



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3rdTake out Recipe Sheet, Fill in Your Favorite Recipe and send to Museum

October 21stGeologic Field Trip with Ron Bolyard...Around the Lake.. Meet at 8:30 am

October 28thBoard Meeting 9am @????? To be announced to Directors ASAP

October 28thGeneral Meeting Senior Center 7pm Demonstration of trained Drug Sniffer

November 8th .Naming Dedication of Powers Peak 1pm at Kernville Fish Hatchery

OCTOBER 28th GENERAL MEETING..... 7pm Tuesday October 28th Veterans

Hall Lake Isabella. Program Chairman Chet Rock 378-4053 Program Director Vicki Middleworth (376-6039) Another stellar evening has been planned for this general meeting. Its one you won't want to miss. Our speaker will be Mr Reid Hopkins who has volunteered to present his drug sniffing and protective canine. It will be a hands on demonstration of the ability of his dog to serve and protect. If you are interested in learning more about this very intelligent canine, how he was acquired, where he received his training, exactly what he does, when and where his abilities are utilized, then this is the program you won't want to miss. Even if you have never even thought about protective dogs and their abilities, you will find this fascinating and you will want to be there Tuesday October 28th 7pm Lets see how many members we can jam into the Veterans Hall on Tuesday Oct 28th!!! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**

OCTOBER 21st FIELD TRIP will be an 'Around the Lake Geologic Adventure with the master geologist himself, Ron Bolyard.' Members will meet at the Museum in Kernville at 8:30 am for check in and will depart at 9am. Car pooling is suggested and encouraged. A sack lunch and beverage would enhance your day along with binoculars. The trek will begin at our Museum, then along Sierra Way eastward to Highway 178. Then westward to Highway 155 and then thru Wofford Heights, concluding at the Museum. Bring warm clothes, hats, and sunblocker just in case! During this trip and at the many stops, Ron will be showing, pointing out, and describing many important geologic features that make our Kern River Valley unique along the Sierra Range. Members will have an opportunity to touch and feel along with seeing the rocky building blocks of California. This is a MUST SEE AND EXPERIENCE trip and one you will remember for a long time. Mark Your Calendar and we'll see you on October 21st at the Museum. Trip Coordinator is Liz Bardos, if you are going, call her for signup at 376 3844.

ARTIST FOR OCTOBER is **Jane Causey**. Jane who is the new Museum Gallery Coordinator will be exhibiting her watercolors this month. She has lived in the Valley since 1982. She paints a variety of subjects including landscapes, old buildings, birds, animals and florals. Jane will be looking for new artists to exhibit in 2009 If you are interested, call her at 379-5329. Drop by the Museum anytime Thursday through Sunday 10am to 4pm and enjoy Jane Causeys work.

POWERS PEAK NAMING DEDICATION, NOVEMBER 8TH ...1pm at the Kernville Fish Hatchery.

Shortly after Bob Powers passed away in 2002, Bill Jenkins initiated an effort to honor Bob in perpetuity by having a mountaintop named for him. *The 'Friends of Bob Powers Committee'* was created for the purpose of bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

Before a formal written application is submitted, the process requires a five year waiting period.

The application was submitted shortly after the fifth anniversary of Bob's passing. Within 10 months of beginning this formal process, 'Powers Peak' was granted official status by the *'U.S. Geographical Place Names Office'*. It is located in the area that contains the Harley mine. A public dedication ceremony is scheduled for **November 8th at 1pm at the Kernville Fish Hatchery.**

We would like to have as many of the Society Members as possible to be there for this historic event. We will also be furnishing the refreshments. We especially need cookies, so if you are willing and can provide us 3 or 4 dozen, please let us know by calling the Museum and leaving your name and phone number or by signing up on the cookie roster at the Country Store checkout counter. Drop off the cookies on Thursday November 6th or November 7th at the Museum Country Store. For cookie questions call Diane Bach at 376-3963

LOOKING BACK ON PRIDE DAY, we can only say it was a rousing success. Over 70 bags of trash were picked up by 27 society members. T shirts and lunch rounded out the morning. May I suggest you quickly drive down Sierra Way between the Kernville Chamber and the dump road a total of 3 miles and see our pristine highway. What a great job. Those helping were Chuck & Jeri Hanson, Jim Whiteman, W.W. Whities, Chuck and Elizabeth Barbee, Kim Walsma, Carol Mofran, Bob Yothers, Charles Topping, Nadine Penn, Bill & Jane O'Hara, Donna Jackson, Arlene Kovolosky, Ruth Plaskett, Linda Diaz, Jack & Connie Merrilat,, Paul Rothert, Fred & Charlene Langer, Judy Paulin, Jim & Marian Baird and Rod and Vicki Middleworth. Good Job by all of you. It was a pleasure to see all that was accomplished. Your community thanks you!!

CALLING ALL COOKS! It's been more than 10 years since we put together a KRVHS cookbook and it's high time we did it again!! The cookbook Chairpersons are Bob and Alexis Woods who, are anxiously waiting your favorite recipes. We are sending a recipe form in this saddlebag and there will be more forms available at the museum in case you want to send more than one submission. We said all Cooks, so we want the guys to help us and submit their favorite recipes. The recipes can include anything from appetizers to veggies Here are some basic rules: 1) Date your entries in case we get two or more of the same recipe. The first received will be published . 2) Include your phone number or email address in case there is a question or duplication. 3) The entries need to be sent as soon as possible. *Do it today.* As soon as we get enough recipes we'll be ready to have our new cookbook printed...Entries may be mailed to the Historical Society Museum Attn Cookbook, P.O. Box 651 Kernville 93238. If you want to e mail your recipes that would be great. Send them to hsrecipes@gmail.com. We are standing by, waiting for an avalanche of recipes to help us build the best recipe book in the Valley!!! **For questions call Linda Diaz at 376-1686...** Be quick and send in your recipe!!

NEW MEMBERS are: Ray and Suzanne Thompson of Laguna Nigel, Hank and Roberta Waelyt of Blue Lake, and Herb and Carolyn Bregman of Valley Village reports chairman Shirley Fisher.

The September 23rd Program featuring retired Superintendent at Camp Owen Ken Durant as speaker was outstanding. Humorous, insightful and downright interesting we got a glimpse of the workings of our camp Owen for troubled young men. We left the meeting with a different slant on the operation of the Camp and an understanding of its purpose. Good program

SUNSHINE CARDS were sent to the following. Betty Heflin (surgery) Bob Fisher (Surgery), Virginia Snyder (surgery), Marge Powers (loss of brother Ted Martin), and Jan Johnson (loss of Father) If you know of a members illness, or a bereavement, call Juanita Kitchell at 376-6712

COMING SOON is our new and beautiful historical calendar. They are at the printers now and should be here by mid October. Hopefully before the Rod Run. When received they will be available in our Museum in plenty of time for Christmas giving. It will make the perfect gift for any occasion and will feature some of the finest historic scenes from our valley. Look for them soon. They will go fast, so drop by after October 20th and they'll probably be there.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what a *docent* is? Have you gone into the Museum and wished you could join the people there, who are having such a good time? A docent is a friendly person who works at the Museum and tries to answer questions of our visitors. No experience necessary. Training and Historical information will be provided to all interested participants. All it takes is 3 hours a month of your time and you will meet the friendliest people from everywhere. If you are at all curious and would like to see what it's all about please join us at the *Docent Appreciation Day on October 13th* (a Monday) Give Jeri Hanson a call at 376-4923

(Special Note to Museum Docents. Watch your mail, you will be receiving your special invitation' to the DOCENT APPRICIATION PARTY!!! See you there!!!)

AN EARLY REQUEST regarding the field trip for November. We will be visiting the Kern River Brewery where we will be treated to a tour and talk about brewing and the history of beer-making. We will also share knowledge about local beer making in Kern Valleys history. If we have a turn out large enough for the Brewery to open their kitchen, we can have lunch there after our tour. Please contact Linda Diaz at 376-1686 to sign up, that way we can get a count and if enough members are there, we can plan a menu and price for lunch before the next Saddlebag goes to press. Then we can give the particulars of time, and meeting in the November Saddlebag

THE CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS FIELD TRIP on September 16, drew 40 KRVHS members and guests who explored the Hot Springs and surrounding area. Prior to lunch a history of the early inhabitants was given by Don and Jacqueline with emphasis on the earliest natives, the Yokut Indians. A humorous and graphic demonstration was given by Jacqueline on the manner in which the Indians stalked their prey using animal skins as cover. (You had to be there).After a gourmet lunch a slide show was presented giving a picture history of the resort, and the hot springs with its reported healing powers showing that in the early days visitors from far away came by buggy and fliver to enjoy natures warm waters. Almost half of our group swam in the heated pool and several claimed their aches and pain were healed. Our special thanks to Don and Jacqueline for what was deemed by all as an outstanding trip, well planned and orchestrated