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5th Annual Grave Occasion To Be Held September 20, 2014



Folks are dying (pun intended, of course) to get into the historic Quincy Cemetery to enjoy the festivities to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014. This is the fifth year in a row that the Plumas County Museum has presented this extremely popular event.

This year's historic character lineup consists of Alan & Lucina Welden, D.R. & Jane Finlayson, I.C. Boring, Max Schooler, Jim & Ida Dempsey, James & Jane Edwards, Manuel Herrick, William & Lydia Schlatter, James & Nancy Yeates, Ella Peter, and a few others.

Tina Terrazas, also one of the actors, is in charge of wrangling the local actors who will impersonate the historic characters, as well as producing the dinner session entertainment. Along with wine and hors d'oeuvres, there will be a silent auction assembled by Sandra Lee, Denise Russell and Diane Uchtyl. The auction will be chock-full of great items to bid on. Following the cemetery tours Bill & Sue Wickman will be serving up their signature barbecued pork tenderloin, tri-tip and wedding potato dinner while Tina Terrazas and company entertain guests.

The Feather River A's will have their sparkling autos lined up in the cemetery's main promenade for visitors to admire.

The event starts at 3:00 and goes until dusk. Be sure to get your tickets now as they sell out quickly and we have only a limited number available. You can get them at the Museum (283-6320), at our website: www.plumasmuseum.org, or from one of our trustees (see list on back of this publication). Members are \$50, non-members \$60, so we encourage you to join and save money big-time!

Speaking of cemeteries, on Saturday, June 28, over 111 people converged on the historic Johnsville Cemetery to hear reenactments of the lives of Robert & Mary Penman, Dr. Charles Hill, and Eleanor & John Redstreak by Tina Terrazas and Bob Shipp, along with short biographies by Museum Director Scott Lawson of a number of others interred there. After the cemetery event, the crowd moved on to the Johnsville Historical Society's restored Catholic Church for a tour and talk by David Daun. He then led a walking tour from there to the Iron Door where participants enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and libations. We are planning to hold a similar event at the Meadow Valley Cemetery this coming spring.



Bob Shipp & Tina Terrazas as Robert & Mary Penman at the Johnsville Cemetery event



On Saturday, August 23, Old West expert Lee Dummel will make his presentation of the firearms of Lewis & Clark, John Fremont, Kit Carson and the westward emigrants. This event will be of great interest to anyone who loves Western American history. It will be at the Museum at 2 p.m. Donations are accepted and refreshments will be served. Call the Museum for more information.

Late last June we did our first Donkey Walk up Jamison Canyon near Johnsville. It was a great walk with beautiful scenery. Our second walk over the hills to Snake Lake saw over fifteen participants who enjoyed themselves immensely. These hikes are history-filled but are also a good work-out for your legs and lungs. Be sure to contact us if you are interested in participating in one of these. The next scheduled walk is at Round Valley Lake above Greenville on Friday, September 26. In mid-October we may do another Jamison Canyon walk as well.



MANY THANKS TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS



Rich Knoettgen has been laboring away in our Exhibit Yard since this spring applying linseed oil to the metal and wood artifacts. Helping him on occasion has been Brian and Pam Herman. Their work really gives the old yard a shine. Sally Nichol took on the daunting task of mapping out the Variel Home yards and gardens and then recruiting members of her garden club to adopt sections. They have been busy and the grounds have never looked better! Thank you to Dee Brubaker, Rita Christensen, Rose & Bill Harrigan, Sally Nichol, Nancy & Keith Nicoles, Faith & Piers Strailey, Christina Quigley, Tony Ryan, Elsa & Jerry

Thomas, Jane Wair, Johnny Walker, and Linda Wallace. Calin Turcotte has been volunteering several hours on different days doing accession work and research. She is currently working on an exhibit that will feature correspondence related to WWI and a German kepi-helmet donated by Helen & and the late Elmer Roberti. Rick Becker has been working on our computer system to streamline it; Linda Wallace continues to churn out the thank you cards and acknowledgments for memberships, memorials and donations; Ann Castaldini, Nancy & Keith Nicoles, and Calin Turcotte have been giving weekend and impromptu tours of the Variel

Home, while Keith also works diligently at updating and revamping our photo panel boards display.

Willie Hyman has a great color photography exhibit on the Mezzanine Gallery. Be sure to drop by as see it. Willie still does his photography the old-school way with real film and photo paper.

Norm Brovelli of Jenelli's Bakery fashioned a beautiful frame for Nansi Bohne's Barn Quilt Block collage in our collection, donating his labor and expertise.

The Peppard Cabin will be staffed by Museum volunteers for this year's Plumas County Fair, as will the Pioneer School. Drop by to see all the neat historical items of yesteryear that are on display.



Samuel Lawson and William Ross , ages 12, dig a hole for the new 20-foot tall flag pole to grace the east side of the Museum

BLACKSMITHING AT THE MUSEUM



Our Master Blacksmith and Museum Docent Ray Nichol performed his red-hot iron working wizardry at the Museum's Blacksmith Shop this summer.

Blacksmiths were, until the early 20th century, an indispensable part of every community. Quincy boasted at least four different shops at the same time, and untold numbers of such craftsmen at various mines, logging camps and ranches throughout the county. This semi-lost art has been revived in recent years primarily to craft

household and decorative items rather than fixing wagons, shoeing oxen and manufacturing tools, many unique to a certain job.

Call the Museum and see if Ray is at work, and come enjoy the various exhibits at the Plumas County Museum.

Because we still have people express shock and dismay that Plumas County stripped the Museum of all funding except the director's salary two and a half years ago, for your information, here is the situation as of this fiscal year starting July 1, 2014:

- Elimination of all staff except Director
- Elimination of all operating funds - water, sewer, lights, phones, security system, heating, cooling, Internet, advertising, outreach, exhibits... in a nutshell EVERYTHING!

They dropped all of the above onto the Museum Association to take care of. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to receive your generous support, without which we cannot continue to function in the manner that so many of our residents and visitors have come to expect. Every bit of your help is greatly appreciated and we thank all of you who have stepped up to help us out.

It is gratifying to hear some of the glowing comments from our visitors, a number of whom are visitors from other parts of the globe. On a number of occasions we have been told that the Plumas County Museum is the finest small museum anywhere in the state of California and that it rates right up there with the bigger first class museums. We appreciate these comments and reply back that it has been the work of many people over many years, as well as the generous and dedicated support of the people of the communities of Plumas County. Everyone in Plumas County should be proud of the image that YOUR Museum makes to the public.



The Meadow Valley School Reunion is set for Sunday, August 17, and will feature a slide show depicting over 100 years of education, and resistance thereto, in the Meadow Valley Basin. Reminiscences from former students and teachers, snacks and beverages and more will be the highlight of the event. For more information call Donna McElroy at 283-2896 or Peter Beck at 283-0966.



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