***CURRENT MUSEUM HOURS***
CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 2019
DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS
PLEASE CALL THE MUSEUM TO VERIFY
APRIL 5 – MAY 19 – FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11-3
MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 1 – OPEN DAILY 11-3

We can open the museum for special occasions, tour requests, etc.
Please call the museum at (559) 841-4478 for more information.
2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES COMING SOON
The Historical Society’s fiscal year is April 1 through March 31. Watch your mail for your 2019 membership renewal notice. They will be sent early March.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
AT THE MUSEUM
75 children and adults had fun making Christmas crafts on Saturday, November 24. This annual event began eleven years ago by the late Connie Amesbury and continues today because of a generous donation she made before her passing. It is now coordinated by fellow v.e.s.t. members. Volunteers assisted children with pinecones decorated with peanut butter and seed, making paper garlands and a new craft using felt, a Christmas mouse (see photo right).

2018 GRANTS RECEIVED
The Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum is very pleased to announce the award of eleven grants in 2018.

EDISON INTERNATIONAL awarded a $5,000 grant to CSHS for a new museum exhibit, Science Camp.

EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION awarded a $500 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION awarded a $1,000 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program. The funds were funded by the Guarantee Good Will Network Fund.

FULL CIRCLE BREWING CO., LTD LLC awarded a $1,817 grant to CSHS for the Bark Beetle Documentary, A Forest Without Trees.

SHAVER LAKE LIONS CLUB awarded a $2,730 grant to CSHS for a computer system upgrade.

SIERRA CASCADE ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCE FUND, INC. awarded a $7,729 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

SIERRA REMOTE OBSERVATORIES awarded a $1,000 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

THE BERTHA AND JOHN GARABEDIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION awarded a $1,500 grant to CSHS for education purposes related to the 2019 Sierra Voices Program and to the 2018/2019 PEP Program. Including this grant, the CSHS has received grants totaling $73,500 from the Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation.

THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS) awarded a $25,000 grant as part of their Museum for America Program for an adult public policy series of workshops.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CLOVIS awarded a $500 grant to CSHS for the PEP Program.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUBERRY INTERMOUNTAIN awarded a $750 grant to CSHS for golf cart batteries.

The CSHS Board of Directors, museum members, and the volunteers who have been working on these projects are very grateful for the generosity of Edison International, Educational Employees Credit Union, Central Valley Community Foundation/Guarantee Good Will Network Fund, Full Circle Brewing Co., Shaver Lake Lions Club, Sierra Cascade Environmental & Resource Fund, Inc., Sierra Remote Observatories, The Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation, The Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLLS), The Kiwanis Club of Clovis, and The Rotary Club of Auberry Intermountain. We THANK YOU all for your continued support.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR 2018 ANNUAL APPEAL

Your contributions help us to further our reach and share our history through innovative programming, thought provoking lectures, and hands-on learning that lead to a better understanding of our forests and our place in history. As we prepare for the 2019 season, we are working on new exhibits and more educational programming for children and adults. As you know, admission to the museum is free of charge and yearly membership dues only cover a small portion of the cost to operate the museum. We look to the generosity of people like you, who share in our belief that the Central Sierra Historical Society is, and must continue to be, an essential part of our community and surrounding forest into the future. Thank you for all that we have accomplished with your past support. You can still contribute to the Annual Appeal and you can specify your gift to many of our exciting programs and projects – Amphitheater Enhancement Fund, Hayden Sawmill Restoration Fund, Partnership In Education Fund, Powerhouse Exhibit Fund, Executive Director Fund, and more. Or you can choose no designation and your contribution will go into the General Fund. Feel free to call the museum for a list of projects in need of funding. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

WE HAD A WONDERFUL YEAR AND WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU!

VISITORS – 12,031 (That’s up 771 visitors from 2017!)
VOLUNTEER HOURS – 5,000+
STUDENTS ATTENDED PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEP) – 903
EVENTS & PROGRAMS – 45
ACTIVE MEMBERS – 440

FIRE IN THE SIERRA WORKSHOPS

Our Fire in the Sierra workshops that were made possible with a grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) have been a huge success for the museum. Attendees at the three different workshops learned about the history of fire in our region and the impact laws and regulations have had on our current environment. Our speakers ranged from local foresters, wildlife biologists, volunteer firefighters, a lawyer from the Bureau of Land Management and professors of fire research from UC Berkeley.

With a request from attendees to host the workshops in other regions, we will be traveling to Squaw Valley and Mariposa in March to host two more community workshops. A trip to Sacramento is also in the works to host one workshop on-site at the State Capital.

LAGERS WITH LOGGERS EVENT HELD

On December 8, 2018 we held a special event where attendees ‘eavesdropped’ at a round table discussion of local logging legends, Jeff Young (facilitator), Bill Wingo, Tim Messer, Dale Houdashelt, Rusty Childers, John Norby and Butch Slocum. They shared fantastic stories of ‘back-in-the-day’, when logging was a large and productive industry in our area. This event was so well received we are hoping to do it again soon.

If you are a member and we have your email address, you will be the first to be notified when we hold it again.
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-
-Bob & Frances Boogaert-
-Mary Haungs-
-Lillian Josephson-
-Scotty G. Mortland/SL Fishing Club Circa 1921-

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.

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

WE ARE SUPPORTED SOLELY BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

- 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. Restoration of the Shaver Lake Volunteer Firetruck
2. Computer topo map projection display.
4. Restoration of an Alison Steam Boiler/Engine Mining Exhibit.
5. Emmert Stamp Mill Project.
6. Flume exhibit and tender’s cabin.
7. Restoration of the Musick Mountain Steam Donkey.
8. Ceiling Fans For Main Museum

Please call Lisa Monteiro at 841-4478 for more information on how you can sponsor one or more of these projects.
OUR THANKS TO CSHS BUSINESS MEMBERS

THANK YOU to J&J Custom Picking 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.

“What Do You Do All Winter?”

We get asked that question a lot! Winter time gives us the opportunity to catch up on inventory, reorganizing the museum displays, the next calendar of events, etc. We are currently in the process of putting all our artifacts and archives into a new catalog system. Our ‘honey-do committee’ is working on improvement projects around the museum. These include lighting on the trail to our amphitheater, a new sign along Highway 168, new interpretive paneling for some of our indoor and outdoor exhibits, and more. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see the progress of our winter projects: #centralsierrahistoricalsociety, #fresnocounty, #shaverlake, #whatdoyoudoallwinter.
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 over 5,000 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.

**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.

**DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU!**

**WERE YOU HERE IN THE WINTER OF 1970-1971?**

Photos are courtesy of Ted Reckas

**DON’T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY SHOPPING!**

We are partnered with eScrip, the original and largest “electronic scrip” fundraising program AND with Amazon Smile. A percentage of your purchases goes toward the general operating costs of the museum when you designate the Central Sierra Historical Society & Museum as your merchant partner. Please feel free to call the museum for more information.

**DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

You can help us by receiving your donation receipts and your newsletters via email. You can receive these items in advance of those through the mail and you are saving the Historical Society many dollars in printing and mailing costs. **THANK YOU FOR THAT!**
OUR MAY NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE OUR 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CHECK OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT/IMPORTANT DATES

SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019
REFRESHMENTS: 2:00 P.M.
MEETING: 2:30 P.M.
THIS IS A FREE EVENT. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. GUESTS ARE WELCOME.