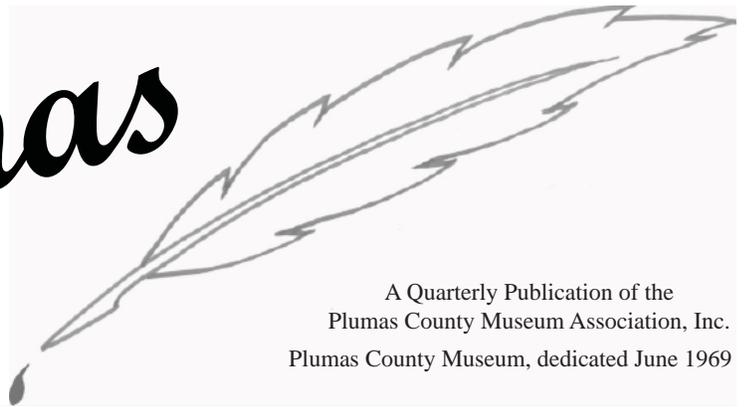


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March is Women's History Month Women's Education - Women's Empowerment



Trina Cunningham at Heart K Ranch.



This year's theme is "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment." Together with the Plumas National Forest, the Museum is pleased to announce that we will celebrate history in the making with Trina Cunningham as our featured speaker.

Trina is a Mountain Maidu with deep family roots in what is now called Indian Valley, Plumas County. She will share a glimpse of herself, her family, and generations of Maidu women practicing a beloved culture often at odds with the dominant one surrounding it. She will speak to the value of culture for all of us and what is motivating her to move beyond her comfort zone and resume her education. Her life, her culture and her community of place are in transition; role models and leaders are in critical demand. She is a woman of grace and insight; this presentation will touch you at many levels.

Our program is slated for Wednesday, March 21, from 11:30 am-1:00pm at the Mineral Building (Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds). Lunch will feature apricot glazed chicken, wild rice pilaf, fresh green and fruit salads, bread with whipped honey butter and sweet some-things for dessert. Tickets are \$20 and reservations are required by no later than March 16. Please do not wait until the last minute as this event almost always sells out early. Tickets are available from the Plumas County Museum (283-6320).

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Lily Baker weaving a burden basket.

Louise Smith with a friend

Donation Challenge

Recently, Life Member Elizabeth Lee Hills Robertson generously offered to match every \$100 donation to the Museum in 2012 (up to a combined total of \$2000), so NOW is the perfect time to make a donation that will double the benefits to the Museum!

This same Life Member has challenged other Museum members to pledge to match other incoming donations, whether it be every \$25, \$50, or \$100 donation. We will gladly accept all such pledges and hope this idea catches on! Your tax-deductible donations to the Museum benefit us greatly and help us continue our programs and services. Thank you to all our donors!

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IN MEMORIAM

Michael G. Ellwood, May 31, 1957 - January 31, 2012

Mike was a member of the Museum's first graduating Docent Class of 1971, working part time at the Museum cataloging artifacts and setting up exhibits during the 1970s. His dry but keen sense of humor is still found occasionally in our artifact recording system documents when we are looking up items. Mike had a great love for the history and outdoors of Plumas County and will be missed by his many friends. Our condolences go out to his family.

Plumas County 1997 New Year's Flood DVDs

You've probably seen them advertised in the local Plumas County papers – and now they are available at the Plumas County Museum (and through our On-line Store). This DVD contains footage of the extensive flooding and major road washouts throughout the Feather River Canyon, Rich Bar, Belden, Two Rivers, Cromberg, Sloat, Indian Valley, American Valley, and Quincy areas, as well as other places in Plumas County. Filmed during the flooding by a then-reporter for the Feather River Bulletin newspaper, this DVD gives a great look at the magnitude and destruction of this historic flood. Get a close up view of the power of untamed water in this history-filled DVD.

Also, remember, our Museum Store stocks many used books for sale at very reasonable prices! With an ever-changing selection of both fiction and non-fiction covering American and California history, Anthropology, Nature and the Outdoors, and much more, there is something here for everyone. Come in and peruse today.

Volunteers Get Ready!

Our busy volunteer season is almost upon us and we are looking forward to having a great year. Now is the time to consider volunteering at some of our many events or activities at the Museum. Thankfully, we now have a dedicated group managing our gardens in front of the Museum and at the Variel Home. We can always use help keeping our exhibit yard looking presentable, cleaning and weatherproofing the Gifford Cabin, setting up exhibits in the Wagon Shed, and other projects. Major events needing volunteer help are our 4th Grade Living History Days in May, staffing the Peppard Cabin and Pioneer School during the Fair, and giving Variel Home tours on Saturdays in spring and summer. A meeting for volunteers is planned for April. Please call to learn how you can help!

The “Gold Crew” consisting of Bill Henwood, Len Mosley, Ken Myers, and Jay Ricks could REALLY use some help not only with the Spanish Peak Railroad Project, but with the 1922 Studebaker pickup truck project. If you would like some hands-on-history, please call the Museum at 283-6320.

Dino Don Dailey continues to bring them in for his dinosaur and fossil programs, the latest one being held on February 23; people love it! A special thank you to museum members Sally & Ray Nichol for decorating the front of the Museum in Holiday style with evergreen swags and ribbons. Other volunteers include Claudia Barnes, JoAnn Filippi, Carla Hamilton, Lisa Hopman, Al Klem, Carol Paoli, Kathy Powers, Denise Russell, Calin Turcotte, and Steve Turner. Thank you all!

Art Auction at Longboard's

We will be holding our second annual Art Auction at Longboard's Restaurant in Blairsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tickets for this important fund raiser will be available soon, so call to get yours. Auctioneer Wesley Neer will present over twenty items for a live auction, while nearby tables will be filled with silent auction pieces. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and great company will make this an event you don't want to miss! If you have any art in the form of paintings, photos, drawings, sculptures, or other objects, please consider donating them to this worthy cause. This is one of our major events. 530-283-6320.

Around & About the Museum

This fiscal year started off worse than last year when the County reduced Assistant Director Paul Russell's position from full time to three-quarter time. The County agreed to an increase on their side to cover him half time, with the Museum Association to pick up the remaining third, amounting to \$17,000.

Although we have now covered that commitment, it has set us back in other areas. We still need your continued support, so if you haven't already made a monetary commitment to the Museum, would you please take the time to do so now? Every bit of help is greatly appreciated. Thank you again to all of you who have stepped up to the plate to support us!

The Museum Archival Library has been heavily utilized this past season by researchers working on the six or seven bridge replacements scheduled throughout the county, the Spanish Ranch historic evaluation, several timber harvest plans, CRIM projects, and various genealogical and historical inquiries.

Check out our new online store at www.plumasmuseum.org. You can now purchase new and used books, event tickets, gold jewelry, DVDs, and a host of other items with just a few clicks of your mouse. Members will also receive 10% off on most items.

2012 Exhibits on the Stella Fay Miller Mezzanine

January: Malcolm Parkhurst, aka Xan - H2ommmmm
February: Christine Lillard - *Drawings*
March & April: Carole Jackson - *Photography: People & Places of Plumas County*
May & June: Harry Reeves & Linda Blum - *Mixed Media: Wings, Water, Wildflowers*
July & August: Willie Hyman - *Fine Arts Photography*
September & October: Chris Bolton - *Parallax-Viewing Local History Through a Skewed Lens*
November & December: Joe Willis - *Photography, Drawings: Seldom Seen Delights*

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 - 4:00, closed Sunday, Monday, holidays.

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