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10th ANNUAL "MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" PROGRAM FEATURES "LOOKOUT LIFE: A WOMAN'S VIEW."

This year's *March is Women's History Month* event will see Lorraine Hanson of Taylorsville presenting a program based on her mother Wanda Hanson's experiences as a fire lookout on the Plumas National Forest. The multi-media program will consist of a visual show, readings and stories, and weather permitting, a tour of the Mt. Ingall's Lookout next door to the Mineral Building.

The Women's History Program is Wednesday, March 28th 2006, 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Mineral Building at Plumas County Fairgrounds. Lunch will be catered by *Cafe Le Coq*.

Reservations and tickets are available at 283-6320. Seating for the program is limited to 70 seats so please reserve your spot now.



Wanda Hanson at Mt. Hough Lookout.
Courtesy Plumas National Forest.

What's New at the Museum?

Through the month of January museum staff and volunteers performed a miracle of inventorying, cataloging and accessioning thousands of documents, photographs, ledgers, family histories, archival collections and related items. Over the past 38 years the archival collections of the museum had grown to a point where they were no longer manageable or usable. Through a consistent process, we have now verified items by number, accounted for everything we can, and assigned them call numbers that will allow the items to be more readily accessed and retrieved. A big thank you to Lori Simpson, Laure Gage, JoAnn Filippi, Regina Newman, George Yeager and Gaye Porter. Additionally, the Stella Fay Miller Mezzanine Gallery has new white walls. Volunteer Bob Lowrey sheet rocked and taped the walls and John Walker has textured and painted them to match. This makes the upstairs artist gallery much lighter and brighter in appearance.

DOCENTS NEEDED

Spanish Peak ENGINE No. 2 Railroad Project

As some of you know, the Spanish Peak Lumber Co. Engine No.2 now runs under its own power. Congratulations are due to the dedicated group of guys who made the operation of the engine a reality! We are going to begin laying track as soon as the weather permits, along the fence line behind the racetrack. This will enable us to have a portion of working track to run our small motorcar on, and when a suitable building is erected, begin locomotive operations. The railroad volunteers continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Art Barn at the Plumas County Fairgrounds. They will also work on Saturdays as soon as the weather warms. Any motivated persons who would like to pitch in on the project are more than welcome. Donations toward the project are also welcome and appreciated and can be sent to "Railroad Project" c/o Plumas County Museum Association, 500 Jackson St. Quincy, CA 95971.

New Mezzanine Art Show on Display

Currently on display for the months of February and March is Arthur Thompson's beautiful color photography. Mr. Thompson, a native of New York, now lives in Meadow Valley near his daughter Diana and her husband Michael Beatley. He has been an avid photographer since a child, and after moving to San Jose, won many awards at numerous exhibits. His work is a mixture of pastoral scenes and various textures with an emphasis on the natural environment. Be sure to come in and see his wonderful exhibition. April and May will feature the Impressionistic works of Rattana Ros of Quincy.

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY NIGHT

Daniel Elliott of the Heritage Division of the Plumas National Forest and Scott Lawson from the Plumas County Museum have teamed up once again to present **History and Archaeology Night** for communities in Plumas County during the month of May. In recognition of "*May is Museums Month*" and "*Historic Preservation Month*," the Museum and Forest Service have been making presentations on the history and archaeology of Plumas County for the past 14 years. This year's topic will be "*The History & Archaeology of Logging in Plumas County*." It will cover the various methods of logging, transporting of logs, and sawmilling that occurred in Plumas County from the 1850s until today. Presentations will be held in Portola, Chester, and Quincy during the week of May 21-25. The presentations will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call the Museum at 283-6320 for information and reservations.

Museum Book Store Needs A Manager!

Because of the many assignments and other projects museum staff are charged with performing, they can no longer maintain the museum's book store inventory. We rely heavily on the book store for income for our various operations and projects and need some one who is database literate to take on this three to four hour a week project. It entails keeping a record of books sold, ordering replacements, and maintaining the book storage shelves. And of course it pays nothing but the satisfaction of helping out YOUR museum! Please call the museum at 530-283-6320 if you would like to help.

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