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MUSEUM BUS TRIPS SHOW OFF COUNTY HISTORY!

The first of four field trips sponsored by the Plumas County Museum was taken on July 28th by thirty-four participants. The trip, which started at Quincy, followed the historic Beckwourth Emigrant Trail over Bucks Lake and down to Bidwell's Bar near Oroville. Andrew & Joanne Hammond of Chico were our volunteer guide-experts for the Trail. After lunch at Bidwell's, where the Mother Orange tree, 1856 suspension bridge, and stone store were relocated when Lake Oroville was created, the return trip was via the beautiful Feather River Canyon Highway.

Our next trip is through the scenic and historic Indian and Genesee valleys on August 18th with tours of the Indian Valley Museum, the Heart-K Ranch, the Peter Ranch, lunch at the Genesee Store, and several other points of interest. The third trip will be to La Porte on September 21st and the last one will be to Sierra Valley on October 20th. Seating is still available for the La Porte and Sierra Valley trips, but is filling fast, so be sure to call and reserve your seat now!



What's New at the Museum?

We were looking forward to new carpeting and laminate flooring to replace our vintage-1968 carpets as well as the construction of new ADA compliant restrooms to replace our present, closet-sized ones. However, for various reasons, these projects were put on indefinite hold.

In the meantime we have been cataloging our enormous archival collection in an effort to make it much more easily accessible and retrievable.

The 1875 Hall-Lawry Home opposite the museum is now nicely painted, its new roof is almost finished, and inside we have installed shelving and storage areas for our textiles and furniture collections. The home is an integral part of our 4th Grade Living History Program and the county library as well utilizes the house and grounds on occasion for children's programs.

The 1864 Taylorsville School is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, and we hope to begin repair work on its walls very soon. The school is the oldest one-room brick school on its original site in the state of California.

Docents, directors, staff and trustees volunteered time to keep the Peppard Cabin and Pioneer School open for visitors during this year's Plumas-Sierra County Fair. Thank you to all of you for your

Spanish Peak ENGINE No. 2 Railroad Project

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. If you would like to pitch in on the project the guys are more than happy to have you join them. 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 August and September are the creations of Timothy. Tim Smith as he is also known, is an extremely talented artist who has collected and arranged an impressive assortment of his various works which include sculptures, baskets, animistic art, taxidermy, and much more. Be sure to visit the museum and see his work this summer. Peggy Smith (no relation) displayed her pencil art depicting wildlife and old-time logging scenes for the months of June and July. Peggy's work is impeccable, many of her renditions photographic in quality and detail. Following Timothy will be a one month show of historic Plumas County artists from the museum's collection, the for November and December we will be proud to host Taylorsville artist Sally Yost.

4TH GRADE LIVING HISTORY COMES ALIVE!



1875 Hall House



Quincy High School Service Club.



Quincy Elementary Students

Museum Book Store STILL 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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