***2018 MUSEUM HOURS***

April 6 through May 20 - Friday-Sunday 11:00-3:00

May 25 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.*

Download our cell phone app at your app store!

Check out our new website regarding the tree die off at: aforestwithouttrees.org

The mission of CSHS is to enrich the cultural and educational experiences of visitors to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, by deepening their understanding of the human and natural history of this area.
***ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2018***
THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR ANNUAL SOCIAL A GREAT SUCCESS...

➢ 250+ Visitors
➢ Norm Kato, Shaver Lake Coffee & Deli, donated the ice cream
➢ Artists, Deanna Bristow & Sandy Madrid, displayed their plein air painting techniques
➢ 4H members handed out cookies
➢ CSHS volunteers scooped the ice cream & toppings

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

EIGHTH YEAR FOR SCIENCE DAYS
AT THE MUSEUM OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA

Our eighth year to host Science Days was a big success. The event took place on April 26 and May 11. Working in conjunction with Southern California Edison Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service, over 400 students of all elementary levels, teachers and chaperones attended the annual event. Docents staffed over 12 stations and demonstrated various aspects of our forest environment. This year’s theme was “FIRE! Good Fire/Bad Fire”. The attendees received a fun and well-rounded science lesson about how fire is a critical component of a healthy managed forest. This event is held near the end of the school year and is open to the public.

PRESERVE THE CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORY – BECOME A MEMBER!

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

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

- $1000.00 - Gold Donor
- $500.00 - Silver Donor
- $250.00 - Bronze Donor
- $250.00 – Business Donor
- $100.00 – Benefactor
- $75.00 – Patron
- $35.00 – Family
- $20.00 – Individual

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Please call the museum (559-841-4478) to join, or visit our website at www.sierrahistorical.org & click on Membership to join.
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### FRIDAY IN THE PINES CONCERT SERIES 2018
#### -ONE PERFORMANCE REMAINS-

**August 24 – Rock Therapy.** The amphitheater will welcome back a favorite performance by 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.
**SIERRA VOICES 2018**

Facilitator: Dina Young

-REMAINING PRESENTATIONS-

*Sierra Voices is an educational program that invites guest presenters to share information that pertain to the history and culture of our beautiful area. 1:00 p.m. in the museum’s media room.*

**August 11 – Local History Tidbits – John Mount, Marv Kientz and Friends, Speakers**

Ever wanted to hear a few old-timers talk about the good 'ol days of Shaver Lake? Here’s your chance. Find out what life was like, some of the key players, and what history was witnessed by these folks. Some audience members may even want to add their two cents!

**September 08 – Missing In The Minarets – Steve Merrill, Speaker**

“The rugged individual who overcomes all obstacles” is a major theme of American fiction. But what about when it comes to non-fiction? Sometimes rugged individuals fall off cliffs, crash their airplanes, or wander off the beaten path and are never heard from again. Such has been part of the history of the Minarets, just a few miles west of the town of Mammoth Lakes. Join us for an intriguing look at how not to experience the high Sierra.

**October 13 – Jeff Irwin, Speaker**

Jeff Irwin will be discussing the 50th anniversary of the Sierra National Forest.

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**HIKES FOR HISTORY 2018**

Facilitator: Bill Donaghy

-REMAINING HIKES-

**August 18 – 9:00 AM - Huntington Lake, Meg Tallberg, Leader**

The hike will begin from the museum parking lot at 9 am and caravan to Lakeshore. We will then have a talk about Lakeshore Lodge and the wonderful dance hall. From there we will walk along the lake for about a mile to a cove. Depending on time, we will stop there and eat lunch or snacks. Please bring appropriate footwear, water and lunch or snack. Children are welcome.

**September 15 – 9:00 AM - Dorabella Cove, Linda Cottingtham, Leader**

The hike will begin from the museum parking lot at 9 am. We will visit a grinding hole site near a creek and continue down to the lake shore. Walking along the shore, we will discover origins of surrounding geographic features. We will reach the point at Dorabella Cove and take a break before returning to the museum. The hike is about two miles round trip over fairly level ground. Please bring appropriate footwear, water and snacks. Children are welcome.

Hikers should meet in the museum parking lot by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the hike. Please bring a picnic lunch, good shoes, sun block and plenty of water.

Hike organizers/hosts of Central Sierra Historical Society 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 personal safety but will do what they can to help in an emergency.

*The destinations are subject to change. Please watch our website or call the museum to confirm.*
SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> IS OUR LAST STEAM DONKEY “STEAM-UP” FOR THE YEAR

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.

September 2

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

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> IS OUR LAST POWERHOUSE DEMO FOR THE YEAR

There will be a demonstration of our Redinger Powerhouse #1, located at the museum, at noon on:

September 2

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

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. Donations were recently received in memory of the following:

- Fran Drake-
- Sally Sample Sharer-
- John Jeffrey Urdesich-

A DONATION WAS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

- Brian Clague’s Birthday-

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.
CSHS WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Cunningham

Mike was born in the old Saint Agnes Hospital in Fresno in 1946. He has spent almost all his life in the Fresno/Clovis area, currently residing in Clovis. He graduated from McLane High School and attended Fresno City College and CSUF. Michael followed his father, Bill, into law enforcement serving in the Fresno City College Campus Police, U.S. Army Criminal Investigations and the Fresno County Sheriff’s Department. His family has deep roots in the mountains of the central Sierra. He served as a resident deputy sheriff in both Huntington Lake and Shaver Lake in 1973-74. His Grandfather, Vaud, ran a pack station in Huntington Lake in the 1930’s and 40’s. Mike retired in 2001 and later served 5 years with the Fresno County Civil Service Commission. In 2016, he was appointed and still serves with the Clovis City Planning Commission as a Commissioner. Mike’s hobbies include Woodturning, Woodworking, Model Railroading and flying UAVs (drones). His love of the Sierras and a strong desire to give back to the community enables him to serve the CSHS and Museum. He was elected to the CSHS Board at the Annual Meeting in May 2018.

Ben Kimbler (Picture Unavailable)

Ben was elected to the CSHS Board of Directors in June 2018. Born to Jay Elden and Margie Dale Kimbler, he is a 4th generation cattle rancher and a 5th generation Tollhouse resident. Ben attended Sierra Elementary School and Sierra Joint Union High School. He earned his B.S. Degree in Ag Business at CSUF. He married his wife, Jill Leslie Haungs, in 1981 and they have two sons, Jay Morgan and Wesley Wade, and 4 grandchildren, Addison Mae, Wyatt James, Charlee Lynn and Reed Morgan. Ben was the Ag Farm Manager at Sierra Joint Union High School from 1983-2005. He retired from his position as Transportation Services Supervisor at Sierra Unified School District in 2016. Today he continues operating his cattle business which began in 1975.

*Congratulations to Director Patrick Emmert upon his recent retirement from SCE Forestry! He stepped down from his post as Secretary to the CSHS Board of Directors in June and Judy Statler is taking his place.

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 Monteiro at lisa@sierrahistorical.org
JOHN R. MOUNT, JR. IS RECOGNIZED IN A DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE MUSEUM OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA

On Saturday, May 19, John R. Mount, Jr. was recognized for his long-time dedication to the Central Sierra Historical Society and his vision (past, present and future) for the Museum of the Central Sierra. Approximately 200 friends and family members attended the dedication of the museum building in honor of John. A plaque on the granite boulder in front of the museum reads:

The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Historical Society dedicated this museum building to

JOHN R. MOUNT JR.

For his leadership, vision, and determination that enabled this building to be completed. His commitment to CSHS has helped define the basic message to enrich the cultural and educational experiences for the visitors to the Sierra Nevada mountains. We dedicate this building in gratitude for his service, commitment, and dedication to educating visitors about the value of our area’s natural resources.

Dedicated May 19, 2018

John became active in the Historical Society in 2000. He worked tirelessly to get the museum built and through his pragmatic leadership the doors opened in 2007. John started his career in forest management in 1957 and he continues it today with his current project of a Public Policy Education Program that will educate government and other agencies about using fire to manage forests. This program is made possible with a $25,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. On behalf of the staff, volunteers, Board of Trustees and Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum...THANK YOU, John, for your leadership and continued efforts to make CSHS what it is today and what the future holds. We appreciate you.
OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS MEMBERS

THANK YOU to Fred Dow of Ponderosa Solid Waste, Friant who joined the Historical Society since our last publication. Your membership helps to preserve the museum collection, to maintain and improve the museum and its exhibits, and to provide our community with educational programs, exhibitions and engaging social activities. An updated portable banner listing all business memberships is now displayed at the museum and at 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. Our community’s future depends on businesses like yours, supporting the work of volunteers and non-profit organizations such as ours. Your membership will be mentioned in our quarterly newsletters and advertised on signage at the Museum & outside events.

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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 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 2017. 2018 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.

Ways to get involved:
* JOIN V.E.S.T. 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. The lead docent facilitator is Bill Donaghy, who can be contacted through the museum.

**V.E.S.T. (Volunteer Education Service Team)** meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:15 am. 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. The V.E.S.T. facilitator is Alice Knapp and she can be contacted by calling the museum at (559) 841-4478.

Have a busy schedule already? Don’t worry. Any amount of time you can contribute is valuable. 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!

We need volunteers to assist us in accomplishing our mission. We need YOU! Come 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.

**Why Do I Volunteer?**
“IT’s fun helping to make history come alive!” *Marsha Waller*
“IT volunteer because it’s the American way and it makes me feel good.” *Cissy Van Vleet*
“Seeing the joy of people learning & the positive energy of our volunteers.” *Meri Rasmussen*
“I enjoy volunteering because I love investing in my community, meeting like-minded people and helping others.” *Cher Cardwell*
“Being a volunteer of CSHS gives me the opportunity to be an active part of the Shaver Lake community while also working to preserve the local history that means so much to me.” *Linda Clague*
“As a retired teacher, I enjoy being actively engaged in museum events that educate children about our forest community and its historical significance.” *Judy Ricks*
“After moving to Shaver Lake and not knowing anyone, I stopped by the museum and talked to Becky Davis. Because of that conversation, I joined VEST and met so many wonderful people, both other volunteers & tourists. Since then, I have also become a docent & really enjoy meeting & informing visitors of all the interesting history of this area.” *Meg Tallberg*

**DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU...CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!**
ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM AT THE MUSEUM

In 2001 CSHS member Ed Selleck began our oral history program with his first interview of Mildred Savage to record memories of her days at Big Creek. Seven years later he had recorded over 30 interviews of local folks! Oral histories are based on personal recollections and handed down accounts of days gone by. They are not based on scholarly research. Memories, particularly those involving dates and numbers, may not be exact. Any variance between the recorded interview and published literary adaptation is a result of collaboration among the narrator, scribe and editor. Listed below are the literary adaptations available for sale at the museum gift shop:

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Here are excerpts from oral histories for Sally Sample-Sharer, who recently passed away, and for Adeline Smith/Muir Trail Ranch, who’s family recently presented a Sierra Voices program at the museum.
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Introduction:
Sally Sample–Sharer’s roots in Fresno County date from 1856 when her paternal great grandparents, William and Jane Cole, established a ranch first in Centerville then in Academy. Her grandfather, David Cowan (“D.C.”) Sample, a nineteen-year-old Confederate Army veteran, arrived in 1868. D.C. married Sally Cole, one of William and Jane’s ten daughters. Through the next four generations ranching has been a way of life for many descendants of the Samples. The family has a prominent place in the history of the Sierra. The naming of Sample Meadow deep in the Sierra National Forest, and Sample Road in the foothills north of Academy have memorialized them.

On July 15, 2003 the Central Sierra Historical Society was honored by Sally’s narration of her family’s history. The interview took place at the old Sample cow camp in a beautiful meadow east of Dinkey Creek.

The Bill and Sally Sharer Family:
Sally’s first husband, Alan Dick, died at the age of thirty-six from cancer in 1966. Sally and Bill Sharer were married April 3, 1968, two years after Alan’s death. Bill had been a family friend for some years. He was Area Seven Foreman (Fresno and Clovis) with the Fresno County Road Department as well as owning and running a small cattle operation. He shared Sally’s love of the mountains, going into the high country with Jack Estill and Walt and Don Knight on cattle drives. In 1970, Bill adopted Sally’s children, Lee Ann, Gordon and Sally.

Gordon is a teacher and coach at Clovis West High School. Lee Ann and Sally and her husband, Ken Behling, are engaged in cattle ranching.

Lee Ann’s sons, Blaine and Jordan, Sally’s sons, Kyle and Mitchell are continuing the family tradition. They are all ranch hands. At this writing Blaine, age seventeen and Jordan, age fourteen are active in youth rodeo competition winning about fifty belt buckles and several saddles. Kyle, age ten and Mitch, age eight are active with Scouts, 4-H, and lots of outdoor activities on the ranch.

Sally, a very proud grandmother said, “The grandkids are up here a lot and I play right along with them in the creek, fishing and hiking. However, care is taken. I can’t chance possible encounters with bears and mountain lions. I might have chanced it myself and with my children but not my grandkids.”

The old cow camp is now a family retreat. It is where Sally, Pug and several cousins grew up. It is an important part of Sally’s life and where her heart is.
Oral History of Adeline Smith

A Literary Adaptation by Ed Selleck
Introduction:

The John Muir Trail extends from the summit of Mt. Whitney north 212 miles to Yosemite National Park. It traverses Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Sequoia and Kings Canyon Wilderness Areas, John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness Areas of the Sierra National Forest, and Devils Post Pile National Monument before terminating at Yosemite Valley. The route passes by nearly a dozen peaks exceeding 14,000 feet in elevation. Construction of the trail began in 1914, one year after John Muir's death, and was completed in 1938. Long before the trail was completed hikers were covering short stretches of the route, a few its entirety.

Muir Trail Ranch is located along the South Fork of the San Joaquin River at an elevation of 8,000 feet just about mid-way of the John Muir Trail. The trail used to pass through the ranch but now skirts around it. It's an easy side trip and respite for hikers wanting to replenish their food supplies, have a refreshing bath in the natural hot springs and to treat blisters on their feet. The Muir Trail Ranch is in the Sierra National Forest at Blayney Meadows, six miles east by helicopter, and approximately 800 feet higher in elevation from the end of the road at Florence Lake. Equestrians follow a longer, serpentine trail. Hikers starting at Florence Lake can gain some benefit by being ferried across the lake; choices then are to walk, or ride a horse to the ranch. A third choice that few opt for is to ride in a four-wheel drive truck over a bone-jarring trail. The 200-acre ranch is a destination point for nature lovers or those who just want to get away from it all. It is a paradise for hikers, fishermen, photographers and bird watchers.

Earl H. Coleman, M.D. had a relationship with Blayney Meadows spanning from 1927 to the mid 1970s. He documented the area's history in a booklet entitled: "The Diamond D Saga." For centuries prior to the discovery by stockmen, Native Americans from both the eastern and western sides of the Sierra camped around the meadows trading goods and taking advantage of the therapeutic value of the hot springs. Early accounts dating from 1868 have sheepmen claiming the meadows as grazing land, and whoever controlled the meadows also controlled access to rich grazing lands throughout the area. Over time, at least one land dispute erupted with a violent outcome. One of the early stockmen was W. F. Blayney for whom the meadows are named. About 1880 rights were passed to W.W. Shipp, a rancher from the San Joaquin Valley, and they remained in his family until about 1939-40. For a brief ten-year period starting in 1929, the Shipp's allowed limited overnight camping and a packtrain operation by a renter, H. B. Berryhill. In 1940 Jack Ducey purchased the land and opened the Diamond D Ranch. A capital D inside a diamond was established as his brand and is still in use today. In 1946 Nate and Patsy Combs purchased the ranch, then in 1953 sold to Karl and Adeline Smith. The Smiths changed the name to Muir Trail Ranch, and their ownership has been continuous.
MUSEUM ‘HONEY-DO’ LIST GETS FUNDED - THANKS TO PROCEEDS FROM ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER

The CSHS annual fundraiser dinner was held Saturday, June 16 at the Museum of the Central Sierra. A great time was had by all who attended. Guests were treated to a fun social hour with drinks and appetizers before a delicious dinner catered by Pardini’s of Fresno. A silent auction, offering 18 fabulous gift baskets valued between $115 to $275 and 24 desserts, were offered throughout dinner, followed by a spectacular 8-item live auction led by Jeff Young. Proceeds for the evening yielded a net income of $14,249 for the Museum Honey-Do List. Thank you to the following donors who contributed to our auctions:

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HAYDEN SAWMILL RESTORATION UPDATE

Norm Saude, volunteer working on the Hayden Sawmill restoration project, reports the sawmill carriage and head rig base are now complete and work continues on the project! Thank you, Norm, and all the volunteers working on this.

****OUR OWN ELODIE CRAIN IS A STAR!****

Congratulations to Elodie Crain, the five-year-old daughter of our Executive Director, Lisa Monteiro. She won the “Name The Telescope” contest sponsored by FOAL (Friends Of The Auberry Library). Elodie’s idea to name their new telescope “Star Searcher” was one of 47 entries. The question asked by FOAL was “Why do you think your choice is the best name for the telescope?” Elodie’s answer - Star Searcher, because it searches the stars - “summed it up the best”, according to Mitch Smith, one of the judges on the panel. A plaque will soon be mounted on the telescope with its new name. You can see Star Searcher in action on the upcoming astronomy nights at the Auberry Library: August 6th, 8:30-10:00 p.m. and September 17th, 8:00-9:30 p.m. WAY TO GO, ELODIE! We are all very proud of you!!!
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2. Computer topo map projection display.
3. LED lighting for Caboose snow shed, Steam Donkey snow shed, and Mack Truck building.
4. Installation of fence enclosure around the Steam Donkey.
5. Shade awning for the Museum patio.
6. Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit.
7. Emmert Stamp Mill Project.
8. Construction help with a flume exhibit and tender’s cabin (currently under construction).
9. Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.
10. Construction help with a Science Park
11. Display supplies, card stock, mounting boards, new panels, etc.
12. 1927 Mack Truck donated by John & Terri Everett

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