every detail. Our staff wash their hands upon entering and exiting the building and wear masks while here. Anyone entering the building will be required to provide and wear their face mask or covering. We sanitize our check-in and check-out area, tables, door handles, and other hard surfaces after each visitor. We have limited the number of visitors we can have inside the museum per the current guidelines set forth by the State of California. We are so excited to start seeing you again! We have all been through a lot this past year. Together we can weather this storm, and we intend to come through with flying colors. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We have always been grateful for you, our visitors, and we appreciate you even more during this past year.

The Central Sierra Historical Society Cordially Invites You to Its Annual Dinner
Remembering the Historic

Buffalo Soldiers

in the Sierra Nevada

Outside at the Museum of the Sierra and Education Center in Shaver Lake



Saturday July 17, 2021

5:00pm



This year's proceeds will go toward funding an exhibit featuring the untold story of the Buffalo Soldiers in Yosemite, Sequoia, and the Sierra

No-Host Bar ~ Buffet Dinner Catered by Blair Harlan

50/50 Raffle and Auctions

Dessert Auction – buy a delicious dessert to share with your table!

\$125 per person

(price includes two beverage tickets)

Advanced Tickets Required ~ Open Seating*

***Tables For Eight May Be Reserved In Advance**

Reservation Deadline July 7

Name _____
 Number of people attending (\$125 pp) _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
☐ Called museum for payment over the phone on _____
☐ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____ Security Code _____
☐ Check made payable to CSHS.

PHONE: 559-841-4478 cshs@sierrahistorical.org

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the Fundraiser Dinner.

Please indicate entrée choice of:

☐ BBQ Chicken Quarter How many? _____

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☐ I am not able to attend but would like to pledge
 \$ _____ in support of CSHS.

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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 almost 6,500 hours of their time between 2019 and now. 2021 looks to be a 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. Ways to get involved:

- * JOIN VEST and/or become a Docent.
- * Help with an event: Ice Cream Social, Annual Fundraising 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 am 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.

VEST (Volunteer Education Service Team) meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:15 am. The VEST mission is to create awareness of the Central Sierra Historical Society's Museum and facilitate events and educational programs. The VEST facilitator is Alice Knapp, and she can be contacted by calling the Museum at (559) 841-4478. We need volunteers to assist us in accomplishing our mission. We need YOU! Come and meet new people. Have fun while working to enhance our Museum. **THANK YOU** as always to the volunteers who support the Museum. You make it possible for our projects to get done.

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU...CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!



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OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS CIRCLE MEMBERS

THANK YOU to the following businesses who have joined the Historical Society's Business Circle. 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. 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 Member with a **tax-deductible** \$250/year membership donation.

Academic Gameplan, Jill McBride Baxter	Rolling Hills Estate
Auberry Feed Station, Patty Jones	Auberry
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Boy Scouts of America, Sequoia Chapter #027, John Richers	Fresno
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Coleman, Tom & Lisa	Fresno
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Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Project, Bob Bernier	Shaver Lake
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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

In addition to being mentioned in our quarterly newsletters and advertised 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 entry for up to four people into our Sierra Voices presentations. Your business can have free use of our media room for your meetings. Please see page 4 for details. **New Business Circle members are highlighted.**

NEW MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

We have launched a new **MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM** and hope you would consider joining it. Sustainability is the key to our museum. We were struck this year by the effects of COVID and the CREEK FIRE. Monthly giving means we have hope for the future. Please go to our website and click on the **SUPPORT US** button to sign up. For as low as \$5 - \$10 a month, your gift would make an enormous difference in the types of exhibits and programs we can offer at the Museum Of The Sierra. Please feel free to contact Rebecca Davis, Membership Coordinator, at (559) 841-4478 or by email at rebeccadavis@sierrahistorical.org.



THANKS AGAIN, QUESTERS!

Stella Leue recently visited the Museum and graciously posed with our exact replica of a flume segment. Stella is a member of Questers - Sierra Searchers #1305, the group that gifted the financing of this flume project in spring 2015. We at CSHS especially value committed supporters of our historical mission, like the Questers -- and Stella!

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BE HELD AUGUST 8

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

At the Museum

It's Free! Sponsored by v.e.s.t.



CENTRAL SIERRA RESILIENCY FUND

RESTORATION • COMMUNITY • STEWARDSHIP

The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund is a community initiative held at the Central Sierra Historical Society, a California 501(c) 3 tax exempt non-profit organization managed by a Council of volunteers. The Resiliency Fund collaborates with other local, state, and national organizations to support the revitalization of the forests and communities surrounding Shaver Lake through land restoration, local stewardship, and efforts that honor the historical legacy of the Central Sierra region.

SOIL STABILIZATION

CSRF has been working in conjunction with community members, non-profit organizations and state/federal agencies to identify priority soil-stabilization areas and assist in stabilizing landscapes damaged by the Creek Fire. Sierra Resource Conservation District, People Food Land and NRCS have been valuable partners in these efforts.

Together with our partners, as of April 30, 2021, CSRF has:

- Hosted ten anti-erosion clinics and community workdays
- Spread 421 bales of weed free rice straw
- Provided 160 tons of mulch
- Dispersed 2,400 linear feet of wattles
- Given 1,300 sandbags

If your neighborhood/community/HOA is in need of soil stabilization, the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund may be able to help. Please reach out to us at resiliencyfund@sierrahistorical.org



With the help of Cal Fire Nurseries and Southern California Edison, the Seedlings of Hope fundraising campaign, community members and dedicated foresters, CSRF has planted 9,335 seedlings, free of charge.

Our partners; American Forest, Mulholland Citrus, and Intermountain Nursery, are growing an additional 48,000 seedlings for planting in Fall 2021 and spring 2022 (soil conditions permitting).

Applications for Fall 2021 seedlings are currently being accepted. To make a donation or obtain an application go to: museumofthesierra.org/seedlings



CSRF is honoring the historical legacy of the Central Sierra region by collecting community stories of the Creek Fire—and the unique histories that precede it—and preserving those stories through the Central Sierra Historical Society.

We are collecting stories of places before and after the Creek Fire, and/or of your experience during the Fire itself. You can submit your story at: museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/storytelling-program

To read a sampling of what has been submitted so far visit museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/community-stories

VOLUNTEERS

CSRF has sought out volunteers for help with various workshops, soil stabilization days, seedling planting days, seed planting days and for the Storytelling committee.

If you would like to help us help the community, please sign up to be a Resiliency Fund volunteer. You can help out once, or time and time again. By signing up you will receive emails about upcoming volunteer opportunities in your area of interest.

The CSRF volunteer sign-up sheet can be found at museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/resiliency-fund-volunteers

If you have any questions about volunteering, or if your organization is in need of volunteers to help with Creek Fire relief efforts, please contact us at RFVolunteers@sierrahistorical.org



The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund has been busy over the last few months, fundraising, building collaborations, and getting our gloves dirty stabilizing soil and planting trees.

To donate, or for more details about our programs and information about becoming a volunteer, sponsor, or ambassador, please go to our website: museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund or email us at resiliencyfund@sierrahistorical.org



_____ Membership Renewal _____ New Member
 _____ Check here if you have a change of address.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

- ☐ \$1000.00 - Gold Member
☐ \$ 500.00 - Silver Member
☐ \$ 250.00 - Bronze Member
☐ \$ 150.00 - Donor Member
☐ \$ 50.00 - Family Member
☐ \$ 30.00 - Individual Member

**WE ARE SUPPORTED SOLELY BY
THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS**

CIRCLE LEVELS

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

IN ADDITION:

- ☐ I would like to donate \$_____ to the Museum General Operating Fund.
- ☐ I would like to donate \$_____ in memory of: _____
 and I would like a notice of my donation to be sent to: _____

- ☐ I would like to donate a gift membership (\$30 Individual Membership Minimum) to:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 559-841-4478

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CSHS, PO BOX 617, SHAVER LAKE CA 93664-0617**

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 the public benefit and educational purposes within the margins of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID # 77-0280796



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

- Ceiling fans for the main museum
- Shade awnings for the museum patios
- Topo Map Projection Display
- Solar lights for Amphitheater pathway
- Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit
- Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey
- Restoration of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Firetruck
- Restoration of the Quall's Mining Exhibit

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