Our Annual Fundraiser Dinner will be held Saturday June 17 beginning at 5:00 PM. All proceeds will fund the restoration and installation of the Hayden Sawmill, generously donated by the family of Drs. William & Barbara Hayden of Meadow Lakes. Please see the flyer inserted in this newsletter. A bit of history concerning the sawmill appears in a 1967 booklet entitled “Meadow Lakes” by Georgia Waltz. On page 28 a reference is made to the prior owner of the Hayden property, William Clark, that reads as follows: Bill Barnes had a mill on the Clark place in 1908. Mr. Clark fixed up this mill and used it to furnish the lumber for many projects on his property. It is believed the mill was operational until the fall of 1917. Drs. William & Barbara Hayden purchased the property from Mr. Clark in the mid-1960’s. The sawmill’s six-cylinder 110-horsepower gas engine, model 6-100, has a plate on it that indicates it was made in Waukesha, Wisconsin at the Waukesha Motor Company, who began making engines in 1906. The single sawblade measures 56” in diameter and is driven by pulley belts that extends 14’ from the engine to the sawblade. Logs are fed and moved along a conveyor belt system of metal rolling pins. Through the generosity of the Hayden Family, their sawmill has been donated to the Historical Society, where it is our desire to rehabilitate it to working order at the Museum of the Central Sierra.
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**2017 MUSEUM HOURS**

- May 5 through May 21 - Friday-Sunday 11:00-3:00
- May 27 through September 3 – Seven days a week – 11:00-3:00
- September 8 through December 10 – Friday-Sunday 11:00-3:00

*We can open the museum for special occasions, tour requests, etc. Please call the museum at (559) 841-4478 for more information.*
Sierra Voices is an educational program that invites guest presenters to share information that pertain to the history and culture of our beautiful area. This will be our 8th season. The program is held the 2nd Saturday of the month from May through October at 1:00 p.m. in the museum's media room. You won't want to miss this year’s line-up!

5/13 “The History of Fish in The Local Area” by Jeff Young. Mr. Young explores the area's fish, where they are, how they got there and what types there are (and were). Jeff Young is a lifelong, 4th generation resident of the area and a local historian. He is a logger, sawmill operator, science teacher, and museum board member.

6/10 “The History of Blayney Meadow” by Richard Ross. Just beyond Florence Lake on the western edge of Muir Trail Ranch off the south fork of the San Joaquin River is a gorgeous meadow call Blayney Meadow and Mr. Ross will tell us all about it and its unique history. He will also talk about his own family history and how they obtained their ranch there. He has been going to Blayney Meadow for 69 of the past 70 years, and he also spent one winter there (brrrrrr!). He has traveled to his ranch numerous times during winter months to check on it. He has degrees in biology and environment sciences from San Jose State and was a wilderness ranger in 1965, 1966, and 1967 working for Arn Snyder who pioneered high country and wilderness management. Mr. Ross has backpacked over most of the Sierra Nevada high country and is extremely knowledgeable in the geology of the Sierra. One of his goals is to educate the public on how to best protect the High Sierra while still allowing visitors to enjoy the high-country experience. Each year his family hosts the Road Scholar program which educates the attendees on all aspects of our beautiful Sierra Nevada high country.

6/08 “Lumbermills In the Shaver Lake and Surrounding Areas” by David Rodriguez. 120 years ago, there were around 25 lumbermills in the area, and now there are none. Lumbering had a huge influence on the local economy in 1900. Born and raised in Pinedale, CA, Mr. Rodriguez joined the United States Marine Corps in 1978 and retired in 1998. He has a passion for history, especially of the community of Pinedale. In 1998, he established the Pinedale History Project with the purpose to collect, maintain, and document the history of Pinedale. He has made many presentations for many groups and organizations throughout Fresno, covering the Sugar Pine Lumber Mill, the Japanese Assembly Center, Camp Pinedale, and the Community. Rodriguez was a member of the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial Committee establishing the Remembrance Plaza, a permeate site. He is currently a Senior Network Engineer for the County of Fresno.

8/12 “100 Years of Camp Sierra” Plus Bonus Tour Following the Presentation by J. Randall McFarland.  Happy 100th birthday, Camp Sierra! McFarland will present the history of Camp Sierra and for those of you able to attend, will give us a guided tour following the presentation. He has written, edited or co-authored six local history books and appeared in the Fresno Historical Society film A Land Between Rivers. He is a former chair and long-time member of the Fresno County Historic Landmarks Commission and former chairman of the Selma Arts Council. For nearly 26 years, he has served as a public information consultant to several water agencies, including the Kings River Water Association and Fresno Irrigation District. In the mountains, he is secretary-treasurer and a past president of the Camp Sierra Conference Association. Earlier in his career, he reported for or edited several newspapers, including 18 years on the Selma Enterprise and Kingsburg Recorder. McFarland has lived in Fresno County for most of the past 59 years and is a Fresno State College graduate.

9/09 “Bad Boys of the Central Sierra” by Steve Merrill. One hundred twenty plus years have gone by since the pioneer days of the valley and the Sierra. Even back then, conflict between corporations, workers, and local little guys were headlines, just as today. Finally, a long series of avoidable events led to two desperate men, Chris Evans and John Sontag, to become desperados! Listen and learn once again that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Mr. Merrill will tell us about them and their history. Steve Merrill is a retired special education teacher, former Osprey II captain, long-time train nut, and local historian. He is the author of "3:16 -- Your Key to the New Testament," released in
2014, and currently a Special Education Substitute Teacher for Clovis Unified School District. He is also a CASA Advocate in the Dependency Court System, and an Officer in the local chapter of Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry.

10/14 “The Big Creek Hydroelectric Project” by Dean Yarbrough. First surveyed in the late 1880s and currently generating around 4 billion kilowatt hours annually, this immense and amazing project of lakes, dams, and tunnels has over a 6,200-foot vertical drop that uses and reuses water to produce power. You will leave this presentation with a clear understanding of why it is called “the hardest working water in the world.” Dean Yarbrough has 32 years of electric utility experience, with all of it in power generation. He has worked for SCE for the last 6 1/2 years, with the last 3 1/2 years in Big Creek. As the Director of Western Operations, he also manages the Kaweah and Kern River Hydro projects.

FRIDAY IN THE PINES CONCERT SERIES 2017
Facilitator: Katie Blanchard

We are pleased to announce the line-up for our 4th season of the Friday In The Pines Concert Series.
All shows begin at 6:00 p.m.

05/26 “Katwood Willie”, Featuring Kathleen Lane, Woody Moise, and Willie Barrera. Look forward to Kathleen’s incredible vocal abilities as they perform Acoustic Americana, cover music and original songs. This will be a fabulous opener for our concert series.

06/30 “The Gilly Girls”. The series continues with an exciting performance by The Gilly Girls. The Gilly Girls Band consists of four sisters—two sets of twins, Savannah and Morgan, age 13 and Hailey and Jillian age 10. They enjoy playing bluegrass, southern gospel and old-time string band music. Savannah sings and plays mandolin and fiddle. Morgan sings, yodels, and plays mandolin and bass. Hailey sings, plays mandolin and guitar. Jillian sings and plays mandolin, banjo and a little bass. They are quickly developing a unique style all their own. Mark your calendars as this group will be huge crowd pleaser!

07/28 “The Grass Less Traveled”. The Grass Less Traveled is a 5-piece Bluegrass band. A performance with a group of talented, entertaining musicians last year left us smiling and wanting more! Sit back and enjoy a range of fun toe tapping bluegrass music.

08/25 “Rock Therapy”. The amphitheater will welcome back a fond favorite performance by 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 thrilled to host them again.

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, are always fun, and continue to have free admission.

This program is supported solely by your generous donations. Artist donations are appreciated.
2017 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 28
   July 2
   July 16
   September 3 (10-yr anniversary celebration begins at 1:30pm)
   October 21
For great family fun, bring the children and let them blow the whistle!

2017 POWERHOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS
There will be scheduled demonstrations of our Redinger Powerhouse #1, located at the museum, at noon on the following days.
   May 28
   July 2
   July 16
   September 3
   October 21
This is a great opportunity for the entire family to learn how water generates electricity.

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BE HELD JULY 16
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
At the Museum
It’s Free! Sponsored by v.e.s.t.
We are continuing our successful Hikes For History program. Over 100 people enjoyed one or more of the narrated hikes last summer. Hikers should meet at the museum on 10:00 a.m. the day of the hikes. Please bring a picnic lunch and bottled water. We hope you can join us!

06/03  The Balsam Forebay – Bill Donaghy, Leader  The biggest powerhouse at Big Creek was not actually built until the mid-1980’s with the implementation of the Balsam Meadows Project. The Eastwood Powerhouse was built at the outlet of the diversion tunnel from Huntington to Shaver Lake. Part of the hike will include a historical discussion of John Samuel Eastwood, an important figure in the development of the Central Sierra Hydroelectric Power System and 17 multiple-arch dams in the western U.S. The Eastwood Powerhouse differs from the others at Big Creek because it is a pumped-storage operation, drawing water from Shaver Lake up to a small reservoir, the Balsam Meadows Forebay. Our hike will take us to the Forebay and the Balsam Meadow Dam. We will take a beautiful, easy, mostly level trail including a walk across the dam to view the rock quarry. There is also a view of the Kaiser Wilderness area. The Forebay offers picnic tables and restrooms. No special equipment is needed for the hike.

06/24  Old Railroad Grade Road to the Strong Back Rail Car – Frank Bauer, Leader  This hike will follow two miles of the original San Joaquin & Eastern rail grade to the site of a historic strong back rail car used on the Shaver Incline Railroad Spur. This hike has views of the Big Creek Canyon and Jose Basin & surrounding mountains, unique architecture and flora will be identified along the route. Stories of life at the construction camps will be shared. A break will be taken at the
strong back rail car. Following the break, participants will have two options, 1) return to the parking area for the end of the hike, 2) people comfortable with a steep and rocky road surface can head uphill .4 mile parallel to the incline railroad and penstock to the portal house where the 13,900’ tunnel 5 from Shaver Lake ends and the penstock to Powerhouse 2A begins.

07/22  **Historic Shaver Railroad Trail – Linda Cottingham, Leader**  Visit the site of the train spur and Poison Creek trestle that were used to haul logs to the Shaver Mill pond. Learn about local trees and their uses by Native Americans and settlers along an uphill trail to mountain views. We will picnic at the top. The hike is approximately 1-1/2 miles.

08/19  **Bald Mountain – Debbie Carolan & Frank Bauer, Leaders**  This 3.5 – 4 mile (one-way) walk will end at the US Forest Service lookout tower at the 7825’ summit of Bald Mountain. The 20’ tower was built in 1934 and offers grand vistas of Shaver Lake, Dinkey Dome, Marble Point and the surrounding mountains. Participants should carry plenty of water, sunblock and layers of clothes to be prepared for varying weather conditions.

09/16  **Kaiser Pass – Meg Tallberg & Ed Hampton, Leaders**  This hike will be both interesting and beautiful. We will be hiking at the top of Kaiser Pass (elevation 9,184’). Because we will be at elevation, this hike will be on the easy-end. We will learn about this road and why it was constructed. We will talk about Jerry Dwyer and why he was so important to the construction of the dam at Florence and the Ward Tunnel. The group will go to the White Bark Overlook for lunch. This overlook has a spectacular view of the back country.

**CHILDREN’S LEARNING CENTER**
Facilitator: Meri Rasmussen

Once again, due to its tremendous popularity, we will be giving the younger visitors to the museum the opportunity to learn about the history of our area by doing crafts. Children visiting the Museum of the Central Sierra can participate in one of three activities. All these crafts relate to our beautiful mountain community. Join the fun!

**Color Pages with An Outdoor Theme** - Easy & relaxing. Your masterpiece can be hung on your refrigerator or framed. Take your pick.

**Mountain Cookies** - No, they are not to eat! Smell a mountain cookie, touch it and see if you know what kind of local tree this cookie size disk was cut from. Then we’ll show you how to make a fun pendant from it. A great keepsake from your time in Shaver Lake.

**Thumb Art** - Did you know that your thumbs are like magic? We’ll show you how to make all kinds of animals, trees, etc. with prints from your thumb. Impress your friends and family with what a great imagination you have!

**Native American Necklace** – For a limited time you can make a Native American Necklace out of beads and bear claws.

So many children participated last summer that we are asking for volunteers to supervise the activities, especially when special events take place, such as the Ice Cream Social. The Children’s Learning Center is the result of a generous donation by a dedicated volunteer, Connie Amesbury, who passed away two years ago. It was Connie’s desire that we continue the educational crafts program.

**2016 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Thanks to many generous donors, our 2016 in-kind donations of goods rendered totaled $12,000. These are dollars saved which we can apply directly to support the museum moving forward.
NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
By Lisa Crain

I think it’s safe to say this has been the busiest winter the museum has seen in years! With exhibits rotating, new projects coming together, and summer planning with our volunteers this past winter seemed to fly by. We kick off our grand opening over Memorial Weekend and will remain open seven days a week through Labor Day. This fall will mark ten years since the museum opened its doors in this building! The momentum is still strong and more people than ever are experiencing our programs and exhibits.

We have exciting new exhibits to showcase this year and you can read a preview about them on page 11.

I am also excited to share our new cell phone app, Sounds of the Central Sierra, with all of you too! This app will be available for Apple and Android devices. This was made possible with money from a grant from the Central Valley Community Foundation and from our June Fundraiser Dinner. The app is free to download and can be used on the museum grounds or anywhere in the world! Users will be able to watch videos about our indoor and outdoor exhibits, read further information about our exhibits, and hear a narrative that takes them from inside the building to our surrounding grounds. We have big plans for this app and will continue to update the material included as we add new exhibits and trails.

At our Board of Director’s meeting in February the Board approved a 5-year strategic plan. This plan lays out the needs for our museum moving into the future, including what types of programming we have, a foundation in education, and becoming an accredited museum. Accreditation is given by the American Alliance of Museums, it is the highest national recognition possible for a museum. Only 3% of the 35,000 museums in the United States are accredited. Becoming an accredited museum assures our audience, peers, and stakeholders that the Museum is, in the words of the Accreditation Committee, “a good steward of its resources held in the public trust and committed to a philosophy of continual institutional growth”. This process will begin this summer and take just over two years. The benefits of accreditation are many and we look forward creating more sustainability and a stronger institution.

I hope you take the time to stop in this summer, to attend a lecture, a concert, a steam up, powerhouse demo, and so much more! We are excited to open and share these events and exciting changes with all of you. Our calendar of events is available on our website, SierraHistorical.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

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:

1. Storage facility with two 40-ft containers.
2. Computer topo map projection display.
3. Floor matting for Caboose floor.
4. LED lighting for Caboose snow shed, Steam Donkey snow shed, and Mack Truck building.
5. Installation of fence enclosure around the Steam Donkey.
7. Shade awning for the Museum patio.
8. Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit.
10. Flume exhibit and tender’s cabin.
11. An addition to the Mack Truck Display.
12. Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.

Please call Lisa Crain at 841-4478 for more information on how you can sponsor one or more of these projects.
2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD

50 CSHS members met at the Museum of the Central Sierra on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Board Chairperson, Keith Swinger and Executive Director, Lisa Crain, co-conducted the business meeting and recapped the Historical Society’s past year. An appreciation plaque was presented to Dr. Dennis Driggers upon his retirement from the Board. Another plaque to honor the late Joe Weirick was presented and will be presented to Joe’s son, James, at the 2017 Black Pot Cookoff.

Board Treasurer, Robert Knapp, provided the members with the FY 2017/2018 financial report and encouraged increased effort to expand membership.

The election of the 2017/2018 Officers and Directors took place.

MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM CONTINUES

We are heading into the second year of our Matching Funds Challenge. An anonymous donor has agreed to match $30,000 per year for three years under the provisions that we can get other donors to first make a combined donation of at least $30,000 each year. Last year we raised $44,518.00 and the donor matched their $30,000, bringing our total for this campaign in the first year to $74,518.00. We are happy to have met the match but want to broaden our donor base further in the second year. The money raised in this campaign helps to ensure that we build a sustainable future for the museum and allows us to continue the growth and momentum.

Please call us at (559) 841-4478 or email lisacrain@sierrahistorical.org to find out how you can help contribute to this exciting campaign.

CELL PHONE APP UPDATE

Many of the most unique experiences offered at the museum can only be shown with trained docents on specific days throughout the summer. Exhibits like our fully-functional Redinger Powerhouse and our Dolbeer Steam Donkey are highlights to any visit and witnessing their true capabilities will now be available any time through our new cell phone app, Sounds of the Central Sierra, which will launch Memorial Day weekend. This app was made possible with a grant from the Central Valley Community Foundation and money raised from our Annual Fundraiser Dinner last year. Anyone on an Apple or Android device can download the app for free and, through it, experience the museum like never before. A map of the property will help guide users through our exhibits. Upon arrival at an exhibit the app will allow them to access more content through GPS or by selecting an exhibit manually. They will be able to watch live videos of the exhibits in action, hear stories from docents, and even get a lesson in basketmaking and music from Carly Tex of the North Fork Mono Tribe. The underlying theme will be the sounds of our forest, whether it’s the hum of a generator in our powerhouse, bird calls, a Native American flute, or even the whistle on our steam donkey, this music has been the background of our area for many years. We hope you enjoy this innovative new way to explore the museum. And, stay tuned, as we will continue to update the application as we finish our Nature Trail and add new exhibits like our Hayden Sawmill and more!
BARK BEETLE PROJECT

Last year we told you about a documentary we were working on that would inform people about the bark beetle epidemic. We are happy to say that after much work and effort we are nearing the end of the production phase. What started as an idea to produce a documentary on the issue has grown into a project that we feel will best suit those seeking information on this historical event. Rather than produce one 30-minute film, our committee decided to create a website featuring shorter episodes on a variety of subjects. These combined subjects explain what is happening in our forests. Visitors to the site can watch interviews with experts from a variety of fields including, forestry, biology, entomology, logging, fire prevention, and more. We also interviewed homeowners and students, and will continue to update the site with more interviews. Educators will find links to curriculum that can be used to teach their students about forest management and the bark beetles based off the work being done in our Partnership in Education Program. Site design is underway and we hope to soon raise the $3,000-$5,000 to fully fund it in the next few months. If you are interested in helping us create this site, that will serve as a hub for information on all things bark beetle related, please contact Lisa Crain to discuss the remaining needs.

NEW EXHIBITS AT THE MUSEUM

By Deb Bell

There are changes in the air at the Central Sierra Historical Society! Several new exhibits will open at the Museum in 2017, and some old friends will be getting a new look. Some of what you’ll see when you step through the doors this summer includes a couple of antique Winchester rifles. . . a large musical instrument that once “played” a central role at Lakeshore dances. . . taxidermy tales. . . and more. Come for a visit and tell us what you think.

California Indian Baskets - The museum’s collection of Native American basketry has been updated with new information on materials, dates and background. Ask us about how to fully appreciate the skill of a basket maker and why so many baskets were made in the 1920’s.

Cressman’s - Everybody passes Cressman’s on their way up to Shaver Lake, but do you know the history behind the name and the place? Check out the photos – and poetry -- in our new exhibit “Early Days at Cressman’s“. The Oral History of Allen Cressman, available in the gift shop, tells the story of this pioneering family.

Hydro in the Central Sierra - The Shaver Lake area would not be what it is today without the development of hydroelectric power that began over a century ago. In the middle hallway, you will find a large graphic poster that lays out the interconnected system of reservoir, penstock, powerhouse and afterbay that produces clean hydroelectricity. The men who made hydro possible are profiled, and family life in the high mountain communities is detailed in photos.

A Tale of Two Railroads - The Shaver Lake Trail Volunteers are working on a new trail that traces part of the route of the Shaver Lake Railroad. To highlight their accomplishment, the museum has created an exhibit that features both the SLRR (logging) and the San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad (construction). Included in the display are a trail map and two never-before-seen photographs of the earliest days of the SJ&E.
MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

Connie Amesbury  Lillian Josephson  Joanne Weirick
Valeta Avery  John Levis  Joe Weirick
Shirley Boatman  Jim Markus  Thomas Stanton Whitling
Manuel Garcia  Angelina Monteiro  Ann Wier
William B Hayden, MD  Catherine Saum  LuWayne Wood
Robert Huber  Dave Walish

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. Call the Museum office for details.

OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS MEMBERS

Thank you to the following BUSINESS MEMBERS who have renewed or became new members with a $250 donation in FY2016/2017. If you have a business, won’t you please consider being a business member with the Historical Society? Your name is mentioned in the newsletters and advertised on a banner at the museum.

California State University, Fresno Foundation
Dick's Fishing Charters
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Intermountain Nursery
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CSHS BOARD WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER

The Board of Directors welcomes one new member, Allen Clyde, MD.

**Allen Clyde, MD**

Dr. Allen Clyde is a practicing physician in Clovis, California. He is serving his 5th term as a member of the Fresno Board of Education for District 5. Serving the communities of Big Creek and Pine Ridge Elementary Schools Districts as well as Clovis, Fresno, Sierra Unified and portions of Sanger Unified School Districts. Dr. Clyde is the owner of Clyde Pack Outfitters, a stable facility in Dinkey Creek, offering pack trips into the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, the John Muir Wilderness, Dinkey Lakes Wilderness, and the Kings Canyon National Park.

Thank you for your service to the Historical Society!

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 Lisa Crain at lisacrain@sierrahistorical.org

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IN MEMORIUM: CSHS TRUSTEE, JOSEPH WEIRICK

Joe Weirick, a Central Sierra Historical Society Trustee, and member of the Historical Society’s first Board of Directors (1998), passed away at his ranch on February 8, 2017. He is remembered as a man who dedicated his life to family, friends, business and his community. Mr. Weirick was a long-standing member of CSHS. His work and efforts will be missed by the entire Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum family.
Thanks to word-of-mouth circulation, some media publicity, and an exceptional team of educators and volunteers, our **Partnership in Education Program** has made Mack Truck-size strides in the past year! We have invited schools from all over the San Joaquin Valley to come and experience our museum, in the marvelous setting of our beautiful central Sierra range!

Our mission is to serve as an interpretive gateway to the central Sierra by presenting natural and cultural histories of this region with an emphasis on the relationships between human activities and natural environments. With the privilege of hosting students near and far, we seek to open fresh eyes to the many career options available in the various realms of forestry, local history, electricity, water, and the like.

The month of May is the busiest to date for PEP! By the end of the month we will have hosted near 1,000 student visitors, along with teachers and parents. We are so pleased to receive for the first time 200 fourth graders from Indianola Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary, both of Selma Unified, to study geology and mining with us. Pine Ridge, Big Creek, and Foothill will enjoy their annual Science Days that Southern California Edison organizes here at the museum.

Amazingly, Steve Byrd and S.C.E. have graciously conducted these exciting theme-focused science days for the past fifteen years! As an education-focused entity, we will be working with Mr. Byrd and S.C.E.’s phenomenal team, continuing our symbiotic relationship, eventually assuming organizational responsibility for Science Days and likely extend the opportunity to all schools multiple times each year.

With grant monies received, we purchased six new 40x-2000x LED lab binocular compound microscopes to enhance our studies in science and two 5x-500x USB microscope endoscopes to study local specimen; rocks, insects, artifacts, wood, metal, and anything else we find interesting!

Thank you to V.E.S.T. members and docents who have graciously volunteered to help with upcoming P.E.P. days. I also must extend a very heartfelt THANK YOU to Norm Saude, who has been working on getting our Science Park ready for use. Jeff Young and Doug Koerper have also been quite instrumental in the progress of our education prospects. There are many more of you who have generously given of your time and resources to propel our education efforts and I thank you sincerely. We are still in search of a corporate or business sponsor for the P.E.P. program specifically, willing to partner with us on an annual basis.

Until we meet again, Nettie
The 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 in 2016. 2017 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. Have a busy schedule already? Don’t worry. Any amount of time you can contribute is valuable. Are you a great organizer, or do you have computer skills? We have projects for that. Are you one of those people who just love to clean? We have plenty of glass cleaner and wipes. Are you a people person? We welcome anyone with a gift of gab! Whatever your skill or interest, we will try to accommodate. We don’t believe in a team of one. If we all give some of our time, energy and effort to help move the Society forward, imagine what great things we can accomplish!

**THANK YOU** as always to everyone that supports the museum. You make it possible for our projects to get done.

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**V.E.S.T.**

**v.e.s.t. = Volunteer Education Service Team**

Our Mission: To create awareness of the Museum and the Central Sierra Historical Society and to provide events and education.

Ways to get involved:

* JOIN V.E.S.T.
* 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

We need volunteers to assist us in accomplishing our mission.

We need YOU!
Meet new people.
Have fun while working to enhance our museum.

Call for more information: Alice Knapp (855-8277) or Mary Warner (841-8781)

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**DOCENT PROGRAM AT THE MUSEUM**

We are entering our sixth year of the Docent Program. The program is facilitated by Bill Donaghy. People interested in the history of the Central Sierra and the growth of the museum have been meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:00am to share ideas and information. Presentations at these meetings have been fun, interesting and educational. There are many opportunities to fit your interest. Whether your interest is specific to an area like railroads, the steam donkey engine or the powerhouse, or maybe you would prefer to greet visitors inside the museum, being a docent has much to offer. We have a very comprehensive docent manual which is available at the office.
PAINT NITE AT THE MUSEUM

The museum held its first “Paint Nite” fundraiser on April 8 and it was a huge success! 55 people attended the event, had a great time, and left with a beautiful painting that they painted themselves. If you haven’t heard, Paint Nite is a very popular evening out and holds events at various places; restaurants, bars, community centers, etc. In two hours, each guest creates a one-of-a-kind painting with fun instruction by a talented artist. Paint Nite offers fundraiser events in which a portion of each ticket is donated to the cause, which is what the museum did.

We are continuing this event with a “Plant Nite” fundraiser, Sunday June 11 from 4pm-7pm. The cost is $50/person and seating is limited so make your reservations now by going to: https://www.planttntite.com/pages/events/view/fresno/10008556

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BENEFITS FROM RECENT GRANTS

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

THE AUBERRY INTERMOUNTAIN ROTARY CLUB awarded an $860 grant to CSHS for the purchase of a microscope, digital camera, and software to be used specifically for the PEP Program.

THE BERTHA AND JOHN GARABEDIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION awarded a $2,500 grant to CSHS for education purposes related to the 2017 Sierra Voices Program and to the 2017/2018 Partnership In Education Program (PEP). Including these grants, the CSHS has received grants totaling $68,500 from the Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation.

EDISON INTERNATIONAL, INC awarded a $1,500 grant to CSHS for the Bark Beetle Documentary.

THE GUARANTEE GOODWILL NETWORK FUND at the Central Valley Community Foundation awarded a $1,000 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY awarded a $2,500 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

THE SHAVER LAKE LIONS CLUB awarded a $5,000 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

SIERRA REMOTE OBSERVATORIES awarded a $750 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

The CSHS Board of Directors, Museum members, and the volunteers who have been working on these projects are very grateful for the generosity of The Auberry Intermountain Rotary Club, The Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation, Edison International, Inc., The Guarantee Goodwill Network Fund, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., The Shaver Lake Lions Club, and Sierra Remote Observatories. We THANK YOU all for your continued Support.
YOU CAN SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY SHOPPING!

The Central Sierra Historical Society has partnered with eScrip, the original and largest “electronic scrip” fundraising program.

**What is eScrip?** eScrip has created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made by participating families to the Historical Society. We encourage you to register your grocery club cards, existing credit/debit cards, or phone numbers as supporters. A percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to us.

**How Does eScrip Work?** Participating merchants such as SaveMart, MarVal, Lucky, Food 4 Less, FoodMaxx, etc., contribute each time your family makes a purchase using their registered card or phone number. There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you and every purchase counts.

Sign up with eScrip and you can earn $150 annually for our group.

Sign up online. It’s quick and easy!

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- **Grocery** $72
- **Retail** $24
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- **eScrip Dining** $24

**Total** $170

Over $150 annually!

Visit [www.escrIP.com](http://www.escrIP.com) and click on “Family of Merchants” for a location near you!

During the registration process, you will be asked to select our organization. Enter: Central Sierra Historical Society (ID # 500043099) and select it.

This is a great way to support CSHS as eScrip contributes up to 3% of your qualified purchases to our organization.

SHOPPING ON AMAZONSMILE IS ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**What is AmazonSmile?** It is a simple and automatic way for you to support CSHS every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us.
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GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Don’t forget the gift shop at the Museum for your gift buying needs. We offer a wide variety of books, children’s books, oral histories, DVD’s, notecards and postcards, clothing, and unique gifts. An assortment of items are also offered by local artists.

Now, per California law, we must provide our own grocery bags or buy one from the store. Please consider buying one or more of our large, cleanable and insulated eco-bags. Grocers love that they are large, have a flat plastic bottom, and can be zipped. These bags can be used for hot or cold foods and are only $7. Support the Historical Society by using these bags when you are shopping.
CSHS LIBRARY BOOKS CAN BE CHECKED OUT

Did you know we have books and digital media that can be rented? We have over 175 books available! You must come into the museum to check out the item and they can be checked out for two weeks. Here is a small sample of our library items:

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In addition to receiving your newsletter in advance of those through the mail, you are saving the Historical Society many dollars in printing and shipping costs. Thank you for that.

PINE LOGGING CAMP

The Pine Logging Camp Restoration site is located at the USFS Dinkey Creek Work Center. Access is via the Dinkey Creek Road and the Work Center Road. Visitor parking is directed to the paved parking lot next to the Big Green equipment shop. Interpretive signage is located within the buildings. Please do not disturb the employees.

- Tee Pee Burner
- Schoolhouse
- Cookhouse
- Commissary
- Other buildings

FALL CARNIVAL OCTOBER 2017

Last October was our second Fall Carnival in conjunction with the Shaver Lake Visitor’s Bureau. With the help and support of our community we pulled off a fun, family-friendly event. We had close to 300 people attend this free event and they enjoyed hayrides, carnival games, pumpkin decorating, a costume contest for children and more! With the help of Camp Edison, braver attendees took part in a haunted ghost walk through the forest. Food and beverages were available to purchase. A good time was had by all. We are looking forward to even more fun this year on October 21 at the museum. If you are interested in helping us with this event, please give us a call!
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

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