***CURRENT MUSEUM HOURS***

Current through December 09 – Friday-Sunday 11:00-3:00
December 10 – Closed For the Winter Season

*We are able to 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 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.
NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In preparation for writing this article, I started going over the summer’s statistics. The Museum of the Central Sierra had 11,430 visitors through October, over $11,000 in donations to our Partnership in Education Program (PEP) and our highest gift shop sales ever, over $25,000 sold so far!

These numbers reflect not only the obvious fact that we are busier than ever, but that we are growing. We are expanding the experiences offered through PEP, we are giving more tours, and we are hosting more programs. This past year we held three Friday In the Pines concerts, six Sierra Voices lectures, four Hikes for History, and of course our visitor favorites: Steam Ups and Powerhouse Demos! We had 820 students come for school visits from 12 local schools, including Fowler, Visalia, Clovis and more. There were also over 5,000 volunteer hours logged!

In June, Curator Emeritus, Donald Zuris from Corpus Christi Texas spent two days at our Museum reviewing our self-assessment, programs, artifacts, staffing and more as part of a grant we received from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). From this visit Mr. Zuris created a lengthy report with short, mid, and long-range suggestions to help move us toward national accreditation though AAM. The museum staff, board, and volunteers have been working hard to prioritize these suggestions and set goals for those we wish to incorporate into our strategic plan. Anyone interested in reading this document can request a copy emailed to them.

I want to personally thank those of you that participated in our recent visitor survey, we have had over 200 responses! The survey results will be a helpful tool for our board of directors when they meet in December to discuss this and some of the other suggestions from our Museum Assessment. To further clarify, our organization is financially strong, we do not start a project until funding has been obtained. We have zero debt, and are actively applying for grants throughout the year. We have stayed under budget the past four years with hard work from staff and our board. Looking at the annual numbers and the conversations we have with teachers, visitors, and our community, we are growing. With such growth we are always open to considering new income revenue options, keeping in mind our visitors and what we think will work best for our community. I truly appreciate all the thoughtful comments, suggestions, and ideas that were included in the survey.

I want to give a clear picture of what funds our day-to-day operations and hope the following information is helpful. Realizing our average visitor may not want these details, I want to be clear to our members as they are what keep us going. Based on the numbers we have through October, with a visitor count of 11,430, our donation jars placed throughout the museum average only $.47 per visitor. Our docents and staff all do a great job welcoming our visitors and explaining that we are a non-profit. We will make an effort to make a clearer “ask” for donations.

Most donations received are for projects or specific “restricted” funds, such as PEP, the Hayden Sawmill Restoration Project, Sierra Voices, etc. From larger donations, and written in to most grant budget requests, we reserve 15% of the total given to the general operations fund.

Membership, our Annual Appeal, gift shop surplus, other unrestricted donations (such as memorial donations and rental income) fund general operations such as payroll, insurance, office supplies, utilities, etc. While all of these have seen dramatic increases in the past four years, thanks to your generosity, they are not necessarily predictable sources of income.

We operate on a unique model that is working for us at this level of operations. Yet we have big dreams and are constantly looking to diversify sources of income and ways to expand. I hope this information is a helpful follow-up to the survey. It is my desire to maintain clarity and transparency to conversations taking place with our board, trustees, membership, and community.

Thank you all for another exciting and busy summer here at the Museum of the Central Sierra!

Lisa Monteiro
FIRE IN THE SIERRA WORKSHOPS

A major milestone was reached this year as we were able to receive a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for $25,000 to host a series of workshops. Our planning committee consisted of John R. Mount, Julianne Stewart, Stephen Byrd, Dr. Howard Hendrix and Lisa Monteiro. This committee worked over the last year to plan and execute workshops for the community, those working in natural resources, and lastly, one for legislators and policy makers.

The feedback received from workshop attendees was wonderful and the quality of the presenters, subjects covered and information taught seemed to resonate well with each audience. In the final workshop there were representatives from Assemblyman Vopel’s office, Assemblyman Patterson, Madera County, Senator Moorlach, Assemblyman Quirk, Senator Berryhill, Fresno County Supervisors, Merced County and California Farm Bureau.

The workshops included presentations from a variety of speakers including professional foresters, professors, wildlife biologists, and those working in natural resources. Attendees gained a new perspective on the history of fire in the Sierra Nevada and a comprehensive overview of the current challenges and opportunities surrounding the management of forest lands and the influence of fire in the Sierra. There were also tours of a nearby site demonstrating the forest practices discussed in the morning’s presentations and in the final workshop participants were able to take part in a prescribed burn thanks to Southern California Edison.

We hope to host a similar series of workshops, focusing on water, in the near future!

ATTENTION SCE CURRENT AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES

As the end of the year approaches, Southern California Edison Company employees, current and past, can financially support the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum through the SCE Employee Volunteer Incentive Grant Program. This program is available through SCE’s parent company, Edison International.

You can request a cash grant up to $600 per year representing your hours of volunteer service. These hours do not need to be performed at the museum, but you can designate your grant to the Historical Society. Be sure to log your hours by the end of the year and submit your Edison International grant request. It can be done online, or by a simple phone call to them. We are already in Edison’s system as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you need help, please feel free to call Becky Davis at the museum (559-841-4478).

Several current and retired SCE employees have taken advantage of this program and designated CSHS as the receiver of the grant. Please consider it. Remember, giving back also includes volunteering!

UPDATE ON THE HAYDEN SAWMILL RESTORATION PROJECT

Board member Norm Saude reports the Head Rig restoration and rebuilding of the sled wheels are in process. The Waukesha engine will, hopefully, be working soon and a backup engine has been donated. The group is working two days per week and plan to pick up more days as their volunteer time increases in the colder months. Completion is anticipated for June 2019! Watch our upcoming newsletters for more progress reports.
20th ANNUAL BLACKPOT COOK-OFF

Submitted by: Heather McDonald Sullivan, CSHS Blackpot Coordinator, Shaver Lake Fishing Club

A huge success, once again! The Annual High Sierra Black Pot event hosted by the Shaver Lake Fishing Club on August 4th, 2018 brought in approx. $34,000 for the Historical Society’s Building and Exhibit Fund. Thank you to all who attended this year’s event making it a sellout and a wonderful day filled with great food, wonderful tunes and great company.

This event would not happen without the time and effort of the members of the Shaver Lake Fishing Club, as well as Sue Johnson and the High Sierra Blackpot Cookers, Steve Gillett and fellow musicians, Steven and Michelle McDonald and Stephen McDonald. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to making this event a success year after year.

Thank you to all who contributed to this year’s event, whether it was money, time or items. A special thanks to the following individuals, organizations and businesses for their donations.

Shaver Lake Fishing Club
Southern California Edison
SDM Realty
Donagh Sales
Enterprise Car Rental
David’s Party Plus in Reedley
Patty Holman
La Boulangerie
Doug Koerper
Brenda & Mark Isaac
Norman Saude
Canyon Fork Ace Hardware

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Nothing Bundt Cakes
Odds & Ends Creations
Prather Perk Gift & Boutique
Shaver Lake Liquor & Beer
Shaver Lake Art Gallery
Tim Messer
Tagress Family Pottery
Whitehurst, Sullivan Burns & Blair Funeral Home
PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION PROGRAM
By Robert Knapp, PEP Facilitator

The Partnership in Education Program (PEP), which is the foundation educational program of the Central Sierra Historical Society, continues to provide essential, hands-on educational opportunities to students at grade levels 3-12, post high school, and adult. Our focus is to continue to integrate current grade level standards into lessons on Native American History, Geology and Mining, Logging and Forestry, Water, and Hydro Power.

The PEP leadership group took some time this spring to reflect on our progress thus far and to make plans for the future. As a result, we have added an additional staff member, Robert Brookey, who is experienced in STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) applications at all grade levels.

Robert will be the chief designer for our exciting Science Park featuring “7 Simple Machines” which will be operational next spring. Nettie Carrol will continue as the PEP Coordinator and primary contact person for schools interested in participating in our program. Integral in the success of our program is the continuing support of many volunteers and museum staff who share their knowledge and enthusiasm with the students.

This fall we facilitated Science Days for our mountain schools. We also hosted students from a Fresno charter school, who were interested in careers in Forestry; 6th graders from Sutter School in Fowler returned for two days of activities focused on science, technology and geology; and a group of students from a Montessori school in Visalia spent time camping at the local boy scout camp, along with museum activities focused on science and forestry.

Our goals for next year include strengthening our outreach program to attract more valley schools and completing our Science Park to support all grade levels in STEM Education and continuing to provide and support dynamic student learning anchored in the rich resources of the Central Sierra.

THANK YOU to all of you who have given your support and graciously volunteered your time to the museum’s Partnership in Education Program. You are part of a fantastic team giving new experiences to students near and far!

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.

- Shirley Bone-
  Terri Everett-
- Sally Sample Sharer-
  Connie Steiner-
- Edwin “Pete” Swanson-
- George “Kim” Van Vleet-

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS
You can support the Historical Society by giving your friends and loved ones a yearly membership to the Museum of the Central Sierra. It makes an excellent gift. A gift membership is only $20. Please call Rebecca Davis, Membership Coordinator, with the details.
OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS MEMBERS

THANK YOU to **Tim & Anna O’Neill of O’Neill Agri-Management, Inc.** 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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Each era is intertwined with what has come before, and in turn leaves some legacy for the future. Our community’s future depends on businesses like yours, supporting the work of volunteers and non-profit organizations such as ours.
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 Monteiro at lisa@sierrahistorical.org

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

For those of you who receive printed newsletters, won’t you consider receiving it via email? 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. Many people say they like the color pictures and the clarity of the online version better than the B&W printed copies. Please send your address to cs@sierrahistorical.org and enter “Newsletter” in the subject line.

PRESERVE 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.
VOLUNTEER/SUPPORTER APPRECIATION EVENING HELD

Sunday evening, September 9, was a beautiful night to thank all our volunteers and supporters who generously gave their time, energy and talents to the Historical Society in 2018. The Luau themed evening began at 4:00pm with a reception and dinner in the museum’s media room. Our own Joy West, Museum Assistant, planned the event with the assistance of Dona Mount who provided the decorations. Joy BBQ’d Hawaiian chicken & beef dishes that were paired with fantastic side dishes. President Keith Swinger, and Executive Director, Lisa Monteiro, thanked the over 50 people in attendance for their services to the society.

Approximately 5,000 hours are logged yearly by our volunteers. Their time and talents truly make a difference in CSHS operations, allowing us to be more efficient and cost-effective. We are always in need of volunteers who will help us to carry out our mission in preserving the region's history. You don't have to be a Shaver Lake resident to contribute your talent, and no experience is necessary – we will be glad to show you what to do and you will have a good time doing it. Please call the museum at 841-4478 to inquire how you can be a volunteer.

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 2018. 2019 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 Fundraiser Dinner, Children’s Holiday and Summer Crafts
* Volunteer for the Partnership in Education Program: outreach to schools with local education opportunities

Docents meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:00 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.

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU...CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT THE MUSEUM!

Once again, v.e.s.t. members, chaired by Meg Tallberg, are coordinating fantastic children’s Christmas crafts at the museum. From 11:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, November 24 we will be helping children make birdfeeders (pinecones with peanut butter and seed), paper garlands and a new craft – a Christmas mouse!

Crafters will have the option of decorating the museum tree or taking their crafts home with them. All supplies are furnished. This is fun for the whole family, there isn’t an age limit! We hope to see you there.

DON’T FORGET THE MUSEUM FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Holiday shopping is right around the corner. The museum gift shop offers a variety of books, oral histories, DVD’s, note cards and postcards, unique gifts, and clothing. We also sell items made by local artists. The museum will be open Friday-Sunday from 11:00 to 3:00 until December 9. We are currently having a huge clearance sale on many items! Support the museum, and while you’re there make sure to check out all the new displays.

Another great way to support the museum is by giving your friends and loved ones a yearly membership. It makes an excellent gift! Call the museum office for details.

MUSEUM BENEFITS FROM EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

CSHS is happy to announce that the museum benefited from collaboration with an Eagle Scout Candidate. Sriram Vijay, a 9th grader at Clovis North High School, designed and built the two benches that are now on both sides of our front door. Many visitors took advantage of the seating this past summer.

This effort is an example of the support that CSHS offers to local youth in fulfillment of the society’s commitment to education and outreach. Good luck in your future endeavors, Sriram!
HIKES FOR HISTORY – 2018

This was the third summer we have conducted our Hikes For History program. Over 100 people enjoyed one or more of the narrated hikes. This year’s hikes were coordinated by members of our docent program. Special thanks for the success of the hikes to all the docents and vest members who joined us.

The first hike, held June 23rd, was to the Pine Logging Camp on Dinkey Creek Rd. Facilitated by docent Debbie Carolan, hikers were lucky enough to have along Patrick Emmert as their guide. He is a local expert on the Camp and gave them a guided tour of its rich heritage and contribution to our area’s logging history.

The second hike, held July 21st, took place along the Red Mountain Road to visit a cabin that some people feel was the winter lodging of Chinaman Charley. Facilitated by docents Robert & Alice Knapp, hikers learned about Chinese immigrants in California, sheep/cattle grazing in the Sierra Forest, as well as Charley Lee Blasingame. Charley’s great-granddaughter and great-great grandson attended! The hike was 3-4 miles roundtrip.

The third hike, held August 18th, was at Huntington Lake. Facilitated by docent Meg Tallberg, hikers met at the museum and caravanned to the Lakeshore Lodge, where they heard the owner of the lodge, Steve Sherry, talk about the history of the resort. Following his presentation, the hikers walked along the shore of the lake to a quiet cove where they enjoyed their lunch.

The fourth hike, held September 15th, was to Dorabella Cove. Facilitated by docent Linda Cottingham, hikers visited a grinding hole site near a creek and then continued down to the lakeshore. Walking along the shore, they discovered origins of surrounding geographic features. This hike, about two miles roundtrip, took them to the point at Dorabella Cove.

We hope to continue this well-received program in the summer of 2019. Watch our website or our May 2019 newsletter for more information.

SIERRA VOICES PRESENTATIONS – 2018

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 was our 9th 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 next year’s line-up!

May 12

Muir Trail Ranch by Hillary Painter & Family
Guest speakers Hillary Painter and Family offered a round table discussion about their Muir Trail Ranch (formerly known as Diamond D Ranch). The ranch is a 5-1/2-mile hike from Florence Lake, in a gorgeous valley surrounded by the John Muir Wilderness and near the famous John Muir Trail. It has become a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. The family offered many fascinating stories and provided historical facts.

June 9

John Samuel Eastwood by Bill Donaghy
Guest speaker Bill Donaghy provided a presentation that focused on John Samuel Eastwood, the man. It examined how his “world view” affected his interactions with his environment and the people around him. All phases of his life were examined, not just his eight-year Big Creek hydroelectric connections, including his early background, Fresno employment, railroad and flume projects, powerhouse #1, central Sierra exploration, multiple arch dam construction, and the people he met along the way.
July 14  Medicinal Plants by Dr. Brian Clague
Guest speaker Dr. Brian Clague provided a presentation about the Sierra Indians’ use of plants for medicinal purposes. His presentation contained a background discussion of the plant world, its divisions, and the associated plant families with medical uses, thus giving a larger picture of useful plants.

August 11  Local History Tidbits by John R. Mount & Jeff Young
Guest speakers John R. Mount and Jeff Young offered a round table discussion about the history of Shaver Lake. There was discussion about some of the key players and what history was witnessed by those folks. The audience joined in on the conversation.

September 8  Missing In The Minarets by Steve Merrill
Guest speaker Steve Merrill offered an interesting presentation about different individuals who overcame obstacles. Sometimes rugged individuals fell off cliffs, crashed their airplanes, or wandered off the beaten path and were 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.

October 13  The Archaeology & Prehistory of the Sierra National Forest by Jeff Irwin
Guest speaker Jeff Irwin, Archeologist and Heritage Program Manager of the Sierra National Forest, presented an overview of the prehistoric record of indigenous culture and shared some information on the Sierra National Forest's Heritage Program.

FRIDAY IN THE PINES CONCERT SERIES 2018

2018 has been a very successful year for our concert series. We brought back two of our favorite performers and introduced one new group to our Friday in the Pines audience.

Our concert series began in June with a crowd favorite, “Tipperary Stew”, from Visalia. Returning for their sixth year, our audience has fallen in love with this family of four and their talent of entertaining us with singing Irish and Americana music, the fun banter with the audience, and their musically talented daughters.

“Bluegrass Element” entertained us in July. Brought to us by Steve Gillett of A Grass Less Traveled, Bluegrass Element had the audience clapping and toe-tapping to fun-filled music.

Ending our concert series in August was another crowd favorite, “Rock Therapy”, from Oakhurst. This band once again brought the crowd to their feet with classic rock favorites from the Eagles, Heart, Led Zeppelin, Journey and Linda Ronstadt.

Our community really pulled together, inviting family and friends to enjoy great music, wonderful atmosphere and the benefit of a free concert. Our audience numbers continue to grow each year! We express our appreciation to all who attended, as well as to those who have donated to the success of the amphitheater through financial contributions, and to our wonderful performers who offer their time and talents.

SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!
2018 SPECIAL THANK YOU’S

❖ Allan Blacksill of Fresno donated firewood for the Steam Donkey 2018 season.
❖ Linda Cottingham of Shaver Lake donated a handmade quilt for auction at our 2018 Annual Fundraiser Dinner. The quilt was won by Board Director Michael Cunningham, who then donated it back to the museum for display. It is now hanging in the hallway between the museum main room and the museum media room.
❖ Michael Cunningham of Fresno donated, for the museum, a professional surveillance and security system, including installation.
❖ Ed & Deborah Delaney of Prather donated 3 Sierra Jeep Tours for auction at our 2018 Annual Fundraiser Dinner.
❖ Mark Elizondo/OHM-Mega Electric of Meadow Lakes donated his time & effort to provide various electrical services around the museum.
❖ Leslie Faust donated 30 watercolor notecards painted by Franklin Faust.
❖ Norm Kato/Shaver Coffee & Deli of Shaver Lake donated ice cream for the annual Ice Cream Social.
❖ Peter McKinley of Auberry donated his time & effort to help us with minor maintenance things at the museum.
❖ Char & Al Meier of Clovis donated their time and effort to yardwork around the museum.
❖ Steve Merrill of Fresno who donated his time & efforts to maintain our boat, the Osprey II.
❖ Barry & Suzanne Motte of Shaver Lake donated 2 Dinners for 8 at their home in Shaver Lake for auction at our 2018 Annual Fundraiser Dinner.
❖ Hillary Hurley Painter of Ahwahnee donated copies of her book “Never A Dull Moment” for sell in the museum gift shop.
❖ Mike & Ellen Patton of Fresno donated a screen & projector for the museum media room.
❖ Penny Newman Grain Company of Fresno donated beverages for the tables at our 2018 Annual Fundraiser Dinner.
❖ R & R Painting in Fresno donated a paint job on our boat, the Osprey II.
❖ Southern California Edison, Hydro Division in Shaver Lake donated a tour of the Eastwood Power Plant for auction at our 2018 Annual Fundraiser Dinner.
❖ John & Karen Sthol of Shaver Lake donated all supplies for the Annual Pancake Breakfast.
❖ Two Brothers Landscape of Sanger discounted costs for landscaping services around the museum.
❖ Joe Ubbink of Pine Ridge donated his time & effort to restore benches used on the museum grounds.
❖ Brooks & Colleen Wilson of Fresno donated Caboose #51 patches to sell in the museum gift shop.
❖ Mike Yelinek of Shaver Lake donated his time and effort to repair door locks at the museum.
❖ Jeff & Dina Young/Shaver Lake Liquor & Beer in Shaver Lake donated beverages for our 2018 Annual Membership Meeting, our Annual Fundraiser Dinner, our Steam Donkey Dedication, and our Museum Building Dedication.

All donations, whether it be a cash donation, or an in-kind donation are extremely valuable to the Historical Society. We are a nonprofit organization, and with everybody’s support we can help our community fulfill the dream to keep the museum moving forward. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YOU CAN SUPPORT CSHS BY SHOPPING LOCALLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

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

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Enter: Central Sierra Historical Society (ID # 500043099) and select it.

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Here are a few comments written in the Museum guest book this year!

- Great! Appreciate Your Work! (Fallbrook, CA)
- Back Again! (Camarillo, CA)
- Thank You For Preserving History! (Fresno, CA)
- This Place Is Cool! (Coalinga, CA)
- Love What You’re Doing! (Madera, CA)
- Really Engaging! (Visalia, CA)
- Very Interesting. Nice Kids Activities! (Kernville, CA)
- Love It! (Colorado Springs, CO)
- So Cool! (Clovis, CA)
- Great Place! (Paso Robles, CA)
- Amazing! (Cambria, CA)
- We Really Love This Place! (O’Neals, CA)
- I Like The Interactions! (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA)
- Enjoyed Your Museum! (Shafter, CA)
- Great Museum! (Kingsburg, CA)
- So Much Fun! (Pismo Beach, CA)
- Well Done! Well Kept! (Palmdale, CA)
- Awesome Hospitality! (Bakersfield, CA)
- Power Up! (Folsom, CA)
- Friendly Staff Even Had A Kid’s Activity! Lovely! (Escondido, CA)
- Thumbs Up! (Rosemead, CA)
- Excellent For Our Children – See & Learn! (San Jose, CA)
- Thanks For Being So Child Friendly! (San Jose, CA)
- Had A Great Time! (San Diego, CA)
- Thank You! We really Enjoy Visiting Your Museum! (Porterville, CA)
- Wonderful Experience! Loved Looking Around! (Portland, OR)
- I Liked The Outside Equipment! (Torrance, CA)
- I’m Now Learning My History! (Tollhouse, CA)
- Very Nice, Friendly & Interesting! (Los Banos, CA)
- Every Year Gets Better! (Paso Robles, CA)
- Thank You For Sharing This History! (Moorpark, CA)
- Fascinating! (Elgin, TX)
- 5 Stars! (Yucaipa, CA)
- Thank You, Very Nice People! (Lancaster, CA)
- Wonderful As Always! (Santa Clara, CA)
- We Love Bringing The Grandchildren! (Lemoore, CA)
- Great Learning Experience! (Honey Gove, TX)
- Great Info! Very Fun Activities! (Oceanside, CA)
- Excellent, As Always! And Clean! (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- We Now Have A Better Understanding Of This Beautiful Place! (Costa Mesa, CA)
- Our Family Tradition! (Vista, CA)
- We’re Here 12 Years In A Row! (Los Angeles, CA)
- Excellent Displays! (Boyne Valley, Old Australia)
- Nice Improvements & Depth! (Santa Cruz, CA)
- Great Museum! Thank You For All Your Hard Work! (Phoenix, AZ)
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This year we had visitors from 248 different California cities and 27 different states. We had visitors from Australia, Baja Mexico, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and South Korea. Amazing!
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

- $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

IN ADDITION:

- I would like to donate $____________ to the Museum Building Fund.
- I would like to donate $____________ in memory of: ________________________________
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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. Restoration of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Firetruck
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. Flume exhibit and tender’s cabin.
9. Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.

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